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It didn't take long for the school year to get going and for everyone to settle in. We couldn't be happier with the culture of the school and how well the students are doing! You have a lot to be proud of as parents! Students have finished their NWEA tests and classroom assessments. It is hard to believe our first quarter will be ending October 20th. Please encourage your child to work hard, make goals, and create good study habits. Organization is always a challenge in the development of middle school students. Asking simple questions like, "When is your next test?" or "How do you know if you have homework for that class?" can be very impactful, causing your student to verbalize their organization strategies.

We have been busy planning for our first Quarterly Reward Day for our students. Students who have all A's, B's, or C's, have not received a PM detention or suspension, and do not have more than 5 unexcused absences this quarter will be able to participate in our first reward day in early November.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



October is World Mental Health Month.

Every year we celebrate World Mental Health Day on October 10th. The theme for 2023, set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, is 'Mental health is a universal human right'.

World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health.

If your student is struggling, please reach out so that we can work together on strategies to improve mental health concerns.

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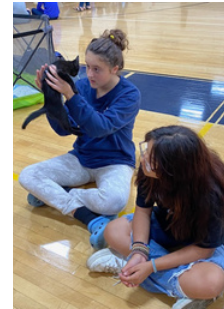
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GLMS Sports

- GLMS Cross Country home meets start at 4:30 on 10/3 and 10/10
- GLMS Football home games start at 5:00 on 10/4 and 10/18
- GLMS Volleyball home games start at 4:30 on 10/4 and 10/11
- Cheer home games start at 5:00 on 10/4 and 10/18

Thank you to the Jackson County Animal Shelter for allowing our students some calm doggy time. We will see them again in a couple of months!



GLMS PTO



With the help of generous volunteers, the PTO has brought in \$501 through concessions sales so far this year. We have plans to hold one BIG Fun(d) Day on October 12 (rain date of October 13). If successful, this donation drive will fund teacher mini-grants, special guest speakers/ assemblies, updated gym and classroom equipment, special publications, and more - for the REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR! With no additional sales-based fundraising!

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair will run October 2-6. Thank you to all who have already signed up to help with this. We can't do it without you! Here is where you can go pre-load a "digital wallet" for your student to spend when they visit the Book Fair: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/grasslakemiddleschool1>

Finally, the PTO will be offering Warrior Wear in October/ Be on the lookout for that information. We are trying to offer some NEW items each year, plus give our NEW or newly GROWN students an opportunity to snag the swag they need.

Join us for our next meeting on October 17, at 4 PM, in the GLMS Library!



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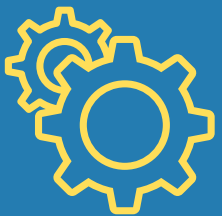
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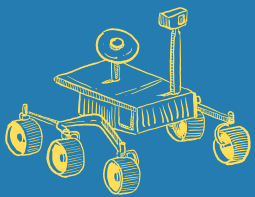


Student Lighthouse Team

The GLMS Lighthouse Team is off to a GREAT start with huge interest from students in all grade levels. Many applied to be a part of this student-led leadership group. Those who were elected meet the second Monday of each month. The Lighthouse Team has been busy! They planned the first pep assembly and spirit week to celebrate Homecoming. The team is now planning the first dance/activity night for Friday, October 20, 2:30-4:15. The Lighthouse Team is excited to give back to the community with a winter charity event that has yet to be decided upon. They are looking head to other activities they will plan for the fall and winter months.



Robotics



The Grass Lake Middle School Robotics Team started meeting already this year. Several sixth and seventh graders are hard at work building their robot! For this year's competition, their robot will move "pixels" which are 1/2" thick, 3" wide hexagon shapes made of plastic. According to this year's guidelines, the robot is to lift off the ground and launch a paper airplane. The students are excited about their design and are looking forward to using a new control system that should integrate better than the old technology. Meetings are 6-8 on Mondays, and 2:30-4:30 on Tuesdays, with competitions starting in November. 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.



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Calendar

October 2-6	Book Fair
October 4	Pupil Count Day
October 6	Picture Day
October 16	PD Day/No School for Students
October 17	Pastries with Principals, 9:00 AM
October 20	End of 1st Quarter Activity Night, 2:45-4:15
October 26	Half Day for Students Parent-Teacher Conferences *12:30-3:30 scheduled *4:30-6:30 drop-in



National Junior Honor Society

NJHS is in full swing this school year with a few changes. The biggest being that sixth graders will now be allowed to apply. Applications will be going out this week to those who have strong leadership, character, citizenship, service and scholarship skills. Applications are due Oct 10th. The NJHS is very committed to serving our school and community. The first service project will be Socktober, in which NJHS members will collect socks for the homeless shelter in Jackson. A new service project will be planned monthly. If your child is interested, please have them see Mrs. Yudt.



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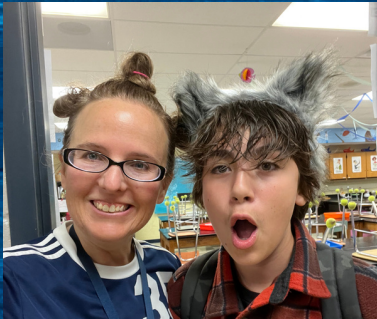


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Homecoming Week



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