



December Glennon Grizzly Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

1st Whiz Kids 2:30-4:30

PTA 6:00-7:00

5th Giving Tree Form Due (see below)

6th First Round Choice Enrollment Opens-Jan 13th

1st & 2nd Grades to Museum of Nature & Science 9:00-2:00

8th Whiz Kids 2:30-4:30

12th Holiday Gift Shop 2:30-4:30 in the gym

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14th Yearbook Club 2:40-3:30

15th Whiz Kids 2:30-4:30

16th Leadership Celebrations

19th-January 4th- NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK

JANUARY

5th Student return from Winter Break

PTA 6:00-7:00



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Glennon Heights Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and was able to enjoy it with family and friends. Starting in the 2023-24 school year, Jeffco Public Schools will implement new start and end times for schools across the District. The new start times are expected to increase the efficiency and reliability of transportation and create consistency in instructional time to best serve all students and families. Here are some of the start times to our nearby schools: Belmar School for Integrated Arts= 8:15 am, South Lakewood, Eiber, and Slater= 7:45 am. You can find all other school start and end times in [School Finder](#).

As a staff, we have been focusing on Habit #2 Begin with the End in Mind and #3 Put First Things First from Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. These two habits highlight the importance of setting goals and focusing on the highest priorities. In the coming weeks, the students will undergo standardized testing in which they have set goals to demonstrate growth from the beginning of the year. I am looking forward to seeing the students' results! Additionally, these habits are critical this time of year when kids are excited about Winter Break and the upcoming holidays. These habits are also helpful for us as adults this time of year!

Thank you and feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Take care!

Sincerely,
Kevin Kolasa
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Principal

Glennon Heights Giving Tree

If your family is needing financial support this holiday season, please fill out this confidential form by Monday, December 5th. Donated items will be distributed before Winter Break. [Glennon Heights Giving Tree Sign Up](#). All donations will be provided by Glennon Heights community members.

Glennon Holiday Shop



Our annual Holiday Shop is returning to Glennon Heights on Mon. & Tues. Dec. 12th & 13th. A preview will be set up on Fri., Dec. 9th for students to view this year's items. Your PTA will provide complimentary hot cocoa and cookies after school from 2-3pm while the Holiday Shop is here!



Enroll Jeffco

Lorie Fernald is Glennon Heights Enrollment Specialist. She will be reaching out to families after the Thanksgiving break to help you with any of your enrollment needs or questions for the 2023-24 school year. She can also be reached at

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- It's almost time to EnrollJeffco! Enrollment for the 2023-24 school year will open on December 6.
- Completing enrollment now is great, not only because you can cross it off your to-do list, but it also helps our District prepare for next year's staffing, budget, student resources, and much more.
- Utilize the [School Finder](#) tool to learn more about Jeffco schools, programs offered, statistics, and more.

January Habit 4 Think Win Win



- I can problem solve when an issue comes up with another person.
- I think about what other people want and not just what I want.
- I am kind to others and try to think of ways to help everyone to be happy.

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 Jennifer Martin and Becki Rosales.



Jennifer Martin is the Digital Teacher Librarian at Glennon Heights. Ms. Martin was born and raised in Chicago. She lived in Kay, Texas for twenty years before moving to Colorado eleven years ago. Ms. Martin has been working in education for twenty-six years! She and her husband Joel have been married for twenty-seven years and have four children; Jordan, Jacey, Jackson, and Jacob. During her free time, Ms. Martin enjoys reading, going to the movies, thrift shopping, watching football and Marvel movies, and playing card games or

dominoes with her family. She also loves spending time with her Shih Tzu Guster. A fun fact about Ms. Martin is that she LOVES candy. Her favorite candy is gummy bears! When asked what her favorite thing about Glennon Heights is, Ms. Martin said, "I love that we are such a close knit family! I love all the positive vibes from our staff and all our grizzlies!"



Becki Rosales is our school social worker at Glennon Heights. Ms. Rosales is a Colorado Native, originally from Arvada, and has been working in education for

thirteen years. She lives with her husband and three daughters (ages two, five, and fifteen), and her three dogs. During her free time, Ms. Rosales enjoys creating art projects, traveling and baking. A fun fact about Ms. Rosales is that she loves dinosaurs! She even had a dinosaur themed wedding. When asked what her favorite thing about Glennon Heights is, Ms. Rosales said, "I love seeing the smiling kid faces as I pass through the hallway or visit classrooms! The positive kid energy is contagious at Glennon Heights."

PTA NEWS

Our PTA is still meeting the first Thursday of each month from 6-7pm to support the Glennon Heights Elementary community. We would love you to join us as we brainstorm ways to make our remaining months together a wonderful experience for our students.

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

