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October 2023 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents & Guardians,

The school year is well underway and our first i-Ready Diagnostic assessment is showing little summer slide. This is certainly good news as we typically see students digress each summer coming into the new school year. I ask that you continue to check your child's book bag each night, talk with them about their school day, assist them in completing any homework they may have, and encourage them to read nightly.

As the school year continues to move forward, it is my request and the request of our staff that we work together collaboratively for all students. In order to provide each and every student with a structured, safe, and disciplined learning environment it is critical that parents/guardians do their part at home and stay in close communication and collaboration with the school. Continue to speak with your students about the importance of being stellar in their academics and behavior.

On another note, all new students to TPS, Kindergarten Students, and Grade 7 Students the deadline to turn in your immunization records is Tuesday, October 2, 2023. Please see the School Nurse for more information. Exclusions letters have been sent home and students are excluded from school for this medical reason per law.

If you every need to meet or speak with a member of our staff, please call the Secretary at (419) 671-4600 or stop in the Main Office to schedule an appointment. Meetings during arrival, dismissal, and/or the school day are not ideal. Before school or after school is best as long as the staff member is complete with his/her arrival and dismissal supervision of students.

Should you need to contact the school staff for any reason, please view the staff list on the tps.org website, select a school, choose Glenwood and the staff is listed there.

In closing, thank you for all you do to support Glenwood and we look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,
Dr. Michael Carr
Principal

<u>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MRS. DAWSON</u>
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Discipline & Attendance

Our school day starts at 9:00 am. If students will be eating breakfast they need to be here no later than 8:50 am to avoid being late to class.

Please make sure students return to school after an absence with a note of excuse. Our truancy mediation program begins this month. Students who have 3+ days of unexcused absence may be referred for a meeting with Lucas County Juvenile Court to address attendance.

Discipline is an area in school that we all must address in one way or another. Parents and guardians please make sure we have correct contact information for you. Although discipline generally has a negative connotation, we at Glenwood work hard to make sure that self-discipline is our students' responsibility. We make it a point to promote and reward positive behavior.

Positively Speaking

Glenwood Elementary has introduced our Positive School Climate program. This is a school-wide initiative that makes behavior expectations uniform across all grade levels and rewards positive behavior. We will be bringing back our student of the month program as a part of our Positive School Climate.

If you have any questions please call me at 419-671-4600 or email me at mdawson@tps.org for more information.

<u>IMPORTANT REMINDERS</u>

Two-hour Delayed Starts – Elementary Students Only

- Friday, October 13, 2023 – End of the first quarter
- Friday, March 15, 2024 – End of the third quarter
- **Breakfast is NOT served on 2 hour delayed start days.**

Parent-Teacher Conferences

- Wednesday, October 26, 2023 – 4 pm – 7 pm – **School Day is 8:30 am – 3:15 pm**
- Thursday, October 27, 2023 – 8 am – 6 pm – **No School for Students**
- Friday, October 28, 2023 – **No School for Students**

Sign-up sheets have been sent home and conferences are on a first come, first serve basis.

Waiver Day for Staff Training

- Tuesday, November 7, 2023 – No School for Students

<u>ACADEMIC TESTING INFORMATION</u>
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October 2 – November 17

- Naglieri Assessment Gifted Testing (Grades 2 & 4)

October 10 & 11

- PSAT (Grade 8)

October 12

- Grades 7 & 8 NEXTSTEP Career Day Event/Field Trip

October 16-20

- Gall Third Grade ELA OST – Ohio State Test

<u>SECRETARY, MRS. LACEY</u>

If your child is absent, please send in a note with the student's **first AND last** name on each piece of paper. This will help me greatly and prevent having unexcused absences. You can also call the Attendance Line or the Nurse, the phone numbers are listed on the cover page of this newsletter.

THERE IS NO EARLY DISMISSAL/PICK-UP AFTER 2:45 PM FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR.

Students will **NOT** be called down the office until someone is present, verified, and able to sign them out.

We do **NOT** take phone calls to change a student's dismissal procedures. Any changes must be in writing, signed by the parent/guardian, and received in the office the morning of the requested change in dismissal procedure.

<u>ELECTRONICS & CELL PHONES</u>

- Are **prohibited** within the school.
- The school is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices.
- We understand that students need them for various reasons. Therefore, Grades K-5 will be required to turn them off and put them away in their assigned classroom cubby during the instructional day. Grades 6-8 will be required to turn them into the school office/administration each morning and receive them before dismissal.
- Confiscated items will result in the parent/guardian being called to pick these items up. They will not be turned to the student. Continued confiscation will result in the item being held until the end of the school year and possible disciplinary action.

SCHOOL NURSE CHRIS

WE ARE DOING A CLOSET CLEANOUT

We often get donations from the community of new or gently used, coats, clothing, undergarments, shoe, hats, gloves, and other things. Currently we have many winter coats, new with tags still on them. As the holidays often increase donations, we need to make room now. So this year during Parent-Teacher Conferences we will have these clothing, coats and other items set up in the main hallway. **THESE ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE.** We encourage you to take what your child may need to get them through the school year.

Kindergarten and 7th Graders Immunizations

If your child is lacking Immunizations you most likely have received a letter and/or phone call as we're required per the law. If this is the case, check with your child's Healthcare Provider to make sure both you and the school have the most up-to-date record. If the doctor's office says they still need shots, you may get them at their office, or to be seen quicker go to a Shots for Tots and Teens Clinic located around Toledo almost every day. For a schedule-ask the Nurse or call: 419-213-4121. Shots will *not be given without a current shot record*. **No child will be turned away for inability to pay.** If your Kindergartner needs a Physical Exam, or Dental Exam; you can schedule an appointment at the TLCHD at 419-213-4209. You can also call the Dental Center of NOW at 419-241-1641.

Medications at School

Just a reminder TPS **does not allow students to carry any type of medication**, even Inhalers, Over-The Counters, or Prescribed Meds, without a Medication Authorization Form completed. We want students healthy and comfortable at school, and will work with you and your doctor to get orders for meds needing to be given at school. See me for a form or email me at cknack@tps.org.

BUILDING POLICY & OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Arrival for Students

- All Kindergarten through 8th grade students will enter Door 2 by the playground/basketball court at 8:30 am.
- **PreK students will enter through Door 3 on Robinwood at 9:00 am.**
- **NO student will be admitted early on any day throughout the school year.**
- Breakfast is served from 8:30 am – 8:45 am for K-8 students. PreK students will eat in the classroom.

Dismissal for Students

Will be staggered this year at specific doors.

- **Pre-K students will dismiss out of Door 3 - Robinwood at 3:15 pm.**
- **Kindergarten and 1st Grade students will dismiss out of Door 4 on the corner of Collins and Robinwood at 3:15 pm.**

- The following grades/classes will dismiss out of **Door 8 on the corner of Collins and Glenwood** at the times noted below:

Grade 2 at 3:15 pm
Grades 3-5 at 3:20 pm
Grades 6-8 at 3:30 pm

OUTSIDE FOOD

- **All students will receive a breakfast and lunch. Any student wanting breakfast must be here at 8:30 am.**
- Outside food, fast food, pop, juice, teas, coffees, candy, gum, cookies, and other snacks or treats including breakfast or lunch delivers are **NOT ALLOWED**.
- Students are welcome to pack a lunch from home; however, food must be un-opened and only eaten during lunch time in the cafeteria. **Open items and/or items which violate this building policy will be discarded (thrown away) and a refund will NOT be given.**
- To prevent a disruption in the school day, bringing lunches at students lunch time will not be allowed. Students will not be called down from class.
- Birthday treats will be allowed only with permission given 24 hours in advance from the Teacher and Principal and must be store purchased un-opened items and free of any nuts due to allergies. **Balloons, stuffed animals and other items are not allowed and should be kept at home.**

DRESS CODE/UNIFORM

A copy of the current dress code is available on the district's website www.tps.org On this page and next page or so are some items specific to Glenwood.

Parent/Guardians will be called to correct any violation with inappropriate dress code.

Glenwood has adopted the following changes to the dress code for 2023-2024 school year. **All students PreK-8th grade will comply with the dress code, beginning with the first day of school.** Parents/Guardians and students are equally responsible for the appearance of the student.

Parents/Guardians will be called to correct their student's dress code.

The purpose, which aligns with Toledo Public Schools' purpose is:

- To enhance school security.
- To support the learning environment.
- To promote good behavior.

- To avoid discipline problems.
- To prepare students for the world of work.

Clothing/grooming **may not** disrupt the learning environment.

Students are **not** allowed to wear nor display the following throughout the building during the school day:

- Purses and/or Fanny Packs.
- Metal Combs and Metal Picks.
- Memorial Shirts such as R.I.P or R.I.H.
- Inappropriate Pants or Sagging Pants.
- Bottles of Glass Perfume and Cologne.
- Inappropriate Language or Images are not allowed on **any** clothing item.
- Hair Curlers, Rollers, Bonnets, Hair Picks (Metal or Plastic), Combs (Metal or Plastic), Du-Rags, Scarfs, Wave Caps, Bandannas, Hats/Caps, Head Wraps, or any Head Covering.

The following items are **not** appropriate for school and are **not** allowed at Glenwood

TOPS:

- Shirts or dresses without sleeves (spaghetti straps, halter tops, tube tops, tank tops, off the shoulder).
- Shirts which expose cleavage, back or abdomen.
- Clothing that exposes undergarments of any kind (bras, camisole straps, undershirt straps, boxers, slips etc.).
- Tops and bottoms that do not overlap while standing or seated (i.e. no midriffs).

The following items are **not** appropriate for school and are **not** allowed at Glenwood

BOTTOMS:

- Holes/tears in jeans, **unless the holes/tears are below the knee or longer and the student has something underneath the holes/tears which prevents skin from being revealed.**
- Yoga pants, pajama bottoms, including pants made of flannel or fleece.
- Leggings and jeggings, unless the student's top is knee length or longer.
- Shorts, skirts or dresses that are above the knee.
- Fishnet stockings/tights.
- Basketball shorts above the knee.
- Leggings and/or jeggings that are **not** worn with a shirt, skirt or dress long enough to **completely cover** the front and back.

The following items are **not** appropriate for school and are **not** allowed at Glenwood

SHOES:

- Flip flops
- Crocs of any kind
- Beach Shoes and/or Flip Flops
- Slides and Slippers of any kind
- Sandals, Skates, and Cleats of any kind
- Any open toe and/or open foot shoe

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OTHER:

- Hats/coats/outerwear/gloves etc. must be removed upon entering the building.
- Clothing/grooming that does not reflect good personal hygiene.
- Students are **not** allowed to wear clothing/grooming with violent language, or speech or symbols of hate or oppression, violent images or pornography, profanity, or anything that depicts or promotes drug or alcohol use; reference to gang membership or present a hazard to an individual or other people.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES:

A. Hooded sweatshirts are permitted as long as hoods are not worn or does not cover the head during the entire school day.

B. Footwear must be worn at all times. For safety considerations, all footwear must be adequately secured to the foot and closed toe/foot at all times.

C. Hair curlers/rollers/bonnets/hair picks/combs/du-rags/scarfs/head wraps are **not** permitted except for medical reasons with a note from a medical provider.

D. Sunglasses are **not** to be worn inside schools/buildings except when prescribed with a note from a medical provider.

E. Tight or form-fitting clothing is **not** allowed.

F. Thigh high stockings/socks/tights are **not** a substitute for clothing being just above the knee and are **not** allowed.

G. All students must comply with the District's and Building policies and procedures in place regarding wearing facial coverings to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses when applicable.

These guidelines are to be followed on all days when school is in session and for school sponsored events where students are actively participating and/or representing Toledo Public Schools.

The school administration shall determine the appropriateness of student dress and grooming, acting in the best interests of establishing and maintaining a safe and effective learning environment for the benefit of the school.

Students who do not comply with the dress code will receive a phone call home to have their dress code corrected.



Glenwood is pleased to share a new partnership with New Concepts to provide behavioral health support to our students and families! Starting next week, New Concepts will be available to provide students and families with mental health support right here at Glenwood. They can support your students by:

- School-Day Services
- Conflict Resolution Skill
- Case Management
- Academic Support and After School, Holiday and Weekend Support
- Therapy
- Psychiatry
- Social-emotional learning to manage emotions, and relationships with other students or adults

Additionally, they can support adults and families by offering:

- Counseling and Therapy
- Day Treatments
- Psychiatry
- Family Participation
- Art and Expressive Therapies
- Transportation

If you are interested in learning more about New Concepts, please review the attached packet and/or contact Ms. D'Amore, our School Counselor, at 419-671-4600.



SHOWERING AND BODY ODOUR

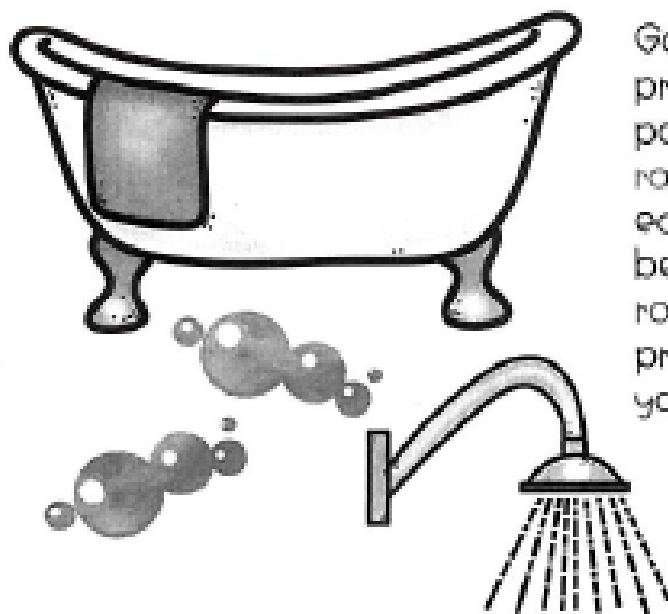


Between the ages of 11-12 children begin to go through puberty. At this time, new types of sweat glands appear in the armpits and genitals. These areas often become a breeding ground for the bacteria that cause unpleasant smells. This is commonly known as body odour or BO.

One of the key ways to prevent body odour is showering on a daily basis. Washing areas that have sweat glands such as, armpits, genitals, and feet will wash away the bacteria that cause odour.

Changing clothing after physical activity helps to prevent bacteria from building up on the skin when you don't have access to a shower. Deodorant can help mask unpleasant smells, while antiperspirant can prevent you from sweating in the first place. Antiperspirants block the pores in the outer layer of skin, preventing sweat from making its way to the surface.

A source of unpleasant aromas often overlooked is foot care. You can prevent unpleasant odours by alternating shoes, preventing them from getting damp, and drying them out after wearing them.



Good daily hygiene habits will prevent funky smells and other potential health issues, such as rashes or infections. It is never too early to begin good hygiene habits: being proactive and starting these routines before you need them will prevent embarrassment and leave you feeling confident.

DENTAL HEALTH

Dental health is an important part of your overall health. Teens are at a crucial stage of development, with their adult teeth fully matured. Poor dental hygiene during the teen years can result in lifelong problems. Good oral health can prevent complications, such as cavities, gum disease, staining, and tooth decay.

Even though teeth may look clean, there can be invisible forces at work damaging your teeth. Proper brushing and flossing technique removes the transparent layer of plaque that coats the teeth and causes tooth decay. Teens should brush their teeth twice a day and floss daily. These practices will prevent damage to teeth, while also stimulating healthy gums. You will feel confident knowing that your breath is fresh and your smile is sparkling!

A sign of poor dental hygiene is tartar, the hard yellow build up that forms on teeth when plaque is not properly removed. Certain individuals may be more susceptible to this build up. A way to combat this is to spend extra time brushing near the salivary glands located in the front lower and back upper regions of the mouth.





Mission

We provide innovative educational opportunities that ensure each student is prepared for their future.

Vision

We empower each and every student to lead and live a purpose-driven life.