

# Glendale's Social-Emotional Team News

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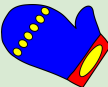
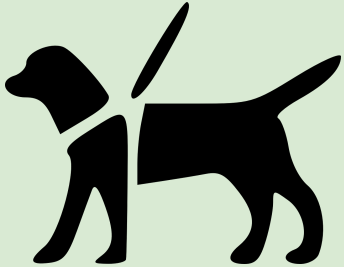
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Happy December, Glendale Families! We hope that you are all well and enjoying these last official days of fall! There has been a lot of great learning and activities happening at Glendale, and we look forward to the next weeks to come!

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons in the classroom last month focused on beginning the Second Step curriculum for all grades. This is an SEL program that covers the following units: Skills for Learning; Empathy; Emotion Management; and Problem-Solving Skills. It also covers Fair Ways to Play for our youngest learners. Each grade-level began the Empathy unit (feeling or understanding how someone else is feeling). These lessons will continue throughout the coming months. Please contact Mrs. Kawa with any questions.

The Glendale Therapy Dog program is in full swing, and the students and staff are loving the visits with our gentle, furry friends!

Thank you to our dogs and their handlers, and to Mrs. Pinkowski from the High School for bringing this program to Glendale. A big thank you also to Miss Ciezki for making sure this runs smoothly at Glendale, and to the students on the Paw Patrol for their leadership in getting the therapy dogs to their scheduled locations in the school!



Thank you to families and staff that have already donated to our annual hat and mitten drive. Donations are shared within our school district and community. Should you be in need of hats or mittens for your children, please contact us. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

We are available daily to help with any needs that may arise. We are also available for short-term, solution-focused individual counseling to address issues that may be affecting the school day. Please reach out if you need anything at all. Additional assistance, such as long-term counseling in the community, is available through the Sweet Home Family Support Center (FSC). Please contact us if we can be of assistance in making a referral to the FSC for outside counseling, family assistance resources, or other concerns. The FSC may also be reached directly at (716) 250-1229.

Have a wonderful **Winter Recess** with your family!  
There is no school from  
Monday, December 26th through Monday, January 2nd.  
Class resumes on Tuesday, January 3rd.



Numerous parent support programs are offered in the community throughout the year. Please see the following pages for flyers for upcoming programs.

Each month, Glendale is focusing on one of the 7 Habits from the Leader in Me program. We are so happy to see Glendale students develop into leaders. This month, we are focusing on Habit 3. Below is a short overview of Habit 3 - Put First Things First

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## Habit #3

### Put First Things First

#### Work First, Then Play

- I focus on the things that are most important (Big Rocks)
- I complete the things that I **HAVE** to do before doing the things that I **WANT** to do (work before play)
- I stay focused on the task that I am completing and minimize distractions



# Glendale Annual Hat & Mitten Drive



Donations are gratefully accepted through Friday, December 16th. Donations will be shared within the school district and the community.

Should you be in need of hats or mittens, please contact us and we can send them home with your child.

Please consider donating to the

## **Glendale Annual Winter Hat and Mitten Drive**

New hats and mittens are being collected and will be donated within our community

Students may drop donations to the  
Glendale office  
by Friday, December 16th

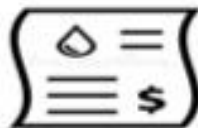
Thank you for your consideration!





**Are your children in need of winter  
clothing?**

**PLEASE CONTACT  
THE SWEET HOME FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER  
716-250-1229**



**Having trouble paying for utilities and other household  
bills? There may be assistance available.**

**Visit:**

[https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/erie\\_county\\_assistance\\_program1.html](https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/erie_county_assistance_program1.html)

**For information about a variety of programs in Erie County  
or**

<https://www2.erie.gov/temporaryassistance/emergency-services>  
**For Erie County Dept of Social Services Emergency Services**

Register online at <https://www.mentalhealthdnys.org/webinar-registration-12-14-2022/>

You may also call (518) 434-0439 for more information.

Registration for this program closes at noon on 12/14/22.

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# UPCOMING

# WEBINAR



FAMILIES & CAREGIVERS

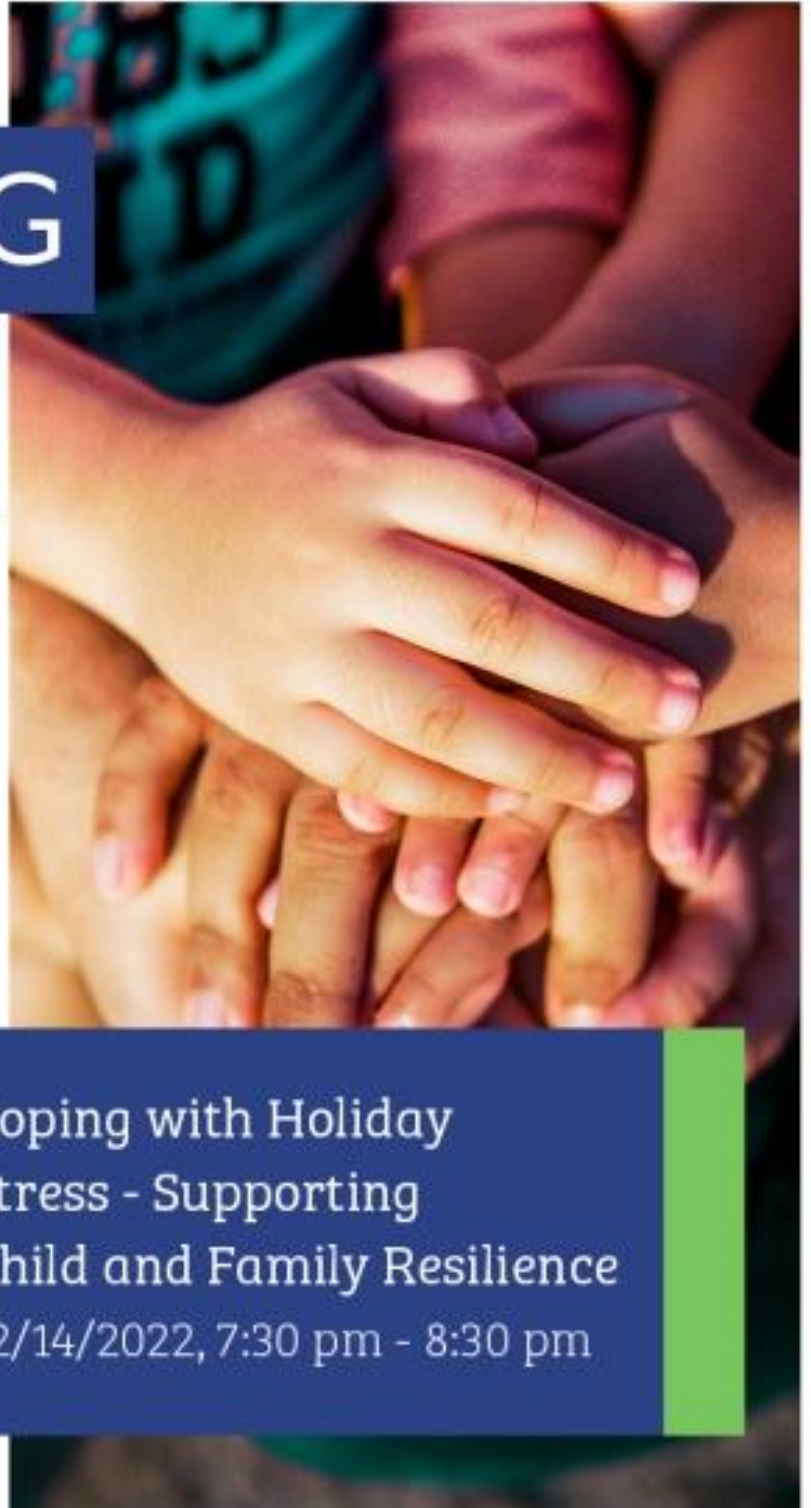


**School Mental Health  
Resource Training Center**

[www.mentalhealthEDnys.org](http://www.mentalhealthEDnys.org)

Coping with Holiday  
Stress - Supporting  
Child and Family Resilience

12/14/2022, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm



Rescheduled date due to the November snow days - please join us and cheer on our Glendale players as we support the Sweet Home Education foundation (SHEF)

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

*Sweet Home*

**FACULTY & STAFF**

**BASKETBALL GAME**



**FRIDAY  
JANUARY 6TH**

Sweet Home High School  
Main Gym  
1901 Sweet Home Rd.



**6PM DOORS OPEN  
6:30PM GAME**

**CHEER ON YOUR FAVORITE  
BUILDING TEAM!**

**GAME 1 - MAPLEMERE & WILLOW RIDGE VS.  
GLENDALE & HERITAGE HEIGHTS**

**GAME 2- MIDDLE SCHOOL/READY ACADEMY  
VS. HIGH SCHOOL**

**CONCESSIONS!  
BASKET RAFFLE!  
HALF TIME FUN!  
\$1 FREE THROW  
COMPETITION**



**SWEET HOME  
EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION**



**\$2 Admission**

All proceeds benefit the mission of SHEF, Inc. to enhance the educational experience of students in the Sweet Home Central School District by offering enrichment in all areas.



# **SHEF FACULTY**



# **BASKETBALL TEAMS!**

**Glendale  
&  
Heritage Heights**  
Dibble, Gravel,  
DeLaPlante, Dunstan,  
Calandra, Mislin,  
Perry, LiCausi, Scholl,  
Miranda

**VS.**

**Maplemere  
&  
Willow Ridge**  
Ryan, Andriatch,  
Taboni, Wills,  
Wawrzyniak, Polino,  
Ruggiero, Johel,  
Barbalate, Giese,  
Chatt

**High School**  
Becker, Koziol,  
LaRoach, Schultz,  
Martin, Morton,  
Jones, Bailey,  
Miranda, Woloss,  
Hammonds

**VS.**

**Middle School**  
Flowers, Wall,  
Shepherd, Newman,  
Montalbo, Dauria,  
Brennan, Freda,  
Scheer, Woods,  
Monaco, Smith



**JANUARY 6TH AT 6PM**

**Come cheer on your teachers at our  
faculty basketball game!**



**Ronald McDonald  
House Charities®**  
of Western New York

Glendale is very happy to continue our support of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Western New York Pull Tab Program.

Aluminum pull tabs from beverage cans are collected and donated. Pull tabs are weighed and recycled, and the monetary value of the aluminum is matched by Niagara Metals. The donations help to purchase items for the Ronald McDonald House and Family Lounge. The Ronald McDonald House in Buffalo allows out-of-town families with children in a local hospital to have a place to stay during the child's hospitalization.

There is not a deadline for this program - pull tabs may be dropped off throughout the school year.

Pull tabs can be dropped off to Mrs. Kawa's room in the Glendale school office. Please donate just the pull tabs. Thank you!





The Weekend Backpack Food Program, sponsored by the Sweet Home Education Foundation (S.H.E.F.) and in partnership with FeedMore WNY, assists Sweet Home families with non-perishable food items on the weekends. Please contact Mrs. Kawa if you would like to be included in this program.



# SWEET HOME EDUCATION FOUNDATION

[sweethomefoundation.org](http://sweethomefoundation.org)

**SHEF, Inc. is a 501c3 dedicated to helping Sweet Home families and their children.**

## **Weekend Backpack Food Program**

**Assist families with non-perishable food items on the weekends**

## **Mini-Grant Program**

**Fund innovative ideas from staff to support students**

## **Sponsor a Musician Program**

**Provide support for instruments and supplies for students who cannot afford to participate in music**

## **Other Initiatives...**

- **Athlete snack program**
- **Styluses for every student**
- **Book donation for K-5 students**

### **Our SHEF, Inc. Team**

#### **Board Officers:**

**President: Lisa LaBrake**  
**Vice-President: Kelli Bogacz**  
**Treasurer: Don Feldmann**  
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**Mike Ginestre**

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**Anthony Day**  
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