

# WELCOME



## Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

Ms. Ryan - Principal

# We Are Your Team

## Learning Support Teacher

Mrs. McCown

## Case Worker

Mrs. Young

## Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Clayton

Mrs. Phillips

Mrs. Malikowski

Ms. McAliney

Dr. Alba

## Specials Teachers

Ms. McLoone (LTS for Mrs. Mittman)

Mr. Yarosewick

Ms. Krasley

Mrs. Congialdi

Principal

Ms. Ryan

Secretary

Mrs. McVeigh

Office Assistant

Mrs. Zoretic

## Reading Specialists

Mrs. Whitmire,

Mrs. Root

Mrs. Howe

## ELL Teachers

Mrs. Mastrangelo

Ms. Horan

**Counselor: Mrs. Stewart**

**Psychologist: Mrs. Elliott**

**Instructional Coach: Mrs. Fanelle**

**Speech: Mrs. Berstecher**

**OT: Mrs. Amin Kuders**

**PT: Mrs. Buckheit**

**Gifted Support: Mrs. Ottinger and**

**Mrs. Cinnamond**

# WCASD

- ❑ US News rated all three high schools in top 5% nationally
- ❑ Newsweek rated all three high schools as top 5% nationally
- ❑ Niche rated the school district 219 out of 10,570 nationally – Top 2%
- ❑ Pa Future Ready Index will not be available until the fall





# **Glen Acres Elementary**

## **Shared Mission**

Our mission is to educate and inspire our students to achieve their personal best.

## **Shared Vision**

We believe that by working together, adults create a future where all children achieve at high levels.

## **Shared Values/Commitments**

We value respect, responsibility, and kindness. We commit to providing differentiated instruction and targeted intervention to move each child forward.

# The Eagles Way

- Set of school wide expectations centered around respect, responsibility, and kindness
- The expectations are universal and clear
  - classroom, bathroom, playground, bus, assembly
  - SWPBIS- coaching and communication between home and school

# Coaching a Growth Mindset



## Mindset



### 5 Questions to Develop a Growth Mindset

What did you learn from today's performance?



What steps did you take to make you successful today?



What are some different strategies you could have used?



How did you keep going when things got tough?



What can you learn from your opponent today?



### 5 Feedback Comments to Develop a Growth Mindset

This will be a challenging concept to learn, but I believe you can master it



You haven't got it yet, but you will if you keep working and thinking about it



I really appreciated your effort today

It is okay to take risks, that's how we learn



Getting better takes time and I see you improving



# Multi- Tiered System of Supports

- **Purpose** is to move each child forward academically, socially, and emotionally in order for each child to achieve their personal best
- Tier I, II and III ( II and III could include targeted interventions from classroom teacher or other teachers in the building)

# *Reading Support and Title I*

- ✓ What is Title I?
- ✓ How do we use the Title I funds in West Chester?
- ✓ What is reading support?
- ✓ How does my child qualify for support?
- ✓ How do the reading support teachers facilitate learning in the core classrooms?



# *More Supports*

## **Reading Support (We are a Title One School)**

Small group instruction provided by reading specialists focused on literacy.

## **Enrichment**

Instructional Coach/Gifted Resource Teacher collaborate with teachers to provide higher-order thinking lessons in classes.

## **English Learner (EL)**

Small group instruction provided by EL teachers to assist students learning English.

## **Speech Therapy/OT/PT/ Guidance Counselor**

Individual or small group therapy to support students needing additional support with speech and language, OT, PT.

# *School Safety*

- Pre-planned drills- fire, shelter in place, secure (lock-down)
- Teach the students expected behaviors in the case of an emergency
- Reflect and plan our process with the district and the West Goshen police
- Teach positive, social and emotional skills and behaviors through second step, PBIS, and school culture
- One entrance in- Doors are locked

# *Visiting and Volunteering*

We are excited to welcome you into our school and we thank you in advance for volunteering and visiting. We are fortunate to have a strong partnership with you as it benefits our students!

Visitor: Anyone who is not a regular staff member or student of the school will be considered a visitor.

In order to maintain a safe, orderly, respectful and secure educational environment for the students and staff of Glen Acres where distractions are minimized; it is essential that all visitors to our buildings be aware of their responsibilities. The following rules apply ( your classroom teacher will give you the hand-out).

# *The Kindergarten Day*

- ✓ ELA in the morning
- ✓ Specials, Content, Second Step and Math in the afternoon
- ✓ Play based learning throughout

# *Transportation*

- ✓ Please review bus safety with your children and please make sure they know how and who will be picking them up each day.
  - ✓ This is really important when it snows, there has been times when we have early dismissal.
- ✓ Please check the mailer to be sure your child's transportation is correct to and from school and incorporates any daycare needs.

# *Arrival/ Departure*

- ✓ Parent Drop off between 8:05-8:30 A.M. (Circle, far left when you are looking at the building)
- ✓ Follow the bus schedule sent to you, please be at the bus stop with your child (5-10 minutes before expected pick-up/ drop-off)
- ✓ The students should be sitting in their classroom seat by 8:35 A.M.
- ✓ Buses start to depart at 3:10 P.M. Parent pick-up line starts at 3:05 P.M.
- ✓ Notify the office and your child's teacher if there is a change in your child's transportation before 12:00 P.M. (students are not allowed to ride on different buses unless it has to do with Daycare providers- for example Kindercare)

# *Attendance and Absences*

- ✓ Taken at 8:40 A.M.
- ✓ Please call in your child's absence to the attendance line
- ✓ Please follow it up with a signed note either handed in to your child's teacher or scanned in and signed by you ( we do not accept emails)
- ✓ You have 3 days to get your absence note into school otherwise it is unlawful
- ✓ Your child is allowed 7 parent note absences. Absences after 7 require verified doctor's notes. Family vacation days need approval from the principal in advance. Family vacations in excess of 5 days will not be approved

# *Lunch/ Recess*

- ✓ Students will have lunch and recess between 10:45-11:45 A.M.
- ✓ Please pack things that are easy for students to open
- ✓ Students are able to buy lunch at school
- ✓ Please send in a snack for students (afternoon)
- ✓ Students do not have lunch or recess on pre-determined half days as dismissal time is 11:40
- ✓ Please label everything- lunch bags, coats, jackets, bags, etc.



# *Our 4 Day Specials Schedule*

- The students will have a different 50 minute special each day- Art, Music, PE, and Library
- For example Day1- Art, Day 2, Music, Day3 PE, Day 4 Library, and then Day 1 again Art
- If we have off the next day after Day 1 due to a weekday holiday or snow day, when the student returns it will be Day 2

# *Report Cards*

- WCASD Standards Based Report Card
- We report out in a rubric system
  - 1 Below Basic – limited progress toward standard
  - 2 Basic – significant progress toward standard
  - 3 Proficient – consistently meets standard
  - 4 Advanced – consistently exceeds standard
- Report Card goes home three times a year
  - December, March, June
- Parent Conferences held twice per year
  - November and March

# *Ways to Get Involved*

Come to school events- Open house, Read across America

Night, Title One Meetings

Diversity Day (5/24)

College and Career Day (5/3)

Field Day (5/29)

Visit during American Education Week (11/12-11/16)

Ask Your Teacher

Join the PTO

Attend PTO Meetings

Attend Socials and Fundraisers led by the PTO

# *Volunteering*

## **Clearances are Needed if you will be having Substantial Contact with Students (Needed for Field Trips)**

Three Clearances (good for 3 years)

- Act 114: Federal Criminal Check
- Act 34- PA Criminal History Check
- Act 151: Child Abuse Clearance Check

\*\*Submit a copy to youngest child's school; notify all schools where you have children

More info at [www.wcasd.net](http://www.wcasd.net)

# Other Information

- Please read the GAE Family Manual
- Please read the district discipline manual
- My Staff Sunday Emails ( WILL BE POSTED TO WEBSITE), Tweets
- PTO Communication will be through PTO
- Teacher Emails, Tweets, Seesaw
- Reach out to us at any time
- Having a problem? Reach out to staff member directly involved with the student FIRST

# *School Fundraisers*

- November- For Veterans  
(district and school led)
- January- Pennies for Patients
- February- Jump Rope For Heart
- May- Bring Hope Home