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Newsletter

Working *Together* We Can Educate All Students to Their Full Potential!

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Glacier Hills Elementary School of Arts and Science provides an exceptional education for our students. We are always looking to improve our practice and make a bigger difference in the lives of our students. One way to accomplish this feat is through utilizing the gifts and talents of *all* willing members of our Glacier Hill's families. A volunteer form was sent home with youngest and only students. Please thoughtfully consider strengthening your child's school through volunteerism. We can use your help and support in many ways. If your talents, passions or other ways you could contribute are not on the form, please add them.

Later this month, September 17th, we will host our annual fall picnic. During the students' regular lunch period they will enjoy a hotdog cooked by their principal. Of course our fine kitchen staff will provide all the elements that make a balanced meal. Students buy or bring their lunch as normal but enjoy it picnic-style outside. Please send a towel or blanket with your child so they can enjoy the picnic in style. Keep a positive thought for good weather; this event is held rain or shine. It's a lot more fun outside. We are in need of adult volunteers to assist with this event. If you would like to help with guiding students or serving them, please contact me at 651-683-8570. We serve our picnic from 11:15 AM until 1:40 PM. Come out and help us celebrate a new year at Glacier Hills Elementary School of Arts and Science.



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 ex. 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.

2009—2010

School Year Calendar

Sept. 17	Fall Picnic Lunch for students
Sept. 18	Hat Day
Sept. 21-Oct. 14	MAP Testing Window, Gr. 2-5
Sept. 22-Oct. 22	OLSAT Testing Window, Gr. 3-5
Sept. 21	Innisbrook Fundraiser Kick-Off
Sept. 23	Culver's Night, 5:00-7:00 PM
Oct. 5	Innisbrook Fundraiser Sale Ends Site Council/Booster Club, 6:30 PM
Oct. 6	Picture Day
Oct. 9	Favorite Sports Day
Oct. 15-16	State Teacher's Convention (No School)
Oct. 21	Culver's Night, 5:00-7:00 PM
Oct. 23	Staff Development (No School Grades K-8)
Oct. 28	No School Half Day Kindergarten only
Oct. 29-30	Conferences (No School Grades K-8)

"Educating our students to reach their full potential."

Library Media Center

Welcome back to books!

The library media center has daily open checkout times; open, guided research times; and collaborative teaching periods. Our media center is a child-centered open library. We are also a community library. Parents are welcome as patrons. A question frequently posed by parents is: "How can I help my child succeed in school?" **Read to your child!**

Four basic needs of all people are easily met in the library: love, power, fun and freedom. So many books to love; books about belonging, families, community, friendship, caring. Competence and making good decisions give us power; information is power. Books that make us laugh out loud and put a smile in our hearts. The freedom to read.

We make a difference! Libraries do! Numerous studies have found that quality school library media centers increase student achievement. The direct correlation of libraries to higher test scores is consistent.

How do we do that? We provide a lot more than wonderful books to read – as if that weren't enough! We select vital materials for teachers' curricular units and collaborate with teachers for integrated lessons. We teach a media curriculum grounded in life-long learning and rich in information literacy, technology, and love of reading. In a word: RESOURCEFULNESS. We enable our children to become resourceful. Finding, analyzing, processing, evaluating, and communicating information empowers humans to attain the knowledge necessary for life decisions. Information is power. Knowledge is power. Everything we do in the library leads to building resourceful kids. Resourceful kids achieve. Cool.

Book Fair! Book Fair!

All proceeds from all book fairs here at Glacier Hills are spent exclusively on new books and technology for the library. So, they go directly into the hands of the students. Come to our next wonderful book fair: **Oct. 28-29 during parent/teacher conferences.**

Research at Your Home Computer

Spend some time boosting your *Information Power!*

Visit the Glacier Hills Library from home to access many sources of information, links to libraries, links to reference sources, and online encyclopedias.

<http://destiny.district196.org>

District 196 has created a web page from which you can access all district-funded databases from home with a common password. Please use the information below to login.

This web page and other databases are linked from the Glacier Hills catalog home page (Home Use Links).

The catalog is linked from our Glacier Hills home page—

Classroom Connections - District 196 Library System - Glacier Hills

Generic District 196 User Name: **196media**

Generic District 196 User Password: **isd196**

For NetTrekker -- Students may create their own login account from home – a screen will display asking to identify the school.

Your virtual library!

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Garrett,

Media Specialists



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INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS

Parents and caregivers should use the following questionnaire to assess the health status of their child on a daily basis:

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE:

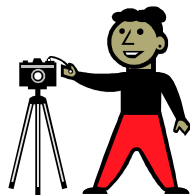
1. Fever (100° F or greater)? Yes No
2. Sore Throat? Yes No
3. Cough? Yes No

Should I keep my child home?

- If you checked yes to fever AND one of the other symptoms, keep your child home for SEVEN DAYS after symptoms started, even if they no longer are ill. If your child is still sick after seven days, keep your child at home until well for 24 hours. If you have questions about your child's health or symptoms, call your child's healthcare provider.
- If your child has been diagnosed by a healthcare provider with a different disease, such as strep, follow your healthcare provider's recommendation and school policy for when to return to school.

What should I tell my child's school?

- If you checked "yes" for fever AND one of the other symptoms, tell your child's attendance office that your child is home with influenza-like illness.
- If your child has been diagnosed by a healthcare provider with a different disease, such as strep, tell your child's attendance office.
- No personal information about your child, including your child's name, will be shared outside of the school.



Picture Day
Tuesday
October 6, 2009

Welcome Back from Title I

Welcome Back - We missed you!!!

We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready to continue learning new and exciting things.

This year we have a new Title I teacher and she will be working with kindergarten and 1st grade students. Her name is Mrs. Cynthia MacGregor and she will primarily be working with reading and writing. As you know, Mrs.

Bergsten retired last spring and is really enjoying this new chapter of her life. She has been doing some traveling, taking care of her garden and, of course, lots of reading.

If your child is selected for Title I services you will be notified by his/her classroom teacher. You will also receive a packet of information and a very important PINK SHEET that needs to be signed by a parent and returned to school as soon as possible. Your child will be bringing home this packet the 2nd or 3rd week of September. Please check those backpacks daily.

We look forward to working with your child this year as they continue their learning at Glacier Hills.

See you at Conferences in October!

Title I Teachers
Mrs. Jan Armour
Mrs. Cynthia MacGregor



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 please park your vehicle in the provided spaces. Please help us insure the safety of all Glacier Hills' community members.

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Nutrition News Flash

Welcome back to school meals! Nutritious food is directly linked to student achievement, and we all want to “grow” healthy students who are ready to learn.



SchoolView

We encourage the parents of elementary school students to sign up for SchoolView, a FREE and convenient way to access information about your child's meal account. FeePay can be accessed through SchoolView, and payments can be made to your child's meal account using a credit card (with 4% charge) or checking/savings account transfer. Parents can also utilize the low-balance alert feature in FeePay to eliminate receiving the blue low-balance notes. Please contact your child's school to sign up for SchoolView.

Free or Reduced-Price Meals

Students who qualify for *free* meals are eligible to receive both a free breakfast and a free lunch each day. Students who qualify for *reduced-price meals* may receive a free breakfast and lunch for \$.40 per day. Please contact your child's school for breakfast serving times.

Local Lunch

We plan to offer a “Local Lunch” each month featuring a food item that is grown in Minnesota as a way to bring the Minnesota farm-to-school activities to our students in the district. Be sure to ask your child about the fresh, locally grown corn-on-the-cob that will be served in school cafeterias on Sept. 29. October will feature grass-fed beef hot dogs from Cannon Falls.

Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children™

Remember to celebrate Family Day, a national initiative to remind parents that what your kids want at the dinner table is you! The parental engagement fostered during frequent family dinners is an effective tool to help keep kids substance-free. Family Day reminds parents that “Dinner Makes a Difference!”

Fitness Test

Our district is committed to testing our students' fitness level twice a year, once in the fall and again in the spring. The components of our fitness tests are: sit and reach, curl-ups, static arm hang, and mile run (3/4 mile for grade 3 and 1/2 mile run for grades 1-2). The primary objective of the physical fitness test is for students to understand the process and strive for maintenance and improvement. Emphasis is not placed on the resulting time or score achieved, but rather on individual effort and improvement shown. Weather permitting, the testing for the 1/2, 3/4, and 1 mile run will take place during the students' regular scheduled physical education time from Monday, September 21st to Friday, September 25th, 2009. If the weather is inclement during the students' scheduled time to run, the testing will be moved to the following week. If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the upcoming fitness run, please contact me at school.

Working with you for a healthy and active child,
Kevin Beckers, Physical Education Specialist