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August-September 2023 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I'm excited about another school year and the opportunity of serving the Glenwood community. As principal, I have the privilege of working with our amazing staff prepare our students for college and career readiness.

We, however, cannot do this alone and need your assistance. Please review the information enclosed in this newsletter. There are some items you will need to fill out and return to the Main Office ASAP. This will help make sure the school year starts smooth and hopefully answers some questions.

As we maintain a safe, structured, and healthy learning environment, please ensure your students have a masks when they leave home. Also, speak with them regarding the dress code, electronic device policies for Glenwood Grades 6-8 and the school's food policy.

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 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>IMPORTANT REMINDERS</u>

First Day of School

- Monday, August 21: 1st – 8th grade students only – full day.
- Breakfast is served from 8:30 am – 8:45 am.
- Lunch is served at student's scheduled lunch times.

PreK and Kindergarten:

- Monday, August 28: PreK and Kindergarten students whose last name begins with **A-M** will attend school.
- Tuesday, August 29: PreK and Kindergarten students whose last name begins with **N-Z** will attend school.
- Wednesday, August 30: **ALL** PreK and Kindergarten students will be in attendance.

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences

- Wednesday, October 26, 2023 – Friday, October 27, 2023
- **You will receive more information about Conferences.**

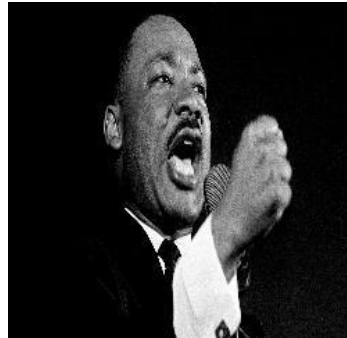
<u>QUICK FACTS ABOUT US</u>

We are an AVID School

AVID is a professional learning center out of San Diego, CA which provides training to educators PreK through College. These trainings are done using research-best practices to support student achievement and close the opportunity gap. All of our students will be supported using the best quality research-best practices. To that end, please ensure your child has their AVID binder, agenda books (signed daily), and assignments returned to school.



We are an Afrocentric School



Afrocentric Mission Statement

An Afrocentric education empowers the whole student, family and community at-large through an understanding of past and present African American cultural contributions, to provide students with a holistic education.

Afrocentric Vision Statement

Toledo Public Schools' Afrocentric design exists to provide a well-rounded Pre K – 12 public education inspired by African American culture and history which transforms the student experience. This opportunity encourages and supports the recognition of global diversity.

<u>BUILDING POLICY & OPERATIONAL INFORMATION</u>

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
- **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>DRESS CODE/UNIFORM</u>

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.
- Memoriam 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

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

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.

ELECTRONICS & CELL PHONES

- 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.

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.**

- **No treats will be allowed without advance permission from the Teacher and Principal.**

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Updated Contact Information

Please make sure you always have a working phone number on file for the school. Additionally, if you move, please update your address with the school by providing proof of residency.

Walking to and from School

All students who walk to and from school should cross the street at the corner and with a crossing guard. We are asking parents to speak with their child regarding safety and crossing at the corner and with a crossing guard where possible. ***Students riding a bike should have a lock and key. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen bikes.

Allergies

Don't forget to fill out an Emergency Medical Authorization Card and the Emergency Form on yellow paper sent home. Students must have these on file each school year. **Parents/guardians are encouraged to make the Nurse and Staff aware of any allergies your child may have.**

Meetings/Conversations with Teachers and Administrators

Arrival and/or dismissal are not times when teachers and administrators can meet. It is requested that an appointment be made with the secretary for a meeting with a teacher and/or administrator.

Office Etiquette

- Please turn your cell phone off or volume down when you enter the office.
- Smoking before entering the office or sending your child to school is not advisable.

ACADEMIC TESTING INFORMATION

August 1 – June 30

- Ohio English Language Proficiency Screener – Grades K-8 EL students.

August 30 – September 27

- KRA-R Assessment for Kindergarten students.

September 13-27

- I-Ready Diagnostic (Kindergarten)

September 13-29

- I-Ready Diagnostic (Grades 1-8)

October 2 – November 17

- Naglieri Assessment Gifted Testing (Grades 2 & 4)

October 9-13

- PSAT 8/9 (Grade 8)

October 16-20

- Gall Third Grade ELA OST – Ohio State Test

<u>TPS TIPS</u>

NutriSlice

This is a cloud-based service that allows for parents/guardians to view school menus including important nutritional information – visit tps.org

There is an app for your smartphone that you can download through both the iPhone and Android stores.

School-Based Health Clinics

Thanks to a partnership with Health Partners of Western Ohio, there are now full service health centers in all six comprehensive high schools.

They are staffed by medical professionals and are open to our students, families and staff members. Services include: immunizations, physicals, general health questions and concerns. Call for an appointment:

Bowsher Health Center: 419-812-2809

Start Health Center: 419-812-2393

Rogers Health Center: 419-442-7702

Scott Health Center: 419-442-7701

Waite Health Center: 567-204-3056

Woodward Health Center: 567-343-6890

Parent Notification System

Toledo Public Schools is now using School Messenger as our parent notification system. This robust system allows schools or the district to share important updates and reminders to families via a phone call, email or text message; you can choose how you want to receive updates. Please update your contact information or confirm its accuracy with your student's school.

Transportation – 419-671-8541

- Any TPS student who lives more than one mile from his or her school is eligible for free bus transportation. Please contact your student's school with any questions about transportation, including pick-up and drop-off times and locations.

- If a student with disabilities has mobility problems or special health needs, transportation is provided in accordance with the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP). If you are moving and your child is receiving special transportation services, please contact your School Assistance Center as soon as possible to maintain uninterrupted service.

Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports (PBIS)

- Toledo Public Schools' approach to discipline is to be proactive in helping students learn and practice positive behavior, while also providing alternatives to suspensions and expulsions
- This positive school climate approach is built on the foundation of Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS), which provides data-driven, prevention-focused methods for meeting the behavioral needs of all students
- Every school in the district has a Social Emotional Wellbeing team composed of faculty, staff, and administrators who oversee the implementation of their school's PBIS plan and who regularly review relevant data to look for trends that may have an impact on the overall culture and climate of their building.

<u>TITLE I-Annual Parent Update</u>
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What is Title I

- Title I funds are designed to serve at risk and disadvantaged students.
- Title I funds are federal dollars that Supplement State and Local Funds, they do not supplant them.
- Funding is based on the building's percentage of income students
- Title I Services are based on academic needs of the students
- Our buildings run a School Wide Program, which means every student and every staff member is eligible for services.

How does being a Title I building help our students' community?

- Increasing student achievement (tutoring, clubs, etc.)
- Instruction supplies and materials

- Instructional Programs and Experiences
- Educational Field Trips
- Staffing and Professional Development
- Parent Engagement Activities

Title I: A Parent's Right to Know

- As a parent/guardian with a student attending a Toledo Public School that receives Title I funds, you have the right to know the qualifications of your child's classroom teacher.
- The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that any local school district receiving Title I funds must provide the following information to parents/guardians who ask about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher:
- Whether the teacher has met the Ohio teacher licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides your child instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or temporary status that waives state licensing requirements.
- The undergraduate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate degree or certification (such as National Board Certification) held by the teacher and the field of discipline of certification or degree.
- Whether your child is provided services by instructional paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.
- All requests must be made in writing and should include the following information: student's full name, legal parent/guardian's full name, address, city, state, zip code and teacher's name. Your request can be sent to the Toledo Board of Education, Human Resources Department, 1609 N. Summit Street, Toledo, OH 43604.



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.