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Life of Reading – 4th Through 8th Grade Reading Olympics

By: Daniela Calderon-Rodriguez and Amy Souders

Reading Olympics is one of the many clubs here at Glenolden School. Students show their knowledge on books that they have read in a competition among other schools in the area. This year it took place at Upper Darby High School.

Fourth and fifth grade Reading Olympics took place on March 5, 2018. They received a Red Ribbon of honor. There were nine fourth graders and ten fifth graders. They switched from two different classrooms and versed several schools which included Indian Lane, St. Anastasia, and Scenic Hills. In preparation, fifth grade had to read five books each and fourth grade had to read two books each. There

were twenty questions for each round. If teams wanted to get more than twenty points per round, they had the chance to steal the question from the other team. Some of the students had their parents come and cheer them on. There was a lot of excitement and a little bit of nervousness. After the first round, the students knew how it was going to work, so they calmed down and had an enjoyable time.



Sixth through eighth grade Reading Olympics took place on May 10, 2018. It was postponed from March due to a

snow storm. Each participant of the team had to read at least two books. There were many different groups from the local school districts. Two teams went against each other in one room, where one teacher asked questions about the books that they read. The teacher asked up to twenty to forty questions each round. Each team had the opportunity to steal the question from the other team if they did not know the answer, just like the fourth and fifth grade Reading Olympics. It was an enjoyable time for all nine members of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade team.



Peace Out 8th Grade, Hello High School

By: Ava Kennedy

This year Glenolden School says good bye to another 8th grade class. They are finally heading to 9th grade and the high school! So exciting! They will have a fantastic celebration on June 14, 2018 when they graduate from Glenolden School. The 8th graders

have worked hard and all the teachers they have had have helped prepare them for high school. They will take their learning to the next level of their schooling. Then they will expand their knowledge in high school and prepare themselves for college and the working world.

We wish our current 8th grade the best of luck on their bigger journeys.



A Narrator's Thoughts

By: Aaliyah Manton

On May 11, 2018, Mr. Ofalt's class put on a play called, "A New Team of Heroes." To learn more about the topic, a cast member from the show, Justin Manton, participated in an interview.

Question: What was "A New Team of Heroes" about?

Justin: "It was about a team of friends that play soccer called the Hawks. They get a new boy on their team named Manny, who leads the team to win the championship."

Question: What was your role in the play?

Justin: I was the narrator.

Question: Who did your class perform for?

Justin: My class performed for Mrs. Pascal, Mrs. Boyer, and Mrs. D'Alonzo's classes.

Question: How do you think your class did?

Justin: I think we did excellent because we didn't forget our lines and said our lines clearly in front of the audience.



Question: So who was your favorite character and why?

Justin: My favorite character was Manny because he was one of the best soccer players on the team.

Question: What was your favorite part of the play?

Justin: When Manny and Carla, the best players on the team, kept scoring goals.

Question: Would you ever do another play like "A New Team of Heroes?"

Justin: Yes, I would.

There you have it! An interview with the narrator of the great performance of "A New Team of Heroes."

2018 PSSAs

By: Imani Harris

The PSSAs (Pennsylvania System of School Assessments) are finally over after 3 long weeks of Math, Science, and ELA. The PSSA is a very big test that should be taken very seriously. From 1st to 8th grade, teachers have been teaching the students all the materials they need to ace the test.

The preparations for the test are very intense the weeks before the assessments. Some preparations that went on were analyzing the text to writing TDAs for ELA. Every teacher had their own way of making sure their students were ready. The teachers took all educational posters down and covered their bulletin boards up. The school looked lifeless and colorless. The teachers were very supportive throughout the whole process.

This year was different from previous years. This year testing was cut short, so the students had shorter testing days. There were less questions on the test, but that meant the questions were worth more points. Everyone started testing around 8:30 to 8:45 am. This year the students ended at 11:00, instead of ending at 11:45, like last year.

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COOL off with these Summer DIYs!

By: Manmeet Kaur

Do you think your summer is boring with super lame pool parties? Time to change that! Check out how to party like a pro. Here are some awesome DIYs to help keep you busy with some fun.

- Make a recycle tire seat for a tree
- Use fruit to paint rocks

- Make cupcakes (lemon ones)
- Make a marker face on an orange (then eat it)
- Glue colorful old bows to a popsicle sticks to make a picture frame
- Put photos in sea-shell, summer frames
- Make a chandelier with hula



- hoops
- Put small plastic toys in ice cubes
- Make orange lip balm for a friend
- Let your kids paint the fence with pool water

Chorus Concert of the Century

By: Lara Paris-Hyden

Do you like to sing? Do you like to hear people sing? If so, where could you go?

Look no further! You can now see the Interboro Middle School Chorus perform in front of people. The concert performance was on May 24, 2018. The students that performed practiced and practiced, so their efforts unfolded in their spring concert.

The songs they performed were "Shoo my Love," "Fly Home," "Hard Knock Life," and "The Myth of Life." The students had a dress code for the

concert. The spring concert's dress code was "dress to impress," which meant dresses, skirts, dress pants, and their best dress clothes. Of course, the students had to bring their best voices too!

All the chorus members can't forget the very people who helped make this concert happen and taught them all the songs. These amazing people were the middle school music teachers. Glenolden's very own Mr. Urzillo was one of those fine music teachers! Without them, there would be no concert or a

middle school chorus. Thank you for help putting on such a great show for all to enjoy.



Punny Puns Part 3

By: Rebecca Roberts



Which country has the most birds?
-Portu-gull

What did the ocean say to the lake?
-Nothing! He just waved!

What did the orange say to the two pears?
-You guys make a lovely pair.

What did one cell say to his sister cell

that stepped on his toe?
-Mitosis

The award for the best neckwear goes to.....
-Huh? Would you look at that, it's a tie!

What do you call a snake that studies past events?
-A hisstorian

What kind of shoes does a thief wear?
-Sneakers

Why can't you surf microwaves?
-Because they are too small

What did the dog say about life?
-It's ruff!

Fantastic Friday Field Day

By: Matt Boyd



Field day is an annual event at Glenolden School. It takes place at the end of May. Two teams are made (black and gold). The teams compete in many different games. The elementary group plays at the school and the middle school group plays at Glenolden Park. Some of the middle school

students volunteer to help with the younger students.

Elementary Field Day consists of many different games and then they have a Bazaar with a DJ, face painting, moon bounces, and games. Elementary even had a visit from Screwball, the Fightin Phils mascot.

Middle School Field Day includes different events like obstacles courses, kickball, chicken toss, and tug of war.

This year, black team won because they received the most points. Field Day is the highlight of many Glenolden students' year!



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2nd Grade's Awesome Learning Experience

By: Adriel Butler

The second grade has been learning about the Native Americans. They put on a festival where they sang and acted out what they have learned. They even dressed up like the Native Americans.

The second grade students shared many different facts about the Native Americans. Some of the things that the audience learned was that the Native Americans were the first ones to come to America. They also have something called checa feathers, which are basically hats. They earn checa feathers when they hunt or plant. They planted corn, beans, and squash – these were called the three sisters. It was

interesting to learn that what we do in the United States is nothing like what the Native Americans did way back in their day. The second graders also taught the audience that, thanks to the Native Americans, we can play lacrosse since they invented it. Some people may wonder why Native Americans lived in teepees. Well the answer is that since they moved around a lot, the teepees were easy to build and move from one place to another.

The second grade acted out how the Native Americans lived and read aloud interesting information about their lives. They also sang songs about how important the natural re-

sources were to the Native Americans. The festival was very interesting and the second grade students and their teachers did an awesome job!

