

Polar Paw Press

Tahoma School District No. 409

Glacier Park Elementary School



Dear Families,

You are all invited to our OPEN HOUSE this Thursday! We hope you will be able to join us between 5:30 and 7:00 so that we can share our curriculum and some of your child's work from September. If you are able to car pool or walk it will help our parking congestion. Your child will be your 'tour guide' for the evening!

Recently our phone system was updated, and we have a new number for the school, 425-413-3700. Our former phone number will continue to work through the year, but you may want to update your records to reflect this new number. For now the "safe arrival" number will continue to be 206-654-1852.

For this school year, we will promote our academic focus in literacy and math as well as our goals in the social/emotional area, with emphasis on empathy and problem-solving strategies. Our mentor program and "Polar Den" lunchtime/recess activities have goals of strengthening students' attachment to school, helping them form and maintain friendships and building self-esteem. Supporting each and every child so that their learning time here is maximized is important to all of us at Glacier Park. Please keep in contact with your child's teacher so that we can work together to make this a productive, successful year for your child.

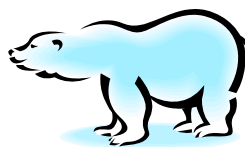
Recycling, reducing and reusing are priorities for us. Through mid-October we are tracking the number of students who walk, bus or bike to school to see if we can reduce car emissions. We are excited to share that Mrs. Haws' class has started a worm bin, and our intermediate students will begin composting some of the food waste from our cafeteria this year. Our fourth and fifth grade "Green Team" is planning additional ways to expand our environmental goals for the year, and several donations of vegetables from our school garden have been donated to the Maple Valley Food Bank. Glacier Park students are Community Contributors!

With Halloween coming up, please look for information from your child's teacher regarding the parameters for costumes. Teachers use their discretion on whether to permit costumes during the school day. *IF* your child's teacher does allow costumes, she/he will give specific criteria for those costumes. In all cases, no weapons or "play weapons" are ever allowed. Thank you for your assistance with this!

Enjoy these warm, autumn days!

Respectfully,

Emilie Hard



October 2009

Upcoming Events

October 6th & 7th

- **Picture Days**

October 8th

- **Open House 5:30-7:00**

October 9th

- **Waiver Day – no school**

October 20th-22nd

- **Health Screening**

October 20th

- **3rd grade field trip to Fish Hatchery Hogan/Barnett**

October 21th

- **3rd grade field trip to Fish Hatchery Hanson/Garmey**

October 22th

- **3rd grade field trip to Fish Hatchery Orser**

October 23rd

- **Early Release @ 1:10 PM Kind. Attends**

October 23rd

- **PTSA Beach Party 6:00-8:00 pm**

October 26th

- **3rd grade field trip to Fish Hatchery Bennison & Haws**



Fall Food Drive



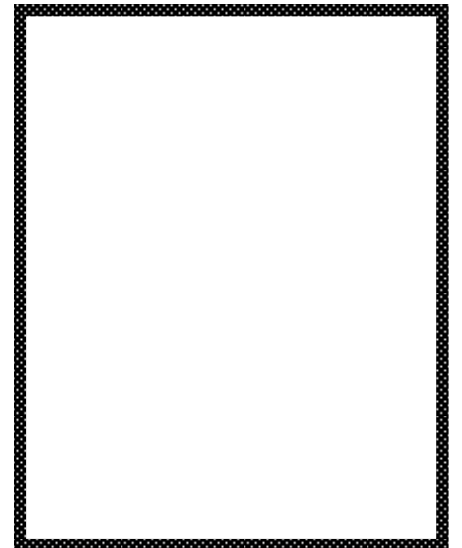
It's time for the annual Tahoma School District Fall Food Drive. Last year our district families contributed over 7,700 pounds of food to support local families in need. From October 12 to October 23, we will be collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries that will be donated to the Maple Valley Food Bank. Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile event.



A Note From the Music Department



Our 5th grade concert is during the day this year and will serve as our Veteran's Day assembly. There will be two concerts, at 9:20 and 10:10. Families, friends and especially our honored veterans are welcome. Watch for more information to come.



A Message from the Nurse

Please do not send your child to school with the following symptoms:

- Temperature over 100 degrees
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Sore throat or severe cough
- Thick greenish yellow mucus from the nose.



In consideration of others, we will not be able to allow your child to return to school until they have been free of these symptoms for 24 hours. **Nurse Terry will be doing Health Screening** October 20, 21 & 22. If you would like to volunteer to help with vision or hearing screening, please call our school office @425-413-3700.

News from your PE teachers:

Students in Physical Education are focusing on the skills of being self-directed learners and problem solvers. Our goal is to teach students how to cooperate and work together. Students have also been reviewing recess expectations and proper behavior. Primary students are currently learning about food groups through a movement unit. Intermediate students are focusing on volleyball while learning the bones of the body. We have also been working on goal setting by doing a monthly jogging log. It is exciting to see how eager and excited students are to learn about health and fitness.

PARENTING FOR SUCCESS WITH LOVE AND LOGIC

Instructor: Ann Pulkkinen, GPES Social Worker

Date: Tuesdays, October 20th – December 1st

Time: 6:30-8:00 PM

Location: GPES Library (Babes in arms welcome. Sorry - no childcare available.)

Ages: Tahoma Parents - Limit 20 Families

Fee: \$25.00 – scholarships available

"I want you to have respectful, responsible kids who come to visit you when they're adults and you enjoy each other. That's what it's all about." Jim Fay www.loveandlogic.com

Ever wish your child came with an owner's manual? Put the fun back into parenting! Learn techniques and strategies that will lower your stress level, while improving your relationship with your child. Love & Logic is a philosophy that teaches parents how to turn kids' mistakes into golden opportunities. Explore research-based techniques, along with favorite Love & Logic "tricks" that you can keep up your sleeve. This parenting class will support families with children of all ages.

For more information and to register, please email Ann Pulkkinen @ apulkkin@tahomasd.us
415-413-3735

Donation Requested

Many of our students here at Glacier Park enjoy playing wall ball at recess. In an effort to keep tennis balls supplied for them, we are looking for someone who has a connection with a tennis club that might be willing to donate gently used tennis balls to our school. If you can help, please call Nancy Stewart or Robin Lawler @ 425-413-3700.

Student Safety Notice

We request that Glacier Park parents arriving to drop off or pick up students always park in our parking lot. Do not enter or park in our bus lane. All children who have been picked up by parents remain with their parents and under no circumstances walk into the bus lane. Thank you for helping us keep Glacier Park completely safe for our students!



Student Picture Day Schedule

Tuesday, October 6	Wednesday, October 7
9:20 Blevins	9:20 Zahradnik
9:30 Tabit	9:30 Chapman
9:45 Mittelstaedt	9:45 Greenfield
10:00 Benson	10:00 Rau
10:15 Rogers	10:15 Lagerquist
10:30 Talmadge	10:30 K. Hanson
10:45 Meeks	10:45 Scarbrough
11:00 Emery	11:00 Visaya
11:15 Piche	11:15 Hogan
11:30 Fricke	11:30 Bennison
11:45 Morrow	11:50 Pierce
12:00 Davidson	12:00 Conklin
12:15 A. Hanson	12:15 Betlach
12:30	12:30 Blechschmidt
12:45	12:45 Hagen
1:00 Blevins	1:00
1:15 Tabit	1:25 Barnett
1:30 Markert	1:40 Garmey
1:45 Hogan	1:55 Orser
	2:10 Reynoldson
	2:25 Strom