

Glenfield Middle School

Weekly Parent Bulletin - September 15, 2023



Glenfield: A community where everyone has a seat at the table!

Important Dates:

9/20-PTA in-person meeting @7 pm

9/22-Welcome Back BBQ

9/25- Schools closed in observance of Yom Kippur

9/28-SATp in-person meeting @ 6:30pm

10/11 - HIB/Bullying Presentation for Parents 6pm-7:30pm

A MONTH OF CELEBRATIONS!

As per Dr. Ponds message to the community:

We are proud to recognize our Jewish and Hispanic/Latine families and staff, as today marks the day when both cultures begin celebrations.

For those celebrating Rosh Hashanah, I wish you health, happiness, peace, and prosperity today and all throughout the year.

The District proudly recognizes Hispanic/Latine Heritage Month beginning today, Sept. 15 through October 15. Our schools will be celebrating with projects and activities highlighting the culture, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic/Latine Americans whose heritage is rooted in all Latin American countries.

More information regarding Glenfield's celebrations are forthcoming!

Back to School Night:

What an amazing night! The positive energy was palpable as we walked through the hallways and classrooms. Thanks to all of you that were able to attend last Tuesday's Back to School Night. We have estimated that there were approximately 700 parents, children and guests in attendance. For those parents who were unable to attend because of traffic, don't worry, there will be plenty of opportunities this year for you to meet the staff and participate in spirit building activities. Thank you for your support.

Friendly Reminders

- Medicine and eyeglasses are the only drop offs that will be accepted. All others cause a disruption to the instructional time frame.
- Please schedule all doctor appointments after school dismissal.
- Students are not allowed to text or call parents during school hours. Please call the main office if you need to contact your child.

Picture Day Make-ups

If you missed Picture Day on Tuesday, the make-up day is on Thursday, November 2nd. Please mark your calendars.

To order photos- Head to mylifetouch.com and our Picture Day ID is EVTZ67C2R

Look out for surveys and information

Be on the lookout for a separate communication containing links to the Culture and Climate Survey for Parents, Parent Academy Survey and the Title 1 Parent Compact Policy.

Schedule Changes

All schedule changes and corrections were completed this week. There will be no more schedule changes at this time.

Fines for lost, damaged and stolen Chromebooks and chargers

Now that we have completed the second week of school, we have noticed that a significant number of students are reporting that their Chromebooks were lost, stolen, damaged or missing chargers. According to the district Chromebook Handbook located on the district website, if a Chromebook is lost or stolen, you must file a police report and send a copy of the report to Mr. Weinrib. Once the report is submitted, the district will provide your child with another laptop. If you damage a Chromebook, the district will repair the Chromebook at no cost to you. If a Chromebook is lost, stolen or damaged multiple times, the cost of replacement is \$275. The same rule applies to chargers. It will be replaced the first time it is lost IF there are enough available at the school or the Tech Department. In the event that there are no extra chargers, families will be charged a \$25 replacement fee.

Policy Reminder for Cell Phones, Airpods and Hats

Cell phones and air pods must remain off and away while in school. This also includes non-instructional time such as lunch time, recess, and passing time in the hallways. The first time that a student is caught with their cell phones or air pods, they will receive a warning. The second time, the item will be confiscated and kept in the main office until the end of the day. Students will be able to retrieve the item/device at the end of the day. On the third offense, the item/device will be confiscated, kept in the main office and will require a parent or guardian to come to the school to get the item/device.

Students are not permitted to wear hats or hoods in the building unless they are for religious purposes. Students are asked to remove these items upon entry to the building.

ISME Training:

This week, Mr. Ramiccio, Ms. Fruhschien, Ms. Anderson and Ms. Avci, the Glenfield intervention teachers joined other district educators for week-long IMSE Morphology Training. The basis of our language, morphology, is the study of words, how they are formed, and their relationship to other words in the English language. During this hands-on course, teachers were introduced to strategies for teaching fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension, and given guidance on creating lesson plans and supplemental materials using these new strategies. There was also an emphasis on multisensory learning and differentiated instruction, discovering new ways to reach our students and improve performance. When these teachers return, they will work with their colleagues to help craft structured literacy lessons to improve reading instruction and assist all students.

Lunch Lines in the Cafeteria

We received some inquiries from parents at Back to School Night regarding the lunch lines and the remaining time left to eat. Mr. Pelli and I have expressed our concerns to our food service company, Pomptonian, and they are working diligently to add a second cashier. We have also asked for our vending machines to be stocked to keep the students buying snacks from getting on the lunch line. So far, we have seen improvements in the length of the lunch lines and the time that it takes students to get lunch and eat. We will continue to work with Pomptonian to streamline the process.

Glenfield Needs your help-Student ID #'s

For those students who get a hot lunch from the cafeteria, we **need** students to begin memorizing their 6-digit Student ID numbers that can be found in Genesis. If your child has a printed out schedule, the Student ID number is also on that printed piece of paper. When students arrive at the cashier without knowledge of their number, it requires the cashier to look them up in the system, thus slowing down the operation. Have them write it down, repeat it back to you, learn a dance to it, anything that will help them memorize it! Students are also leaving their hydro flasks behind. If your child's hydro flask has gone missing, please remind them to check the lost and found located at the back of the Cafeteria.

Hats and Cell Phones

Please remind your students that hats and head coverings should not be worn in school unless it is for religious purposes. Cell phones must be off and away

Touching base with your child's teachers:

If you have a question about Google Classroom, lockers, classroom activities, etc., please reach out directly to your child's teacher to ensure efficient communication. While the summer months has information coming mainly from Administration, now that the school year has begun our teachers can speak to what exciting things are happening in the classrooms!

Tardies

Starting this past week and moving forward, we will begin marking students tardy if they arrive after 7:54 am.

IXL

IXL is the district's new diagnostic tool used for both ELA and Math. Over the next few weeks, each child in 1st-12th grade will be assessed to collect baseline data in ELA and Math. This will enable us to gain a comprehensive understanding of each student's academic strengths and areas requiring support. Unlike Renaissance Learning, this assessment tool can be used for diagnostic benchmarking, personalized learning and

progress monitoring. IXL will also be used as an instructional tool designed to help teachers make data driven decisions regarding skill development and reinforcement.

Parent Night: Addressing Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying - Save the Date!

Join us on October 11th from 6:00pm-7:30pm for an informative and empowering evening dedicated to addressing the critical issue of harassment, intimidation, and bullying in our school community. Our Parent Night event aims to foster a safe and inclusive environment for all students, and your participation is crucial in achieving this goal.

Allied Pest Control

Please review the Allied Pest Control letter from the district below.

Montclair Coed Ultimate Frisbee

Montclair Recreation is pleased to offer a 7-week Coed Ultimate Frisbee program for all middle school boys and girls interested in learning and playing Ultimate frisbee.

- **Season:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023 – Sunday, October 29, 2023
- **Practices:** Tuesdays and Fridays, 4:00 – 6:00 pm at Anderson Park
- **Games:** Sundays, 12:00 – 3:00 pm at Anderson Park
- **Cost:** \$75
- **Equipment:** All players will receive a jersey and disc.

Ultimate is an incredibly fun, competitive, non-contact team sport which mixes elements of football, basketball and lacrosse, substituting the ball with a flying disc (frisbee) and the referee with “Spirit of the Game” which places the responsibility for fair play and sportsmanship on the players themselves.

This program combines practices and games to provide an opportunity to learn to play Ultimate frisbee, create new friendships, and ultimately have a great time! Our goal is to develop players in a fun and constructive environment. Players of any experience are encouraged to join.

To see for yourself the incredible athleticism, beauty and joy of playing Ultimate frisbee watch this short video, [This is Ultimate](#).

For questions, contact: michael-john@vanrhyn.com

To register, go to: <https://register.communitypass.net/montclair>

Competitive Robotics 6th Grade Tryouts

I'm Mrs. Tami and I run the robotics program here at Glenfield. Our team, the Robotic Gladiators, is currently holding tryouts for any interested 6th graders. We are a competitive program that competes in the First Lego League each year. Please check out these links for more information on the First Lego League. I will be hosting an information session on Zoom and have included the information below.

First Lego League Challenge

<https://www.firstlegoleague.org/>

Our Team's Website (Need to use a school email account to access)

<https://sites.google.com/mpsdnj.us/glenfieldrobotics?usp=sharing>

Any interested students will need to complete a tryout packet and attend the tryout session on September 27th. Both the sign up for tryouts and the application packets can be found in the Robotics Lab in room 329.

Please reach out with any questions, etami@mpsdnj.us

GLENFIELD PTA CORNER

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Glenfield Explorers

There's still time to register for [Glenfield Explorers Fall Program!](#) We've got Soccer, Basketball, Cooking and more! Registration will close on Friday, September 22nd at 9:00pm. Want to donate only? Sure! Click this link for the [Glenfield Explorers Fall 2023 Donation Bucket](#).

Glenfield's 2nd Annual Welcome Back Picnic

See you next Friday! Bring your chairs, blankets and appetites! The PTA's 2nd Annual Glenfield Welcome Back Picnic is right around the corner! Join the Glenfield community on Friday, September 22, from 5-7pm at Glenfield Park (Woodland Avenue side). Connect with staff, see old friends, and make new ones! You can help make this event a success! [SIGN UP HERE TO VOLUNTEER, HELP WITH SUPPLIES, BRING A DISH OR DESSERT!](#) No time to cook or buy? No problem! [DONATE HERE INSTEAD!](#) We look forward to seeing you there!

*Students MUST be accompanied by a parent/guardian/caregiver.

HELP WANTED!

Raise Your Hand for the New School Year

We've got so many great opportunities for you to participate! Help us organize a monthly breakfast for our staff and become part of the Monthly Staff Breakfast Team! Like creating Newsletters? Great! We can use your help! Take a look at the [Glenfield 2023-2024 Sign-Up-Genius](#). Getting volunteers early helps us stay organized and connected with our community. Take a look at the sign up and see where you can lend a hand. Thanks for your support!

After School Explorers Site Supervisor

Are you available from 2:20pm – 3:30pm on Monday, Wednesday, and/or Friday? Great! Having a reliable volunteer to ensure our Explorers classes are running smoothly is an important role. Send an email of interest to ptapres@glenfieldpta.org

ALL AROUND TOWN!

Montclair's South End F-A-M-E

Saturday, September 16th from 12 - 8pm: Montclair's South End will host its annual Food-Art-Music-Entertainment festival. See incredible performances while enjoying your favorite local food vendors!

*Translation in Spanish by Valentina Reyes

RINCÓN DEL PTA DE GLENFIELD

¿QUÉ HAY DE NUEVO?

Glenfield Explorers

¡Aún hay tiempo para registrarse para el [Programa de otoño de Glenfield Explorers!](#) Tenemos fútbol, básquetbol, clases de cocina, ¡y mucho más! La registración cerrará el viernes 22 de septiembre a las 9:00pm. ¿Quiere hacer una donación? Haga click en este link para el [Bote de Donaciones para el Glenfield Explorers otoño 2023](#).

El segundo picnic anual de Bienvenida de regreso a Glenfield

¡Nos vemos el próximo viernes! ¡Lleven sus sillas, mantas y apetitos! ¡El 2o picnic anual de Bienvenida de regreso a Glenfield patrocinado por el PTA ya se avecina! Únase a la comunidad de Glenfield el viernes 22 de septiembre a partir de las 5pm hasta las 7pm en el Parque de Glenfield (Glenfield Park), por el lado de la calle Woodland. ¡Conozca a los profesores y personal de la escuela, júntese con amigos y haga nuevas amistades! ¡Usted puede ayudar a que este evento sea todo un éxito! [¡INSCRÍBASE AQUÍ PARA HACER DE VOLUNTARIO, AYUDAR CON ÚTILES, O LLEVAR UN PLATO O UN POSTRE!](#) ¿No tiene tiempo para cocinar

o comprar? ¡No hay problema! [¡PUEDE REALIZAR UNA DONACIÓN AQUÍ!](#) ¡Estamos entusiasmados por verlos allá!

*Los alumnos DEBEN ser acompañados por un apoderado o cuidador.

¡NECESITAMOS SU AYUDA!

Preste una mano para el nuevo año escolar

¡Tenemos muchas oportunidades para que participe! Ayúdenos a organizar un desayuno mensual para los empleados de la escuela y, únase al equipo (Monthly Staff Breakfast Team)!

¿Le gusta crear boletines informativos? ¡Genial! ¡Puede servir de ayuda! Vea la lista para oportunidades para voluntarios en el [Glenfield 2023-2024 Sign-Up Genius](#). Al conseguir voluntarios con tiempo, podremos mantenernos organizados y conectados con la comunidad. Fíjese en la lista para oportunidades para brindar su ayuda. ¡Gracias por su apoyo!

Supervisor/a de locales para el programa extracurricular de Explorers

¿Está disponible de 2:20 a 3:30 de la tarde los lunes, miércoles y/o viernes? ¡Genial! Necesitamos un/a voluntariado/a de confianza para asegurarse que las clases del Glenfield Explorers estén funcionando sin problemas. Por favor, envíe un email a ptapres@glenfieldpta.org si desea participar como supervisor/a.

¡NOTICIAS DEL PUEBLO!

F-A-M-E en el sector sur de Montclair (Southend Montclair)

El sábado 16 de septiembre a partir de las 12 hasta las 8pm: El Southend de Montclair presentará su festival de comida, arte, música y diversión (Food-Art-Music-Entertainment). ¡Vea espectáculos increíbles mientras disfruta de la mejor comida local!

*Traducción al Español por Valentina Reyes



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Director of Buildings and Grounds

Subject: Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice
2023 – 2024 School Year

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. The Montclair Board of Education has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the District's IPM Policy included with this notice.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

The IPM Coordinator for **Glenfield School** is:

Name of IPM Coordinator: Mr. Fuquan Brown, Head Custodian

Business Phone number: 973-509-4162

Business Address: Glenfield School, 25 Maple Avenue, Montclair NJ 07042

Name of District IPM Coordinator: Mr. Tyreek Hunter, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Business Phone number: 973-509-4044

Business Address: Buildings and Grounds Department, c/o Hillside School, 54 Orange Road, Montclair, New Jersey, 07042

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (when one is available), of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

As part of a school pest management plan the Montclair Board of Education may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 973-509-4044.

Yours Truly,

Tyreek Hunter
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