

TO ALL GLEN ACRES FAMILIES

# Raider Review



Mrs. Hatke, Principal  
February 2016

## Book Fair Needs Your HELP!

We will be having our Spring Book Fair February 8-12th. We need volunteers to help run this fair for our students. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ann LaCosse at 771-2347 or call the office at 771-6150. We would love to have you help make this year's book fair a success!

**FYI: Student tickers to JHS athletic events** can be purchased in our office for \$1-a big savings from paying at the gate!



## Parent Teacher Conferences

Be on the lookout for parent teacher conference forms! We will be having our conferences on February 10th and 11th. Please plan on attending to hear all the great things your student has been accomplishing!

## News from the Nurse:

Please be sure our school has your current cell, home, work, and emergency contact numbers. With the flu season here, we want to make certain we can reach you should your child become ill or injured.

## Reminders:

- Please establish how your child is to get home from school regularly. If this changes, the teacher will need a written note from the parent.
- NO child will be released later than 2:00 p.m. from the office due to the established dismissal procedures. If you have an appointment, please plan accordingly.

**Next Raider Rally...**  
**February 29th**  
**Hat Day!**



Life skill for February

Effort—To do your best!

## Test Taking Strategies to Practice at Home! Try the CUBE & RELAX

### CUBE

**C** = Circle the key numbers. If written in word form, write the standard form above the word.

**U** = Underline the question. What are you being asked to solve.

**B** = Box key words. These words will tell you what to do.

**E** = Evaluate steps you should take and eliminate information you don't need.

**S** = Solve and Check! Does my answer make sense?

### RELAX

**R** = Read the questions carefully and re-read to find the answers.

**E** = Examine every answer choice before you choose your answer.

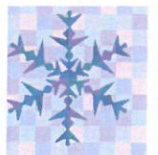
**L** = Label your answer in the passage when you find it.

**A** = Always check your answers by looking back!

**X** = X-out answers that cannot possibly be

## Winter is Almost Over!

Please make sure to watch for emails, texts, or the local news to be informed of any delays we may have due to weather.



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER READ, READ, READ!

When it comes to picking up a book and having story time with your kid, there is no such thing as starting too early. Reading to preschoolers -- and keeping books at home -- encourages language development, reading skills, and future success in school. "Even if your child is still too young to understand everything you're saying, he will learn to notice the rhythms of language, which will help him build a listening vocabulary," explains Susan M. Heim, author of *It's Twins! Parent-to-Parent Advice from Infancy Through Adolescence*. In fact, reading to your child has been proven to help him emotionally: A government-funded study conducted by The Institute of Education in the United Kingdom found that 5-year-olds who were read to daily by their parents were less likely to have behavioral problems in school.



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A great way to keep  
track of how your child  
is doing!

Mark your Calendar

- February 8th-12th  
Book Fair
- February 8-11th  
Candy Gram Sell
- February 15th NO  
SCHOOL *President's  
Day*
- February 18th PTO  
Meeting 6:30
- February 19th

WINTER  
CARNIVAL

6-8:00



- February 25th *Talent  
Show*



# How Poems for Kids Boost Reading Skills

1. **It rhymes (mostly!)** Rhyming language can help struggling kids read more smoothly, says Mary Ann Scheuer, librarian at the Emerson School in Berkeley, CA. Rhymes also show kids that words are made up of syllables, which helps them recognize the same sound in different words. Plus, it can improve spelling — it's not so far from "cat" to "mat," once you have the "at."
2. **It develops vocabulary** Poetry incorporates words kids don't usually encounter, yet the form's short, approachable nature makes it easy for them to figure out the meaning from the surrounding context. This can prepare them for tackling longer texts later on, Scheuer explains.
3. **It introduces literary concepts** Even silly nursery rhymes use alliteration, metaphors, and similes. Encountering concepts like these can help kids develop their language knowledge and become better writers.
4. **It's easy and fun to memorize** Memorization helps kids internalize patterns of sophisticated language. When they recite, they learn how to enunciate as well as to pronounce unfamiliar words, leading not only to more flexibility with reading but better communication overall.

## Raider Rally

Each month Glen Acres has a Raider Rally. During this celebration, we bring the entire school together. We recognize exceptional behavior in and outside of the classroom. Students are able to work together as a class to earn the....

*Mrs. Gipsori's Class ~ "Golden Spatula"* Outstanding behavior and cleanliness in the cafeteria

*Mrs. Tucker's Class ~ Golden Plunger* - Outstanding cleanliness in their classroom

Students are also able to earn tickets throughout the month. Tickets are drawn for small prizes every Friday. Then all the tickets that weren't drawn are added together and drawn for larger prizes each month at the Raider Rally. This month students were able to earn sidewalk chalk, hula hoops, and a skateboard.

To finish up the Raider Rally, each teacher nominates an "Outstanding Student" from their class. These students get a certificate from Subway and their picture is placed on the bulletin board outside the office.

## Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall, There's a Leader in Us All

Carter Sparger  
Peyton Lloyd-Wallington  
Isaac Morehouse  
Maliq Walker  
Cristopher Hernandez  
Leandro Nolasco  
Connor Hanthorn  
Dean Weathington  
Ma'Kayla Dickerson  
Sofia Huizar  
Joaquin Escobedo Dominguez  
Janelly Cuatlatl  
Brooklynn Mitchel  
Trevor Morgan  
Mathew Perez  
Carsen McCoy  
Autumn Ware  
Gil Rincon-Alvarez  
Aly Thompson  
Rashawn Holmes  
Trey Lambert  
Alexis Torres Morales  
Katie Graves