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## B & G NEWS

We have had a busy but fun fall with our Fun(d) Day and Activity Night. We are thrilled to announce that we will be having a special Reward Day on November 3rd for those students who have maintained grades of C or above, excellent attendance records, and have shown no major discipline issues. This time will be a celebration of their hard work and commitment to their education. Please encourage and support your child to strive for success in these areas. We thank all the parents who came out for Conferences. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our families for their continued partnership. Your support, involvement, and encouragement play a vital role in the success of our students. Together, we make a strong team, and we are grateful for your unwavering support. Please ask your students about the Vaping Presentations they experienced. We want to partner with the community and parents to continue to keep our schools safe and healthy spaces.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Celebrate Kindness in November! World Kindness Day is a global day that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world. The purpose of this day, celebrated on November 13 of each year, is to help everyone understand that compassion for others is what binds us all together. This understanding has the power to bridge the gap between nations.

**7 WAYS TO START MAKING KINDNESS THE NORM IN YOUR DAILY LIFE:**

- 1 Send an uplifting text to a friend or family member.
- 2 Let that guy merge into traffic with a wave and a smile.
- 3 Include intentional moments of kindness, laughter and delight in your daily routine.
- 4 Go slightly outside of your comfort zone at least once a day to make someone smile.
- 5 Share a compliment with a co-worker or friend.
- 6 Reach out to a family member you haven't spoken to in awhile.
- 7 Treat someone to a cup of coffee (a friend, stranger, or even yourself).

make kindness the norm. #WorldKindnessDay #MakeKindnessTheNorm www.randomactsofkindness.org

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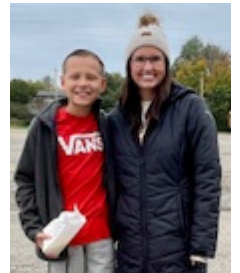
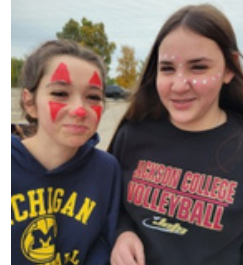


## GLMS Sports

- Boys' basketball is up and running. Their home games in November are:
  - Nov. 15
  - Nov. 27
  - Nov. 29
- 7th grade games begin at 4:30 with the 8th grade starting 15 minutes after they finish.



## PTO FUN!!



## GLMS PTO



Thanks to many generous volunteers and donors, the PTO was able to raise over \$4,000 in the last month, primarily through the Fall Fun(d) Drive, Penny Wars competition, volleyball & football concessions, and the year's first Activity Night. We will continue to work to ensure that the amazing staff and students of Grass Lake Middle School have funds for the "extras," including project-based learning opportunities and field trips. Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair was a tremendous success, again thanks to the generosity of our volunteers.

If you ordered Warrior Wear through our online store at Ink Frenzy and selected delivery to the school, we expect to have those orders ready for you to take home before Thanksgiving Break. This sale gives our new or newly grown students an opportunity to snag the swag they need.

If you want to know more about the GLMS PTO, please join us for our next meeting on November 21, at 4:15 PM, in the GLMS Library. Until then, thank you to our wonderful volunteers who have so far this school year logged a total of 90 volunteer hours. We couldn't have done it without you: Kristen Murphy, Leslie Downs, Melissa Kozar, Jamie Cooper, Julia Miller, Sarah Holda, Rebecca Schaffier, Shannon Maynard, Heather Schanz, Andrea Durham, Amie Jones, Cherie Yudt, Tricia Diekman, Jennifer Foey, Stephanie Palmer, Kim Sherwood, Sarah White, Mallory Hall, Chris Huff, Tara Lengyel, Jennifer LaFave, and Laura Curfman.



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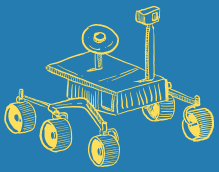
## Student Lighthouse Team

The GLMS Lighthouse Team has had a busy fall. The team is made up of 25 active members who are devoted to making GLMS a great place to be! School-wide assemblies are in full swing. After a successful homecoming pep assembly, the team is already planning the school's second and third assemblies. At the assemblies, the students recognize their classmates who are involved in extracurricular activities, including sports teams. The highlight is always the grade level competitions. Most of these are puzzle races or relay races to see which grade comes out on top. We are also working alongside NJHS to put together care packages for some families in our GL community. With this group, a lot of good will be done this year to make GLMS the great place it is!

## Robotics



The Grass Lake Middle School Robotics Team has been busy. We have our robot up and running and attended our first scrimmage where we placed 5 out of 13 teams, and nearly finished 3. Cheer us on at the following competitions: 11/10 at JPEC at 5:30, 11/18 at 5:30 in Chelsea at the Washington Street Education Center, Building 400 and 12/3 at 10 am in Mason at the Mason Middle School, 235 Temple Street. The GLMS Robotics Team is excited to work with two high school student volunteers, along with a number of parent volunteers. If you are interested (join, volunteer, or support), please contact George McKenzie at 517-745-7137, or email at [glmckenzie936@gmail.com](mailto:glmckenzie936@gmail.com).



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## Calendar

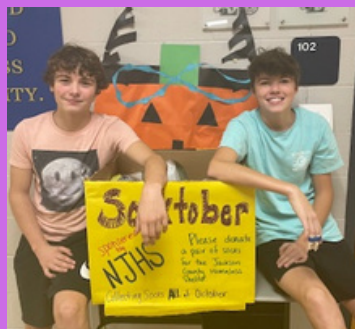
Nov. 3	Quarter 1 Reward
Nov. 13	World Kindness Day
Nov. 16	Picture Retakes in PM
Nov. 21	PTO Meeting 4:15
Nov. 22-26	Thanksgiving Break



## National Junior Honor Society



NJHS is in full swing. We are completing our first service project, Socktober. We appreciate everyone's help with this. For our next service project, we will collect non-perishable food items for our Grass Lake families. Those food items may to right to Mrs. Yudt's classroom. With first quarter complete, NJHS invites will be going out to all sixth graders who meet the requirements for NJHS. Acceptance letters will be handed out within the next 3 weeks. Thank you again for all of your support with our service projects.



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## 7th Grade News

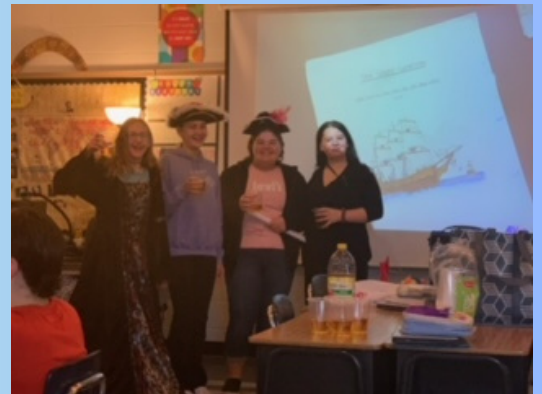
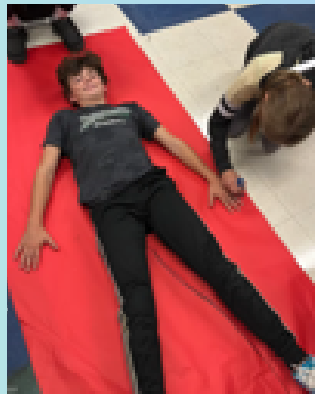
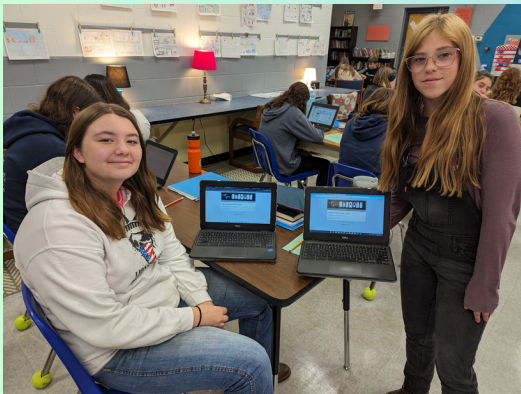


It has been a wonderful first quarter! The kids have learned the procedures and expectations, and there has been a lot of relationship building. In social studies, we have learned about the fundamentals of learning history, the first people, the first farmers, and features of civilizations. The features of the civilization project and presentations were lots of fun! We will begin learning about the first civilizations (Ancient Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, Ancient India, and Ancient China) next. The unit will focus on how these groups lived day-to-day, their challenges, their achievements, and their impact on us today. This unit will include: problem solving, class discussions, and practice writing an argumentative essay.

The 7th grade ELA classes have been examining and reviewing the elements of fiction through reading a variety of short stories. Some of the highlights have included creating setting swaps for fairy tales, drawing comics for types of conflict, and completing a digital escape room for plot structure. Mrs. Larsen has been enjoying all of the classes and is looking forward to beginning the first class novel at the end of October.

In science, we completed three labs in the first quarter. Students also completed two units: Cells and The Human Body. We spent time learning different ways to study. Last week, we welcomed egg babies to kick off our genetics unit. The students enjoyed the experience of being in charge of an egg baby. The insights into responsibility have been vast. Next, we dive into our first Open Sci Education unit. This is our brand new curriculum and we are excited to jump in!

We look forward to three more wonderful quarters of learning and the adventure that each day brings!



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