

# *Glenfield Middle School*

Weekly Parent Bulletin - September 8, 2023



## **Important Dates:**

9/12- Picture Day during the Day.

9/12- Glenfield Back to School Night 6pm-8pm

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

9/22-Welcome Back BBQ

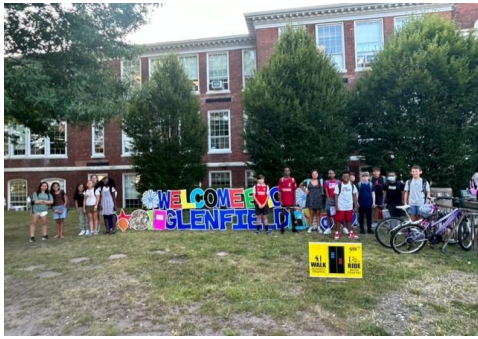
9/25- Schools closed in observance of Yom Kippur

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

## **Welcome Back Clap-in**



Glenfield students experienced a celebrity welcome on Wednesday! The Montclair Police Department, Montclair Fire Department, the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc, Sister to Sister, the Glenfield PTA, building administrators and Glenfield community supporters came to participate in the annual tradition of clapping students into the building at the start of the new school year. As



students walked the path to Glenfield, they were given a “red carpet experience” as they traveled through two aisles of cheering and picture taking adults. Members of the Glenfield faculty, staff and administration would like to extend a special thank you to each of the participating organizations for volunteering their time to participate in a positive, spirit building activity for students. The stage has been set for an amazing school year!

### **Glenfield Back to School Night:**

Back to School Night will take place on Tuesday, September 12th from 6pm to 8pm at Glenfield school. **Doors open at 5:45pm and the Principal’s presentation begins at 6pm in the Auditorium. You enter the building on the circle driveway side going up the steps that are painted like piano keys.** A more detailed schedule is below, but, in summary, families will get the chance to follow their child’s schedule and meet their teachers. **You would benefit from printing out your child’s A-Day schedule or having it on your phone.** The following community partners will also be in attendance to discuss organizations that families and students can become involved with:

- Sister to Sister- Dr. Doris Walker-Bennett
- Brother to Brother- Coach Joe Davis
- Montclair Neighborhood Development Corporation. MNDC/Project Oasis - Reverend Dunn
- Succeed2gether- Cynthia Kitay
- Montclair Police Department- Lieutenant Tyrone Williams
- Montclair Fire Department- Chief John Herrmann
- Montclair Fund for Excellence- Masiel Rodriguez-Vars
- Community Outreach PD - Health Educator Mountainside Hospital-Carolina Ibn Alkadi
- Papasikos Orthodontics
- Glenfield PTA - Dee Thompson
- Glenfield SATp - Dory Hack and Yvette Frazier
- Glenfield No Place for Hate - Anthony Grieco

Unlike in previous years, you will be following your child’s schedule. There will be Peer Leaders stationed throughout the building to help direct traffic.

**What to bring-** A copy of your child's A-Day Schedule (or have it on your phone)

\*During your child's Advisory/Lunch Period- Feel free to check out the tables in the main hallway with our community partners. Also, stop by between ELA/Math presentations.

\*The Child Study Team, the Counselors, Ms. Carrington (111) and Ms. Sims (The Academy-115) will be stationed in their offices throughout the night.

1) **Principal's Presentation in the Auditorium: 6:00-6:15**

2) **Parents will then follow their child's A-Day Schedule for the following:**

Period 1: 6:18-6:25

Period 2: 6:27-6:34 (ELA/Math Class 2/3A meets here\*)

Period 3: 6:36-6:43

Period 4: 6:45-6:52 (ELA/Math Class 3B/4 meets here\*)

Period 5: 6:54- 7:01

Period 6: 7:03-7:10 (ELA/Math 6/7A meets here\*)

Period 7: 7:12- 7:19 (ELA/Math 7/8A meets here\*)

Period 8: 7:21-7:28 (ELA/Math 7B/8 meets here\*)

Period 9: 7:30-7:37 (ELA/Math 8B/9 meets here\*)

3) **Then, families can visit B-Day Electives by location: 7:40-8:00**

Rolandelli-328

Stebbins-113

Ramiccio-324

Boualdja-327

Zapantis- 336

Courtney Anderson-116

Liu-326

Tami-329

Avci-242

Portas-127

Maloy-330

Sprung, Lupfer, Ward, Fuentes-Aud

Washington- 213

Kondreck-103

Wolfson-319

Cohen-105

Weinrib-Library

House Teachers will be in classrooms\*

### **Glenfield Picture Day:**

Glenfield Picture Day occurs during the school day on the 12th. Houses will be called down to the Auditorium in intervals. While students will be given a Picture Day flyer, they do not need to have any order forms or give any payment to the photographers on the day of the pictures. The Photo Company does everything online.

**Website:** Mylifetouch.com

**Picture Day ID:** EVTZ67C2R

### **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.

### **Tardies**

Students were not counted as tardy this week because we did not want them penalized for taking the extra time to learn their way around the building or for getting their morning drop-off routine solidified. Starting next week, 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.

### **Competitive Robotics 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:etami@mpsdnj.us)

**Zoom Information Session:** These will be for all students and parents interested in the 2023 competitive season.

**Meeting Information:**

Topic: 2023 Competitive Robotics Parent and Student Info Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://mpsdnj.zoom.us/j/82556165901>

Meeting ID: 825 5616 5901  
Passcode: 636779

## **Glenny is back!**



Glenny, Glenfield's fan favorite mascot, has returned! Glenny has been "hibernating" since 2019 and now awake and ready to cheer our students on at any event. Keep an eye out for Glenny at future events (wink,wink, nudge,nudge)!

## Glenfield PTA Corner

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

#### Glenfield Explorers

[Glenfield Explorers Fall Program](#) is here! Please take a look at the Fall 2023 class selection. Registration begins on **Sunday, September 10th at 8:00am** and will close on Friday, September 22nd at 9:00pm. Classes will fill up Quickly! Want to donate only? Sure! You can find the [Glenfield Explorers Donation Bucket HERE!](#)

#### PTA Meeting

Glenfield PTA's first meeting of the year will be on **Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00pm** in the Glenfield Auditorium. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### Glenfield's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Welcome Back BBQ Style Picnic

Bring your chairs, blankets and appetites! The **PTA's 2nd Annual Glenfield Welcome Back BBQ** 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

Have you taken 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. Please keep in mind that we'll be periodically updating the Sign-Up Genius. Thanks for your support!

### ALL AROUND TOWN!

#### Montclair Jazz Festival

Saturday, September 9th 1 - 9pm: 8 hours of live music, curated selection of food and merchandise, fun for the whole family. The festival will take to the streets of downtown Montclair. Bloomfield Avenue will be closed to traffic at Grove St. to Midland Ave.