

PARENT NEWSLETTER

Week of January 8, 2024

SCHOOL PLEDGE

Right now, today, this very moment, I am capable of giving myself, the gift of absolute self-assurance, self-belief, and powerful non-stop confidence in myself.



“ T O T H R O U G H A N D B E Y O N D C O L L E G E ”

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DUNGEY



Dear Glazer Families:

Let me begin by wishing you all a Happy New Year filled with many successes and continued progress. During winter break, I hope you had the chance to catch up with friends and family and enjoy some rest and relaxation. I certainly spent some time reflecting on 2023 and think about the work and opportunities that lie ahead in 2024.

As we approach the holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King JR., Dr. King’s work, and his legacy, I am reminded of one of my favorite quotes of his, “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

At New Paradigm Glazer Academy, we place great value on seeing our students showing continued success and academic progress as they move through their academic journey while here at Glazer. I am excited to begin our work for the second half of the school year to ensure that learning continues. As we ring in the new year, we see this as an opportunity to check in with students and families to ensure that our students are on-track, prepared and ready for the second half of the year.

Glazer continues to strive to become a school focused on educational equity and find unique and innovative ways to partner, support and create opportunities that make our neighborhood school a place where all children enjoy learning, develop strong relationships, and continue to grow each day socially, emotionally, and academically. As always, thank you for your continued support.

With Regards,

Principal Dungey

DAY	ANNOUNCEMENTS
Monday 1/8	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 1/9 Welcome Back!! Break Packet Due	Read and Respond Goes Home Spelling words & Book Clubs go home! Exact Path during intervention
Wednesday 1/10 Reading Rally!	Exact Path during intervention
Thursday 1/11 Reading Rally	Exact Path during intervention
Friday 1/12	Read and Respond/C3 Due
UPCOMING	
1/15	No School MLK Day
Week of 1/15	NWEA Testing begins
Week of 1/22	ANET Testing begins
1/22-1/23	Scholastic Book Fair – We need some parent volunteers!
1/26	End of Q2
1/31	Science Fair 3:00-4:30
Week of 2/12	Career exploration week
2/14	Count Day/Trip to Henry Ford
2/16	No School Students – Staff PD
Week of 2/19-2/23	Mid-Winter Break – No school
2/26	Return to school
2/28	Black History Program 1:30-3:00
3/13	PTC – 4:30-7:00



This is our theme for the school year! Gladiators show excellence in all things we do! Excellence Is a habit at New Paradigm Glazer Academy.

GOALS FOR THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR

PERFORMANCE

- 65% of students will meet/exceed their NWEA fall to spring growth targets in both reading and math.
- MSTEP/PSAT8 proficiency will increase in both ELA and Math by 20% for grades 3-8.
- The overall college readiness percentages will increase by a minimum of 10% on the Spring PSAT assessment.

ATTENDANCE

- Chronic absenteeism will decrease by 15% in comparison to the 2022-2023 school year.

INTERVENTION

- Students will have an average mastery of 80% or higher of skills during scheduled intervention time.

Emergency Drills

We will practice fire, tornado, and active shooting drills with students. An emergency can happen at any time. We will practice drills rather it is rain or shine. This will help prepare students to know what to do before, during, and after an emergency.

The School wide Getting Along Together Challenge: This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is to use “Win-Win” solutions. A “Win-Win” solution is when both people solving the problem are happy about the solution. Try coming up with “Win-Win” solutions throughout the week!

Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. Families can also advocate for resources to help students learn if they cannot attend in-person.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your teen maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-Covid-19 related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your teens must stay home because they are sick or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your teen to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your students if they are showing signs of anxiety.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy - incentives and penalties.
- Check on your teen's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need support.



Testing

Test taking has become an increasingly valuable skill. Recently, testing has taken center stage due to accountability and more rigorous standards. Students need to learn strategies and techniques beginning in elementary school and in order to succeed throughout their academic careers.

Testing in school is very important. It not only helps teachers assess student ability and subject mastery; it also helps students and parents to monitor progress. Providing a child with test taking strategies and techniques will help students and schools perform better.

How are you preparing your students to be successful? Are you practicing test taking strategies on a daily basis? As well as teaching them how to manage their stress/emotions during testing? Are you sharing these strategies with your parents?

The following website can provide additional information on test taking strategies for parents and teachers.

Basic Test Taking Tips

1. Go to bed early – Get plenty of rest prior to testing
 2. Make sure to eat breakfast
 3. Relax – Practice stress relief strategies
1. Take deep breaths
 2. Think positive thoughts – You got this!
 3. Think about the strategies that you have learned.

There are other benefits as well: **Achievement:** Students who attend school regularly are more likely to pass reading and math assessments than students who don't attend school regularly. **opportunities,** and to take the important exams they need to build a successful academic record.

Opportunity: For older students, being in school every day gives them a chance to learn more about college and scholarship opportunities, and to take the important exams they need to build a successful academic record. **Exposure to the English language:** Regular school attendance can also help students who are learning English by giving them the chance to master the skills and information they need more quickly and accurately even in other subjects!

Being part of the school community: Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view.

The importance of education: Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success, and that it's important to take your responsibilities seriously including going to school. By making your child's school attendance a priority, you will be taking an important step in supporting your child's school success and setting a good example. Remember every day counts!

Attendance Count 12/18-12/21

Kindergarten	68%	
1 st Grade	82%	
2 nd Grade	72%	
3 rd Grade	81%	
4 th Grade	79%	
5 th Grade	83%	
6 th Grade	86%	
7 th Grade	80%	
8 th Grade	62%	

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ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS <small>read well by the end of third grade</small>	MIDDLE SCHOOLERS <small>pass important courses</small>	HIGH SCHOOLERS <small>stay on track for graduation</small>	COLLEGE STUDENTS <small>earn their degrees</small>	WORKERS <small>succeed in their jobs</small>
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Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



Attendance Works
Advancing Student Success By Reducing Chronic Absence
www.attendanceworks.org

KINDER CORNER



Please ask your kinder to watch the Vimeo Video Unit 3 Day 1 Those Nearest and Dearest.

<https://vimeo.com/channels/kchomelink/174688838>

Watch and listen to the video and practice the /K/ sound (located at minute 2:50 on the video). Now practice sounding out the words below.

1st GRADE



Watch the Vimeo video for A Card with Dad day 2. Then practice the letter sounds that are shown at the beginning of the video.

SFA Reading Roots

Look at the Reading Reels video with your parents. Practice the sounds from the video.

<https://vimeo.com/channels/rrhomelink/page:4>