

# Glenburn Public School Newsletter

## February 2024

### Superintendents Notes

#### Give your child the time and space to think critically (Elementary)

Critical thinking—the ability to go beyond basic knowledge and consider “the bigger picture”—is a crucial skill for school success. The better students are able to think critically, the more deeply they will grasp new concepts and ideas.

To promote these skills:

- Let your child figure things out. Resist the urge to solve every problem. Instead, give her time to work through problems herself. If she’s forgotten what she is supposed to do for homework, don’t offer to email the teacher. Instead, ask, “How could you find out?” Can she call a classmate? Look over last night’s assignment for clues? Give her space to come up with a plan.
- Discuss current events. Is there a news story that might interest her? Print out an article and chat about it over dinner. Find out what she thinks about the issue, but don’t stop there. Once she’s shared her opinion, press her a bit. “I can see how you feel about this. But why do you think other people might feel differently?”
- Encourage reflection. Once your child completes a big project for school, talk about it. Ask her, “How difficult was it to finish? Did you give yourself enough time to complete it?” Regardless of how the project went, reflecting on the process will help her hone her critical-thinking skills.

#### Teach your middle schooler to make decisions in 5 steps (Junior High)

Decision-making can be a tough process for middle schoolers. However, there are few skills more important in school and in life than learning to make wise decisions.

Teach your child to follow these steps:

1. Get the facts. Let’s say he has been asked to look after a neighbor’s dog for the weekend. He should find out exactly what he will need to do. How often will he need to feed and walk the dog? At what times?
2. Anticipate conflicts. Your child has to study this weekend. He’s also been invited to watch a friend’s soccer tournament. Can he do both and still care for the dog? If the dog needs to be let out several times during the day and the soccer tournament lasts all day, your child will have to choose between the two.
3. Consider the consequences of each choice. If he skips the tournament, will his friend be upset? If he turns down the job, will the neighbor ask another person to care for the dog in the future?
4. Come up with alternatives. Perhaps your child can explain to his friend that he is trying to get steady work caring for the dog. Could he come watch his friend play in a soccer game next weekend instead?
5. Accept that decisions may have downsides. If your child decides to miss the tournament and care for the dog, he is giving up time with a friend. But he is gaining a chance to look after the dog when his neighbor travels. Sometimes good decisions require a small sacrifice



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## Glenburn to Host Pacesetter Volleyball Camp

July 30-August 1

Glenburn school will host a Pacesetter Volleyball Camp for all players entering grades 6-12 Tuesday-Thursday, July 30-August 1 at the Glenburn Public School gym.

All players entering grades 9-12 will meet from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and all players entering grades 6-8 will meet from 1:00-4:00 p.m. daily. Space is limited, so families are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Players registered by May 15 will receive a free camp t-shirt.

All players will receive a strong program of teaching. The Pacesetter "Fundamentals for Champions" program stresses a solid foundation of instruction, followed by drills to simulate game situations, and games to help develop the skills into a habit.

Pacesetter Sports is the Midwest leader in providing high-quality, low-cost programs. The Pacesetter staff is comprised of former state champions, college coaches, or highly successful high school coaches who love teaching volleyball to young people. Paceset-

ter focuses on teaching the most important skills to make the greatest possible improvement in a few days...for a cost most families can afford. This summer marks Pacesetter's 45th season.

Register at [www.pacesettersports.net](http://www.pacesettersports.net).

Interested players or parents may also contact Pacesetter directly at 320-243-7460, or email [info@pacesetternet.com](mailto:info@pacesetternet.com).

Local Contact: Glenburn volleyball head coach, Sierra Hansen at the school 701-362-7426



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Just a reminder Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on February 15, 2024. Conference time is from 3:00-9:00, with the high school having supper from 5:30-6:00 and the elementary from 6:00-6:30. Also, February 16, 2024 there will be **no school**.

drive until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November with all donations going first, to the Glenburn Food Pantry and clothing Closet, and second to the Matthew 25 Project in Minot

Data and testing update, greater Math

Grant, and CREA (from Mrs. Morse)

The Drama team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Region and qualified for State. Mr. Spitzer would like to have another public performance on Friday evening at 7 pm

The Juniors went to the Minot Career Expo as I reported they would be doing but Mrs. Walker's feedback about our students needs to be recognized and those students commended

Staff Sgt. Kenney will be here to visit with our juniors tomorrow before their ASVAB on the 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Superintendent's Report (Larry Derr)**

CREA Superintendent Meeting – I did not attend this month as I was at my son's root canal appointment. NW Sups did not meet in November

Esser II – we did not spend all of our ESSER II funds. Instead we have used our Literacy Grant and will use our Math Grant for the big budget items instead of ESSER monies. I will email DPI tomorrow and let them know for sure. I did notify them in September that this was going to be the case. This money just gets turned back into DPI

Buses – This is an agenda item but I wanted to touch on it here first. We have a shortage of CDL drivers that I don't foresee getting any better. This puts us in the situation of having to use all of our short buses on routes, sometimes we have had to split the big routes into 2 short buses. We have been able to do

this because our NE Lansford short bus route normally does not have any riders. They have been driving themselves or parents have been bringing them down. We have gotten prices for National Bus Sales out of Tulsa, Oklahoma. They have a 2020 14 passenger bus with less than 8k miles for \$94,900. We would have to do a bid on the new ones, I would have to check on the used one to see if we need to bid it. Just a thought and it's on the agenda to see if you want me to move forward with it.

Breakfast – The administrators will be cooking breakfast on Wednesday at 7:30am in the multi-purpose room. You all are invited to come and eat if you are able.

SRO – received another grant for \$125,000 to keep our SRO.

Gibbons was hired at \$15.00/hr for the evening janitor

**Board President's Report (Jamee Hansen)** – buses on new business, and thank you card for Farden Construction

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A.) Open Enrollments and Tuition Free Agreements – none

B.) Buses – Hensen made a motion to look into getting two short buses and/ or lease buses, Heit seconded; roll call vote was taken; with all voting yes; motion carried.

C.) Superintendent Evaluation – Hensen asked the board if they are ok with her voting on the superintendent evaluation; all voted yes. The evaluation for Superintendent Derr for school year 2023-24 was conducted with the following areas evaluated as follows:

**I. Relationship with Board**

Hensen moved to give Superintendent Derr a satisfactory in this area, Heit seconded; roll

Hensen moved to adjourn the meeting, Heit seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Jamee Hansen, Board President  
Jennifer Hansen, Business Manager

GLENBURN PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 2023 6:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jamee Hansen. Other members present were Dianne Hensen, Scott Heit and Tyler Mickelson. Quorum was established. Also present were Superintendent Larry Derr and Business Manager Jennifer Hansen.

Others attending the meeting were Principal James Swegarden, Principal Layne Fluhrer, Fran Llewellyn (GEA), and Emily Schaefer (GEA).

**Voluntary Recital of The Pledge of Allegiance**

**Mission Statement**

**AGENDA:**

Hensen moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of ABAD (Virtual School) from Board Policy, Cunningham seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Heit moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2023 Regular meeting, Cunningham seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Cunningham moved to approve the November 2023 General Fund revenue report of \$62,099.00, November 2023 General Fund expenditure report of \$364,916.42 (ck #'s 74072 -74143, direct deposit stub #'s 18841-18967), and the accounts payable bills to be paid of \$43,695.06; Mickelson seconded, roll call vote was taken with all voting yes; motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Negotiations** (Cunningham, Heit) none  
**School Improvement** (Heit) – Ms. Llewellyn spoke about the MTTs and Ms. Schaefer

spoke about Cognia, Heit got prices on sweepers

**Policy Committee** (Hensen) – new business  
**School Facility Committee** (Mickelson) - none

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Elementary Principal's Report – Layne Fluhrer**

Field Trips – 4<sup>th</sup> grade going to Discovery Center and PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> to bowling alley on base next Tuesday for Christmas party

Reading Scores – 10 students moved from Strategic to Benchmark and 18 students moved from Intensive to Strategic. August to November scores

Collete Cunningham observed primary grades last week – meet tomorrow to go over what she observed. Looked at our language art teaching – see if we meet the 5 big ideas of science of reading

Teachers have done a great job of navigating all the new things we have done

**AD**

GBB 1-5 right now, play Ray tonight, have had to play some 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders up on JV

BBB first game is tomorrow night against Powers Lake, CNDC tourney Thursday through Friday this week

JH GBB will be finishing up next week

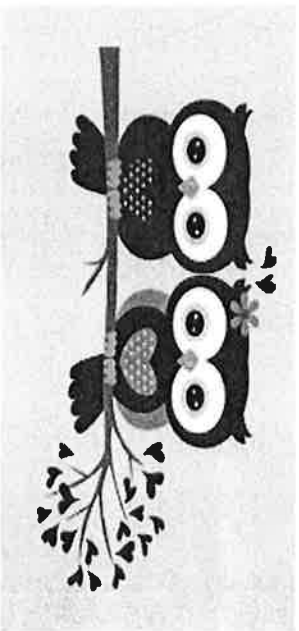
JH BBB will be starting practice January 4, 2024

**High School Principal's Report – James Swegarden**

Enrollment – 100 students

Student Council had the clothing drive and now it is time to deliver. They will be taking items to the Matthew Project tomorrow and Glenburn Clothing Pantry on Wednesday

Drama team did not make the championship round but was a great year for our kids and our coach, John Spitzer  
Jazz band will be performing for the



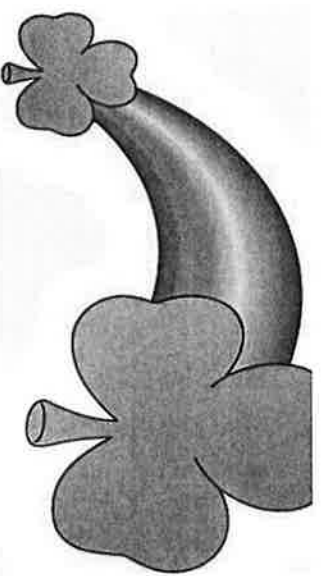
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 JV/V BBB @ Drake 5:45/7:15	2 Early Out 1:00pm JV/V GBB @ Kenmare 5:45/7:15 7/8 BBB @ Kenmare 3:30/4:30 JV/V BBB vs Veba 5:45/7:00	3 Speech Meet—Minot
4	5 JV/V BBB vs Harvey 5:45/7:15 7/8 BBB vs Harvey 3:30/4:30	6 V-GBB play in game— TBD 7/8 BBB @ South Prairie 4:00/5:00	7 Elem Spelling Bee in Mohall	8 7/8 BBB @ Mohall 3:30/4:30	9 Magic City Jazz festival	10 Speech Meet—Kenmare Magic City Jazz Festival JV/V BBB @ Ray 11:00/12:30
11	12 JV/V BBB vs Westhope 5:45/7:15 (Senior Night) 7/8 BBB vs Westhope 3:30/4:30 SB Meeting @ 6:00pm	13 JV/V BBB @ Tioga 5:45/7:15	14 Elem Spelling Bee in Glenburn	15 PT Conferences 3:00- 9:00 pm 7-BBB vs Veba 4:15	16 NO SCHOOL 7/8 BBB vs Mohall 4:00/5:00	17 BBB District Play in Game—TBD Speech Meet—Nedrose
18	19 NO SCHOOL CREA PD DAY GBB REGION TOURNEY @ AUDITORIUM	20 8-BBB vs Berthold 4:00	21 🐻🐻🐻🐻🐻🐻	22 7/8 BBB vs Surrey 4:00/5:00	23 District BBB @ Auditorium	24 GBB State Qualifier New Town Speech Meet—Burke Central
25	26 District BBB Tourney @ Auditorium	27	28	29 GBB State @ Jamestown		

# February Menu 2024

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Breakfast comes with fruit and milk				1 Breakfast sandwiches	2 Carmel rolls, yogurt	3
	Lunch comes with milk, fruit, and salad bar				Chicken patty sandwiches, veggies	Hot dogs, potato salad	
4		5 Cereal, yogurt, muffin	6 Pop tart	7 Biscuit gravy, hash browns	8 Cheese omelet, fruit	9 Pancakes, sausage patty, fruit	10
		Chicken Alfredo, bread sticks, peas	Soft shell taco, veggies	Corn dogs, french fries, veggies	Beef veg soup, bread roll	Pizza, breadstick, veggies	
11		12 Cereal, blueberry muffin	13 Pop Tart	14 Breakfast burrito, tater tots	15 Breakfast pizza, fruit	16 NO SCHOOL	17
		Ham sandwich, chips, veggies	Nachos, corn	Cheese lasagna rolls, garlic bread	Chicken nuggets, mac cheese, veggies		
18		19 NO SCHOOL	20 Pop tart	21 Bagels, cream cheese, fruit	22 Scrambled eggs, toast, bacon	23 French toast, fruit	24
		Taco in a bag, corn		BBQ pulled pork, veggies	Scalloped potatoes ham, peas	Hamburgers, chips, veggies	
25		26 Cereal, fruit	27 Pop tarts	28 Oatmeal, fruit	29 Egg, bacon, hash browns		
		Grill cheese, tomato soup	Chicken fajitas, veggies	Cheese quesadilla, veggies	Chili, cornbread		
							MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

# March 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Early Out 1:00pm	2 Speech Meet — Gar- rison
					STATE GBB IN MINOT	
3	4	5	6	7	8 7/8 BBB vs Kenmare 4:00/5:00	9 BBB State Qualifiers @ New Town 7-BBB Tourney @ Glenburn—TBD Speech Meet—Glenburn
	Regional BBB in Minot		Region Large Group			
10	11 SB Meeting @ 6:00p.m	12	13 End 3rd Quarter	14	15	16
				SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL 	State BBB in Minot	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					ND All State Music @ Bismarck	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					NO SCHOOL GOOD FRIDAY	
31 EASTER						