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Keeping Up with Community Service

By: Daniela Calderon-Rodriquez, Adriel Butler, and Amy Souders

In November, Community Service Day is always a big tradition at Glenolden School. Every grade teams up to help out those in need in the community.

This year, first and eighth grade worked with their buddies to make snowman soup and Christmas cards for the soldiers overseas. This was special because some students have family members in the armed forces who would receive these cards and feel special.



Second and seventh grade worked with their buddies to create care packages for City Team (a homeless shelter in Chester). The care packages included a juice box, granola bars,

peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and trail mix. Third and fourth grade made the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Fifth grade made the trail mix snacks for the care packages. The fifth graders also helped to assemble the packages with the seventh and second grade students.



Sixth grade divided up for two important jobs. Some of the sixth graders made sleeping bags for the homeless with Mrs. Kapuscinski. The sleeping bags were made out of old sheets, blankets, and comforters that were sewn together by the sixth graders. The rest of the sixth grade was supposed to clean up the school grounds, but

there was a snowstorm the day before, so those plans had to be put on hold. Instead, they wrote letters and cards for the soldiers overseas.



Two turkeys were also cooked and taken to the women's shelter so they could enjoy a nice Thanksgiving dinner.

It is safe to say that the students of Glenolden School really know how to help the community, and show their appreciation for all the things that they have in their lives.



Spilling the Tea On the New Teachers

By: Chloe Ann Staley and Makenna Stamp



As you may have noticed, there are new faces walking the halls of Glenolden School. These new full time teachers were interviewed by The Glenolden Gazette. The teachers interviewed were Ms. Leighton, Mrs. Amadio, and Mrs. Rowe.

Mrs. Amadio (Middle School Math)

Question: What is most exciting about Glenolden to you?

Mrs. Amadio: "The most exciting thing about Glenolden would be the sense of community that I get from the students. It seems like they're all involved and they all have a lot of school pride, and for me, that is the most exciting thing."

Question: What is your favorite thing to teach in math?

Mrs. Amadio: "I used to teach Algebra 1, and my favorite thing to teach was Solving Systems of Equations. So it's probably not something I'm going to teach to seventh graders, but there actually are some questions that we do where we are solving a system of equations, but they don't really know that yet."

Question: What made you want to come to Glenolden?

Mrs. Amadio: "Coming from Upper Darby, it was a huge school district. There are over twelve-thousand students in Upper Darby school district. There are over thirty-seven hundred students at Upper Darby High School. So one of the things that really attracted me to Glenolden was the size and how much smaller it was. There are less students in

this district then there were in Upper Darby High School."

Question: Do you like this school so far?

Mrs. Amadio: "I love this school. I think that everyone is very kind and respectful, and I'm excited for all the different events that are coming up and opportunities for me to get to know the students outside of the classroom."

Ms. Leighton (Middle School Science)

Question: What is exciting about Glenolden to you?

Ms. Leighton: "I would say the students and the faculty are nice and I like the area. I'm from Philadelphia so it's nice to get out of the city for a bit."

Question: What is your favorite thing to teach in science?

Ms. Leighton: "Animals. I like to teach animals. That's my favorite thing to teach."

Question: Is there anything you are really into with the students?

Ms. Leighton: "I'm really into finding out what shows they like to watch on Netflix. We talk about the shows we like together like Riverdale. I like to get to know what they like so I can bring that into the classroom."

Question: Are there any upcoming events that you are really excited about?

Ms. Leighton: "Well, we are doing our

pumpkin for the contest right now, so we are excited about that."

Mrs. Rowe (2nd Grade)

Question: What is exciting about Glenolden?

Mrs. Rowe: "I think the most exciting thing about Glenolden is the atmosphere. Everyone is always in a good mood and upbeat. It's a happy place to be. I think that's the best thing about it."

Question: What is your favorite thing to teach to second graders?

Mrs. Rowe: "Reading, because I think it's fun to see how much progress they make over the year."

Question: What made you pick Glenolden?

Mrs. Rowe: "Because I knew it was the best school around."

Question: What made you want to be a teacher?

Mrs. Rowe: "When I was in college, I got a job at the YMCA, and I just loved being around the children all the time. That's how I knew what I was supposed to do for the rest of my life."

Glenolden Gazette really enjoyed interviewing the new teachers. The teachers all seem to love Glenolden! Welcome to Glenolden Mrs. Amadio, Ms. Leighton, and Mrs. Rowe.!

Ho-Ho Holiday Winter Band Concert

By: Nalini Charles-Belizaire

The students of Glenolden's 4th and 5th grade elementary band had a winter concert at Glenolden Elementary School on December 4th, 2018. The time of the show was between 7:00 -8:00pm.

The band had to wear Christmas outfits that were in Christmas colors and they looked wonderful. They had flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trum-

pets, trombones, and percussion instruments. There were some middle school kids that performed at the show to help the elementary school band.

The songs the band played were "Jingle Bells," "Hot Cross Buns," "Jolly Old St. Nick," "Au Claire De La Lune," "Up On The House Top," "Good King Wenceslas." They didn't perform while chorus was singing.

When the concert finished, the parents clapped, cheered, and said good job. The kids looked happy. Mr. Peltz looked really happy for the band and was really grateful that the parents allowed the kids to join the elementary school band.



Winter Wonderland

By: Adelaide Boaduwa

On December 12, 2018, the Interboro Middle School District Chorus and Band had their winter concert. Prior to the performance, the chorus and band were invited to perform at the Flyers game in early November but sadly, it was canceled due to weather. The concert certainly made up for it though!

First, the District Band performed their share of the show. They began with "Ukrainian Christmas." They followed up with the French carol, "Christmas Patrol." Before the last song, two eighth

graders performed a saxophone duet of "Up on the Housetop." Lastly, the band performed "At the Feast of Stephen," which features Good King Wenceslas.



After the band, the chorus started their part of the concert. They started with "Mele Kalikimaka," a Hawai-

ian Christmas carol. Next was "Light the Candle," a Hanukkah song. Then the chorus sang "Heriza Krismas," which is part Swahili. Lastly, the chorus sang "Holly Jolly Holiday," which features "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "Holly Jolly Christmas."

Lastly, the adults were introduced to the crowd and all the students, parents, vice principals, and principals were appreciated. Overall the District Chorus and Band were spectacular!

Students Improving Glenolden School

By: Lilli Colvin and Erin Boyer

Glenolden School has a Student Council. There are five different officers and representatives from each of the homerooms in the middle school. The Officers are Reese Bufala, Georgia Curtain, Diana Sharobeem, Taylor Burton, and Matt Galanaugh. Reese Bufala is the president. Georgia Curtain is the vice president. Diana Sharobeem is the treasurer. Taylor Burton is the secretary. Matt Galanaugh is the Communicator.

In November, Student Council was in charge of collecting the food every grade brought in for the food drive. If the class had a certain amount of food they had to bring in, they got a Dress Down Day. Representatives got the chance to help the second grade with making bags of food for the different charities.

Friday, December 14th was



the Middle School Jingle Bell Dance. Student Council was in charge of thinking up ideas for the dance. Some of their ideas were limbo, a little talent show, hula hoop, and a dance contest. Student Council will also help set up and clean up for the dance.

This is only the beginning of what Student Council plans to do for Glenolden School. More fun things are coming in the new year.

The Banging Back to School BBQ

By: Covenant Douglas and Keeley Ruffin

The Back to School BBQ took place on September 14, 2018. The back playground was flooded with parents, students, and teachers.

The smell of hotdogs and pretzels filled the air. As an enjoyment, the students played kickball, basketball, and football. Family and friends came and played with their children on the playground. Music blared through the speak-

ers as students and teachers served the kids of Glenolden their hot dogs and ice cream. The children of Glenolden occupied themselves with playing games or walking around with family and friends. The students also played games on their phones or board games. They talked with friends and their teachers. While most left to go get ready for the Bucs game, others stayed until the very end.

Students took pictures and posted on Instagram and Snapchat. Students had so much fun at the Bucs field. The Back to School BBQ was one to remember!



Facts for Snacks

By: Zaynab Ghaznavi and Meghan Giomboni



The students of Glenolden School are curious about the lunch here at school. They wonder about things like the favorite lunch being served, and about the amazing lunch ladies that serve them lunch each day.

The first lunch lady to be interviewed was Mrs. Weiss, who was very nice for taking some of her time to talk.

Question: About how many lunches do you serve a day?

Mrs. Weiss: "Three hundred and fifty get served in the cafeteria each day."

Question: Is your job fun?

Mrs. Weiss: "Yes my job is fun and I love it."

Question: What is your favorite thing about serving lunch?

Mrs. Weiss: "My favorite thing is that I love getting to talk to the kids at the

snack bar each day."

Question: What is your least favorite thing about serving lunch?

Mrs. Weiss: "I don't like when we run out of food to serve the kids and when the students don't select what they ordered."

The next lunch lady, Mrs. Elliot, was interviewed and was also very nice for taking out of her time to talk about Glenolden School's lunches.

Question: Is your job fun?

Mrs. Elliot: "It is fun sometimes. Just like everything else, there are pros and cons included with everything we do."

Question: What is your favorite thing about serving lunch?

Mrs. Elliot: "I really like the kids and how nice they are."

Question: What is your least favorite thing about serving lunch? Mrs. Elliot: "The worst thing about serving lunch is grilled cheese day because it is the busiest day out of the whole week."

The students of Glenolden School were curious about what the favorite lunch being served was. So a poll was taken to see what the students think are the best lunches. The top meals that made the poll were chicken nuggets, pizza, cheese steak, french toast, grilled cheese, and breakfast pizza. The winning choice was pizza and in second place was chicken nuggets.

Hope you enjoyed the facts about Glenolden snacks and the lunches that keep the students going through the school day.

Trunks and Treats

By: Julia Bergen and Dakotah Johnson

Trunk or Treat is an event held at Glenolden School every October. Trunk or Treat is when people decorate their car trunks in a specific theme and hand out candy to kids dressed up in costumes. This year, Trunk or Treat was held on Sunday, October 28th, 2018.

Some trunks featured in Trunk or Treat this year included a

skeleton playing a piano, a dinosaur themed trunk and a *Harry Potter* themed trunk. There was even an Ursula's (the evil witch in *The Little Mermaid*) Fish and Chips themed trunk.

Trunk or Treat lasted for two hours. The first hour of the event was for decorating the cars and then kids were trick or treating from each car for the last hour.



After the kids were done, Mr. Snyder announced who won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The *Jurassic Park* themed trunk won third place. The Skeleton Playing the Piano themed trunk won second place. Ursula's Fish and Chips themed trunk won first place.

The Enchanted Book Fair

By: Cole Engel and Ashley Talbot

The week of October 15th, 2018, was the Book Fair at Glenolden School. The Book Fair takes place in the library and the students get to buy great books!

Preparations for the Book Fair can take over a month. The Home and School Association orders the books and other things to be sold at the Book Fair. They also set up the volunteers.

From 1st thru 4th grade the

most common books were *Pete the Cat* and *Dogman*. From 5th thru 8th grade the most common books were gaming and war like books.

Book Fair also has a Family Night where students can come to the school with their family and buy books. This year, family night was a huge success! The library was packed until 10 minutes before they closed. They sold a huge amount of

books. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the books.

Everyone in the whole school gets excited for the Book Fair. The little kids get the most excited because it is their first time and is super cool for them. We can't wait for the Spring Book Fair!



Reading Olympics Book Reviews

By: Aaliyah Manton

Every year, schools in Delaware County, participate in the Reading Olympics. It is exactly what it sounds like – a reading contest. Students must read at least 5 books and sometimes compete in a contest to see who knows more about the books they read. Here are some reviews on a few of the books that are on the Reading Olympics list this year:

George By: Alex Gino

George is an LGBTQ book about a stealth (when no one knows you are transgender) girl named Melissa. Melissa's birth name is George. This book takes you through Melissa's journey on coming out to her family. It's quite beautiful how the author uses the pronouns they/them constantly and refers to Melissa as she/her and not he/him.

Flying Solo By: Ralph Fletcher

This book is about a class who is left unattended all day long and surprisingly act mature, for the most part. This book shows that not all middle school students are as immature as you think. If you give someone a chance, they might just prove you wrong. This book was also on Interboro Middle School Summer Reading list.

The Land of Stories By: Chris Colfer

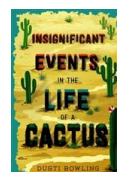
This book is about a brother and sister named Connor and Alex, who have recently suffered the loss of their dad. With their dad gone, their mom is forced to work double shifts at the hospital. To help them cope, their grandmother gives them *The Land of Stories* book. Alex starts to notice the book glowing and

humming. Then Alex and Connor get sucked in to the book and it takes the reader through their journey of the stories.

The Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus By: Dusti Bowling

The book is about a girl named Aven who was born without any arms. Her adoptive parents take a job in Arizona at a theme park. Throughout the book, Aven learns how to cope with being different and meets other kids who struggle with the same thing. Aven also finds out that the owner of the theme park has some secrets about their family.

Now that you know more about some of the books that are read in Reading Olympics, maybe you would like to join in the fun!



Super Silly Spirit Days

By: Tessa Murtha and Adriana Balili



Glenolden School has Spirit Days to be creative and sometimes to raise money for special causes. The students take part to get away from the normal uniforms!

In September, the first Spirit Day was grade colors. First grade is pink. Second grade is green. Third grade is purple. Fourth grade is blue. Fifth is orange. Sixth is red. Seventh grade is neon. Eighth grade is tie-dye.

The second Spirit Day was mismatch day in October. So the students wore colors and patterns that did not match. Some students also wore different shoes, different hair styles

and different socks. There was a special Spirit Day in October where students brought in a small money donation and they could dress like a superhero. The donations went to a special program at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia that created chemo care bags for children who are going through chemotherapy due to having cancer.

In November, the Spirit Day was Disney character day. Students wore anything that involved Disney characters. They even made their hair look like Disney character hair styles. Some dressed like princesses or super-

heroes, which is mostly fun for the younger students.

December was ugly sweater day. The students dressed in their best ugly sweaters. This Spirit Day was just for fun right before Christmas. If some students didn't have an ugly sweater, they just wore Christmas themed clothes.

These were the Spirit days Glenolden School has had so far. These days are fun days to dress up and sometimes raise money for our school and get away from normal uniforms.

Art Club Fun

By: Gracie Hill



Art club is an after-school club for the students at Glenolden School. The students get to do different Art projects to entertain themselves.

The supervisor and teacher for this is the Glenolden School art teacher, Mrs. Davis. She teaches the students how to do the project

and then tells them to make it on their own. The projects are not that complex and they come out looking awesome!

The club is only for middle school students unfortunately, but this is because the younger grades cannot always understand how to do the projects and would need a lot of help.



Art club is held on certain days and each of those days have a different project. Some of the projects include alcohol ink trivet, chair painting, clay leaf dish, concert backdrop, large pencil portrait, mosaic mandala, and ceiling tiles.

This club is very fun and if you have an artistic talent, you should join!

DON'T FORGET YOUR SUMMER READING!

By: Chelsea McCarthy

We all love summer reading, right?! Especially when it's worth part of our grade! Every year the students do summer reading for their next school year's teacher. Some students start it right away, while others wait until the last minute. The following steps are probably how it goes for those that wait too long!

Step 1: Getting Your Summer Reading—You have to get your summer reading before you can start it. Most students go home for the summer and completely forget about it. They watch movies, go to the pool, or sleep. They think that summer reading is not important – but it is! Summer Reading is sent home with the students' report cards.

Step 2: Getting Ready for School—It's July and you start your

school shopping. Most students love back to school shopping. Some students are done with their summer reading by now, but for other people, they are probably not even close to starting.

Step 3: Finally starting the Summer Reading.—One week until school and some people still haven't started their Summer Reading, until their mom finally asks, "Honey have you finished your summer reading yet?" Panic starts to set in, your heart starts racing, and you realize that you don't even have the book yet! You run to the bookstore and find out that it's closed! You start to go to another bookstore. Thank goodness it's still open but they don't have the book. So then you decide to rent a book online. The book is there but it's way too expensive! You decide to rent it anyway. The next three days, you start your summer reading and

realize there is two days until school opens. You think about asking your friend about the story and they give you little information on the book.

The final step: Finishing Summer Reading—It's the day before school and you're almost finished with your Summer Reading assignment. Whew! You're finished! Now you can rest, but school starts tomorrow!

Moral of the story: Don't wait until the last minute to do your Summer Reading!



Advanced Math and Things to Expect

By: Lara Paris-Hyden

In seventh grade Advanced Math, students have to do a lot more than those who are not a part of it. Advanced Math classes have sixteen chapters of math, whereas the other Math class only have ten chapters to complete. The Advanced Math is also very fast paced, so if you were to miss a day it's best that you get the notes right away.

To determine how you get into this class, depends on how well you do on the Math PSSAs and your 6th grade MAP scores. You have to score a specific amount of points to get into the class. Most things are the same for everyone in both Math classes, however if you are in the Advanced Math you might get some extra work.



A common problem is that a lot of people in Advanced Math tend to overthink problems, which will not help in ELA. So a good tip is to try not to overthink things or it will only make things harder on you!

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