

Spring, 2024

# GLMS NEWS

## B & G NEWS

We hope you all are soaking up that sweet sunshine! We're cruising into the final quarter of the 23-24 school year! Our brilliant students are working hard in their classes and gearing up for those epic end-of-year tests. PSAT 8 and Mstep run from April 9th to April 25th, followed by a breather before NWEA rolls in. Teachers will be conferencing with each student about their NWEA goals. Please talk positively about testing and provide good study and sleep habits during this time.

Students are excited about their May Field Trips!

Mark your calendars for the 5th Grade Move-Up Day and Activity Night on May 3rd (exclusively for the 5th-7th graders). It's going to be a blast, so don't miss out on the fun and good vibes!

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER



### Testing Tips for Parents

1. Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep each night before a test.
2. On the morning of the test, make sure your child has plenty of time to get ready and doesn't feel rushed.
3. Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast on the morning of the test.
4. Encourage them to try their best, even when they don't feel confident.
5. After the test, talk to your child about it and praise them for a job well done!

*Thank you for your help preparing our students for success!*



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## GLMS Sports



- Boys' and girls' track begins after spring break. Please make sure your child has completed everything in Final Forms.
- Practices will begin on April 1st at the high school right after school. Students may ride the bus to practice. Home meets are 4/15, 4/22, and 5/1, with a 4:30 start time at the high school.



## From the GLMS PTO



The PTO would like to thank the many families who stepped in to help run concessions during girls' basketball season, as well as the NJHS students.

The PTO benefits from volunteers throughout the year. In fact, for the next Activity Night on May 3rd for 6/7th graders, we will need a couple of extra hands from about 2-4 PM. Shoot us an email at [GrassLakeMiddleSchoolPTO@gmail.com](mailto:GrassLakeMiddleSchoolPTO@gmail.com) if you can help out that day. You'll be too busy to be bored, and the students' smiles are contagious!

Our next Fund Day at the Copper Nail is on Sept 21. It will be a great way to start out the coming school year. The Copper Nail is a HUGE benefit to our community all year long!

The PTO celebrated Mrs. Stevens and our 7th and 8th grade choir students with a rose for achieving a '1' (Superior) at their competition.

Between now and September, the PTO will be helping put together an end-of-the-year celebration for all students, honoring teachers and staff during Staff Appreciation Week (May 6-10), wrapping up teacher mini-grants for the year, and getting a head start planning a fun FUND-Raiser for the Fall. We value ALL contributions toward these endeavors.

Join us at our next PTO meeting on April 16, at 4:15 PM, in the library for ALL the details.





## Student Lighthouse Team

As you enter GLMS through the front doors, you have probably noticed the poles that are in the middle of the foyer. Each side of the pole has been decorated to represent a class of students that have walked the halls of GLMS. The Student Lighthouse representatives take on the task of painting the poles during their 6th-grade year. This year the 6th grade members have chosen a checkerboard theme to represent their class. They have been painting the class pole and are putting game pieces on it to represent the interests of the 6th-grade students. The pole is expected to be finished by the end of April.

One of the highlights of our year has been having former MSU basketball player, who is the first Division I NCAA player to be diagnosed with Autism, speak at our school. The Lighthouse Team sponsored his visit and his message was very relatable for the students of GLMS.

## From the Robotics Team

The GLMS robotics group participated in the Consumers Energy Robotics Day on Friday, February 23. Our students were met at the event with hot chocolate being made in the hood-trunk of an Ford F-150 Lightning. Once inside, we set up our table to display our robot, trophies, engineering notebook, and our tri-board. The students had time to explore the event, learning about how electricity is sent to their homes through power lines and how voltage is controlled to protect all of the electrical devices we use every day. The students explored other uses of robotics, controlled Spot the Dog (used to detect hot spots in substations), flew a drone (used for inspecting power lines), and learned how in-line inspection tools keep gas lines safe.



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## Calendar

April 9	PSAT, 8th; MSTEP 6th/7th
April 15	Pastries with Principals, 9:00
April 19	Quarterly Reward Q3
May 3	Activity Night, 2:30-4:15
May 8	7th grade Fieldtrip - AirZoo
May 9	8th Field Trip - Kids2College
May 14	Music Dept. Broadway Play Trip
May 16	Choir Concert, 6:00
May 21	Band Concert, 6:00
May 27	Memorial Day - No School
May 30	6th Field Trip - Indiana Dunes

## National Junior Honor Society

NJHS was busy this month putting together a schoolwide dodgeball tournament. We had 10 teams compete, raising \$477 for the Cascade Animal Shelter. Students also donated dog and cat supplies to be donated to the animal shelter. Thank you to everyone who helped raise money and donated dog/cat items for the shelter.

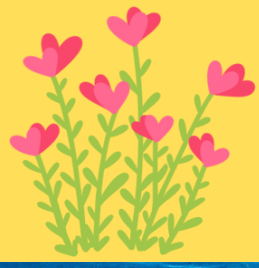


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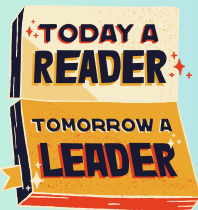


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## Reading Month!

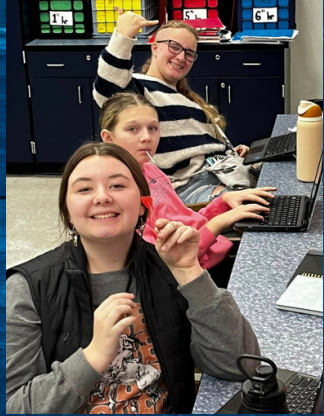
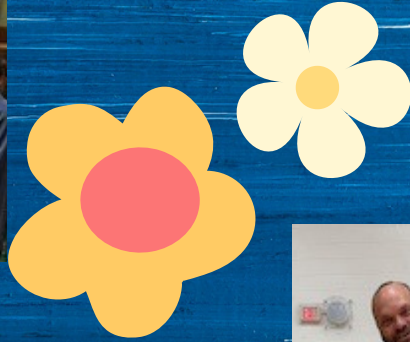


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