



November Glennon Grizzly Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

TONIGHT 10/26- Public Hearing regarding school closures Jefferson H.S.

7:30-8:30

27th- 2 hour Delay Start Time students do not report to school until 9:30

Whiz Kids 2:30-4:30

31st- Halloween Parade and Monster Mash 1:45-3:00

NOVEMBER

2nd- Pictures Retakes

3rd- Whiz Kids 2:30-4:30

PTA Meeting 6:00-7:00

7th- Butter Braid Sales End today

9th- Hearing and Vision Testing

Yearbook Club 2:40-3:30

Band Concert Creighton Middle School 6:30

10th- Whiz Kids 2:30-4:00

Orchestra Concert Creighton Middle School 6:30

11th- End of 1st Trimester

17th- Whiz Kids 2:30-4:30

18th- Report Cards Go Home

Butter Braids Delivered

21st-25th Thanksgiving Break no school

28th Student return from Thanksgiving Break

30th Yearbook club 2:40-3:30



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Glennon Heights Families,

It finally looks like autumn is upon us. Leaves are falling, the weather is getting colder, and our lost and found is filling up. While I say that in jest, there is truth to that statement. Due to the time of year with the weather being more erratic, please make sure that your child has appropriate attire for outside recess. We want the students to be outside for recess to get fresh air, exercise, and have a much needed and desired break. Please label your students' jackets, hats, and gloves with their names.

Over the last few months, we have had two Community Conversations held at the school, an FCB Committee composed of both Belmar and Glennon staff and parents, and tonight, on 10/26, we will have a Public Hearing at Jefferson High School from 7:30-8:30 pm. Then on November 10th, the District Board of Education will vote on school closures. While I feel that the Board will ultimately pass this vote and close Glennon Heights as well as the 15 other elementary schools, for the 23-24 school year, I want to let you know that we will continue to have your child's needs at the forefront of what we do here. If this vote is passed, there will be an Enrollment Specialist that will reach out to you to speak about options that you and your family have for enrollment next year. I also want to thank everyone for the outpouring of support that I have heard in the last few months. This is a very special school mostly due to the people!

Also, a special thanks to two of our parents, Sarah McNew and Kathy Williams for their participation in the FCB Committee. Yesterday, we met with two of our teachers, Vanessa Ulibarri and Susan Linze, as well as two Belmar Elementary PTA members to collaboratively compose a report to the Board focused on the challenges and opportunities that this potential closure can bring.

If there are any questions that you have regarding this process or anything else, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,
Kevin Kolasa
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Principal

HALLOWEEN REMINDERS

Parents, please be sure to join us for our annual Halloween Parade on Monday, October 31st. The parade will begin at 1:45; the weather will determine the route. In lieu of class parties, there will be Monster Mash/Trunk or Treat immediately following the parade in the staff parking lot and on the grounds to the east of the school. **Families must check out their student/s with their teacher from the classroom before attending the Monster Mash.** Parents who are not able to attend can pick up their student from the Monster Mash or teachers will make sure they get on their usual after school daycare bus at 2:30. Here are some things to keep in mind as you and your children shop for those Halloween costumes:

- Costumes should be simple enough for students to be able to dress themselves and go over their clothes
- They should not be revealing in any way
- Inappropriate costumes with alcohol, tobacco, or gang imitations are not allowed
- Pretend weapons including swords knives and guns are not allowed
- Blood, gore, violent attire is not allowed
- The school has the discretion to ask any student to change into their school attire if there are issues with the costume that is detrimental to them and their peers.

Please remember that students are NOT to wear their costumes or face paint to school. They will be given time to dress in their costumes before the parade begins.



ATTENDANCE

Please see the guidelines below for calling in your child from school. It is so important for them to be here consistently in their classrooms. If possible, please schedule appointments outside of school hours. Also, as a reminder, the tardy bell rings at 7:45 am. If you could please make sure your student is here on time and ready to learn,

Reasons to keep sick children at home:

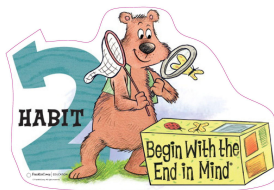
- The child does not feel well enough to take part in usual activities
- Symptoms or illness including but not limited to fever, severe cough, vomiting, cold or flu-like symptoms, and Strep Throat

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

The grace period for student lunches ended on September 28th. If you have not applied and been accepted for the free/reduced lunch program your student will be charged accordingly.

It is never too late to apply for the program, and the district just changed the Federal Eligibility requirements, meaning if you didn't qualify before, you may qualify now. You must click on the box to share the information with the school in order for your school fees to also be waived (fines are not waived through this process). You can apply for the program through your [parent portal](#) account or through the [school cafe](#) account.

Top Grizzlies for October (Habit 2 Begin With the End in Mind)



Mr. Smith Kg	Aniyah Chapa Kg
Mrs. Navant 1st/2nd	Alana Bursiaga 2nd Grade
Mrs. Morgan 1st/2nd	Alarik Stanfield 1st Grade

Ms. Linze 3rd/4th	Aadon Garcia 4th Grade
Ms. Ulibarri 3rd/4th	Serenity Trujillo 4th Grade
Ms. Baillargeon 5th	Lily Hubner 5th Grade
Ms. Adam 5th	Gage Aguirre 5th Grade
Mrs. Blackman 3rd/4th/5th	Kimberly Bohn 5th Grade
Mr. Grudowski	Shiloh Guthrie 5th Grade
Ms. McDowell	Zachary Wilder Kg
Ms. Reilly	Sophia Maes-Scott 2nd

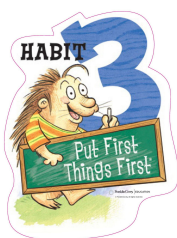
October's Habit of the Month- Begin with the End in Mind

Please help support the learning of Habit 2, which means to have a plan. I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school's mission and vision. I look for ways to be a good citizen.

How can You Help Your Leader Begin with the End in Mind At Home?

- Have your child create a plan to balance homework, chores, and free-time
- Work with your child on planning ahead for events such as; school, activities, and fun family time
- Take time to speak with your child about their reflection of their choices and how it can impact their future

November/December Habit 3 Put First Things First



Work first, *THEN* play.

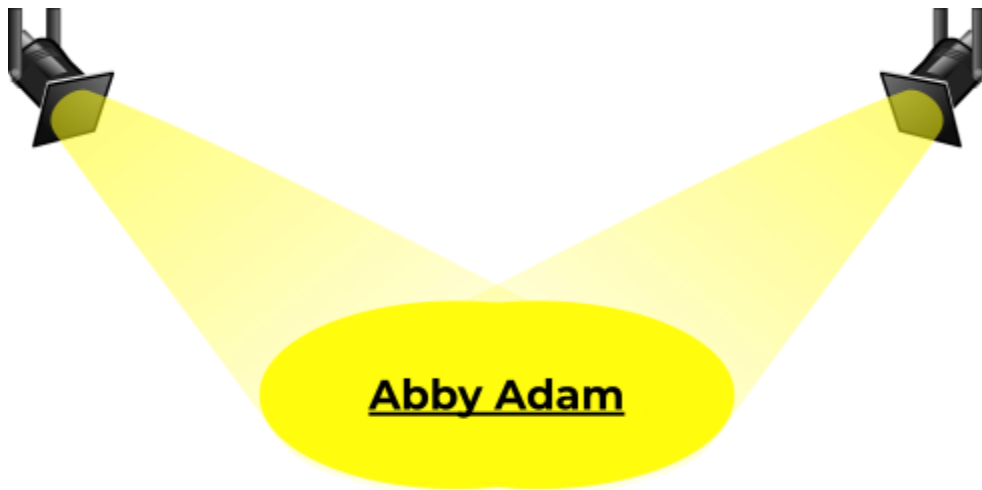
- I do the things that I HAVE to do before I get to do the things that I WANT to do.
- I stay focused on what I'm doing and try to minimize distractions if I get off task.
- I spend my time on the things that are the most important.

GLENNON GALLOP

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Glennon Gallop this year! All of the students worked hard running to raise money for Glennon Heights. In total, we raised **\$1495!** A big thank you to our PTA as well for setting up such a successful event!

GRIZZLY STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Each month, we will be highlighting some of our Glennon Staff members so that you can get to know the Grizzly family a little bit better! This month, our spotlight is on Abby Adam and Vanessa Valentine.





Abby Adam is one of our 5th Grade teachers at Glennon Heights. This is her first year in education. Originally from Kearney, Nebraska, Ms. Adam lives in Colorado with her daughter Rylee and two Shih-tzus Mooshu and Sushi. During her free time, Ms. Adam enjoys going outside and playing softball with her daughter, watching sports on TV and finding new restaurants around town to try. A fun fact about Ms. Adam: she loves to fly! When she was twelve years old, Ms. Adam was given the opportunity to fly a glider plane. While they were in the air, the person she was flying with let her take the controls and fly the plane. How cool is that? When asked what her favorite thing about Glennon is, Ms. Adam said, "Meeting new faces, growing as a new teacher, and helping my students grow."





Vanessa Valentine is an AN Para at Glennon Heights. She is a Colorado native, originally from Conifer. Ms. Valentine has been working in education for twenty years. Ms. Valentine married her husband in 2009 and they have two boys who are currently in fifth and sixth grade. They also have a cat and a dog. During her free time, Ms. Valentine loves to travel, cook, and spend time outdoors, including hiking and gardening. She also loves to read and spend time with her kids. A fun fact about Ms. Valentine; she is a huge football fan! She loves the Colorado State Rams. When asked what her favorite thing about Glennon Heights is, Ms. Valentine said, "I love the students and building relationships with them!"

PTA NEWS

The next PTA meeting will be on Thursday, November 3rd from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Library. We hope to see a lot of new and returning faces as we go through this year.

Link your King Soopers card [here](#) to raise money for Glennon Heights while you do your weekly, daily grocery shopping.

