



GLANDORF ELEMENTARY DRAGON UPDATE



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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the students back to school for the 2008-2009 school year. We had an outstanding first week of school. This year your child will be given many opportunities to experience success. We hope that the activities we have planned will add up to a year filled with fun, excitement, and a great deal of learning for all children.

Once again this year, Glandorf Elementary was identified as an excellent school by the Ohio Department of Education. For the sixth year in a row we have received a perfect score on our building level report card. It is truly the commitment of our school to provide the best education possible to all of our students.

New additions this year include a new Reading/ Language Arts series for all of our students in grades K-6. Our teachers have truly been busy over the summer months learning their new reading materials. We have also installed new computers in our computer lab and Smart Boards in several of our classrooms. Staying up with the latest technology continues to be one of our top priorities.

This November you will have the opportunity to vote on a bond issue to construct new elementary schools in both Glandorf and Ottawa. In June you should have received a copy of the "Titan Tradition" explaining how a yes vote in November will mean only a small increase in your taxes. This opportunity is truly one that the residents of the Ottawa-Glandorf School District cannot pass up. We will be hosting several community meetings over the next few weeks (see related article) to discuss the Phase II construction project. Your support of this project would be greatly appreciated.

I believe that the key to our success at Glandorf Elementary is the close working relationship between parents, teachers, and community members for the betterment of our students. I encourage you to take an active role in our school as either a classroom volunteer or member of the Glandorf Elementary PTO.

Please continue to keep the lines of communication open. If I can ever be of assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mr. Scott Ketner, Principal

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The Ottawa-Glandorf Schools will be hosting several community meetings over the next few weeks to discuss the Phase II construction project. Through this project we will be able to finish the master plan approved in 2002 which included renovating the high school building and building two new elementary schools in both Glandorf and Ottawa. We hope you will be able to take time out of your busy schedule to attend one of these informational meetings.

Thursday, September 4 in the OGHS Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 25 in the Ottawa Elementary Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8 in the Glandorf Elementary Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WEBSITE

I would encourage parents to visit the Ohio Department of Education website at www.ode.state.oh.us. As a parent you are able to access information about the Ohio Achievement Tests including on-line practice tests and copies of old achievement tests.

DRAGON DEN/BLUE RIBBON BREAKFAST

Once again this year we will be having a positive incentive program for all of our students. For students in grades K-4 they will have a chance to become a member of our "Dragon Den." As members of our "Dragon Den" students will be given a treat, a special prize, and be able to spend time playing games with Mr. Ketner and Mrs. Miller.

For those students in grades 5-8 who complete all of their homework and follow school rules, they will be invited to a "Blue Ribbon Breakfast." Students will then be served a special breakfast from McDonalds and receive a certificate, food coupons, and a chance to win a variety of prizes including tickets to Cedar Point.

OPEN HOUSE

I would like to thank all of you who were able to attend our Open House on August 20. It is great to be part of a school district where parents take an active role in their child's education.

PICK UP/DROP OFF OF STUDENTS

Just a reminder to parents and older high school brothers and sisters to please drop off elementary students on either the north or south ends of the building. Please avoid the east side of the building where the busses park. We would also like to remind you that when you are picking up your child after school, to not park in the areas indicated by "No Parking." Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our school safe.

WEATHER DELAYS OR CANCELLATIONS

Just a reminder to parents that school delays and cancellations will be aired on the following radio stations: WBUK, WDFM, WNOH, WIMA, WIMT, WONW, WFIN, WZOQ and WDOH; and TV stations WTOL, WTVG, and WLIO. You may also check online at <http://og.noacsc.org/delaycancel.htm>. Extra-curricular cancellations will be aired on WDOH, Delphos (107.1) and WBUK Ottawa (106.3) radio stations.

BOX TOP FOR EDUCATION/CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

Once again this year our library will be collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels. The Box Tops for Education is sponsored by General Mills. Our school earns money for each box top from specially marked General Mills cereals and Betty Crocker products. We will also be collecting Campbell Soup Labels from over one thousand Campbell products. Thank you in advance for your continued support of these programs.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Just a reminder that if your child needs to take any medications (including inhalers) at school, you will need to fill out the form in the back of the handbook and turn it in at the school office along with the medication. This form requires a signature from both you and the attending physician. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 29 & 30	Glandorf Park Festival
September 1	NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
September 4	O-G Schools Community Meeting at OGHS Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
September 8	Hearing Screening for Grades K, 1, 3, & 5
September 16	AEP Electricity Assembly for Grades K-4 5 th Grade Soil & Water Conservation Field Trip
September 20	Student Council Leadership Day
September 23	School Pictures
September 25	O-G Schools Community Meeting at Ottawa Elementary Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.
September 26	Mid-term Reports sent home
October 3-14	Magazine Sale
October 7	Third Grade Reading Achievement Test
October 8	O-G Schools Community Meeting at Glandorf Elementary Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.
October 14	8 th Grade Parent Meeting (Washington D.C.) at Ottawa Elementary, 7:30 p.m.
October 17	Magazine Sale Final Assembly, 2:00 p.m.
October 20	Jr. High/High School Fall Choir Concert at OGHS < 7:30 p.m.
October 24	End of 1 st nine weeks 1 st Deposit for 8 th Grade Washington D.C. Trip due
October 27	NO SCHOOL, Quarter Break
October 28-31	Red Ribbon Week
October 30	Grade cards sent home

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Volleyball

September 2	Miller City at home, 4:30 p.m.
September 4	Ottawa at home, 4:30 p.m.
September 6	Kalida at home, 10:00 a.m.
September 9	SPPS at home, 4:30 p.m.
September 11	At Lima, 5:00 p.m.
September 13	Patrick Henry at home, 10:00 a.m.
September 16	At Defiance, 5:00 p.m.
September 18	Bath at home, 5:00 p.m.
September 23	At Van Wert, 5:00 p.m.
September 25	Leipsic at home, 4:30 p.m.
September 30	At Continental, 4:30 p.m.

Cross Country

September 6	At Spencerville, 9:00 a.m.
September 9	At Elida, 4:30 p.m.
September 13	O-G Invitational, 9:00 a.m.
September 16	At Elida, 5:00 p.m.
September 20	At Van Wert, 7:30 a.m.
September 23	At Home, 5:00 p.m.
September 27	Allen East Invitational, 10:00 a.m.
September 30	Putnam Cnty Invitational, 4:30 pm

Football

September 2	8 th at home versus Kenton, 5:00 p.m.
September 4	7 th at Kenton, 5:00 p.m.
September 9	8 th at Wapak, 5:00 p.m.
September 11	7 th at home versus Wapak
September 16	8 th at home versus Elida, 5:00 p.m.
September 18	7 th at Elida, 5:00 p.m.
September 23	8 th at home versus St. Marys, 5:00 p.m.
September 30	8 th at Bath, 5:00 p.m.