

Glenburn Public School Newsletter

November 2023

Superintendent Report

November brings unpredictable weather. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather to change at a moments notice. We will be using our Instant Alert system and our Facebook page to notify you of late starts, early outs, or cancellations due to weather. Please make sure your information is updated with instant alert.

Five strategies to give your child's vocabulary a boost! (Elementary)

Reading at home is one of the best ways to boost your child's vocabulary. That's because reading exposes your child to new ideas, concepts and words.

Here are five effective strategies that will help you increase your child's vocabulary:

1. Read different kinds of books to your child. If you usually read fiction, go to the library and get a book that explains how something works instead. Check out a book about a sport or activity your child enjoys. Or, read a biography about a person she admires.

2. Look for words your child might not know as you read. "It says here that George Washington went to school to become a surveyor. What do you think that word means?"

3. Listen for new words as you're watching TV. News programs often include words your child may not know. "Have you ever heard the word tsunami before? Let's look it up to see what it means."

4. Pull out the thesaurus. Find synonyms for words your child uses often when writing or

speaking.

5. Help your child create her own dictionary. All you need is a notebook with a page for each letter. When your child discovers a new word that she wants to remember, have her write it and its definition in the notebook. Review those words from time to time.

Help your middle schooler set or renew academic goals (Junior High)

Now that the school year is humming at full speed, you and your child probably have a better idea of where his strengths are and where he needs to improve.

Take some time to talk with your child about setting goals for the remainder of the school year. While he should be the one to set his goals, your support and guidance will help him succeed.

Encourage your child to:

- Be realistic. If he has struggled in the past, bringing every grade up to an A in one quarter may not be a realistic goal. Encourage him to identify his most important needs, and set goals to improve those.
- Write down goals. One study found that when people wrote down their goals, they were 33% more successful in achieving them than those who didn't write them down.
- Plan. Accomplishing goals takes vision, effort and time. If bringing up a science grade will take an extra 30 minutes of study each night, your child may need to cut down on time spent on other activities.

· Check. He should check on his progress every few weeks. How is he doing? What changes, if any, should he make? At the end of the quarter or semester, your child should review his goals again. He should figure out a maintenance plan for goals he's met, an action plan for those he hasn't and an exploration plan for new goals.

This five-step process can bolster your teen's writing (High School)

Writing is a key skill for success in nearly every subject, and is also a critical part of many college applications. So how can you help your teen strengthen her writing skills?

Research shows that five steps help teens improve their writing:

1. Prepare. Your teen should spend time brainstorming and listing key points to include. Or, she can try writing for 10 minutes. This will help her figure out what she already knows about the topic.
2. Research. Your teen can search online, read newspaper articles, or get help at the library. The extra research will deepen her understanding and make her writing more interesting.
3. Make an outline. Teens hate this step—but it works. Have your teen try different kinds of outlines. The traditional numbers-and-letters outline works well for some teens. Others prefer a tree or even a series of connected circles.
4. Write more than one draft. The first draft is the “down draft”—it's the time for your teen to get her ideas down on paper. Once it's finished, she should set it aside for a while. When your teen comes back to it, she may have ideas for how to rephrase or reorganize.
5. Proofread. Your teen should read over her final draft and check for any spelling or grammatical errors.

Winter Bus Expectations

Any student that rides a school bus is expected to have the following when they get on the bus: Winter coat, hat, gloves, and boots.

If a bus has issues it won't take long for it to get cold on the bus. The bus drivers may send your child back to the house if they are not properly dressed for the weather. We live in North Dakota where the weather is very unpredictable, especially this time of year.



HS Principal Report

We made it to the 2nd quarter and it seems like this school year is just flying by. Our drama team is working diligently for their competition piece and performances and our Volleyball and Football teams are wrapping up their seasons with tournament time. There are a number of initiatives that our staff continue to work on to improve our school and will be working with students and parents gathering input and feedback. If you are interested in being part of this improvement opportunity please contact me at the school.

The following attendance information is continued from the October newsletter. It is an article done by American University on absenteeism.

Attendance (Continued from last month)

Arguably the most important study of absenteeism data collected in the US was the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC), a biennial report from the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) division. The first CRDC study to collect absenteeism data was conducted during the 2013-2014 school year and released in 2016. It marked the first national study of chronic absences and provided hard evidence of the negative effects of chronic absenteeism.

Chronic absenteeism data is no longer collected by OCR (the Education Department continues to collect absence data through its EdFacts Division), but information collected about absences as part of the 2018 CRDC (2015-2016 school year data) continues to serve as a valuable resource for researchers and policymakers studying absenteeism.

The shift from OCR-collected data to EdFacts also marked an important change to attendance data: the definition of chronic absenteeism went from missing at least 15 days of school in a year to missing 10 percent or more of a school year. This change helps to standardize the metric used by federal, state, and local education authorities.

ESSA

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015, a reauthorization of the landmark Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, included important requirements for school absenteeism reporting. The law requires all states to include chronic absence data in their school report cards.

It also requires states to select five metrics by which to measure performance in their schools; four of the performance indicators must be focused on academic achievement, but the fifth is a nonacademic metric. Chronic absenteeism was chosen as the nonacademic indicator by 36 states and the District of Columbia.

Such a broad adoption of absenteeism as a performance indicator reflects growing recognition of the importance of attendance. It also lays the groundwork for addressing the problem. ESSA state plans include strategies for

using federal funds to improve attendance through such measures as improved health services, greater family engagement, and teacher training.

School Attendance Facts

Even a cursory look at national attendance data reveals that the problem is widespread. The following attendance facts come from the CRDC that was released in 2018:

More than seven million students in the US —16 percent of the student population— missed 15 or more days of school.

Approximately 800 school districts reported more than 30 percent of their students missed at least three weeks of school.

Chronic absenteeism rates are highest in high schools, where about one in five students is chronically absent.

More than 20 percent of students were chronically absent in six states (Alaska, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Washington) and the District of Columbia. Every state had schools that reported 10 percent or more of students as chronically absent.

As the weather is starting to get colder, please make sure students are dressing warmly for the drive or ride to school. Don't forget jackets, hats, gloves, and scarves. Let's stay safe and warm!!

Thank you to all parents/guardians that attended parent teacher conferences!

A partnership is key to your student's success. It was a pleasure having you at our school! If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact us.

As the weather is starting to get colder, please make sure students are dressing warm for school. Don't forget the jackets, hats, gloves, and scarves. Let's stay safe and warm!!

Contacting the school

If your child is going to be absent or there is a need for winter closure please make sure the school has your most up to date telephone number on file. We will send out alerts to the

number on file to notify you of winter weather school closings or dismissal and attendance or tardy texts. With the weather the way it is in North Dakota we want to make sure every student is accounted for every day first thing in the morning.

Mark Your Calendars / Dates to remember
The Junior class will be attending the Minot Career Expo on Wednesday, November 8th
NO SCHOOL Friday November 10th
and November 23rd & 24th for Thanksgiving
Girls Basketball starts Monday, November 13th
Boys basketball starts Monday, November 27th
Juniors will be taking the ASVAB on Wednesday, November 29th

Elementary Principal Report

Layne Fluhrer

Happy Fall Season from our Elementary. It has been a great year so far.

Our skill building time has been implemented this year and we are exciting to see our Math and Reading scores increasing.

Reading is the key to success in academics. We encourage all parents to read with their children at home. Areas we are attacking are the phonological sounds of words and reading comprehension. The more practice each student does will help impact them with their reading.

The weather has changed. Please make sure our elementary kids have winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats, and gloves. If they ride the bus, please make sure they are wearing all of their gear on the bus. If you have extra winter gear at home and are looking to get rid of it, the school will always accept donations of

winter gear. Gloves and hats are always misplaced and we are always trying to scrounge up more so the kids have proper gear.

We wish you have a great Fall Season and look forward to the finishing this first half of the year on a high note!

AD

Layne Fluhrer

Our Fall sports are still competing as we are in tournament time for both Football and Volleyball. Football is 10-0 on the year and hosts Grant County in the Quarterfinals. Volleyball is starting the district tournament in Minot and is going into the tournament as the 7th seed. JH GBB will be starting soon and will be running through the middle of December. GBB will be starting November 13th. BBB will be starting after the Thanksgiving Break.

Just a reminder for our winter sports. The activities our kids participate in are extensions of the classroom. Please help us by showing good sportsmanship and encourage our teams in a positive manner.

PantherNation have a great Fall Season and we look forward to seeing you all at all our extra-curricular activities!

MTSS

Message from Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Coordinator Fran Llewellyn

I recently faced a “not being able to read situation”. I flew to Boston to board a cruise ship which was taking me to Acadia National Park and other adventures. After we landed and were walking to retrieve our luggage, I was a

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bit nervous about how I was going to get from the airport to the ship. Between the luggage and nervous me was a person holding a big sign which read “Norwegian Cruise Line Passengers: after you get your luggage wait here for the shuttle to take you to the ship”. Phew! No more worries about that. Leaving the ship in Quebec City, Canada to board an airplane to fly home, however, was a different story. The signs were in French and the people were speaking French. Luckily there were two passengers near us that spoke French and English who guided me to where I needed to be. I readily admit I was more than a bit nervous about the inability to read the signs. It reminded me though of why Glenburn School has put MTSS into place for our students. To travel through the classrooms of Glenburn School and through their options and choices in life, our students need to be able to read the “signs”. Literacy Skills has been functioning since day one this fall. Each student with the help of every teacher and paraprofessional is spending 20 minutes each day working diligently toward improving their reading level.

The Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Committee has just completed its first full year of working toward putting a system in place which ensures each child the opportunity to improve reading and math skills. This committee work takes from 3 to 5 years to fully complete. Once completed the system is evaluated and continues to be improved and needed changes are made. Twenty minutes of Literacy Skills will be an ongoing activity with math skills being added soon. The staff of Glenburn School are excited about the possibilities MTSS opens to our students. We will all continue to do our best.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jamee Hansen. Other board members present were Dianne Hensen, and Tyler Mickelson. Quorum was established. Also present was Superintendent Larry Derr and Business Manager Jennifer Hansen. Others attending the meeting were James Swe-garden, Rebecca Young (GEA), and Toni Barth (GEA).

AGENDA: Hensen made a motion to approve the agenda. Mickelson seconded; motion carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Hansen moved to approve, as presented, the minutes of the August 8, 2022 Regular School Board meeting with a name correction. Mickelson seconded; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Hensen moved to approve, as presented, the August 2023 General Fund revenue report of \$573,466.75, August 2023 General Fund expenditure report of \$359,471.65(ck #'s 73862-73934), direct deposit stub #'s 18507-18593), and the General Fund accounts payable bills for September 2023 to be paid of \$50,307.30, Mickelson seconded; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Negotiations- (Cunningham) - none

Policy Committee-(Hensen) policies on hold till approval

School Improvement- (Heit) – none

Facility- (Mickelson) – ice machine fixed, bus 15 hit a deer taken to Westlie Truck for repairs/quote

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Elementary Principal’s Report (Layne Fluhner)

155 students

Skill Building Time – we are working

out all the kinks and getting the kinds into groups, has to wait for final groups for Map Testing to conclude

MAPS Testing will finish on Friday
6th graders went to Mouse River Park last Wednesday for ECO ED

New teachers all have been a great addition to our staff

AD Report

Football – 4-0 in Region Play, Play Tioga in Westhope on Friday Night,

Homecoming in Glenburn is Sept 22
Volleyball – received 2nd play in the Silver Division in the Glenburn Tournament, had 14 teams competing, TGU won Gold, Drake/Anamoose won Silver

JH VB and PWBBB are both off and running – they have improved so much in the last couple of weeks

Golf – State Qualifier is today in Minot (Samantha Farden competing)

High School Principal's Report (James Swegarden)

97 students

Took time for Sept 11 message this morning

We were able to find and hire an additional paraprofessional for our one2one student

Mrs. Walker and I met today with Mr. Derr to get a better plan, direction and score for our Choice Ready framework expectations

3 Tier attendance model is off and rolling. Attendance team is in place and the process has begun (met with first 2 student at 5 absences)

Cell phones: update (arguing for more restrictive-ness (this has been too funny))

New Teacher (Mr. Carlson and Mr. Renfrow) have acclimated well to our culture and environment. Both seem to connect well with our kids and I feel very lucky to have them on our Team.

Seniors will be attending a career exploration event at MSU on Wednesday; Futurepalooza

The Student Council is planning Homecoming; coronation will be held at 2:30 on Monday the 18th, and the annual parade will be Friday the 22nd starting at 1:30. If you or anyone/any business you know would like to participate in the parade, please let them know that they can show up at 1:00 pm for the line-up.

I will be attending the LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence) digital threat assessment training in Garrison on Monday, September 18 (flyer)

Superintendent's Report (Larry Derr)

Board Policy KACA

Chain of Command (Teacher Handbook)

Charter Bus update

CREA Superintendent Round Table – new cyber security legislation

NW Superintendents – MSU presented on their hometown pride scholarship. Right now the scholarship focuses on high school graduates. In 2024 it will include K-12 educators from the hometown pride region that are enrolled in a Master's Program at MSU

NDHSAA Board Update

NDSBA Conference – Oct 26-27 in Bismarck

Board President's Report (Jamee Hansen)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) Open enrollments/tuition free agreements- Hensen moved to approve the applications, Mickelson seconded; roll call vote was taken with all voting yes; motion carried.

B.) Annual Compliance Report 2023-2024- Hensen made a motion to approve the compliance report, Mickelson seconded; roll call vote was taken with all voting yes; motion carried.

C.) Approve Final Annual Financial Report 2023-2024 – Mickelson moved to approve the Financial Report, Hensen seconded; roll call vote was taken with all voting yes; motion carried.

D.) 2023-2024 Budget & Mill Tax Levy– Hensen moved to approve the 2023-2024 District Budget & Tax Levy, Mickelson seconded; roll call vote was taken with all voting yes; motion carried.

E.) SRO Update

F.) Para – Hensen made a motion to approve Mia Forbes as a new para; Mickelson seconded; roll call vote was taken with all voting yes; motion carried

H.) Para – Mickelson made a motion to approve Addison Taylor as a para; Hensen seconded; roll call vote taken with all voting yes; motion carried.

Hensen moved to adjourn, Mickelson seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Jamee Hansen, Board President
Jennifer Hansen, Business Manager




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Early Out 1:00pm	4 NW Music Festival @ MSU
5	6 VB Regionals @ Minot Aud.	7	8 Career Expo for Juniors/ Seniors	9 One Act Play @ MSU—TBD	10 Veterans Day NO SCHOOL	11
12	13 JV/V GBB—first day of practice SB Meeting @6:00pm	14 7/8 GBB @ ORCS 4:00/5:00	15	16	17 7/8 GBB vs Berthold 4:00/5:00	18 7- GBB Tourney @ Glenburn
19	20	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24 STATE VOLLEYBALL IN BISMARCK NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 JV/V BBB—First day of practice BBB—First Day Practice	28 JV/V GBB vs McLean 5:45/7:15 7/8 GBB vs Kenmare 4:00/4:50:00	29 ASVAB Testing—Juniors @ 10:30am	30 GBB CNDC @ Rugby 8th GBB Tournament @ Nedrose		

December 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Elementary Christmas Concert 7:00pm HS Gym 7/8 GBB @ Newburg 3:30/ 4:30		JV/IV GBB vs Tioga 5:45/7:15 7 GBB @ Surrey 4:00	CDNC GBB Tourney in Rugby—TBD	8th GBB Nedrose Tournament
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	JV/IV GBB vs Ray 5:45/7:15 SB Meeting @ 6:00pm 7/8 GBB @ Kenmare 4:00/5:00 Student Council Convention—Bismarck	JV/IV BBB vs Powers Lake 5:45/7:15 7/8 GBB vs Powers Lake 3:30/4:30		JV/IV GBB @ Berthold 5:45/7:15 7/8 GBB @ Berthold TBD		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	HS Christmas Program 7:00pm New Gym 7/8 GBB @ Mohall 4:00/5:00	JV/IV GBB @ Drake 5:45/7:15		JV/IV GBB vs Harvey 5:45/7:15	Christmas Break Begins	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	JV/IV BBB @ Underwood—TBD		
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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year!	2 JV/V GBB vs Westhope 5:45/7:15	3 Classes Resume	4 JV/V BBB vs Kenmare 5:45/7:15	5 Early Out 1:00pm JV/V GBB @ South Prairie TBD JV/V BBB @ SP—TBD	6
7	8 SB Meeting @ 6:00pm	9 JV/V GBB vs MLS 5:45/7:15 JV/V BBB vs MLS—TBD	10	11 JV/V BBB @ Surrey 5:45/7:15	12 JV/V GBB @ Surrey 5:45/7:15	13
14	15 Early Out PD 1:00pm JV/V BBB vs Velva 5:45/7:15	16 JV/V GBB vs Velva 5:45/7:15	17	18 JV/V GBB @ Towner 5:45/7:15	19 JV/V BBB @ Towner 5:45/7:15	20
21 UND Honor Band	22 JV/V GBB @ ORCS 5:45/7:15	23 JV/V BBB @ ORCS 5:45/7:15	24	25	26 JV/V GBB vs Ryan 5:45/7:15 JV/V BBB vs Ryan—TBD	27
28	29 JV/V GBB @ Powers Lake 5:45/7:15	30 JV/V BBB @ Berthold 5:45/7:15	31			