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### Congratulations on your 8th Grade Graduation

By: Daniela Calderon-Rodriguez

Glenolden has some of the best eighth graders in the district! Each carry something unique about them, that others (especially the younger students) can see. The school is sad to see them go but they have showed everyone that they are capable of handling themselves with the same hard work and motivation they have showed here. This is only the beginning for them. They have their whole lives ahead of them filled with a lot of open doors and opportunities for each of them.

As the eighth grade progresses on to the high school, they will meet new people and make new memories. The rest of Glenolden School can only hope that they will come back to visit and tell them about all the amazing things they have done.

Graduating eighth grade is not the end goal; it's only one of the many mile stones that they will reach.

Each student is so different and going their separate ways, but one thing that is certain, is that they are all going to do great things! This graduation should be used as a starting point for future achievements.

Hopefully this year, the eighth graders have made memories that they can look at and smile. And they will remember all the people around them and remember everything they have learned while at Glenolden. They have been through a lot of tests, long classes, homework, friends coming and going, but they all pushed through it to get to graduation. The transition from Glenolden to the high school might be scary, but it will just take a little time to adjust. They will do

The eighth graders have been good role models for the younger students. They took on the roles of big broth-

ers and big sisters for their first grade buddies. Those younger students have learned so much from them and one day they will be an eighth grader, too!

When the eighth grade leaves, they will leave the seventh grade to take on the role that they left behind. They will be the ones that the youngers kids look up to. They will have to face school as the oldest but they will not forget who those were that they looked up to first! Everyone at Glenolden School wishes the graduating class all the best and they will be missed! Good luck at the high school and moving forward!



### The Reading Olympians of Glenolden School

By: Aliyah Manton

In April 2019, Glenolden School participated in the Reading Olympics. They were in two contests – the Elementary Olympics and the Middle School Olympics.

Many people may wonder why there's a Reading competition. The answer is simple – to expand your mind to the wonders of reading and allow that knowledge to be put to the test. That allows students to feel as if what they read meant something and that it wasn't a waste of time! Competition is a

strong word; it's more of a friendly outspoken discussion about books.

In the Middle School Olympics, two groups (two different schools) were asked several questions regarding the books that they were supposed to read. The two groups went through three rounds of questions. Some of the books they had to read were George, Flying Solo, and other great novels. Glenolden competed with the help of their leader, Ms. Tricome. The middle school team came in second place!

In the elementary Reading Olympics, they worked just as hard as the middle school students. They also competed in several rounds of discussion questions. Their group leader was Ms. Garling. The Glenolden Elementary Olympians were lucky enough to win second place!

In conclusion, Reading Olympics is a fun, friendly competition about books! If anyone wants to join next year, please talk to Ms. Garling and Ms. Tricome so that you can be a part of the team.

# The Dazzling Dorney Park Trip

### By: Covenant Douglas and Keeley Ruffin

The Dorney Park trip took place on June 6th. Most of the students in middle school chorus and middle school band went there to perform Spring songs.

Before the trip even started, the chorus and band met in the band room of Interboro High School. The chorus teachers told the students to join the reminder app, which is an app that lets you stay in contact with the chorus teachers so you don't get lost.

The chorus and band went on the buses based off schools, so if you were from Glenolden, you would go on a bus just for Glenolden. The students were allowed to bring their own money to get food and were allowed to go to the water park as well as the amusement park rides.

The students of the Interboro School District were a little late so therefore they only sang one song instead of the other songs they were going to sing. After the students of the chorus sang and the band students played, they went their separate ways. Some went to the water park and some went to the amusement park. At the water park, the students went on fun and exciting rides that included water. Some of the students decided to just go chill out in the lazy river while others chose to have an adventure on the crazy and fun rides.

The band and chorus met with the teachers using the reminder app at 2:30 to check in and make sure everyone there was alright. After 2:30, they went their separate ways again and some switched places and went from the water park to the amusement park, while others went from the amusement park to the water park.

Coming back to Glenolden was not easy for the students. While they wanted to go home from a long day, they also wanted to stay and have fun and just be kids! After the long one hour and 30-minute drive to the high school, they finally reached home!

The kids said their goodbyes to the trip, where they made memories and made new friends.

Dorney Park



#### Glenolden Band Takes on Harrisburg

By: Adelaide Boaduwaa

On May 14, 2019 the Glenolden School band took a trip to Harrisburg. Their agenda for the day took an unexpected turn.

At about 8:00 a.m., the students boarded the Coach bus that was provided and headed for Harrisburg. The two hour drive took them to the Capitol, where they were supposed to perform the band portion of the intermediate concept.

First, they played some tunes from the music book. They started with "Skip it Lou," followed by "Mexican Mountain Song." They then ended the book portion with "Bingo."

After, they continued with longer pieces, beginning with their most complex tune, "Stars and Stripes." Next they played "Swing One Time." Lastly they played "The Bucs Cheers." In this tune, they distinguished the different instruments being played, by having the rows stand up in turn.

After packing up their equipment, they took a little tour around the Capitol. The band boarded the bus and departed for Hershey Chocolate World. This is where the day's plans took a turn. After stopping at Hershey Chocolate World for about an hour, they left to go tour an Amish farm in Lancaster. Unfortunately, the bus had some problems and couldn't take them to



Lancaster. They were able to return to Hershey Chocolate Word, which was about a minute drive away. They were told by the bus driver that another bus would come to pick them up, but he didn't know how long it would take. So Mr. Peltz, the band director, broke the news to everyone that we were stranded at Hershey Chocolate World until the bus came. After approximately 2 hours, the bus came and they set off to a buffet restaurant for dinner.

Finally, an hour late they got back to Glenolden School, tired from the adventures of the day. It was a successful trip for the band, even with the slight issues of the bus.

### Spirit Day!

By: Adrianna Balili, Tessa Murtha, Gianna Ferraccio-Huber

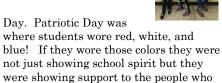
A Spirit Day is when you dress up for a day each month. It can also sometimes raise money for a charity. There is a different spirit day each month. You dress according to what the spirit day theme is. Some examples of Spirit Days are Crazy Hair Day, Hat Day, and Sport Spirit Day.

The first Spirit Day for 2019 was Crazy Hair Day. Students had

crazy hair styles. March was Sports Spirit Day. Students dressed up in their sports jerseys. The sports jerseys can represent a team or person. Mostly boys dressed up in football or basketball jerseys, but some girls also dressed up in football or basketball jerseys too. April was Super Hero Day. Students showed off who their favorite Super Hero was. Most people wore capes or costumes. May was Patriotic







Everyone loves Spirit Days!

have served for our country!

# Magnificent Movies

By: Zaynab Ghaznavi and Meghan Giomboni











The Greatest Showman 3.5 stars

The movie The Greatest Showman is about the true story of P.T Barnum and the empire he created. It shows a man who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. We gave this movie 3.5 stars because we love how they really get you to root for the characters in the story. You really want them to win and it gets you to connect with the characters. What we disliked about the movie was how much they shy away from: what really happened and how money hungry P.T Barnum really was.

 $\underline{\text{Matilda}}$  4.5 stars

The movie <u>Matilda</u> is about a gifted girl named Matilda Wormwood with a distant father and mother. She also has to go to school with the mean Mrs.Trunchbull, On top of that, she discovers that she has the ability to move things with her mind. We think this movie shows that you never know what people are capable of and what they can do. What we

don't like about this movie is how Mrs. Trunchbull didn't really get what she deserved. She hurt children, which is an unforgivable crime.

The Kid Who Would Be King 4.5 stars

The Kid Who Would Be King is a movie about King Arthur and how he came to be king when he pulled the sword from the stone, the journey he went on with his friends, and the journey with his enemies. What we like about this movie is that it goes into great detail about how Alex really grew up in the span of just those days. He wasn't afraid to play dirty at times, he always kept his eye on the prize and knew what he wanted. What we didn't like about the movie is that Alex goes on the wild goose chase with his wizard friend, Merlin to find his dad. There really wasn't any detail about his dad and why he left, besides that he was unhappy.

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) 2.5 stars

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory is a movie about a sweet boy from a poor family and dreams of finding one of the golden tickets hidden inside a chocolate bar wrapper that will admit him to the amazing magical Wonka Chocolate Factory. We loved how he is a poor kid but he is still always happy.

The Wizard of Oz 3 stars

The movie <u>Wizard of Oz</u> is about a tornado ripping through Kansas. Dorothy and Toto are whisked away from their house to the magical land of Oz. They travel to the Emerald City, following the yellow brick road and they come across a lion, tin man, and a scarecrow. We loved how this movie had great detail and the filming was spot on. We didn't like how the characters have the traits they're looking for the whole time. We think they should have earned those traits.

### 100th Day Fun

By: Lilli Colvin and Gracie Hill

The 100th Day of school was on February 13 and some celebrated on the 14th too. Ms. Lonergan, Mrs. D'Alonzo, and Ms. Florio were some of the people that did an activity with the kids in their classes.

Some things celebrated on the 100th day of school were people wore shirts or jackets with 100 things on them, counted to 100, and all things that happened with 100 was involved. Most teachers made up games and activities to do during the day. It is a day to celebrate for being in school for 100 days.

Ms. Lonergan did some activities with her students. A couple of the things that they did includ-



ed counting to 100 with the whole class and counting her shirt which had 100 tally marks on it. Another thing they did was flip a coin 100 hundred times. They predicted how many times it would land on heads and how many times it would land on tails. The next thing they did was a coloring worksheet. The last thing they did was get into teams. The team names were Team Diamond and Minecraft Maniacs. They had 7 minutes to see who could use 100 Dixie cups to create a taller tower than the other team. The winner was Team Diamond with 27 inch-

Ms. Florio was doing many fun things with her students such as crafts and exercises. The first thing they did was make necklaces out of 100 fruit loops.



Next, they did a math worksheet that had a lot of problems that added or subtracted to an answer of 100. They did an activity to try and find 100 words. They also did 100 exercises - squats, jumping jacks, side bends, push-ups, and leg raises.

Mrs. McGehrin had the kids make some really cool things such as crafts, doing things in 100 seconds and they ate snacks. The crafts were coloring and necklaces. The snacks looked like it said 100. They used one pretzel stick and two mini donuts. Then for the rest of the day they did things in 100 seconds.

That is how some of teachers celebrated the 100th day with their students. They had fun and were excited about all the fun things they did!

### The 24 War

By: Erin Boyer and Dakotah Johnson

The game 24 is played like this: there is a card with 4 numbers on it and you can add, subtract, multiply, or divide to get them to equal 24. An example is, say that the numbers were 4, 2, 8, and 10. You can subtract 10 and 4 to get 6 then divide 8 and 2 which is 4 and 6 times 4 is 24.

On the card, there are dots to show the difficulty level. One dot is easy, two dots is medium, and three dots is hard. Once you have gone through all the cards, you add up all the dots and the person with the most points win.

At Glenolden School, the fifth grade does a 24 competition. They compete with their peers and have three winners. The people who win go to the DCIU to a county competition. This year the winners for Glenolden were Ayan Khan, Oumou Kaba, and Landen Bush.

At the DCIU, the kids competed with other schools and played a couple

rounds. There are multiple people that can get third and second place but there is only one first place winner for the county. Ayan Khan and Oumou Kaba got a silver medal which is 2nd place and Landen Bush got a bronze metal which is 3rd place. Congratulations to the fifth graders for all their hard





## Creative Writing Corner By: Aleisha Abdul-Malik

One day in a tiny village of small insects, a lady bug was born and her name was Luv Bug. Once she grew older, she was known as the most popular bug in town. She used her imagination and powers to spread joy, and replenish love that had been lost. It was a big part of her job since her mom is the queen and her dad disappeared years ago on a mission to help people. When Luv Bug heard that he died trying to help others, she decided to sweep up courage and help others too

On a day when the sun was shining and not a cloud in the sky could stop Luv Bug from helping someone in need, she could sense grief. Nearby, she heard the cries of a woman. She definitely wasn't crying for no reason, so Luv Bug had to find out what was wrong. In and out of each cloud, she swung searching. Soon enough, she peeked through the window of the gloomy woman's home. She continued on looking through the window, and realized that there was a picture in the woman's hand. It was a picture of a dog! And from what Luv Bug knew, she predicted that the woman was crying over the dog. Luv Bug swooped closer only to get swatted away by the woman's annoyed hand. The woman heard her buzzing!

"Aw man how am I going to help?" said Luv Bug. The woman paused because she was startled.

"What?" the woman hollered, then turned around. Her face was glowing with tears, "Who's there?!" She turned back.

"I'm Luv Bug," she answers.

"Oh my! What? But- huh?!"

Luv Bug backed up but then the woman said, "No, wait! I just can't believe you can talk!"

She whispers while she sat,

"Here." The woman laid her hand down on her lap. Her hand was big enough to crush me into micro pieces thought Luv Bug, but she trusted the woman.

"Look, I saw the picture and I want to help," said Luv Bug.

"You can't help me!" said the woman.

"Oh but I can," says Luv Bug.

"Sure. Tell me how a talking bug is going to help," said the woman.

"I have powers," Luv Bug said.

"No way! You can talk and you have powers?" she said shocked.

"I can't help you if you don't believe me," said Luv Bug. The woman stayed silent, as Luv Bug explained how they would find her dog.

"Well in fact I have a red dress on and maybe you could blend in and I wouldn't look crazy talking to a bug," she said.

"Right!" Luv Bug said. "It's a deal!"

"My name is Mel by the way," the woman stated, walking through the door.

"Got it," says Luv Bug.

So the journey for Luv Bug began once again, but this time, with a human! After a while of walking and searching for the lost dog, Mel paused in her steps, startling Luv Bug. "That's it! We're going to the smoothie shop," she said sounding exhausted

"Alright! I could use a drink too!" Luv Bug spat back.

"How am I going to do that?"



Mel replied, "A sample, of course." Mel swung the door open and trotted into the shop.

"One sample of a banana smoothie please and medium mango," Mel said, hesitantly.

Luv Bug heard a ringing in her ear. Could this be her powers warning her? The ringing is in her left ear, so she turned left. She saw Mel's dog out the window! Mel suddenly felt a prick on her shoulder.

"Psss!" Luv Bug said. She blankly stared out the window.

"Shh!" Mel said as quietly as possible.

"Your dog!" Luv Bug exclaimed. Mel's face went pale. She turns and squints out the window, skimming the block.

"My dog!" she yelled and bolted out the door, forgetting her smoothie. Luv Bug grinned as Mel ran into the street, arms open

"I did it!" Luv Bug thought to herself proudly.

Mel at last grabs a hold of her dog again. "My Charles!" she said to him, snuggling him at the same time.

"So that's his name," Luv Bug assumes.

"Sure is!" Mel smiles a wholesome smile.

"You have no idea how much he means to me. How can I repay you?" she insists.

"It was my pleasure!" said Luv Bug and she flew away.

### The Celebration of Reading

#### By: Isabella Napoliello and Nalini Charles Belizaire

Get involved! Read Across America Day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2nd, Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries and communities celebrate reading with young people, teens, and even some adults.

Students and teachers were interviewed at Glenolden School about Read Across America Day. The following will tell you a little bit about what the classes did to celebrate Dr. Seuss Day. Seventh grade read to the second grade. Some of the books that the seventh and second graders read together were Horton Hatches the Egg, The Butter Battle Book, Mother Goose Tales, and One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish.

Mrs. D'Alonzo's second grade class made delicious green eggs and ham mini treats with pretzels, white chocolate, and green M&Ms. Mrs. Keenan's first grade class made an Ooblek and read <u>Bartholomew and</u> the Ooblek. They also made Cat in the Hat hats. Ms. Lonergan's class made special guest readers visit her students and read a book.



Everyone had a fun time reading and celebrating Dr. Seuss.

# 7th Grade and What to Expect

By: Lara Paris-Hyden



Seventh grade is a year when a lot of people discover things about themselves and others. Sometimes you loose friends and sometimes you gain them. Sometimes you get thrown a curve ball and don't know what to expect. So today, you will learn the important things about seventh grade and what to expect from it. The first thing to know is that, based on your MAP tests, you could be placed into an advanced class for math, where you'll get taught seventh grade and the beginnings of eighth grade math. The class is relatively easy, as long as you pay attention and take notes. Taking notes is very important for this class, so that you can be sure on how to do something. Also you should ask questions if you don't understand something. If you don't, you could end up getting left behind and end up getting bad grades.

Something else you should know about seventh grade is that seventh grade is when the teachers start looking at your GPA and grades to see where you may be placed for classes in high school. But fear not because if you do need help, any of the teachers are there to

stay after school to complete something or to help you with work. Don't hesitate to stay after or ask for help!

In seventh grade, a lot of opportunities for sports open up that you didn't have in sixth grade. Some of the sports that you can join are girls and boys lacrosse and basketball. Girls can join softball and field hockey, as well. All are fun sports that many enjoy.

Another opportunity that opens up, is that you'll get the chance to join the National Junior Honors Society or NJHS. NJHS is a good way to keep in touch with the community. It's also a good thing to have on your college resume and any resume you may have. The way to get an invite to get into NJHS is that you need to keep steady good grades and be a part of some school activity.

Other things that happen in seventh grade is that you'll be able to help out with Field Day. You can help the teachers with the little kids by helping with different activities such as

face painting, helping serve food, etc.

You'll learn about a lot of things too. For example, in ELA you'll learn about mythology, which is when you learn about the gods and goddesses. You'll also go on a trip to see a play for the Christmas classic, <u>A Christmas Carol</u>. You'll read different books and even be able to act out scenes from one of the books that you'll be reading.

Once you get to seventh grade you can run for student council for your eighth grade year. You'll go to meetings, have a say in things you didn't before and help manage things around the school. You can run for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and communications officer. You can make posters and promote yourself to the other kids so that you get their yote.

Seventh grade is filled with many twists and turns but it can also be really fun. So have a good year and have fun.

### Field Day Fun!

By: Julia Bergen and Regan Stermel

Field Day was held on Friday, May 24th at Glenolden School. It is an event where all the kids play in competitions, all day long: Team Black vs. Team Gold. Elementary and Middle School's field days are different.

The Elementary celebrates their Field Day by playing games outside on the back field. The games the elementary kids played were Sneaker Tag, Chicken Race, Hula Hoop Relay, Ice Cream Relay, Cone Flip, Bean Bag Toss, and The Obstacle Course. Before or after these games, classes go out to the Mayfair, where they can play on bouncy houses and eat snacks.

The middle school celebrates their Field Day by going to Glenolden Park. The games they played were Softball, Kickball, Lava Pit, Lacrosse Scoop, Close to Pin, Bean Bag, Bench Ball, Swamp Ball, and Tug of War.



The options for lunch were hot dogs, pizza, chips, pretzels, water, juice, soda, and water ice in flavors cherry, blue raspberry, and lemon.

Everybody had a lot of fun at Field Day this year! The final score for elementary was Black - 67 and Gold - 66. The final score for middle school was Black - 78 and Gold - 87. All together the Gold Team won with 153 points against 145 points

#### The Run Down on PBIS

By: Chloe Staley and Chelsea McCarthy

You are in middle school and it's the end of the semester, and the agenda reward is soon coming up. You check your Agenda Book to see if you haven't passed the limit for "R's" and "T's". You know you want to get that reward!

In middle school, the reward is different each marking period. There was a bowling trip, extra time outside, a BUC Challenge game and a treat from a snowcone truck. Fifth graders be ready for next year! There are two different PBIS assemblies one for elementary and one for middle school. Every month there is a trait that a student from each class has to show. Teachers and students choose who in their class possess that trait. That person's name and a blurb about them is said at the assembly. In middle school, the winner receives a 5 dollar Wawa gift card. In elementary school, the winner receives a pin that says student of the month. Some of the

traits are friendly and prepared and thoughtful etc. Students can get a Buc Pride card and can have their name pulled out of a hat and can also win a prize. When the assemblies are over, the winners get to have a snack and juice box with their family or friends





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