

# GLADE GAZETTE GLADE PTA NEWSLETTER

September 19, 2019



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## School Calendar

(Dates & Times Subject to Change)

Date	Event	Time
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
20	Schools Closed – Fair Day	
23	Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
25	Girls on the Run Volunteer Training	3:45-5:15 6:30-7:30
26	Band Day – bring your instrument	
27	PTA Movie Night, Cafeteria	7:00
30	Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
1	Picture Day Chess Club, Gr. 4 & 5, Media Center	3:45-5:00
2	Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
3	Band Day – bring your instrument Bike & Walk to School Day	
7	Girls on the Run PTA Meeting, Media Center	3:45-5:15 7:00
8	2-Hour Early Dismissal <i>(AM PreK 9-10:30 PM PreK 12-1:30)</i>	9:00-1:30
9	Schools Closed – Yom Kippur	
10	Band Day – bring your instrument	
14	Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
15	Chess Club, Gr. 4 & 5, Media Center	3:45-5:00
16	Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
17	Band Day – bring your instrument Good News Club, Rm. 142	3:30-5:00
18	Spirit Day	6:30-8:00
21	Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
22	Chess Club, Gr. 4 & 5, Media Center	3:45-5:00
23	Schools Open 4 hours late—Parent/Teacher Conferences –Evening (No lunch served) No PreK classes	1:00-4:00
24	Schools Open 4 hours late—Parent/Teacher Conferences - Evening (No lunch served) No PreK classes	1:00-4:00
25	Schools Dismiss 3½ hours early--Parent/Teacher Conferences-Afternoon (Lunch is served) No PreK classes PTA Fall Book Fair	9:00-12:00
28	PTA Fall Book Fair Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
29	PTA Fall Book Fair Chess Club, Gr. 4 & 5, Media Center	3:45-5:00
30	PTA Fall Book Fair Girls on the Run Grandparents Ice Cream Social, Cafe	3:45-5:15 6:00-8:00
31	PTA Fall Book Fair (last day) Band Day – bring your instrument Good News Club, Rm. 142	3:30-5:00
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
1	Fall Harvest Parties in Classrooms	2:00-3:00

	PTA Fall Fest/Trunk or Treat	6:30-8:30
4	Picture Make-Up Day Girls on the Run PTA Meeting, Media Center	3:45-5:15 7:00
5	Chess Club, Gr. 4 & 5, Media Center	3:45-5:00
6	Race for Ed (rain date 11/7) Girls on the Run K University	3:45-5:15 6:30-8:00
7	Band Day – bring your instrument Good News Club, Rm. 142 End Term 1	3:30-5:00
8	Schools Closed – Teacher Work Day	
11	Term 2 Begins Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
12	Chess Club, Gr. 4 & 5, Media Center	3:45-5:00
13	Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
14	Band Day – bring your instruments Good News Club, Rm.142	3:30-5:00
15	Spirit Day	
18	Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
19	Chess Club, Gr. 4 & 5, Rm.142	3:45-5:00
20	Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
21	Band Day – bring your instruments Good News Club, Rm.142	3:30-5:00
25	Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
26	Chess Club, Gr. 4 & 5, Media Center	3:45-5:00
27-29	Schools Closed – Thanksgiving	
	<b>DECEMBER</b>	
2	Girls on the Run PTA Meeting, Media Center	3:45-5:15 7:00
4	Girls on the Run	3:45-5:15
5	Band Day – bring your instruments Good News Club	3:30-5:00
6	PTA Movie Night	7:00
10	In-School Chorus Concert	2:30
11	Chorus Winter Concert, Cafeteria	7:00
12	Band Day – bring your instruments Good News Club	3:30-5:00
17	Cultural Arts Program (Primary) Cultural Arts Program (Intermediate)	9:15-10:15 2:00-3:00
19	Band Day – bring your instruments Good News Club	3:30-5:00
20	2-Hour Early Dismissal <i>(AM PreK 9-10:30 PM PreK 12-1:30)</i> Spirit Day	9:00-1:30
23-31	Schools Closed – Winter Break	

<b>JANUARY</b>		
1	Schools Closed – New Year’s Day	
2	Band Day – bring your instruments Good News Club, Rm.142	3:30-5:00
6	PTA Meeting, Media Center	7:00
7	Chess Club, Media Center	3:45-5:00
9	Band Day – bring your instruments Winter Band Concert, Café Good News Club, Rm.12	2:00 3:30-5:00
14	Chess Club, Media Center	3:34-5:00
15	Band Evening Concert at WHS ( <i>Snow date Jan.22</i> )	7:00
16	Band Day – bring your instrument Good News Club, Rm. 142	3:30-5:00
17	Spirit Day PTA Family Skate Night ( <i>tentative</i> )	
20	Schools Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
21	Chess Club, Media Center	3:45-5:00
23	Band Day – bring your instruments	
28	Chess Club, Media Center End Term 2	3:45-5:00
29	Schools Closed, Teacher Work Day	
30	Term 3 Begins Band Day – bring your instruments	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
3	PTA General Meeting, Media	7:00
4	Chess Club, Media Center	3:45-5:00
6	Band Day – Bring your instruments Good News Club, Rm.142	3:30-5:00
10	PTA Winter Book Fair	
11	PTA Winter Book Fair Chess Club, Media Center	3:45-5:00
12	PTA Winter Book Fair	
13	PTA Winter Book Fair Band Day – Bring your instruments Valentine’s Parties in Classrooms	2:00-3:00
14	2-Hour Early Dismissal ( <i>AM PreK 9-10:30 PM PreK 12-1:30</i> ) PTA Winter Book Fair (last day)	9:00-1:30
17	Schools Closed – President’s Day	
18	Chess Club, Media Center	3:45-5:00
20	Band Day – bring your instruments Good News Club, Rm.142	3:30-5:00
25	Chess Club, Media Center	3:45-5:00
27	Band Day, bring your instruments Good News Club, Rm. 142	3:30-5:00

	<b>MARCH</b>	
2	PTA General Meeting, Media Center	7:00
4	2-Hour Early Dismissal <i>(AM PreK 9-10:30 PM PreK 12-1:30)</i> Mid-term	9:00-1:30
5	Band Day – bring your instrument Good News Club, Rm. 142	3:30-5:00
11	Field Trip – Gr. 1 – Maryland Science Center (Baltimore)	9:05-3:15
12	Band Day – bring your instrument Good News Club, Rm. 142	3:30-5:00
13	Spirit Day	
17	Social Studies/Science Fair <b>Set-Up</b>	
18	Social Studies/Science Fair	6:00-8:00
19	Band Day – bring your instruments Good News Club, Rm. 142 Social Studies/Science Fair <b>Pick-Up</b>	3:30-5:00
26	Good News Club, Rm. 142	3:30-5:00
	<b>APRIL</b>	
1	Talent Show Auditions	3:45-5:00
2	Band Day – bring your instruments Good News Club, Rm. 142 Talent Show Auditions	3:30-5:00 3:45-5:00
6	PTA General Meeting, Media Center	7:00
8	2-Hour Early Dismissal <i>(AM PreK 9-10:30 PM PreK 12-1:30)</i>	9:00-1:30
9	Schools Closed – Teacher Work Day	
10 & 13	Schools Closed – Spring Break	
16	Band Day – bring your instrument Good News Club, Rm. 142	3:30-5:00
17	Spirit Day PTA Movie Night	7:00
23	Band Day – bring your instrument Good News Club, Rm. 142	3:30-5:00
28	Schools Closed – Primary Elections	
30	Band Day – bring your instrument Good News Club, Rm. 142	3:30-5:00

	<b>MAY</b>	
1	Moms n' Muffins, Café	8:00-8:55
4	PTA General Meeting, Media Center	7:00
5	Field Trip – Fountain Rock – Gr. 2 (Epling/Defibaugh/Shah)	9:30-12:00
6	Field Trip – Fountain Rock – Gr.2 (Ciocco/Sinton)	9:30-12:00
7	Band Day – bring your instrument In-School Band Concert, Café Good News Club, Rm. 142 Talent Show Rehearsal	2:00 3:30-5:00 3:45-5:00
8	Talent Show	7:00-9:00
11	Band Evening Concert at WHS	7:00
14	Band Day – bring your instrument Good News Club, Rm. 142	3:30-5:00
15	Walk/Bike to School Day Spirit Day PTA May Fair	5:30-8:00
20	Chorus Evening Concert, Café	7:00
21	Band Day – bring your instrument Cultural Arts Program (Primary)	9:15-10:15

	Cultural Arts Program (Intermediate) Good News Club, Rm. 142	2:00-3:00 3:30-5:00
25	Schools Closed – Memorial Day	
27	Volunteer Appreciation Celebration, Café	7:00
28	Band Day – bring your instrument Good News Club, Rm. 142 Kindergarten Orientation	3:30-5:00 6:30-7:30
29	Dads n’ Donuts, Café	8:00-8:55
<b>JUNE</b>		
1	PTA General Meeting	7:00
3	Field Day (rain date June 4)	
4	Good News Club, Rm. 142	3:30-5:00
8	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration, Café <i>(Tentative-may be adjusted based on emergency closings. Will be finalized by April 1)</i>	
9	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic <i>(Tentative-may be adjusted based on emergency closings. Will be finalized by April 1)</i>	
10	Last Day of School for Students (if no snow days) 2-Hour Early Dismissal <i>(AM PreK 9-10:30 PM PreK 12-1:30)</i> Move-Up Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tug-o-War 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Clap-Out	9:00-1:30 9:00-9:55 10:00-10:20 1:00

*\*FCPS Calendar includes 8 days for snow or other emergency closings. If none are needed, last student day will be June 10.*

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dear Glade Families,

It has been a great start to a new school year at Glade Elementary School. I appreciate your support of our Back to School Nights last week and the opportunity it afforded for you to meet your child’s teacher and hear about plans for learning and communication in the coming year.

I also appreciate the hard work and kindness of our students, staff, and families as we continue to support and live our school motto each and every day. Work Hard, Be Kind is our motto here at Glade, and both parts of the motto are equally important in continuing our school improvement efforts.

Speaking of school improvement, our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a significant contributor to the success of our school. Being a member of PTA is a statement of support for your child and for our school. Please become a member if you have not already.

Our PTA organizes and supports a whole range of efforts in our school, from cultural arts programs to family events including Trunk or Treat, Family Movie Nights, Dads ‘n’ Donuts, Moms ‘n’ Muffins, and many, many more as you can see from the school year calendar above. Our PTA also provides classroom magazines to support our literacy program at a cost of \$3,500 a year, as well as provide student agendas for Grades 3-5. PTA organizes the Fall Book Fair and Grandparent’s Ice-cream Social, which is a highlight of our year. PTA supports schoolyard beautification to keep our school looking good. In addition to the above, PTA has supported our efforts to put technology in the hands of teacher and students to enhance learning. We have more to do in this area, and we need your help!

Each year, we hold one fundraising event to support the mission of our PTA and our school. It is called Race for Education. You received information in last week’s Thursday folders about Race for Education. Many of you have already returned mailer labels and for that we are incredibly grateful. Please continue to send these in to school with your child in the coming week. Your support, and your extended family’s support for our school benefits all of our students directly. I could not be more thankful to live in a community that cares for the wellbeing of its children and its school in the way.

I am appreciative of the efforts of Patricia Rowley, a parent of a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader in our school for, once again, taking on the massive task of organizing this Race for Education fundraiser. When we reach or surpass our

goal this year, Mrs. Putnam and I will celebrate with students by doing something quite silly: in the past we have been duct-taped to the wall, slept out on the roof overnight, and dressed up in unusual outfits. What will it be this year? Your child will have a vote in deciding the "Principals' Race for Education Stunt".

I know how difficult it is, as the parent of two high-school children myself, to manage all of the communication and paperwork that we as parents contend with at the beginning of each school year. We organize the school year calendar over the summer for this reason, so that we may provide you with as much information as proactively as possible.

There will be many, many opportunities to be involved in our school this year. We love having you involved in our school because it supports our students, your children. We aim to provide a climate of respect, civility, and welcome, and a culture of high-expectations and academic achievement.

Here are 5 important ways that you can help your student to succeed at school:

1. Read with your child every night. Enjoy it and encourage it.
2. Teach your child positive ways to express feelings. Our PATHS program in pre-k through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade will support you in this effort. We will be teaching students to recognize how they feel and give them vocabulary to identify their feelings as well as how to develop positive and socially acceptable ways to express feelings. Recognizing the difference between mad/upset/angry/frustrated is important. Knowing how to express the feeling without harm to self or others is equally important. We are excited to develop this aspect of our school culture together with you.
3. Provide your child with some downtime as well as a structured routine for doing homework.
4. Teach positive self-advocacy skills. Who do I talk to when I need help? What do I do if someone is treating me without respect? What is the difference between bullying and teasing?
5. Play board games and sing songs. Play is the work of childhood. And it's a great way to relax. We all need to do that from time to time.

We appreciate all of you here at Glade Elementary School. It will be a great year!

Yours in Education,

Lorcan OhEithir, Principal  
Heather Putnam, Assistant Principal

### **Volunteers Training**

**NEW volunteer training** is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25 from 6:30-7:30pm in the media center. Volunteers who are new to our school must attend a training session prior to volunteering in our school. If you have already been trained in the past, you must still update your confidentiality statement for this current year. You may also consider this a refresher as things change from year to year. All new volunteers must complete training before they may begin volunteering.

### **Student Information Cards**

Please remember to turn in your green Student Information Cards if you have not done so already. It is critical that we have the most up-to date emergency contact information for your child, particularly in the event of an emergency. If you have made any address changes because you moved, please provide a new proof of residence (a copy of a property tax bill, gas bill, electric bill, water/sewer bill or a signed current lease/rental agreement, no phone/cable bills). We cannot change that information in the system and therefore student transportation could be disrupted.



## COUNSELOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Nikki Ramsay, School Counselor  
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This month we have been focusing on our school motto **Work Hard - Be Kind** and discussing in depth what it means to be **SPOT** on at Glade. Our school rules are:

Show Respect to ourselves, others and property  
Positive Attitude to learning and to others  
Own your actions and words  
Take pride in your work

We also kicked-off year two of Leader in Me with a school-wide event where students traveled through stations that represented each of our 7 Habits. One new thing this year is we have Buddy Classes where younger classes (K/1/2) are "partnered" with an older class (3/4/5) for the year. If you ever want to see something amazing....watch the interactions of our students in buddy classes. I was so proud of them for helping each other, working together and showing SPOT on behavior. Ask your child who his/her buddy class is and what things they do together. I know there are great things planned between the classes!

### Other Important Reminders:

**All absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals need a parent note** or are unexcused. Be sure to include the child's first and last name and the teacher's name. Even if you have called the school to report an absence, we still require a note upon returning to school. For a copy of "A Note to School" please go to <http://ges.sites.fcps.org/attendance>. To review the entire FCPS policy, please visit page 38 of the FCPS Calendar Handbook.

**Address change:** Please provide a new proof of residency (a copy of a property tax bill, gas bill, electric bill, water/sewer bill or a signed current lease/rental agreement; NO phone/cable bills).

**Custody change:** If there is a change in child custody, please make sure you share that information with your child's teacher and the office. It is extremely important that a copy of the court document be delivered to the school and placed in the child's permanent record folder. Should the school not have this documentation, we have no recourse but to release your child to either parent upon request.

**Wellness-Food Use:** FCPS Wellness Regulation 400-82 states in part:

- For health and safety reasons, parents/visitors are only permitted to bring in food that is intended for consumption by their individual student.
- For health and safety reasons, students are only permitted to bring in food for personal consumption.

**Weapons:** Possession of any firearm or other weapon by a student on school property is strictly forbidden. This also includes look-alike weapons. The penalties for violation are detailed in the Discipline section of the FCPS handbook. Please remember it is a serious offense to possess a weapon of any kind on school property.

### Bus Transportation

**Students may ride only the school bus to which they are assigned.** Inviting friends to ride the bus home is sometimes problematic as some busses are extremely crowded and over capacity. In an emergency situation only, both students are required to have a parent note. This note must be signed by parents. Drivers will not transport any student without a note and/or on their bus roster. Please note that some notes may not be approved due to overcrowding. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### Outside Activities During Cold Weather – Elementary Guidelines:

It is difficult to set guidelines that fit every circumstance and condition with regards to outside activities during cold weather. Principals use their discretion and good judgment as to whether or not students will go outside, as well as the duration of the outside activity. Sometimes we may opt for a shorter recess period in cold temperatures or specify a temperature above 20 degrees as the cut off point for going out. Elementary students should not go outdoors for recess or physical education whenever the temperature falls below 20 degrees, including the wind chill factor. The temperature cut off at Glade is 22 degrees, so please remember to dress your student in the appropriate clothing (labeled coat, hat and gloves). We will honor parent's reasonable requests that a student be allowed to stay indoors.



**MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOL:** ALL medications to be taken at school, whether prescription or non - prescription (over-the-counter), **must** have a Medication Authorization form completed by the child's health care provider and parent. This form is available from the Health Room Staff and at [www.fcps.org](http://www.fcps.org). This form along with the medication, in a properly labeled prescription bottle or the original unopened over-the-counter bottle or package, must be given directly to the Health Room Staff by the parent/guardian. **FCPS Regulation 400-23 states students are not permitted to carry medications to and from school.**

### **When Should I keep my child home?**

Please keep your child home if these symptoms present and if these symptoms persist for more than 24 hours, contact your child's health care provider. If your child comes to the health room complaining of such you will be called to possibly pick he/she up from school.

#### **Important Signs of Illness:**

- *Temperature greater than or equal to 100 degrees*
- *Nausea or Vomiting*
- *Stomachache*
- *Diarrhea*
- *Pale or flush face*
- *Headache*
- *Persistent cough*
- *Earache*
- *Thick discharge from nose*
- *Sore throat*
- *Rash or skin infection*
- *Red or pink eyes*
- *Loss of appetite*
- *Loss of energy or decrease in activity*

Please keep your child home from school for 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting, fever, and/or diarrhea. If these symptoms persist for more than 24 hours, you should contact your child's health care provider.