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Newsletter

Communications: The Tie That Binds

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It was wonderful to see so many families at conferences last week. The discussions between parents/guardians and teachers are rich and powerful. Students benefit from these conversations in a multitude of ways. Your presence at school reinforces to your child that you care about their learning. This goes a long way toward encouraging them to work hard at school to achieve their learning goals. Conferences also inform you of ways to assist at home. Reading with and to your child is always a great way to boost their academic progress. Working everyday math while cooking and other household tasks is also beneficial. Teachers have many activities that can be used at home to improve your child's achievement. Conferences are a great time to become informed of ways to assist your child.

If you were unable to attend conferences please call immediately to schedule a time to discuss your child's progress. The connection between parent/guardians and teachers is critical to a child's growth. We need to stay connected to ensure that our children are successful and reach their full potential.



Please call Glacier Hills each time your child will be late or missing school. You may call the nurse's voicemail at (651) 683-6969 ext. 38571 or the main school line, at (651) 683-8570. For your convenience, there is voicemail after hours. School starts promptly at 9:25 AM.

School Calendar

Nov. 6	50's Day, Sock Hop, 6:30—8:00 PM
Nov. 10	Picture Retake Day
Nov. 13	Gr. 4 Kindness Retreat
Nov. 17	Innisbrook Pick-up, 4-8 PM
Nov. 18	Culvers Night, 5 PM
Nov. 19	Gr. 3 Music Program, 7 PM
Nov. 25	Kindergarten Special Person Day
Nov. 26-27	THANKSGIVING BREAK—NO SCHOOL
Dec. 4	End of Trimester
Dec. 7	Site Council/Booster Club, 6:30 PM
Dec. 11	Report cards go home School Spirit Day
Dec. 14	Gr. 5 Music Concert, 2:30
Dec. 15	Band Concert 9:35 AM Gr. 5 DARE/Band/Music Concert, 6:30 PM
Dec. 16	Culver's Night
Dec. 24-Jan. 1	Winter Break

"Educating our students to reach their full potential."

VOLUNTEER CORNER



Many, Many Thanks...

We would like to thank our Innisbrook Chairpersons, Jill Arvidson and Desire Sobiech, for organizing this year's event. With the help of the many volunteers who helped collect and tally orders, we were able to complete this task with an increase over last year's sales by nearly \$2000! However, this job is not over. Please consider helping with the distribution of the merchandise on November 17th from 2-8 PM. Also, Jill and Desire will be retiring and we are looking for an interested person (s) to head up this event for next year. If you are interested in helping with distribution or organizing this event, please contact the volunteer coordinator at (651)683-6969 ext. 92420.

Our Fall Book Fair is complete and we extend our thanks to Julie Colonna, Anita Oakman and Michelle Lowry for coordinating. The following volunteers also helped make this event a success: Laurie Barcaskey, Anupama Dharmarajan, Laurie Fink, Greg Gamboni, Suzette Herr, Karen Larson, Joanne Lindgren, Cindy Lutz, Janel Madden, Abby Smith, Kristin Smolik, Cindy Spoerner, Angela Steenberg, Betsy Sundquist, Hillary Swanson, Terri Warner, and Janelle Wodele.

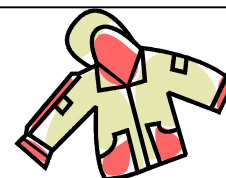
Thank you, everyone!

We held a vendor sale during conferences. This was a new and exciting event for Glacier Hills. Thank you Mary Bachhuber, Amy Vasterling and Terri Cairns for your hard work in organizing this event!

Lastly, we want to thank all the wonderful volunteers that helped with this year's teacher buffet. The teachers appreciated all the great food that helped sustain them during conferences. We extend our gratitude to chairpersons Kay Rolfzen and Amy Lemieux. Unfortunately, this will be their last year coordinating this event, so we will be needing interested persons to organize this much appreciated service next year for our teachers. Thanks everyone!

We look forward to the Sock Hop and want to thank the many volunteers, in advance, for helping to make this event a success!

Volunteers are key, and we couldn't do it without you.... If you would like to be contacted as a volunteer, please leave us a message at the Volunteer Coordinator voicemail at (651)683-6969 ext. 92420.



Morning Drop Off Information

For safety reason, please drop your child off in the lower lot curb area. The upper lot curb area is reserved from 8:50-9:30 AM and 3:15-3:55 PM for our buses. If you are going to escort your child into the building, park your vehicle in the provided spaces. Please help us ensure the safety of all Glacier Hills' community members.

Label Your Child's Clothing

Colder weather brings more items for lost and found. This is just a friendly reminder to **label all your child's clothing**. It is also a good idea to check with your child to make sure they have not lost any items.

Glacier Hills Elementary School of Arts and Science

HELPING HANDS

Holiday Assistance Programs Have Begun Taking Applications

Many of the holiday assistance programs have begun taking applications. Deadlines for registrations are quickly approaching. For information about Armful of Love contact (952) 985-4065. Deadline for this program is **NOVEMBER 10th**. For more information on resources in our community contact Meg Bell or Anne Kalb at (651)683-8570.

MN Cold Weather Rule & Energy Assistance

The cost of heating our homes during a Minnesota winter can add strain to any family's budget. Families do have a few options when that strain becomes too much. Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule offers families some flexibility when utility bills become difficult to pay during the coldest months of the year. Contact your natural gas or electric utility provider now and set up a Cold Weather Rule payment plan. For information about EAP call the CAP Agency in Rosemount at (651)322-3500.



**Picture Retake
Day
Tuesday
Nov. 10, 2009**

Title I News

It was wonderful seeing and meeting all our Title I parents at conferences this fall. It is exciting to see the enthusiasm you have for your child and our school.

Hopefully, we have email addresses for those of you with email. We will continue to update you on events and tips for working with your child at home. If you have not given us an email address, call the office and leave it with one of the secretaries.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your friends and family.

Title I
Jan Armour
Cynthia MacGregor

The Great Pumpkin!



Mrs. Braun's second graders received a pumpkin from Kayla Daniel and her family. They did many math activities including estimating the weight, circumference, and how many seeds there were. The pumpkin weighed 195 pounds! After Mr. Braun carved it the seeds were sorted and counted. There were 663 seeds in all! The pumpkin lost 19% of its body weight after carving and taking out the pulp and seeds!

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Technology Class at Glacier Hills



Here's a November look at where we've been and what we're moving into...

Kindergarten has been in the computer lab! They're developing some good mouse skills, but there are a few who still click madly anyplace. We've been visiting web sites like Starfall, which is a wonderful site for beginning reading skills. They've also practiced their mouse skills at This is Sand, where they can do sand art without the mess. They even hear the sand pour. We are now beginning use of the drawing program Tux Paint, which is a free download at <http://www.tuxpaint.org/>.

1st grade has continued working in Kidspiration. They've done addition sentences in Math View and have made a picture of their name adding pictures that begin with the letters in their names. We've also been doing more work in Tux Paint. They've created some wonderful designs and pictures using the many different brush styles that are available in that program. We also have spent time on the Glacier Hills web site using Math and Language Arts links.

2nd grade has continued to work in Kidspiration. They've been using Math View and have been illustrating addition sentences with color tiles. They've also had a chance to explore the Language Arts links on our Glacier Hills web site. There are a number of links that are great for practicing spelling. They can type in their words and then have some fun practicing with games and other activities. We will be starting a project in Kidspiration that goes along with 2nd grade social studies.

3rd grade finished their project in Word – a page about themselves. They are now using Comic Life to highlight their experiences fossil hunting. They are using photos from the field trip, writing about what they did and using a variety of text styles and formatting styles to make a nice looking project.

4th grade finished their PowerPoint project about their hopes and dreams. They had a great time adding transitions and sounds between slides. They've also had a chance to share their presentation in front of their class. They are starting a project in Comic Life using pictures from the River Rendezvous trip.

5th grade is sharing their finished PowerPoint project in front of their classes. Now that the pictures they took on their Lebanon Hills trip have been retrieved from the cameras; they are also doing a project using Comic Life. They need to highlight the theme of color that they focused on for their pictures. There are some really creative interpretations using their pictures.

After School Classes Start Soon

S.T.O.M.P. (Staying on Top Of My Performance) classes will start the week of November 17th. Confirmation notices will be going home this week in Friday folders. If you do not receive a confirmation your child was not put in a class because the class was full. S.T.O.M.P. classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from Nov. 17 (or 19) thru Jan. 12 (or 14), 2010. Before School Chess Club meets on Tuesday mornings. Please call Linda Bates in the office if you have any questions.

Student Council Highlights

Join us at Culver's Night in Eagan on November 18, 5-7 PM! 4th grade Student Council members will be working that evening; remember to wear a Glacier Hills t-shirt. Husky Spirit wear orders have been submitted and items should be here by the end of the month. Student Council members are looking for ideas for the school store and theme days. Give your input to them or fill out the idea sheets in the classrooms. Go Huskies!