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## B & G NEWS

The students of GLMS have been producing some AMAZING work, participating in dynamic activities, and representing our community with dignity. We are so proud of them! Hopefully you are following the "Grass Lake Middle School" Facebook page and are seeing all of the exciting learning that is happening in the classrooms, extra-curricular activities in the evenings and weekends, and even some fun that is happening in the hallways of GLMS.

We wrapped up our first Warrior Way at the end of the first marking period. Warrior Way is what we call our quarterly reward for students who have not received below 70% in any class or have not received any detentions or suspensions. We had over 250 students participate in our first Warrior Way on November 3rd! Students played Crazy Volleyball against the staff, received a treat, and had free choice for the last 45 minutes of the day. Some created art with Mrs. Kinney and other teachers, some went to the cafeteria to dance to DJ Choate and her tunes, while others went to the gym, spent time outside, or even played board games in the media center. We look forward to our next Warrior Way in January. Have a great holiday season! Thank you for being a part of the GLMS family!

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Holidays can be stressful for many reasons. Focusing on gratitude and family traditions can help reduce stress.

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### Tips for Reducing Holiday Stress

The holidays are here again! While this can be a great time to enjoy family and friends, it can also be stressful. Here are some tips on decreasing stress so you can increase fun.

1. Make lists of activities you want to do and events you want to attend and prioritize them.
2. Decide what you DON'T want to do and cross those things off the list.
3. Let things be IMPERFECT. Sometimes the messy can be the most fun.
4. Accept help if/when you need it.
5. Give help when/where you can.
6. Keep up your (and your kids') regular routines for eating, sleeping, etc.
7. Make time for yourself! And do something you enjoy.

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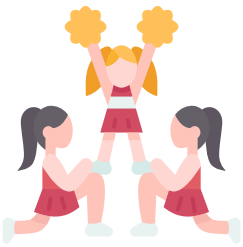
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## GLMS Sports



- Boys' basketball home events are December 4th, 11th, and 18th, with a start time of 4:30.

- MS Competitive Cheer has a home event on December 2nd, at 10:00.



- Girls' basketball will begin after Winter Break. The first home event is January 9th, with a start time of 4:30.



## GLMS PTO



Since the Fall Fun(d) Day and Penny Wars, the PTO continues to operate behind the scenes setting up and helping to run athletics concessions. PTO funds were used to provide grab-and-go snacks for teachers during the recent parent-teacher conferences. The PTO also provided popsicles for the entire student body on Kindness Day, as well as mini-pies for teachers for Thanksgiving. Thanks to the support of our wonderful GL families, the PTO has funds secured for field trip bussing and will offer funds for teacher mini-grants this month. For those who ordered Warrior Wear, please expect delivery soon. Finally, the PTO has teamed up with Mrs. Willis to bless a couple of families this Christmas with our Angel Tree please sign up here.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A8A828A0FC1-46408483-2023#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A8A828A0FC1-46408483-2023#/) The next PTO meeting will be January 16, at 4:15 PM. We'd love to see you there!



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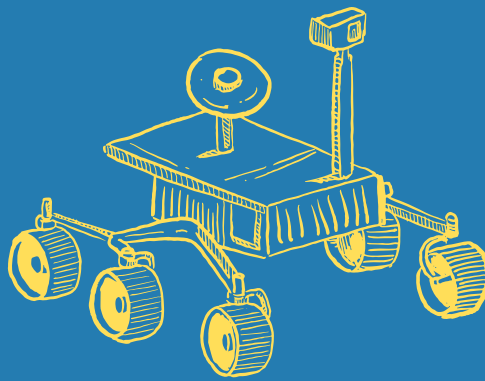
## Student Lighthouse Team

The GLMS Lighthouse Team continues to be very active. This year's team is energetic, fun, hardworking, and highly motivated! The students are filled with ideas. We wrapped up a partnership event with the NJHS team and encouraged our students to bring in personal hygiene and paper products for the NJHS Thanksgiving Food Drive. We have already hosted two assemblies this year. We are working on our December school-wide assembly to celebrate the end of the semester. Students have really enjoyed the grade-level competitions. Eighth graders are currently in the lead with the most Spear-It points and possess the Spear-It Spear. Will the underclassmen be able to take possession of the spear in December? Only time will tell!

Encourage your student to participate in the assemblies along with any upcoming Spear-It Days!

## Robotics

The Grass Lake Middle School Robotics Team competed in four league meets this fall where our students learned to work together, identify performance issues, as well as redesign, test and modify their bot. The students went from a very basic robot that could push a game element around to a robot that was programmed to complete tasks on its own, push game elements, and hang off the ground on a bar. Our league tournament is on Saturday, December 2, and Sunday, December 3, at Mason Middle School, starting at noon on Saturday and 8:30 on Sunday. The students have grown a lot in their abilities and confidence. Please come support our team!



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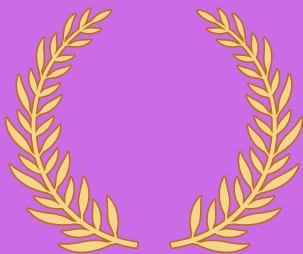


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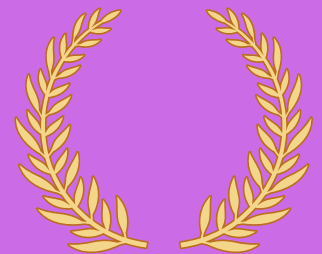
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## Calendar

Dec. 8	Band Concert, 6 PM
Dec. 12	NJHS Induction, 6 PM
Dec. 13	Choir Concert, 6 PM
Dec. 22	1/2 Day; end of Quarter 2
Dec. 23-Jan. 7	Winter Break
Jan. 15	MLK Day - No School
Jan. 23	Pastries with Principals, 9 AM
Jan. 25	Warrior Way Reward Day

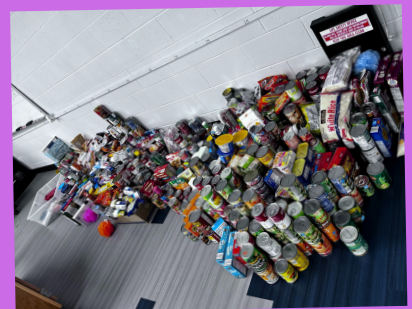


## National Junior Honor Society



NJHS and Student Lighthouse just wrapped up our canned food and personal care items drive. Thank you to all who donated.

We greatly appreciate your help! We collected over 1,200 items and were able to bless 4 Grass Lake families for the holidays. In December, NJHS will sell Candy Cane Grams at lunches. They will cost \$1 each and will be sold the week of Dec 11th.



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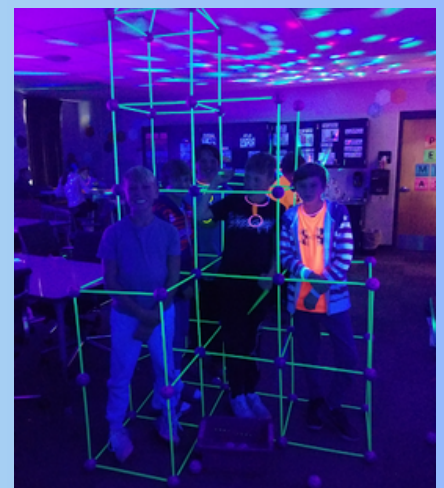
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## 6th Grade News



Sixth grade students started their middle school experience strong! They have navigated a new building, lockers, and schedules. Students are learning the importance of studying and completing their assignments on time, all while developing wonderful friendships. One fun activity that sixth grade students participated in was our first annual Glow Day! Students were able to experience different curriculum-related activities in their core classrooms. In social studies, students discovered things that glow from around the world and enjoyed a snack of popcorn. In science, students learned how glow sticks glow and built penny bridges with them for a STEM activity. In math, students built glowing 3D shapes, played measurement conversion tic-tac-toe, and played a glow-in-the-dark dice game. In ELA, students wrote 10-20 word scary stories with glowing ink under blacklights and then played a card game to build team skills. We are looking forward to the rest of the year with this group of amazing kids and ending it with a phenomenal trip to a national park!





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## Winter Fun!



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