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Dear Glen Oak families,

It is my pleasure to welcome back students, parents, staff and our entire Glen Oak community to another great school year ahead! We are looking forward to the 2024-2025 school year and all that it will bring for our school family. Our teachers and staff have been hard at work preparing to fulfill our District's mission to facilitate maximum learning for every student. While it isn't quite time yet, please know we will be ready and waiting with enthusiasm in August.

Communication with our families is important to us and we have several places you can find back-to-school information as well as gather pertinent information throughout the year. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these resources and bookmark or download them.

Website: Bookmark [Glen Oak website](#). You will be able to retrieve building specific information here throughout the year. Additionally, you will find district-level news and contact information on the site.

OLSD App: If you have not already done so, please download the district's free mobile app, Olentangy Schools, from the App Store or Google Play to stay connected with our schools. Once you download the app, select the school(s) you would like to follow and set push notifications. Doing so allows you to receive customizable news, calendars, and notifications including district and building level news on your mobile devices.

Schoology: Schoology is used for classroom level communication from teachers about assignments, activities, homework and other classroom events. Parents can also communicate with teachers directly through this system. Schoology may also be accessed through the district mobile app.

Seesaw: Young learners in grades K-2 can capture and showcase their learning with ease using Seesaw. Parents are able to engage in their child's learning, view their child's work, provide motivation and encouragement, and communicate with teachers.

PowerSchool: PowerSchool is where parents will complete and update important electronic forms at the start of the year, pay fees, receive student grades and report cards and district-level reports and letters. The district's mass notification system is integrated with PowerSchool and the contact information provided on the back-to-school forms, so please make sure information is accurate and updated throughout the year. New families should opt-in to the district's text messaging service by texting YES to 79041.



Possip: Monthly “pulse check” text surveys will be sent straight to your phone. The survey is only two questions with an option to provide additional feedback. Parent feedback can be seen by schools in a weekly report, and trends on what’s going well and what families need can be identified.

Social Media: Instagram is used to share pictures from classrooms and school activities. Follow us [@glenoakelementaryolsd](https://www.instagram.com/glenoakelementaryolsd).

The district Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube and podcast share what makes Olentangy unique and special. Follow Olentangy Schools social media here:

Facebook - www.facebook.com/olentangyschools/

Twitter - [@olentangysd](https://twitter.com/olentangysd)

Instagram - [@olentangylocalschools](https://www.instagram.com/olentangylocalschools)

LinkedIn – [Olentangy Local School District](https://www.linkedin.com/company/olentangy-local-school-district)

YouTube - www.youtube.com/user/OlentangySchools

Podcast - rss.com/podcasts/helloolentangy/

Understanding and using these communication tools is the best way to stay in the know about events and information for not only our school but all schools across the district.

As is the case with any new school year, we are welcoming some new staff members to the Glen Oak team. Please join us in welcoming:

Brooklyn Howell – Music

Hailee Cain – Second Grade

Lindsay Thut – Third Grade

Bryn Deibert – Fourth Grade

Caitlyn Auld and Emily Auld – Fifth grade

Heather Deutschendorf – Intervention Specialist

Stephanie Schlie – SLC Intervention Specialist

Additionally, some of our favorite familiar faces will be working in new areas. Please join me in welcoming these staff members to their new roles:

Meghan Hartwig – Kindergarten

Kacey Neville – First Grade

Kayley Schick – Third Grade

Bret Hottle – Fourth Grade

Carrie Isabelle – Fifth Grade



Looking toward the start of another great school year, it is important to remember we want to give time for our students to gain some independence and build confidence in settling into their new school routines. We believe our students will be most successful if they are able to learn to take care of themselves and take pride in their independence. Thank you for partnering with us to build these skills in our students, your children.

Please note some of the following beginning of the year procedures:

Drop off: 8:50am

School starts: 9:05am

Dismissal: 3:45pm

Food Service: Meals, breakfast and lunch, are available to all students.

Drop-off: Parents should enter the side parking lot and pull forward to drop their students. Staff will be on duty to help direct. We ask that you not pull away until the car in front of you has left.

Car riders: Parents will continue to pick up students at the front entrance, utilizing a similar drive by process as last year.

Walkers: Walkers are escorted to cross Blue Holly Drive or the pass through to Glen Oak Park by staff members.

Daycare: Daycare students will be dismissed by daycare bus when their specific bus arrives. All students are accounted for before any buses leave.

Bus: Students will be dismissed by bus number from their classroom. Staff on duty will help assist students navigating the hallways and entering the bus.

Dates to mark in your calendar include:

August 13 – Open House

August 15 – First Day of School

August 22 – Curriculum Night, K-2

August 29 – Curriculum Night, 3-5

September 30 and October 1 – School pictures

November 15 – School picture make up day

April 2 – Class pictures

Parent/Teacher Conference Dates:

October 24 and November 6

February 20 and 26



Testing Windows:

Second Grade – February 24-March 7

Third Grade – October 22-28, February 24-March 7 and April 3-May 6

Fourth Grade – April 4-5 and 23-24

Fifth Grade – April 3 – May 6

As you begin to prepare for your own family’s back-to-school routine, you may consider incorporating some of the following activities:

Reading: Read at home together at least 20 minutes each day, making it a fun, family tradition.

Sleep: Getting a good night’s sleep is an essential key to a productive day for each of us. Establishing a school bedtime routine a week or two before the beginning of school makes adjusting to the school year easier for everyone in your home.

Healthy start: Planning ahead to start each day with a healthy breakfast helps ensure that your child has a great day at school and can focus on the day ahead.

Once again, I am excited for the coming year at Glen Oak! If at any time you have questions or concerns about your child, please contact your child’s teacher first and then our front office. I look forward to seeing all of you on our first day back to school, Thursday, August 15. If you have any questions, you may contact me at stephen_peters@olsd.us or 740-657-5500.

Enjoy your summer and Go Goats!

Sincerely,

Stephen Peters
Principal
Glen Oak Elementary School