



Glen Burnie Park Press

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Dear Glen Burnie Park Families,

Fall has arrived (and winter is coming quickly!). With the change in time and weather, sticking to routines is even more important. Children thrive on knowing and understanding expectations. This is equally important at school and home.

November is going to be a very busy month for us. We are planning to move into our new addition in the next two months. The second phase of creating classroom space will occur immediately after. Once the entire renovation is completed, we will schedule an Open House so that families can come take a peek and walkthrough. This won't be until February of 2020.

In the meantime, please consider joining us for **National Parent Involvement Day**. Flyers were sent home inviting parents to participate in an activity in classrooms. It is a wonderful way to see what and how your children are learning every day!

Our Kindness Club has planned an exciting event on **World Kindness Day!** Not only are we wearing our class colors (see the chart on Page 3), we will come together on the blacktop to create a rainbow of kindness, showing that no matter our differences, we all come together as one! Topping off our day of celebrating kindness is our Kindness Dance! This new event will include a DJ, glow sticks, and pizza! What's not to love! Join us for an evening of fun and togetherness.

Last, I can't help but be reminded in November that this is the time to show how grateful we are. Thanksgiving isn't just a day, but a time to reflect on what is good in our lives. I am thankful for all of you! Glen Burnie Park is a unique community that is truly there for each other! The compassion and selflessness shown is beyond measure. We are lucky to have the teachers and staff that we do...those that go above and beyond every single day to give all that they can and are to our children. And so, thank you families, for being partners in our common goal and for being the community that puts educating our children first!

Happy Thanksgiving.

*Respectfully,
Colleen McFarland*

Caught with Character
Trait of the Month
is
Compassion

Helping someone and showing
you care about their feelings.



Dates to Remember	
November	
4	Kindness Club – 8:00 am
4	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm
7 & 8	End of First Quarter 2 hour Early Dismissal
11	Spirit Day – Veteran's Day – Wear Red, White, Blue or Camouflage
13	World Kindness Day – Wear class color
13	Kindness Glow Dance – 6:00 pm
20	Report Cards Sent home
20	Squisito's Night – 4:00 – 9:00 pm
21	Parent Involvement Day
27-29	Happy Thanksgiving School closed
December	
2	Kindness Club – 8:00 am
2	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm
5	Unity Day 2 – Wear Orange
5	2 Hour Early Dismissal
6	PTO Breakfast w/Santa 6 – 8 pm
11	Winter Music Concert
13	Interims sent home
18	Spirit Day – Ugly Sweater
20	Polar Express Day – Wear PJs
Dec 23 – Jan 1	Winter Break School closed
January	
2	Welcome to 2020!
20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day School closed
28-29	End of Second Quarter 2 hour Early Dismissal
30	School closed for students
31	Third Quarter begins

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New Faces at GBPE – Meet our new Fourth Grade Team!



Mrs. Epperson

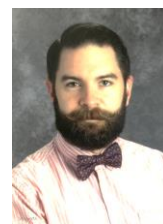
I spent many years teaching environmental education. My first passion is science and the outdoors. When I am not lesson planning, I am outside watching birds; riding my bike on long bike camping trips; or hiking at our state parks. I recently installed several young bluegill from the state hatchery in my classroom. The kids are so excited to feed the fish and observe their behavior!

Hello! I am originally from Charles County but recently spent 13 years in Buffalo, NY. I received my Masters in Childhood Education from Canisius College. I have 2 children, Damien who is 25 and Anna who is 23. I also am a first time Gram to my beautiful granddaughter Charlotte Adele. I've also been married for 30 years to my husband Bart.

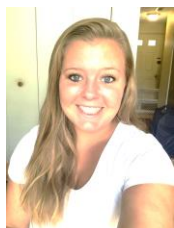


Mrs. Hoffman

I'm married with a 9 month old son. I served 5 years in the Marine Corps. I founded the Anne Arundel Marble Players and serve as the emcee of the National Marbles Tournament every summer. I hope to start an afterschool marbles club at GBPES in the future.



Mr. Watson



Ms. Murphy

Hi! I'm a Towson University graduate with my bachelor's in Elementary Education. I love spending time with my dog, my friends, and my family. I'm so happy to be teaching fourth grade and I look forward to having an amazing rest of the school year! Go tigers!

First in Math Challenge

Our First in Math students (2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders) have been working on their VIF's (Very Important Facts). The October Challenge was for 2nd and 3rd graders to complete their Addition VIFs and 4th and 5th graders to complete their Multiplication VIFs by October 31st. Students who completed this challenge will have a Pajama Day on November 8th as their prize!

Keep up the great work, Mathematicians! If you didn't get it this time, you can on the November Challenge!

World Kindness Day – November 13th

To celebrate World Kindness Day, we have two events occurring on November 13th. During school, each grade level should wear the class color assigned to them:

Pre-K = White	3 rd Grade = Yellow
Kindergarten = Purple	4 th Grade = Orange
1 st Grade = Blue	5 th Grade = Red
2 nd Grade = Green	



The evening of November 13th our Kindness Club will be hosting a Kindness Glow Dance here at GBPE.

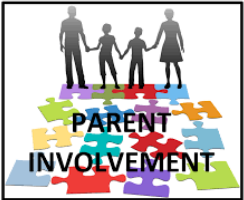
- Doors open at 5:45 pm and the Dance is from 6:00 -7:00 pm.
- Tickets are \$3 per student and \$2 per adult and can be purchased at the door starting at 5:30 pm. Each ticket includes entry to the dance, dinner (pizza, chips, and drink), and a glow stick!
- Extra snacks, drinks, and glow sticks will be available for purchase

Lights will be out and we will glow with Kindness!



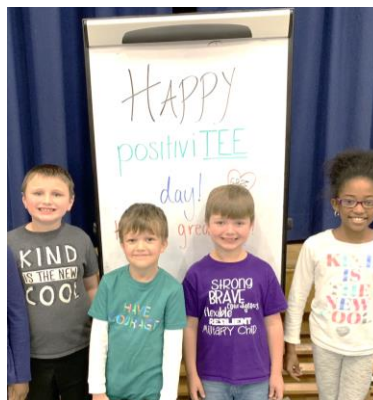
National Parental Involvement Day: November 21

We are celebrating National Parental Involvement Day by inviting you to your child's classroom for a visit! If you are interested in reading a book to the class, playing an educational game with a small group, or just want to sit in and observe, look for the sign-up form in your child's Wednesday Folder. Every visitor must bring their license in order to be signed into the school.



Look for the RSVP form in your child's Wednesday folder. RSVPs must be received by Monday, November 18th so that our office and your child's teacher can plan for your visit! We look forward to seeing you!

TWEETS of the Month



Unity Day



Hard Hat Zone

The time has come! We are packing and preparing. Our excitement is contagious!

With the tiles laid and walls painted fresh, bright white, the finishing touches are being put on our new addition this month! Students can barely wait to see what is going on behind the walls! Our anticipated move was pushed by just a few weeks, but we know it will be worth the wait!

Occurring this month is the unveiling of our new playground area and equipment. Throughout the project, a portion of the blacktop has been closed off. Last week, the remaining blacktop was closed so that contractors could replace the lone playground equipment with two new structures. Students (and teachers) highly anticipate the return of our play areas!

A special thanks to MSDE and AACPS for entertaining my proposal and believing in the need for this program addition, and for seeing it through!

