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Congratulations to GSL's Class of 2017 – we are very proud of all of you!

ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR IS ENDING, AND ON behalf of all of us at Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools, I would like to congratulate the Class of 2017 on their graduation. May you look back on your days at GSL with pride and a sense of accomplishment. We are all very proud of you and your successes. Best of luck as you enter your new phase of life.



CHRIS SONJU

As I reflect on the 2016-2017 school year, I cannot help but have a sense of pride in what our students and staff have accomplished each day at GSL. From the day-to-day teaching and learning that happens in the classroom, to the achievements and learning experiences outside the classroom, it was another great year. When you look back on this year, you ask yourself where has the time gone?

As it is with all school years, you know you're going to have a lot going on – it's the nature of the school life – but with construction of the new addition, things were really moving here at school this year. In spite of all of that happening, I cannot be more pleased with how our staff and students have dealt with the construction process and the necessary changes that needed to be made this year.

Safety will always be a priority, and our staff, students, and community needed to have patience. For this, I say thank you.

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In the end, this new addition will be a wonderful facility for our community and especially for our students and staff to have new and flexible learning opportunities.

While we are not wishing away the summer, we cannot be more excited about the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

Once again, congratulations to the Class of 2017 – best of luck and thank you for a great year! We are very proud of all of you.



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Important GSL school dates

Celebration DayFriday, May 12
Graduation.....Friday, May 19
Last day for students.....Monday, May 22
Last day for staffTuesday, May 23
Packing DayWednesday, May 24

2017-2018 School Year:

First day of school for 3-12.....Tuesday, Sept. 5
and K-2 Check-in Day
First day of school for K-2Wednesday, Sept. 6



The architect's rendition of the completed \$24.9 million dollar construction project shows students, staff, and our communities what they have to look forward to for the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

Knowledge Bowlers have a great year (and earn another State title)

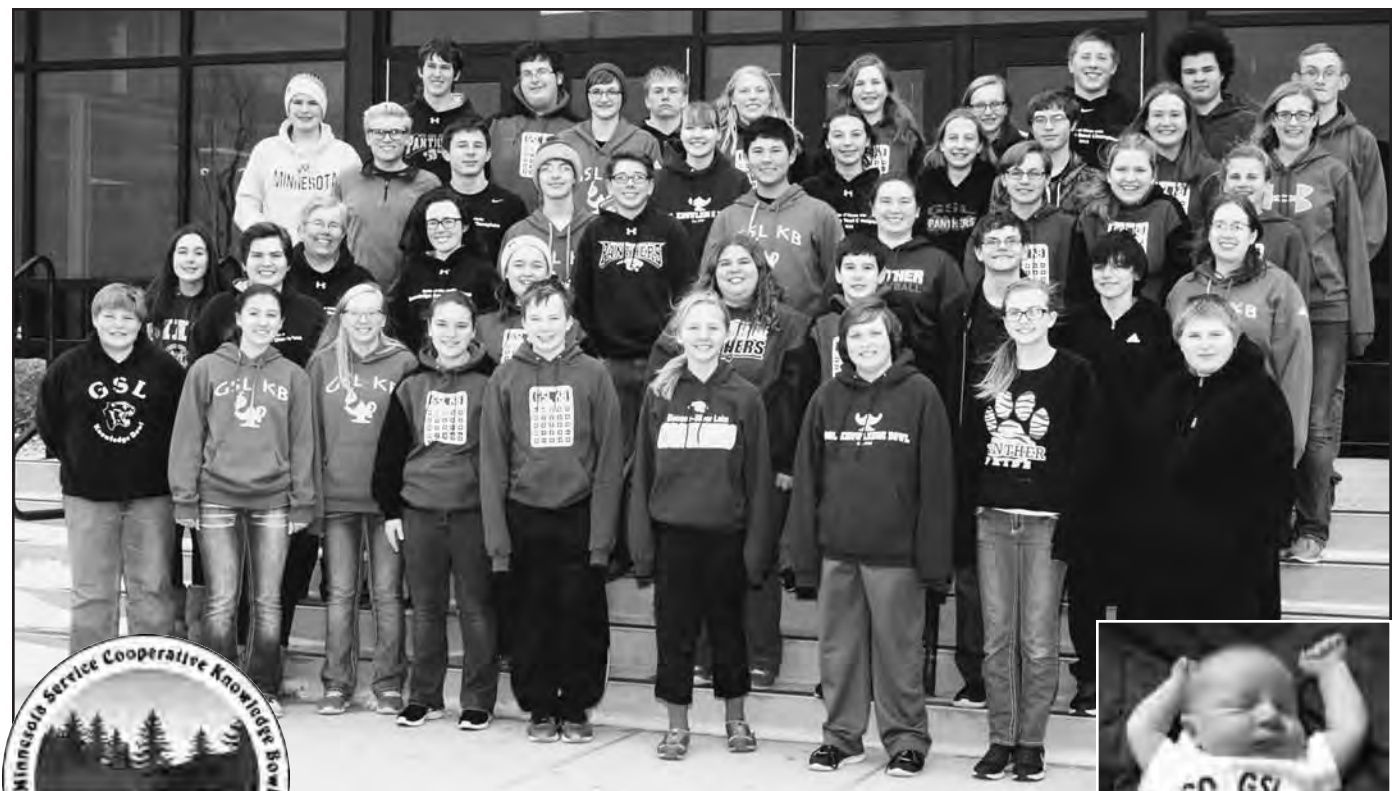
KNOWLEDGE BOWLERS FROM GSL have had a good year! The 43 students participated in 14 meets altogether up to and including the State meet. The top varsity team won the varsity division of 11 of those meets, including Subregional, Regional, and Wright County Conference.

On Friday, April 7, the varsity students finished this excellent season by winning the State Class A meet. (Knowledge Bowl has two classes – Hutchinson and Willmar were in Class AA).

Ann Lamecker was coach for the junior high teams. There were 22 seventh and eighth graders, and they steadily improved during the season. At the GSL home meet in February, the junior high teams finished first, second, fourth, and eighth out of 21 teams – an excellent finish to their season!

The State Knowledge Bowl coordinator estimates that there are 925 varsity and JV Knowledge Bowl teams in over 280 schools across the state of Minnesota. GSL usually has four or five, but theirs are some of the best. For five years now, GSL has been either first or second at State and has won four times altogether, starting in 2007.

GSL's State team was as near perfect as a Knowledge Bowl team can be. When they needed to be fast to get a question, they buzzed first. When they really needed more information to answer a question, they waited. They correctly answered questions about geography, history, literature, math, grammar, and science, among other topics. They worked together well for the whole season, and they peaked at Cragun's. It was a pleasure to watch them play!



Knowledge Bowl participants during the 2016-2017 school year include (pictured left to right), front row: Nathan Fehrenbach, Kalie Butcher, Abby Gronlund, Carlee Oberlin, Eli Kuehn, Summer Hayes, Zach Reichow, Emma Gepson, and Aaron Ward; row 2: Beth Cross, Maggie Petersen, Coach Vicky Harris, Katie Twiss, Haley Lukes, Lexi Fronk, Cade Herrmann, Austin Brewton, Kobe Boozikee, and Coach Ann Lamecker; row 3: Dan Cross, Jacob Fehrenbach, Jake Vasek, Charles Urban, Jared Lokensgard, Cole Janke, Lilly Ehrke, Paul Sievert, Vera Kornilova, and Rachel Trebesch; row 3-1/2 (starts part-way over): Laura Popelka, Katelyn Lemke, Kendra Klobe, Devin Forcier, Allie Gronlund, and Elida Roskamp; back row: Brett Baumgarten, Austin Pinske, Jacob Reichow, Jack Gepson, Megan Fehrenbach, Emma Petersen, Kayla Reichow, Nathan Warner, Jon Ramige, and Devin Everding.

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Henry Otto Lamecker, the Knowledge Bowl team's youngest fan, was born on April 3, 2017 – just in time to wish the team good luck at the State meet on April 7. Henry is the son of Ann Lamecker, Junior High Knowledge Bowl Coach.

MASA names Christopher Sonju an "Administrator of Excellence"

THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF School Administrators (MASA) has named Christopher Sonju, Superintendent at Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools, as a 2017 Administrator of Excellence. Sonju received this award in recognition of his leadership, concern for students, and active involvement in professional and community affairs. He was honored at a statewide recognition ceremony during the MASA/MASE Spring Conference, March 9-10, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

Sonju's achievements reflect his ability to lead important changes in the educational system. As Superintendent at GSL, Sonju was able to spearhead the passage of a \$24.9 million dollar bond referendum for an addition to the high school and junior high school. A bond referendum had not been passed in the district since 1969. This addition will have a major impact that will support the district's teaching and learning for many years to come.

In 2009, Sonju and GSL successfully consolidated the former McLeod West School District into three different school districts. It was a major process with GSL taking over the former school districts' property.

Recently, GSL has successfully implemented a K-12, fully accredited Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program through Project Lead the Way. All students will

experience the program as they go through their years at GSL. This STEM program also goes hand and hand with GSL's technology advancements over the years. The district owns devices for students and classrooms are equipped with interactive boards to enhance student learning. GSL has implemented a Bring-Your-Own-Device (BYOD) policy and has expanded their technology infrastructure to meet the needs of the surrounding community, staff, and students. This fall's 9th graders will be asked to bring a Chromebook or similar electronic device for use in the classroom.

Sonju has also begun bringing in community business members to work and interact with students and staff. He started this collaboration to help connect the district's schools with the surrounding business community. Other programs Sonju has worked to implement include: a recycling program, Books on the Bus, Books for Babies, "Random Acts of Greatness" letter writing program, and "Get To" Day where the entire student body and staff celebrate a positive attitude, culture, and mind set.

Sonju began his teaching career in 1992 as a sixth grade teacher and coach at Central Public Schools. In 2004, he served as an Assistant Principal at the GSL before being named as Superintendent of the district in 2007.

Sonju has been an active MASA member for 10 years. He has served on the MASA Nominations, Executive

Development, and Legislative Committees. Sonju is a member of Little 10 and the West Central Superintendents Group.

Sonju serves on the steering committee and leads the student leadership portion of a county-wide leadership program called McLeod for Tomorrow. This program involves students from GSL High School and other districts' high schools in McLeod County and brings them together to support leadership and networking. He is also a member of the Economic Development Committee for the City of Glencoe, the Glencoe Rotary Club, and the McLeod County Toward Zero Deaths Commission.

Sonju received his superintendent's license, master's and specialist degree, and 6th year certificate from Minnesota State University-Mankato. He earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology from Hamline University.

Each year, MASA recognizes members for their contribution to public education. MASA is a professional organization of Minnesota's school leaders, including superintendents, assistant superintendents, directors of special education, and other central office administrators, as well as state department administrators, college, and university professors, and other educators throughout Minnesota dedicated to educational leadership for students.



Block by block, brick by brick, need to make this school grow!

EVERY DAY AS I WATCH THE NEW school building progress, I think of the song by John Denver called "Garden Song." Anybody remember it? I think it was recorded in 1979. Inch by inch, row-by-row, going to make this garden grow. That is how I feel about this building project: block by block, brick by brick, need to make this school grow.



MICHELLE SANDER

So, the trivia question I have for you this time is... How many cement blocks will have been used to build this school? One little hint – there are 900 blocks on each truck that enters the site.

The project is coming along nicely; of course, not as fast as we would like but we still plan to be in the building by the start of school. It will be a very short and very busy summer to get everything accomplished. A number of the new areas have already been painted, ceilings and lights are being hung and equipment is being installed. One of the biggest parts of the project will come this summer with all of the work that has to be completed in the current Lincoln and high school buildings. Sprinkler systems need to be added as well as door replacements, new ceilings,

new lights in some areas, tile work, and painting. New technology will also be installed in a number of classrooms. And then comes the big move – moving all of the classrooms from the Helen Baker building to the new Lincoln Elementary and moving the Lincoln Junior High to the new classrooms by the high school. Fun times ahead!

The administration has been working hard on preparing for the 2017-2018 school year. Figuring out new classrooms and staffing, purchasing furniture, addressing student needs and working out schedules; moreover, trying to accomplish all of this without having the new building complete yet. We will more than likely have a few adjustments to make once school starts! One of the biggest and hardest areas to address is staffing and meeting student needs.

As business manager, the first and foremost important duty is to manage the budget and to make the rest of the administration, as well as the school board, aware of the financial status of the district. As a district, the last several years we have deficit spent, which means we have spent more than we have revenue coming in. There is nothing wrong with deficit spending as long as you have a healthy fund balance (savings) to accomplish this and still stay financially responsible while meeting the needs of students, staff, providing adequate facilities and upgrading equipment.

Enrollment drives our revenue that supports our programs. When enrollment drops or declines, that means there is less revenue coming into the district to support those programs and staffing. At some point with declining enrollment, you have to stop the deficit spending and make sure you have a balanced budget. Every week in our executive cabinet meetings, we are looking at ways to make sure we are running our programs as efficiently as possible. When enrollment drops, we look closely at all program areas for potential cost savings that could be



By the time the school district's construction project is completed, how many bricks do you think will have been used to build this school?

made with the least impact on students to make sure we do not fall below our fund balance policy that is set by the board. Those recommendations are then taken to the board for discussion and possible action. It is never an easy part of the job when those decisions need to be made. I have said this before, but it is similar to running your household budget. When you have a change in household income, you have to adjust your expenditures to make sure the bills can be paid or you find yourself in trouble. The part that becomes difficult for a school is that once school starts you are not allowed to reduce certified staff. You can always add staff, but you cannot make any reductions once the school year starts. Therefore, you have to prepare and try to predict the changes that could happen four to five months down the road.

Well, did you come up with a guess on the number of block? When all is done, we will be at 120,000 block! Now, that is a lot of block! And, if you are already wondering about the number of brick, they will use 100,000 bricks for the outside of the buildings.

If you ever have any questions, give me a call or stop in.



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Congratulations GSL Graduates!

Glencoe-Silver Lake staff and students are proud of your accomplishments and wish you great success in your future endeavors.

Summer phone numbers

Parents who try to connect with school staff over the summer may become frustrated when they are unable to reach a principal or secretary. This is because the majority of school employees don't work during the summer months. Many of them do check their voice mail and e-mails over the summer, but they may not do so on a regular basis.

If you need to talk to school staff during the summer, give the District Office a call at 320-864-2491. The phone will be answered during regular business hours and employees will be able to find someone to assist you.

NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859

This is the official notice to parents and guardians of special education students that the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District retains records for seven (7) years after a student's graduation date.

Special Education Records for students who graduated in the 2009-2010 school year will be destroyed on July 30, 2017, unless a parent, guardian, or the special education student makes a request in writing to the school district and makes arrangements to pick the records up at the District Office at Lincoln Junior High School, 1621 E. 16th St., Glencoe, before July 30, 2017.

If you have further questions about obtaining your child's special education records please contact Bill Butler, Elementary Principal, at BButler@gsl.k12.mn.us or at 320-864-2666.

Anne Twiss, Clerk
SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859

Options available for credit recovery/summer school

GREETINGS! I WOULD LIKE TO SUM-marize some of the credit recovery/summer school options available to our 7-12 students. If you have any questions regarding the following programs, please contact the school office for assistance.



PAUL SPARBY

Students in grades 9-12 at GSL have the following options available to them for credit recovery.

1. Plato Online Recovery through GSL

– Courses are offered through our online credit recovery program. Teacher support and computers are offered every day for students. Parents and students **MUST ATTEND** a mandatory meeting on **Wednesday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m.** if they want to participate in the program.

Session Dates: May 30th through June 30th

Session Times: Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Expectations: Students are required to attend a minimum of 6 classes (18 hours) per session.

2. Crow Area Learning Center in Hutchinson –

Crow River Learning Center will run a session in June and another in July. These are scheduled 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Please contact Sarah McGraw at 320-234-2691 for more information on this program.

3. Waconia Area Learning Center – WALC offers English, math and social studies credits. This program will run a session in July and another session in August. The sessions run Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 12:45 a.m. Please call Cindy Finke at 952-442-0689 for more information.

A student can complete courses at any of the options listed above and GSL will accept the credits. Please keep in mind if your child has not passed a required course, this is a great way to make up those credits. If they do not make up the credits during the summer, the student will be scheduled back into the required courses the following year.

Students in grades 7-8 at GSL will have the following summer school option:

The summer school program is for students who have been identified by standardized test scores, classroom performance and teacher recommendation. The sessions are going to focus in the areas of reading and math using online resources as well as community-/project-based activities. Students that are going into 9th grade can earn graduation credits with the completion of the summer school program.



Please contact me at 320-864-2401 or Mr. Svoboda at 320-864-2456 for more information.

Session Dates: May 30th through June 30th

Session Times: Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



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It's an exciting time for GSL junior high school students

SPRING IS A WONDERFUL TIME OF year. We have made it through the dark days of winter and are looking forward to the long, warm and exciting days of summer. Here at Lincoln Junior High we are also excited about our move from the Lincoln building to our new home next year. I wanted to take this time to give you an update about how our building will work next year for our junior high parents and students.



DAN SVOBODA

Next year, Lincoln Junior High will be no more. We officially will be the Glencoe-Silver Lake Junior-Senior High School and we will be moving into the classrooms that make up the new construction between the current buildings.

The staff has been meeting with the architect and other contractors to develop learning spaces that will be conducive to our junior high. The classrooms are clustered around open learning spaces where teachers can use this space for small or large group instruction outside of their classroom. The furniture that has been chosen will allow for a flexible learning space that will accommodate these different uses as well as facilitate technology use for our students and staff. Most classrooms will be similar in size

with the science classrooms a bit larger to accommodate labs. The classrooms will all have technology serving our students and teachers with SMART boards or other similar technology. Each room will also have desks and chairs that will move and create flexible learning groups. This will allow teachers to set up their rooms for large group lector-type lessons as well as small and larger group pods.

With differentiation as the norm in the modern classroom it is important to allow for these flexible seating options for teachers. The addition of the new gym space, locker rooms, and greater access to the field house will be of great benefit to our health/physical education department.

Our new proximity to the high school also opens up new opportunities to our students and staff. We will now have easier access to the media center, its technology, and flexible learning space, which is part of the construction and remodeling plan.

We will have greater access to the computer labs at the high school and, last but not least, we, at the junior high, will not have to worry about rain, thunderstorms, or the cold weather when we want to walk to the high school. Even though we at Lincoln Junior High got used to the outside walk, and even enjoyed it on the occasional nice day, it is great to know we will be warm and dry next year when we want to access these areas.

With all of these physical changes happening to our school, some may wonder if we still will be able to differentiate between our junior and senior high. Our leadership team at Lincoln has been working

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Junior-Senior
High School**

through a school within a school concept. This means there will be some things we will do the same as the high school (like our master schedule), but other things may be more age and developmentally appropriate for the junior high and not so much for the senior high. We will still have the flexibility to implement separate junior high and high school initiatives.

Next year will be an exciting one at GSL Junior High. We know that we will have to live in the space for a while to really get a feel for all of the exciting changes that are to come, but it is our hope that the new construction will not only help with our students' comfort and accessibility, but also help our students and teachers learn and teach in a new and exciting way.



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Speech team has a fantastic showing at the Section Speech meet

THE GSL SPEECH TEAM HAD A GREAT SEASON AND WAS very successful at the Section Speech meet on Saturday, April 8 in Watertown. Practices for the team started the first of December – and the season ended with the State meet on April 22 at Apple Valley High School. It is a long season but well worth the effort. The students have gained confidence, learned to laugh, share, and accept criticism.

As a team they earned four trophies this year: Norwood Young America – 2nd; Maple Lake – 1st; Kimball – 1st; and New Ulm – 3rd. Although they are a small group, they are quality speakers. Not a bad season at all!

Results from the Section Speech meet were:

Marissa Kirchoff: Champion in Serious Prose – Qualified for State
Leah Bettcher: 3rd place in Extemp. Reading – Qualified for State
Kaitlyn Doolittle: 4th in Great Speeches – missed state by one point
Lilly Nikkel: 4th in Informative Speaking – missed state by one place
Aubrey Giesen: 5th in Discussion
Zoe Christensen: 6th in Creative
Bryanna Paul: 7th in Serious Poetry
*Kendra Klobe just missed finals as she placed 8th.
*As a team they placed 5th and were the highest ranking small team – surpassing teams with 30 or more students.

GSL Speech Team 2017:

8th Grade – Kendra Klobe: Creative Expression (1st year member)
Freshmen – Anthony LaPlante: Serious Prose (1st year member); Lily Kirchoff: Original Oratory (2nd year member)
Sophomores – Leah Bettcher: Extemporaneous Reading and Storytelling (3rd year member); Kaitlyn Doolittle: Great Speeches (2nd year member); Lilly Nikkel: Informative Speaking (1st year member); Bryanna Paul: Serious Poetry (3rd year member)
Juniors – Zoe Christensen: Creative Expression (3rd year member); Aubrey



Members of GSL’s Speech team who participated at the Section meet in Watertown on April 8, pictured left to right, front row, are: Leah Bettcher, Kaitlyn Doolittle, Marissa Kirchoff, Aubrey Giesen, and Bryanna Paul; back row: Lilly Nikkel, Kendra Klobe, Zoe Christensen, Spencer Lepel, and Anthony LaPlante.

Giesen: Discussion (2nd year member); Spencer Lepel: Serious Prose and Duo (2nd year member); Alexis Sanchez: Humorous and Duo (2nd year member)
Seniors – Paige Ackerson: Serious Prose (1st year member); Marissa Kirchoff: Serious Prose (4th year member and captain)

Wanda Collins, Speech Coach and High School English Teacher
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Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools
Independent School District #2859
Proudly serving the communities of: Biscay, Broxnton, Glencoe, New Auburn, Plato, and Silver Lake

School’s Out...Let’s Eat!

All children can come to these locations and have a nutritious summer meal at no cost!

Adults are welcome to join their child for a meal. Breakfast price \$2.25, lunch price \$4.00.



Breakfast (at Lakeside only) and lunch available Monday through Thursday. Breakfast and lunch will not be available on Fridays.

Helen Baker Elementary School 405 E. 16th Street, Glencoe June 12-July 27, 2017 (Closed July 4th) Lunch 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.	GSL Lakeside Elementary School 229 Lake Ave., Silver Lake June 12-July 27, 2017 (Closed July 4th) Breakfast 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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Call the GSL District Office: 320-864-2491
Find a site near you:
Text 612-516-FOOD
Call: 211 or 1-800-543-7709

Food That’s In...When School is Out!

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

All children can come to these locations and have a nutritious summer meal at no cost!

THE GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS PARTICIPATING in the Summer Food Program and invites children to have a free meal! Meals will be provided to all children birth to 18 without charge and meet nutritional standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

In addition to offering free meals to any child birth to 18, the school district is offering numerous summer activities including Targeted Services Summer School, Extended School Year Summer School, enrichment classes and camps through Community Education, Migrant Summer School, and the Panther Adventure Club (PAC).

Additional information about the Summer Food Service Program is available on the school district’s website at www.gsl.k12.mn.us or call Bernie Getzlaff, Food Service Director, at 320-864-2474.

Dates, locations, and times of the Summer Food Service Program are:

Helen Baker Elementary School 405 E. 16th Street, Glencoe June 12-July 27, 2017 (Closed July 4th) Lunch 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.	GSL Lakeside Elementary School 229 Lake Ave., Silver Lake June 12-July 27, 2017 (Closed July 4th) Breakfast 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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Softball/baseball quad complex to be developed into varsity regulation fields

WHEN THE GSL PANTHER ASSOCIATION was incorporated in 1998, there were four phases in the plans for the brand new north athletic complex. It is amazing that less than 10 years later, the final phase of the north athletic complex has been planned and is ready to begin. This summer there will be projects that are visible and others not. The softball/baseball quad complex in the north-east corner will be developed into varsity regulation fields. The school district completed irrigation in that area last summer so that this phase could begin. Now electricity will be bored through to the area for the two new scoreboards to be installed this summer and for future use. Total costs for these projects will be \$37,000 with school funds supplemented by donations from Security Bank & Trust Co., the GSL Booster Club, and the GSL Panther Association.

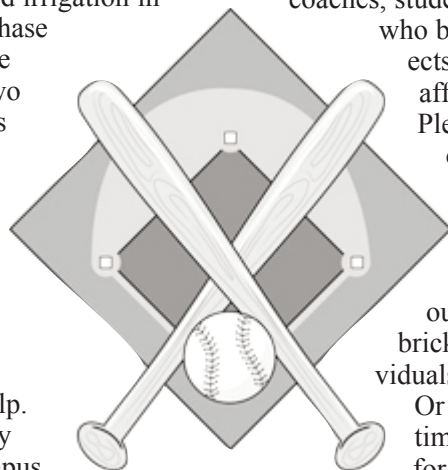
Now we need our communities' help. This phase will facilitate our varsity softball program remaining on campus for practice and games. It will be the same for lower levels of baseball. With existing beautiful baseball facilities in our district communities, varsity and JV baseball will continue to use those fields. Now it is on to brick dugouts and fencing with a cost of approximately \$180,000. With Activities Director Dean Schwartz directing and overseeing the softball/baseball complex project, the Panther Association will be soliciting funds for the projects from businesses, community members, and charita-

ble organizations as has been done in the past with our larger projects.

It is hoped that families with students in current programs will consider purchasing a brick on the donor wall. Look over the names and families on the brick wall, and you see each of our phases and students as they have gone through our high school activity programs, starting in 1998. It is a memory wall for coaches, students, families, fans, and businesses who believed in moving ahead with projects when the school was not able to afford completion of the project.

Please e-mail Michele Mackenthun at dmtmack@gmail.com for more information about ordering a brick. We are currently running a half-price promotion for purchasing bricks. If you have previously purchased a brick, a second brick can be purchased for \$75 for individuals/families and \$125 for businesses. Or if you are purchasing for the first time, \$150 for the first brick and \$75 for the second or \$250 and \$125.

There will be numerous opportunities for donations, contributing to ball drops and shoot outs, a meat raffle, participating in the annual Golf Tournament, and buying the delicious pork chops at the football games. Thank you to all who attended the Deuces Wild, duelling pianists event, in February at the City Center as all of those profits went to our projects. We're hoping to have them return next year.



Stevens Seminary Foundation makes a difference for students through scholarships and college classes

STEVENS SEMINARY FOUNDATION CONTINUES to make a difference in the programs our school district can offer students and by giving scholarships through our high school College in the Schools students. The Foundation is also known best for the scholarships awarded to eligible GSL seniors who are attending vocational/technical colleges or pursuing four-year degrees.

Teachers are encouraged to apply for Stevens' initiative money to try a new idea or start a new program. Stevens has assisted with the purchase of iPADS for our students' use at Lakeside and the junior high, the 3D printer available in engineering classes, additional computers for students' use at the library during non-school hours, etc.

Many community members may not realize that our students are offered college classes at the high school. Some of these classes are college biology, physics, calculus, speech, animal science, engineer/design, principles of engineering, computer integrated manufacturing, digital electronics, etc. Students receive three to four college credits for these classes, thereby reducing the need and cost of those classes once on a college campus or in a vocational/technical program. To our students and their parents, these are higher education scholarships available to all juniors and seniors.

The 2017 Stevens Seminary Foundation scholarship awardees will be named at this year's Senior Awards Banquet in May.

The 2016 scholarships of \$6,000 over four years given to students going into teaching fields were awarded to Krista Boraas, Darrin Emery, Madeline Kuehn, Payton Lilienthal, and Travis Uecker. General scholarships of \$1,500 were given to Madison Kalenberg, Emily Muetzel, Ryley Oliver, and \$1,000 general ones were also given to Kirsten Barott, Rachel Bonderman, Layne Herrmann, Mark Lueders, Emily Oberlin, Theodore Petersen, Mitchell Penske, Lindsay Wedin, and

Stephanie Welch. The vocational/technical program scholarships of \$2,000 were given to Mason Ahlbrecht, Austin Bernstein, Bodee Ewald, Alex Schroeder, and Seth Schuette.

A new scholarship has now been offered to GSL alumnae who decide to go into the field of teaching after a few years off of school or who change majors. Annual scholarships of \$1,500 have been awarded to Kaitlyn Boesche, Derek Bratsch, and Lilianna Mallak.

Stevens Seminary Foundation has been able to continue its giving because of investments over the years plus some generous estate gifts in recent years from community members.



GSL Panther Association's 13th Annual Golf Tournament



Join us for the GSL Panther Association's Golf Tournament

FOR THE 13TH CONSECUTIVE year, the GSL Panther Association is hosting its annual Golf Tournament on Friday, Aug. 11 at the Glencoe Country Club. It will be a four-person scramble with a shot gun start at 1:30 p.m.

The cost of the event is \$60 per person for non-members and \$45 per person for members, which includes golf, cart, and the meal.

There are divisions for men's, women's, and mixed. The first 38 teams registering will be accepted. All entry forms are to be prepaid before the day of the tournament.

Always welcomed are Silent Auction items donated by individuals, companies, or businesses. We also encourage anyone to come out to the club house (you do not need to golf) during the afternoon and check over the auction items. Stay for dinner and socialize with Panther fans.

The GSL Panther Association was incorporated in 1998 as a non-profit organization to financially assist the school district with facilities. Thanks to our generous communities, the first large project was completed with the dedication of Stevens Seminary Stadium on September 9, 2005.

Most recently, the association committed \$50,000 over five years so that the district could add lighting to three of the new tennis courts, available for school and community use.

Next on the association's agenda is to improve the baseball/softball practice facilities and a varsity softball complex onsite. (For more details, see the article on this page.)

For more information about participating in the GSL Panther Association's golf tournament, please contact Superintendent Chris Sonju at CSonju@gsl.k12.mn.us or at 320-864-2498.

Thank you for the generous donations made to GSL Public Schools this year

EVERY MONTH THE SCHOOL BOARD adopts a resolution to accept donations with appreciation. And every month a board member or two makes a comment about how generous the organizations and individuals of the GSL communities are.

Here's a list of the organizations and individuals whose donations to the school district have been accepted with appreciation by the school board during the 2016-2017 school year:

1st Minnesota Bank
Anderson Insurance and Financial Services, Inc.
Break the Stigma
Brownton Lions Club
Carol & Doug Johnson
Central Minnesota Manufacturers Assn.
Crow River Sno Pros
Delta MFG, Glencoe
Gary Goodwin
GFWC of Silver Lake
Glencoe American Legion Post #95
Glencoe Co-op
Glencoe Lions' Club
Glencoe Regional Health Services
Glencoe Rotary Club
Glencoe VFW Post #5102
Gruenhagen Financial
GSL Panther Association
Headway Marketing on behalf of Harpel Bros., Inc.
Kent Kullman
Lori Peterson
McLeod Co. Corn & Bean Assn.
McLeod Fish & Wildlife
Midwest Industrial Tool Grinding, Inc.
Neubarth Contracting, LLC
New Auburn Fire Department
New Auburn Lions' Club
New Auburn VFW Post #7266
OEM Services, Green Isle
Panther Boosters, Inc.
Pheasants Forever

Plato American Legion Post #641
Plato Fire Department
Plato Lions' Club
Plato Woodwork
Priority One Reality
Renae Jensen Memorial
Russ Runck
Ryan Companies, Inc.
Scott Equipment Company
Seneca Foods
Shad Lindstrom & Schuth, LTD
Silver Lake American Legion Post #141
Silver Lake Lions' Club
Stevens Seminary Foundation
Taylor Marie Lepel Memorial Fund
Thomson Reuters
Tom Schoeneberger, DDS
Upsher-Smith Laboratories
Yusef and Becky Haddad

In addition to the generous donations to GSL, the school district also receives grants throughout the school year. This list of grants has also been approved with appreciation by the School Board this year:

3M
Central Minnesota Manufacturers Assn
Minnesota Agriculture Education Leadership Council
NEY Environmental Education Foundation
Project Lead The Way
Walmart

If you would like more information about how to make a donation to the GSL School District, please contact Superintendent Chris Sonju at 320-864-2498 or at CSonju@gsl.k12.mn.us.

Thank you to the individuals and organizations listed here for your generous donations. They are greatly appreciated and help to make GSL a better place for students.



Looking for a special gift or want to honor a special teacher or honor a loved one?

Consider purchasing a brick on the GSL Panther Association's Donor Wall, located at the GSL North Athletic Complex.

The bricks make great gifts and could be given for:

- Graduation
- Birthday
- Anniversary
- Christmas
- Honor a classmate
- Show your class pride
- Add your company logo
- Memorial for a loved one
- Honor an outstanding teacher or coach
- Include your family name on the brick wall
- Panther support from your business
- Commemorate a special team's winning season

We are currently running a half-price promotion for purchasing bricks. If you have previously purchased a brick, a second brick can be purchased for \$75 for individuals/families and \$125 for businesses. Or if you are purchasing for the first time, \$150 for the first brick and \$75 for the second or \$250 and \$125. Interested donors can contact Michele Mackenthun at 320-864-6232 or at dmtmack@gmail.com with questions or to request an order form.

Glencoe-Silver Lake students travel to Washington, DC for Close-Up



Glencoe-Silver Lake students traveled to Washington, DC, on a Close-up trip in March. They visited Congressman Collin Peterson on Capitol Hill on March 16. GSL's Close-up Advisor is Paul Lemke, High School Social Studies Teacher.

Booster Club offers new Platinum Sponsorship this year

THE BOOSTER CLUB IS OFFERING A NEW PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP this year. This sponsorship includes a 3'x6' double-sided sign of your business logo that will be hung on the walkway out to the Stadium and GSL Athletic Complex during fall activities. It also includes a business plaque hung outside the main gym in the high school as well as recognition at our annual tailgate party. If you would like more information on becoming a platinum sponsor, please contact Mary Lemke at 612-363-6663 or mlemke@associatedmechanical.com. Here's an example of a Platinum Sponsorship:



GSL High School bands and choirs excel at Section Solo/Ensemble Music Contests

ON APRIL 1, 100 MEMBERS OF THE GSL High School Bands and Choirs participated in the State Section Solo/Ensemble Contest at MSU-Mankato. This contest is sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League and allows students to perform instrumental and vocal solos and small ensembles before a certified adjudicator.

GSL Band events were awarded the “Best of Site” awards for all four sites in which they had entries.

Receiving SUPERIOR ratings for BAND solos:

- Brandi Pikal – baritone saxophone solo
- Leah Bettcher – bassoon solo
- Dan Cross – snare drum solo
- Robin Swift – euphonium solo (perfect score of 40)
- Maggie Petersen – flute solo
- Jack Gepson – trumpet solo (perfect score of 40 and Best of Site award)
- Josh Kuehn – snare drum solo
- Laura Popelka – clarinet solo (perfect score of 40 and Best of Site award)
- Cole Janke – snare drum solo
- Lilly Nikkel – flute solo (Best of Site award)
- Lily Kirchoff – snare drum solo
- Anthony LaPlante – snare drum solo

Receiving EXCELLENT ratings for BAND solos:

- Paul Lemke – snare drum solo

Receiving SUPERIOR ratings for BAND ensembles:

- Jazz I (Taryn Reichow, Emily Thalmann, Grace Garoutte, Hayley Bolland, Brandi Pikal, Emma Gepson, Jacob Reichow, Jack Gepson, Adam Garoutte, Marissa Kirchoff, Robin Swift, Jessica Alsleben, Jake Vasek, Isaac Swift, Kyle Wanous, Josh Kuehn, Leah Bettcher, Laura Popelka, Dallas Durbin)

Concert Flute Ensemble (Maggie Petersen, Daria Fegley, Marissa Kirchoff, Anthony LaPlante, Lilly Nikkel, Haley Lukes)

Concert Clarinet Ensemble (Laura Popelka, Rachel Reichow, Mariah Koester, Veronika Tkachencko, Morgan Stoeckman, Sierra Trebesch, Carlee Oberlin, Leah Bettcher)

Concert Saxophone Ensemble (Taryn Reichow, Micki Frahm, Emily Thalmann, Brandi Pikal, Thomas Villarreal)

Concert Woodwind Ensemble (Rachel Reichow, Mariah Koester, Veronica Tkachencko, Thomas Villarreal, Micki Frahm, Taryn Reichow, Maggie Petersen, Lilly Nikkel)

Concert Brass Ensemble (Jack Gepson, Dallas Durbin, Michaela Neyers, Jessica Alsleben, Sydney Lepel, Emily Ward, Kaitlyn Uecker, Jaecub Fondurulia, Alexis Sanchez, Cole Novack, Nathan Welch)

Concert Percussion Ensemble (Maggie Petersen, Jack Gepson, Michaela Neyers, Jessica Alsleben, Paul Lemke, Dan Cross, Grace Draeger, Katie Twiss, Anthony LaPlante, Cole Janke, Taryn Reichow, Josh Kuehn)

Symphonic Flute Ensemble (Morgan Verdeck, Lexis Werner, Julia Ramige, Rebecca Forcier, Abby Gronlund)

Symphonic Clarinet Ensemble (Annamaria Falcon, Nikki Cole, Janet Hernandez, Lexis Werner, Katita Lopez)

Symphonic Saxophone Ensemble (Grace Garoutte, Brianna Wraspir, Holly Bandemer, Courtney Richer, Katie Herout, Anna Salgado, Brittney Richter, Hayley Bolland).

Symphonic Mixed Ensemble (Hayley Bolland, Brianna Wraspir, Kimberley Kuenzel, Earl Janke, Michael Butler, Jonathan Bolland, Dylan Dahlke, Keaton Goettl, Brittney Richter, Holly Bandemer, Courtney Richer, Bethany Cross, Cole Mathwig, Maren Warner) (Best of Site Award)

Receiving SUPERIOR rating for VIOLIN solo:

- Haley Kirchoff – Violin

GSL Choir performances received two “Best of Site” vocal awards for Jake Fehrenbach – baritone aolo, and GSL Madrigal Singers.

Receiving SUPERIOR ratings for VOCAL solos:

- Jacob Reichow – baritone (perfect score of 40)

- Jake Fehrenbach – baritone and Best of Site award
- Maren Warner – contralto
- Elise Petersen – soprano
- Emmi Jerabek – soprano
- Brandi Pikal – contralto
- Dan Cross – tenor
- Haley Lukes – contralto

Receiving SUPERIOR ratings for VOCAL ensembles:

Vocal Duet – Maren Warner and Haley Lukes
Madrigal Singers – and “Best in Site” award (Elise Petersen, Madison Posusta, Emmi Jerabek, Kasidy Cacka, Faith Rakow, Morgan Dahlke, Beth Cross, Robin Swift, Marissa Kirchoff, Marisa Luchsinger, Laura Popelka, Maren Warner, Jordan Wildy, Megan Fehrenbach, Isaac Swift, Kyle Wanous, Anthony LaPlante, Dan Cross, Jake Vasek, Jake Fehrenbach, Jacob Reichow, Gabe Christensen)

Receiving EXCELLENT ratings for VOCAL solos:

- Marissa Kirchoff – contralto
- Marisa Luchsinger – contralto
- Jake Vasek – bass
- Beth Cross – soprano
- Anthony LaPlante – tenor
- Morgan Dahlke – mezzo soprano
- Rebecca Forcier – mezzo soprano
- Katita Lopez – mezzo soprano
- Paige Ackerson – mezzo soprano
- Tyler Mueller – bass
- Emily Orocio – mezzo soprano
- Leah Bettcher – mezzo soprano
- Kayla Salmela – mezzo soprano
- Lily Kirchoff – mezzo soprano
- Anna Salgado – contralto

Receiving EXCELLENT ratings for VOCAL Ensembles:

- Duet – Mady Posusta and Elise Petersen
- Duet – Emmi Jerabek and Grace Draeger
- Duet – Kasidy Cacka and Rhyann Herrmann
- Duet – Beth Cross and Maren Warner
- Duet – Taylor Kaczmarek and Tess Chap
- Mixed Trio — Bryanna Paul, Kira Mattson and Anthony LaPlante
- Trio SSA – Beth Cross, Megan Fehrenbach and Emily Thalmann
- SSA Ensemble – Grace Draeger, Emily Orocio, Regina Moosbrugger, Emilee Hasert-Baraja, Brooke Chastek, Shania Rose, Alyssa Ebert, Abby Schmieg, Sarah Schmieg
- Mixed Ensemble SATB – Elise Petersen, Marisa Luchsinger, Jake Fehrenbach and Jake Vasek

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Large group band and choir contests held at Comfrey High School in March

ON MARCH 15, FOUR MUSIC ENSEMBLES from Glencoe-Silver Lake High School participated in the State Section Large Group Contest at Comfrey High School. These ensembles are under the direction of Peter Gepson (band) and Kay Wilson (choir)

The GSL SA Singers (Soprano/Alto Choir, grades 9 and 10) performed two selections, “Alleluja” by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and “Zion’s Walls” by Aaron Copland. Vicky Harris accompanied the choir. The SA Singers received a unanimous “Superior Rating” from the three judges with scores of 35, 35, and 36. The ensemble was praised for their confidence, mature sound, clear diction, overall appearance, attention to dynamics, expressiveness, and poise.

The GSL Concert Choir (SATB mixed choir grades, 9-12) performed “Salvation is Created” by P. Tschesnokoff and “Hold Me, Rock Me” by Brian Tate. They received a unanimous “Superior Rating” with scores of 36, 36, and 38. Comments from the judges included: “Great clear focused tone, excellent diction, great intonation, good musicianship, and very expressive choir. Only three of the ten choirs per-

formed Level I pieces (which is the most difficult category for music). GSL SA Singers, GSL Concert Choir and the Minnesota Valley Lutheran Choir.

The Symphonic Band performed “Big Four March” by Karl King and “On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss” by David Holsinger. The panel of three judges awarded scores of 35, 37, and 37 for a unanimous “Superior” rating. Judge’s comments included: “Good tonal support,” “Good sense of weight, clarity, and contrast,” and “Really fun to hear you play well!”

The Concert Band performed “March of the Belgian Paratroopers” by Pierre Leemans and “First Suite in E-flat” by Gustav Holst. The three judges



The Glencoe-Silver Lake Symphonic Band received a unanimous “Superior” rating at the State Section Large Group contest at Comfrey High School on March 15.

awarded them scores of “36, 38, and a perfect score of 40 for an overall unanimous “Superior” rating. Their comments included, “Really a nice contest for you today,” “Super technique evident,” and “Nice bassoon!” (bassoon soloist was Leah Bettcher).



Two GSL musicians selected to the MBDA State Honor Bands

TWO GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE BAND students representing the seventh grade and concert bands were members of the 2017 Minnesota Band Director's Association (MBDA) State Level Honor Band held at Chanhassen High School on April 22-23. Students are selected to the band through a competitive recorded audition that was submitted this past December. This is the fifth consecutive year that GSL will be represented at the state level.

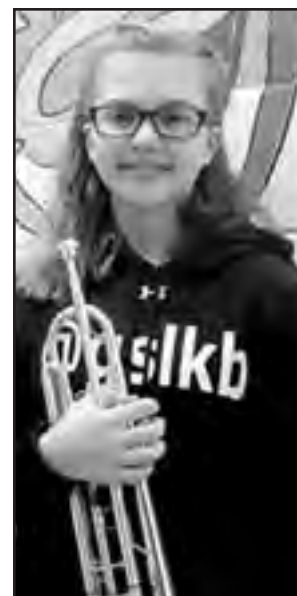
Seventh grade band member Emma Gepson (trumpet) was selected to the 6-8 State Honor Band. There were 281 musicians from 68 schools that auditioned for the band. There will be 10 trumpets in the ensemble.

Tenth grader Leah Bettcher (bassoon) of the GSL Concert Band was selected to the 9-10 State Honor

Band. There were 241 auditions received for this band – three bassoons were selected to the band.

Participating students will have the opportunity to work with some of the finest music educators in the state as their section coaches. The 9-10 Band will be guest conducted by Dr. James Patrick Miller of Gustavus Adolphus College, and the 6-8 Band will be conducted by John Lace – retired Director of Bands from Anoka High School.

The honor band program is an ongoing project of MBDA, a professional organization of band directors representing programs of all grade levels from throughout the state of Minnesota. The mission of MBDA is to assist in the development of band directors and band programs in schools, colleges and communities throughout the state.



EMMA GEPSON



LEAH BETTCHER

Next year's freshmen are asked to bring their own laptops

FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR, STU- dents in 9th grade will be asked to have a Chromebook or similar electronic device for use in the classroom.

Teachers at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School have been working to incorporate the 21st-century skills of collaboration, communication, critical thinking, problem solving, creativity and innovation into their curriculum. GSL administrators feel that equal access to technology is an important factor in preparing our students for their future endeavors. It may not be possible to envision the types of jobs that will be available to our students as new technologies emerge, but skills can be identified and integrated into classes to help our students be successful.

Several choices in laptops are being recommended for high school students:

1. Parents may supply a laptop. There are minimum requirements for these machines, which are delineated below:

a. Operating system

- i. Windows 7, or higher (with current anti-virus installed)

b. Hardware

- i. An Intel Core 2 or equivalent AMD/Celeron processor and at least one gig RAM

2. Parents may choose to purchase a laptop. The

district has selected four options in regard to this choice. If you have questions, contact Jeff Jenson, Director of Technology, at JJenson@gsl.k12.mn.us.

a. HP Chromebook 11G5

11.6" – Celeron N3060 – 4 GB RAM – 16 GB SSD

- i. Chrome OS
- ii. \$187.00

b. HP Chromebook 11G5

11.6" – Celeron N3060 – 4 GB RAM – 32 GB SSD

- i. Chrome OS
- ii. \$232.41

c. HP Stream Pro 11G3

11.6" – Celeron N3060 – 4 GB RAM – 64 GB SSD

- i. Windows 10 Pro 64-bit
- ii. \$299.00

d. HP 250 G5

15.6" – Core i3 5005U – 4 GB RAM – 500 GB HDD

- i. Windows 10 Pro 64-bit
- ii. \$405.97

3. The district will supply a device for students who do not have one.

Just to be clear, the school district is not **requiring** high school students to bring or purchase their own computer. The district will still supply a device when necessary. A district-supplied device may not be new, cannot be taken home, and can only be accessed during class time or ECL study hall. The device being used will be a shared device accessed by other students throughout the day.

A web page has been created with all the information you will need: <http://tinyurl.com/isd2859-BYOD>. Please use this link for all things BYOD. Information will be frequently updated.

If you have any questions regarding laptop use for your student, please contact Technology Director Jenson at JJenson@gsl.k12.mn.us or at 320-864-2407, or Paul Sparby, 7-12 Principal, at PSparby@gsl.k12.mn.us, or at 320-864-2401.

"A Concert with Strings" presented by Vocal Music Department, followed by band concert

VOCAL MUSIC STUDENTS FROM THE SA Singers, Madrigal Singers, and Concert Choir presented "A Concert with Strings" on March 27. With the assistance of four string players, the students performed Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria." String players included Claire Loudon, 1st Violin; Essie Commers, 2nd Violin; Elizabeth Loudon, Viola; and Diane Loudon, Cello.

The string players were joined by vocal and instru-



Jordan Wildey (right) accompanied the SA Singers with her guitar during their performance of "Shady Grove."

mental soloists: Jordan Wildey on guitar; Bennett Lepel, piano; Morgan Stoeckman, oboe; and Marissa Kirchoff, vocalist. Kay Wilson directed the vocal music students.

The Concert Band and Symphonic Band, under the direction of Peter Gepson, performed numbers including some from the MSHSL Large Group Contest on April 1.



Members of the Symphonic Band performed at their concert on March 27.

GSL's FFA members thank you for the fantastic year they have had

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR THE FANTASTIC YEAR FFA has had! We are excited for next year under the leadership of our new officer team: President, Adam Thalmann; Vice Presidents, Blake Ortloff, Hayley Bolland, and Emily Thalmann; Secretary, Madi Mathews; Treasurer, Haley Kirchoff; Reporter, Hattie Dreier-Schultz; and Sentinel, Eli Kuehn.

One of our major supporters over the course of the year is our GSL Ag Promoters group. The fourth annual Ag Promoters Pork Chop dinner was held in conjunction with the GSL Jazz Band concert on April 4. Thank you to the over 350 people who made this event a great success and the best-attended yet! Money raised benefits FFA members through defraying costs for leadership camps, sponsoring events, and donating scholarships for seniors. If you're interested in joining the GSL Ag Promoters, please contact Brian Thalmann (bkthalmann@gmail.com).



REBEKAH HADDAD

Spring is a celebratory time for FFA across all levels. Eight members attended Region V FFA Banquet on April 11. GSL had 19 FFA members participate in the 87th Minnesota FFA Convention. Qualified teams included Best Informed Greenhand, Crops, and Small Animals. Kyle Wanous and Daria Fegley represented GSL FFA in the Minnesota State FFA Band. Haley Kirchoff, Abby Maunu, and Kole Polzin attended the Change Lives, Teach Ag Ed workshop. Kirsten Barott, Hayley Bolland, and Kole Polzin served as FFA Ambassadors for the Minnesota FFA Alumni.



Kole Polzin, Haley Kirchoff, and Abby Maunu attended the Change Lives, Teach Ag Ed Workshop.

The GSL FFA chapter applied for the National Chapter Award program, and is excited to announce the advancement of their application to National FFA judging. The chapter placed 15th with their National Chapter application. This is a huge testament to the work of our chapter and committees over the last year!

A majority of our chapter members will make the final trek of the year to Minneapolis to host Urban Ag Day in partnership with Morris Area, Dassel-Cokato, and Randolph FFA chapters. We're excited to help connect thousands of elementary students from the Twin Cities with agriculture!

Summer is a great time of year for FFA. Join us to help with the garden project, community service opportunities, fairs, or to get your SAE going (or give your project a boost)! Contact me to join. Learn more about the summer FFA opportu-



Above: GSL FFA members celebrate the chapter placing as a State Finalist for the National Chapter Award.

Right: Eli Kuehn, Lily Kirchoff, Logan Clouse, Zoe Ruschmeier, and Calista Pedraza participated in the Best Informed Greenhand Contest, placing 25th.



Below right: Blake Ortloff and Kole Polzin were conferred with their Minnesota State FFA Degrees.

nities at our final meeting of the year: May 17, 7:00 a.m. in the Ag Room. Why join FFA? Here's what's in it for you:

FFA develops members' potential and helps them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which give members the tools to achieve real-world success. Members are future chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers and premier professionals in many career fields.

- Be a part of the largest student organization in the world.
- Apply for more than \$2 million in scholarships.
- Meet new friends from across the country.
- Learn skills that will help you in your future career.
- Compete on leadership and judging teams.
- Do your part in helping to provide food and fiber to the world.



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FFA members share their animals at the FFA Barnyard

Animals were brought in for the FFA Barnyard on March 8 by Abby Maunu, Ben Donnay, Kyle Wanous, Kirsten Barott, Hayley Bolland, and Madi Mathews. Hayley Bolland was the committee chair and Abby and Madi were co-chairs.

Right: Students wanted to touch the goats. Will Mickolichuk and Tyler Siewert (right) brought their goats to the FFA Barnyard at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School.



Two from GSL Concert Band played in State FFA Band



Kyle Wanous (tuba) and Daria Fegley (flute) were selected to participate in the 2017 Minnesota State FFA Band. Both students are senior members of the Glencoe-Silver Lake Concert Band.

Band rehearsals took place during the Minnesota State FFA Convention and a culminating performance of the state band and chorus took place prior to the final session of the event. The performances took place at Mariucci Arena on the campus of the University of Minnesota.

Spring Jazz Band concert follows FFA pork chop dinner

THE GSL AG PROMOTERS GROUP SPONSORED THEIR FOURTH annual pork chop dinner in the Glencoe City Center Ballroom on April 4. The dinner was held in conjunction with the GSL Spring Jazz Band Concert. Over 350 guests enjoyed grilled pork chops with all the fixings. This was the best attended event yet, according to FFA Advisor Becky Hadded.

Two jazz groups entertained: GSL Jazz II, under the direction of Lauren Greeley, and GSL Jazz I, directed by Pete Gepson. A variety of soloists performed with the bands, including vocalist Emmi Jerabek during the band's performance of "Respect."

The toe-tapping numbers and delicious meal made for an enjoyable evening. For

more information about joining the GSL Ag Promoters, contact Brian Thallmann (bkthallmann@gmail.com). Money raised benefits FFA members through defraying costs for events, trips, and scholarships for seniors. Upcoming GSL Music Department performances include:

- **May 15** 9-12 Band Concert at the High School Auditorium
- **May 17** 9-12 Choir Concert at the High School Auditorium
- **May 18** 5-6 Band/Choir Concert at Lakeside
- **May 19** Graduation with Band and Choir Performances
- **May 22** 7-8 In-hour Solo/Ensemble Contest
- **May 29** Memorial Day Band Performances



FFA members Morgan Verdeck and Kyle Polzin were ready to serve at the pork chop dinner.



GSL's Jazz I Band performed at the Spring Jazz Band Concert on April 4th at the Glencoe City Center Ballroom in conjunction with the GSL Ag Promoters' 4th Annual Pork Chop Dinner. The group is directed by Pete Gepson, 7-12 Director of Bands.



GSL's Jazz Band II performed under the direction of Lauren Greeley, Lakeside 5-6 Band Director.

Mock Trial team continues to draw new participants this year

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GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE'S MOCK TRIAL Program has grown to include a junior varsity team for the first time this year.

The eight new Mock Trial participants have a variety of reasons for joining the program.

"I've had people tell me how much fun it is," said Dusty Wendinger, a sophomore. Natalie Orocio, a freshman, said she is looking to be an attorney as a career, and finds the experience helpful.

Mock Trial is a combination of acting, planning, and research. Members take on roles as attorneys and witnesses and compete against other teams in actual courtrooms with actual judges.

Katie Twiss is a four-year participant in Mock Trial, and she likes the fact that it combines acting skills with thinking skills. In particular, she said, she enjoys moments in which testimony can turn the momentum of the trial.

This year's case is different from previous years in that it's a civil case rather than a criminal one. Each team in Mock Trial competes on the same case.

In this year's case, a high school student is suing over alleged infringement of his right to free speech after a school board threatened to suspend him after he organized a protest over the school board's decision to close the lunch period.

The difference between civil and criminal cases, said Twiss, is that in criminal cases, guilt must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

Civil cases have more of a gray area.

"The burden of proof is on a preponderance of evidence, plus there is the awarding of damages," said Twiss of civil cases.

GSL's Mock Trial team had three regular season trials, with the varsity winning two of its three trials, while the newborn JV lost all three.

Conducting the trials in actual courtrooms before real

judges has taught the students that justice is not an exact science.

At one trial, students witnessed a judge's near meltdown at what he felt was a student-lawyer's disrespectful behavior toward his bench.

The judges award points for presentation, which is how the trials are decided.

Along with this year's competitions, the team members visited the State Capitol in March, where they met with Attorney General Lori Swanson.

Participants this year include Mariah Koester, Morgan Stoeckman, Ethan Knudten, Twiss, Taryn Reichow, Wendinger, Aubrey Giesen, Faith Rakow, Maddy Brown, Guadalupe Acevedo, Daria Fegley, Tarin Michaelis, Anthony LaPlante, Kayla Deyonge, Brooke Chastek, Sarah Schmieg, Robin Swift, Kira Mattson, Orocio, Erica Hecksel and Brandi Pikal.



Photos courtesy of GSL High School Yearbook Staff



The GSL Mock Trial team visited the State Capitol in March, where they met with Attorney General Lori Swanson. They are pictured with Ms. Swanson (9th from left) and their advisors, Tom Schoper (High School Social Studies) and Wanda Collins (High School English).



The GSL Mock Trial team visited with District 18B State Representative Glenn Gruenhagen during their trip to the State Capitol.

GSL First Robotics team performs at North Star Regional

THE GSL ROBOTICS TEAM HAD A GREAT SHOWING AT THE North Star Regional April 6-8 at Mariucci Arena on the University of Minnesota campus. The team had six matches on April 7 and two matches April 8. In the first match the team was paired with Team 1710 From Olathe, KS. The third alliance partner did not have a working robot so the team competed with just two robots. The alliance won the first match 230-140.

Match two saw Team 4665 paired with Teams 2227 from Fridley. This time, as a two-robot alliance, the team lost the match 210-277. Match three saw the first time GSL would have two alliance partners, Teams 4632 from Monticello and 4693 from Rockford. Final score of that match was 195-245. At this point the robot had climbed the rope at the finish all three times.



MIKE SUNDBLAD

Match four was a great showing. The team was paired with Team 5826 from Chippewa Falls, WI and Team 3848 of Kenyon. The alliance won that match a score of 290-185. During match five the team worked with Team 2207 from St. Paul and Team 3206 from Woodbury. The alliance won this match 260-201. Our last match on Friday was with Teams 3018 of St. Peter and 2450 of St. Paul. Final score of the match was 235-260. The team finished 3-3 on the day.

Saturday, April 8 began with an introduction from Senator Amy Klobuchar. The 7th match saw the team working with Teams 5626 of Norwood and 5278 of Minneapolis. Match score was 255-195. The final match was a pairing of Teams 4648 of Jordan and 4225 of St. Paul. Final score was 200-345.



The GSL team has a respectable showing and a very well designed and built robot. The team finished with a rank of 31 of 60 teams. The team is very proud of the fact the robot did not break or fail once during the event. The drive team of Earl Janke, Isaac Swift, Blake Ortloff, and Eric Villnow performed beyond expectations.

GSL YES! team awarded the 2017 West Central Regional All Star Award

THE GSL YES! TEAM HAS BEEN AWARDED THE 2017 WEST Central Regional All Star Award in the amount of \$500.00. The judges felt that GSL's team showed deep understanding of criteria, used strategic action, and proved excellent success. The judges were amazed by how much effort the students put into their project and how much time they dedicate to working on supermileage and the solar boat.

The team will also receive 12 paid tickets to the Twins game on May 21! Additional students and family members are invited to join the group for the reduced price of \$15.00 in the HR Porch View section.



For more information about the Youth Energy Summit, go to their website at www.youthenergysummit.org.



Members of Team 4665 at Mariucci Arena for North Star Regionals, pictured left to right: Bjorn Lukas, Haley Kirchoff, Theresa Siers, Anna Salgado, Earl Janke, Jacob Jochum, Roxanna Sanchez, Eric Villnow, Blake Ortloff, Paul Lemke, Kole Polzin, Isaac Swift, Mason Husted, and John Ramige. Missing from photo: Dan Cross

Left: The drive team of Earl Janke, Isaac Swift, Blake Ortloff, and Eric Villnow performed beyond expectations at the North Star Regional at the University of Minnesota on April 6-8. The competition was at the Mariucci Area on the U of M campus.

Right: Team member Dan Cross displays the pit safety award earned by Glencoe-Silver Lake Team 4665 at the North Star Regional.



The team also participated at the Northern Lights Regional at Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center on March 2-4. They competed with and against 60 other teams in this year's challenge, "Steamworks." The robot is able to pick up fuel (balls) from the floor and deliver them to the low goal, transfer gear to the airship, and climb the rope. The final ranking for the team was 35th place. This is the first year the team competed in two events.

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GSL teacher selected for March Teacher Spotlight by Minnesota Historical Society

TOM SCHOPER, SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER, WAS CHOSEN FOR March Teacher Spotlight by the Minnesota Historical Society. Mr. Schoper has taught Minnesota history, US history, world history, geography, economics, and civics for students in grades 7-12. He enjoys teaching about Minnesota history and helping his students discover the many interesting events that have occurred in Minnesota and Glencoe. During the last 12 years, his students have enjoyed participating in his Gale Family Library scavenger hunt, and his favorite website to use is mnhs.org for resources.

Mr. Schoper believes social studies should be part of the curriculum for the purpose of helping students understand human interactions that occurred in the past, are occurring now, and that are likely to occur in the future. He believes social studies is important to help his students develop values and nurture them in order to make informed decisions for any situation and determine the right thing to do even when it's difficult. He says, "It is about decency, respect, courage, and honor. This is not a difficult idea to understand, but it can take a lifetime to appreciate."



TOM SCHOPER

Construction class works on portion of new GSL construction

THE GSL CONSTRUCTION CLASS HAS BEEN WORKING ON A portion of the new construction in the high school. Students in my spring trimester course have the task of converting the former staff lounge near the kitchen into a new video studio. Students have been learning about the process for framing interior walls with metal studs, installing sound insulation, sheetrock and taping. The students began by demolishing the old staff lounge by removing doors, cabinets, ceiling and tile base. The photographs show students marking bottom and top track for stud locations. The students will also be installing sound batt and sheetrock.



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Students tour Millerbernd Systems



On February 2, GSL students from the Introduction to Engineering Design and Metals classes toured Millerbernd Systems of Winsted. Students visited with engineers and manufacturing personnel and toured the manufacturing line. Students learned about the entire design to production process that Millerbernd follows in producing stainless steel products.



Above right: Lisa Stanger of Millerbernd explains the assembly steps for cheese processing equipment which is manufactured at Millerbernd Systems.

Plato Woodwork donates over \$5,000 worth of materials to GSL this year



Thank you to Plato Woodwork for the donation of over \$5,000 worth of materials for students to use for projects in Woods 1 and 2. This is one of the loads of wood delivered to the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District.



Above: Students in construction class move scaffolding to the other side of the room. The former staff lounge is being turned into a video production lab.

Right: Students mark the top and bottom track for stud locations.

Far right: A student uses a tin snip to cut the track.



All hands on deck for GSL's Solar Boat team

THIS YEAR, GSL STARTED ITS FIRST EVER SOLAR BOAT team. The team will demonstrate knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to build a boat powered by the sun. Students will be building a boat from blueprints, and wiring a charge controller to a solar panel to charge a battery, which, in turn, will run a trolling motor. The students will spend roughly 15-20 hours building the boat. The team will be competing in the Minnesota Renewable Energy Societies' Solar Boat Regatta. The competition takes place May 20 on Lake Riley in Eden Prairie. They will compete in three different races including speed, slalom, and endurance. By racing the solar powered boat they are building, students experience the thrill of competition and the pride of accomplishment that comes with creating something useful and fun.

Mike Morris and Terry Shogren of the GSL Technology Department are co-leaders. They are both excited to be able to participate with the students in a teamwork atmosphere. The solar boat project is being completed by our Youth Energy Summit YES! group. Students include: Tanner Novak, Cullen Lukes, Isaac Swift, Eric Villnow, Earl Janke, Ben Siers, Cole Mathwig, and Anna Salgado.



The first ever GSL Solar Boat team will compete with their entry in the Minnesota Renewable Energy Societies' Solar Boat Regatta. The competition takes place May 20 on Lake Riley in Eden Prairie.

The *Babbling Brooks*, GSL's spring play, was a comedy

SET IN THE 1950s, THIS MODERN COMEDY IS FOCUSED ON the Brooks family. Nettie Brooks, the mother, simply cannot hear a bit of gossip without relaying it grossly exaggerated to her neighbors. Add to this the teenage children who are in the throes of puppy love and a mysterious murder which add to the excitement. The confusion and chaos add mystery and humor together for an entertaining evening.

Performances of the spring play were on April 27 through 30 in the GSL High School Auditorium. The spring play was directed by Patrick Hiltner.

2017 SPRING PLAY CAST LIST

Nettie Brooks	Marissa Kirchoff
Betty Brooks.....	Kaitlyn Doolittle
Norma Brooks.....	Katie Twiss
Homer Brooks	Jacob Reichow
Granny Brooks	Marisa Luchsinger
Hal Weston	Austin Pinske
Madge Moore	Leah Bettcher
Donna Stuart	Molly Green
Margaret Feeter	Grace Witte
Kay Cornwell	Izzy Elias
Carol Kingsley	Bryanna Paul
Julia Parker	Haley Lukes
Bonnie Burns/Understudy	Beth Cross
Bessie Horton/Stage Manage	Dini Schweikert
Sound and Lights	Brandi Pikal
Sound and Lights	Rachael Meyer



Left to right: Granny Brooks (Marisa Luchsinger) looks for sales while Homer Brooks (Jacob Reichow) is told, "Homer, do your homework!" by his mother, Nettie Brooks (Marissa Kirchoff). *Babbling Brooks*, GSL's spring play, was full of confusion and chaos.

GSL entered *Typecase* in one act play contest

LENCOE-SILVER LAKE HIGH SCHOOL'S ONE ACT PLAY, *Typecast* (abridged version) by Amanda Murray Cutalo, was presented in a public performance on January 28 at the GSL High School Auditorium. On January 29, they competed in subsection one act play competition at Rockford High School.

The one act play is part of the Minnesota State High School League activities and includes a number of rules for competing schools. A production must be under 35 minutes in length with a maximum set-up time of 10 minutes. There are also limits to how much and what types of scenery are allowed for each school. Each play is judged by a panel of three judges

As stated on the website Theatrefolk.com, "The auditions for an upcoming production of Cinder White are underway and Mr. Thespis, the drama teacher, is greeted by a small group of students, each with a particular "look" and personality – the "diva," the "quiet girl," the "nice girl," to name a few. To Mr. Thespis, casting this show seems like a no-brainer. However, when he comes down with a case of appendicitis, Ms. Ball, the gym teacher, needs to step in and direct the show. The other snag is that the students have all mysteriously been cast in the "wrong roles." The "nice girl" is now the villain, the diva only has two minutes onstage, and the quiet, almost inaudible, "ensemble" girl is now playing a leading role with actual lines! As these characters awkwardly venture into unknown territory, they are forced to see themselves as more than their "type" and learn to, in the words of Ms. Ball, "play the roles they're all totally wrong for."

The cast included: Anthony LaPlante as Mr. Thespis, Emmi Jerabek as Jane, Izzy Elias as Audrey, Katie Doolittle as Heidi, Marissa Kirchoff as Debra, Bryanna Paul as Myra, Dini Schweikert as Juliet, Grace Witte as Willow, and Marisa Luchsinger as Ms. Ball. Molly Green and Lily Kirchoff were understudies/crew members and Rachael Meyer and Brandi Pikal were crew members.



Cast and crew of *Typecast*, GSL's one act play entry, pictured left to right, front row: Grace Witte, Lily Kirchoff, Katie Doolittle, Marissa Kirchoff, Molly Green, and Izzy Elias; back row: Marissa Luchsinger, Brandi Pikal, Dini Schweikert, Emmi Jerabek, Rachel Meyer, Bryanna Paul, and Anthony LaPlante.

Photo courtesy of Jenny Kirchoff



Left to right: Donna Stuart (Molly Green), Betty Brooks (Kaitlyn Doolittle), Margaret Feeter (Grace Witte), Kay Cornwell (Izzy Elias), and Madge Moore (Leah Bettcher).



Left to right: Bessie Horton (Dini Schweikert), Nettie Brooks (Marissa Kirchoff), Madge Moore (Leah Bettcher), and Betty Brooks (Kaitlyn Doolittle); Homer (Jacob Reikow), Madge Moore (Leah Bettcher), Bonnie Burns (Beth Cross), and Betty Brooks (Kaitlyn Doolittle).



Left to right: Sheriff Hal Weston (Austin Pinske); Homer Brooks (Jacob Reichow) and Norma Brooks (Katie Twiss); Nettie Brooks (Marissa Kirchoff); and Carol Kingsley (Bryanna Paul) and Julia Parker (Haley Lukes).

Art students recognized at Youth Art Month student exhibition

KATELYN LEMKE, AN 8TH GRADE STUDENT AT LINCOLN Junior High School, submitted artwork to the Art Educators of Minnesota's Youth Art Month flag design competition. Her flag design was chosen as the winner at the middle level and was recognized at the 2017 Youth Art Month student exhibition at the Hopkins Center for the Arts from February 20 through March 25. Katelyn's design was made into the postcard invitation that was sent out to the participating schools around the state. It was also made into a full size flag and was on display at the exhibition. She shared her thoughts about "What Art Means to Me" during the closing reception.



KATELYN LEMKE

Deja Dahlheimer, a Lincoln 8th grader, was the third place winner. Her flag

design was on display in a frame at the exhibition. Savannah Bonderman, 4th grade student at Lakeside Elementary, received second place honors at the elementary level of the competition and had her flag entry on display in a frame at the exhibition.

Senior Brittney Medina's photograph, "Secrets," a picture of Abril Iracheta, received honorable mention at the Scholastic Art Awards competition and was also exhibited at the Hopkins Center for the Arts. Brittney was also awarded 3rd place in Future Art Educator Spotlight.

Shanda Landes, Art Teacher for students in grades 7-12, and Andrea Wignern, K-6 Art Teacher, attended the reception with the students.



BRITTNEY MEDINA



SAVANNAH BONDERMAN AND ANDREA WIGERN

Memories of trips abroad last a lifetime for students

H I! I AM BREA WIBLEMO, THE GEOGRAPHY teacher and Trip Abroad advisor at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School. This June, six students and I will travel five countries in 13 days. We will be visiting Switzerland, Italy, France, Monaco, and Spain. We are set for an awesome adventure!



BREA WIBLEMO

We will begin in Lucerne, Switzerland, experiencing alpine culture as we summit Mount Pilatus, said to be named for Pontius Pilate who is believed to be buried there. We will cross the Alps into northern Italy and enjoy an afternoon on the shores of Lake Como. Maybe we'll see George Clooney hanging out at his villa! From there, we'll explore the Italian Riviera in the Cinque Terre, or five lands. These five sunny, pastel seaside villages are built into the cliffs and accessible only by train or on-foot hiking. After that we'll head west to the French Riviera.

We'll stop through Monaco and see the tomb of Grace Kelly, the Beatles' yellow submarine at Jacques Cousteau's aquarium, and the Grimaldi Palace's changing of the guard. We'll sneak in a little beach time along the promenade des Anglais in Nice, France, before moving on to the sunny Provence region of Southern France, known for its sunflowers and lavender. We'll tour medieval Europe's largest palace at the Palace of the Anti-Pope in Avignon. We'll marvel at ancient

Rome's biggest arch at Pont du Gard aqueduct. Rome's best preserved colosseum will come to life before us in Nimes, France. In Barcelona, Spain, we'll stroll along Las Ramblas Boulevard enjoying the street performers.

Jaws will drop at Gaudi's artsy architecture at Park Guell and La Sagrada Familia. Then in Madrid we'll enjoy the Prado art museum, one of the best art collections on earth. Our tour will end in Toledo, the city of the three religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. There we'll see the influence religion can have on art, architecture, food and more. It's sure to be a wonderful trip!

My students are preparing for this trip by studying various aspects of culture. We have had lessons on history, language, food, religion, economy and art. I want my students to know as much as they possibly can before they visit a place, in order to make the experience more meaningful.

The Trip Abroad program has settled into a nice routine of traveling every other year. So the next big departure date is set for June 2019. I currently have 15 students enrolled on a Holocaust-themed tour of Europe. (Students book far enough out to make monthly payments affordable!)

We're looking for more to join our group as we explore Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic, and Austria. It will include some heavy, but meaningful sights – like Auschwitz, and Dachau. It will also include some beautiful sights like Prague, Salzburg and the Bavarian and Tyrolian Alps. It's sure to be an educational trip; most students will also be enrolled in my Holocaust class.

On every trip my students bring back t-shirts, and



knick-knacks, but by far their most meaningful souvenirs are the memories that last a lifetime and the skills they've picked up while traveling. Traveling promotes understanding, cultural respect, language learning and global citizenship. My students have sharpened key 21st century skills on these trips and always come back with new found confidence and a better sense of their place in the world.

If your student is currently a freshmen or sophomore, they are eligible for the 2019 Holocaust Tour of Europe. Your student could join over a 100,000 other children traveling abroad on educational tours each year. Help your student realize all that the world has to offer through safe educational travel. With background check clearance, adults are welcome to travel with us as well. If you are interested contact me for more information. Ciao!

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Opportunities to learn this summer

SUMMER IS QUICKLY APPROACHING and with it the excitement of summer vacation builds for our students. It's important for our students to enjoy this time with their families and friends, but it's also important for their learning to continue.



JOY FREITAG

One of the most important opportunities available for your children to continue their learning over the summer is our Glencoe-Silver Lake Summer School. Summer School is offered to K-6 students from June 12 through July 29, Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Lakeside Elementary. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to continue to learn in a fun environment from one of our fabulous teachers! If you're interested in learning more about this opportunity please contact your child's teacher.

As a parent, it's always fun to think of activities you can do with your child during the summer to encourage learning as well. A quick internet search will give you ample ideas, but here are a few of my favorites.

- Read a book together and go to the movie or possibly a play to compare.
- Create a scavenger hunt in your own backyard.



- Go on a nature hike and discover all that there is to see, hear, and even smell.
- Go on a long bike ride or walk, possibly on one of our local trails.
- Listen to your child read, read to your child, and read with your child.
- Practice math facts – they can never get enough practice in their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts.

Don't forget to read through the GSL Community Education booklet. They offer several opportunities for continued learning through academics and sports.

I look forward to hearing about the summer adventures that your child will have by the time school resumes in the fall!



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The GSL Elementary PTO says "thank you!"

The 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR WAS OUR inaugural year as an organization. We have been taking baby steps as we initiated events and fundraisers to fuel our ideas.

From launching a start-of-the-school-year food drive to holding a basket raffle, we were dependent upon the elementary school community for each success.

March was a busy time for the PTO, as families contributed snacks, sandwiches, and beverages to show our support for the teachers during conferences. We also held two fundraisers; LuLaRoe and the chocolate bunny/candy eggs sale. The monies raised will be used to benefit our students and staff! We plan on funding the ever-popular "Pizza with the Principal" at both school buildings. Additionally, we hope to replenish recess equipment for the schools, such as jump ropes, kick balls, and the like.

As always, your participation is encouraged. Please reach out to us by visiting our Facebook page (GSL Elementary PTO), leaving us an e-mail at gslelementarypto@gmail.com, or sending a note with your child to school. The PTO is grateful for the many ways you showed your support this year, and we look forward to the next school year with great anticipation.



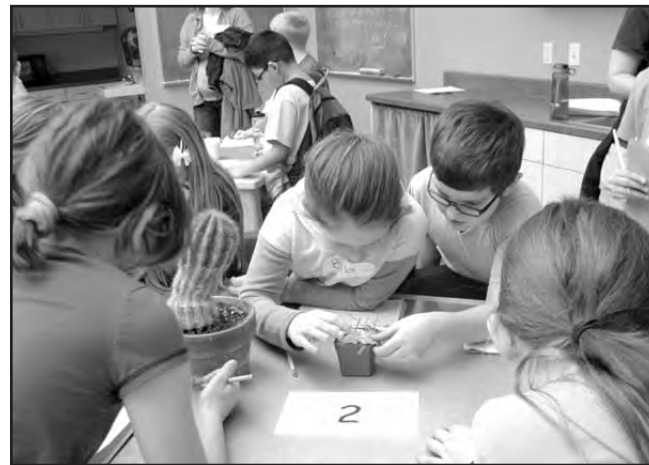
Lakeside 3rd grade students take educational field trip to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska



In the greenhouse, the 3rd graders concentrated on learning about different types of plants.

On April 7, 3rd graders from Lakeside Elementary went on a field trip to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska. While there, they learned from an Arboretum educator about plants in the greenhouse, and planted their own terrarium. They were able to explore the grounds and take in the beautiful scenery. Their teachers made sure the students' terrariums arrived safely back at Lakeside.

Photos courtesy of Becky Peterson



Students each planted a terrarium and learned how to take care of it.



The weather was perfect for exploring. Students enjoyed the beautiful day.



The greenhouse contained a large variety of cactus plants and succulents.



This tree was just the right height for students to practice their climbing techniques on.

Lakeside students are successful at Regional Science Fair

LAKESIDE STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN REGIONAL Science Fair competition at MSU – Mankato on Saturday, April 29th. Their advisor is Mary Patterson, 6th Grade Teacher. The group of students who attended the Science Fair are pictured here. Results included:

First Place
Wyatt Baumgarten
Lucas Brelje – plus Thin Film Award
Ben Gildea
Aaron Higgins
Ella Nowak – plus Silver Grand Award and Broadcom MASTERS Award

Tanner Rosenlund
Samantha Swanlund – plus Bronze Grand Award and Broadcom MASTERS Award
Dawson Varpness

Second Place
Trevor Arredondo
Emma Dostal
Gabe Hussong
Crystal Richards
Megan Becker
Geneva Foley
Cadance Knick
Treighton Wemhoff

Third Place
Chase Duenow



WYATT BAUMGARTEN



LUCAS BRELJE



BEN GILDEA



AARON HIGGINS



ELLA NOWAK



TANNER ROSENLUND



SAMANTHA SWANLUND



DAWSON VARPNESS



TREVOR ARREDONDO



MEGAN BECKER



EMMA DOSTAL



GENEVA FOLEY



GABE HUSSONG



CADANCE KNICK



CRYSTAL RICHARDS



TREIGHTON WEMHOFF



CHASE DUENOW

Thank you GFWC from Lakeside



Students show their enthusiasm for the new books purchased by a donation from the Silver Lake GFWC Women's Club. The donation was received during the GFWC Women's Club's annual staff tea at Lakeside on November 16, held in observance of American Education Week. Thank you to the Silver Lake GFWC Women's Club for supporting students and staff at Lakeside. It is appreciated!

Dates for 2017-2018 preschool screening

IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE STARTING KINDERGARTEN OR School Readiness Preschool this fall, make sure he or she has had Early Childhood Screening (Preschool Screening) done prior to kindergarten entrance. Children who are between the ages of three and five are eligible, but the earlier your child is screened, the better.

Dates are set for this year:

- ❖ September 15, 2017
- ❖ October 13, 2017
- ❖ November 17, 2017
- ❖ January 12, 2018
- ❖ February 16, 2018
- ❖ March, 23, 2018

For more information about Early Childhood Screening, please call Michelle Marti at 320-864-2681 or Becky Dahl at 320-864-2494.



Supporting kids' transition to Lincoln Elementary: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE ELEMENTARY staff supports kids with Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). The underlying theme of the PBIS framework is teaching behavioral expectations in the same manner as any other subjects, like reading and math. Just like with academics, if kids struggle, we continue to teach.



BILL BUTLER

We focus on three behavioral expectations that are positively stated and easy for our kids to remember and practice daily. Rather than telling students what not to do, we teach them what we expect them to do in classrooms, in hallways, at lunch, in the bathroom, on the playground, and on the bus:

- Safety
- Respect (yourself, others, and property)
- Responsibility

Consistency from class to class and adult to adult is crucial for successful implementation, so it's important for us to determine how behavioral expectations and routines are taught in and around the school. We dedicate time at the beginning of and throughout the school year to teach routines in specific locations around the school. Here's an example:

Bus

Safety: Sit and face forward
Respect: Use a quiet voice

Responsibility: Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself

This consistency will serve our students well as we transition to Lincoln Elementary for the 2017-2018 academic year.

One of the teaching tools we use at Helen Baker to support kids is Kelso's Choice Wheel. Kelso the Frog teaches students how to solve "kid-sized" problems on their own. "Kid-sized" problems include conflicts that cause small feelings of annoyance, embarrassment, boredom, etc.

Kelso presents nine choices for young children to solve "kid-sized" problems. These include:

- Go to another game/activity
- Talk it out
- Share and take turns
- Ignore it
- Walk away
- Tell them to stop
- Apologize
- Make a deal
- Wait and cool off



Kelso's Choice Wheel can be used in any home, school, or community setting. Our expectation at school is that children try at least two of Kelso's choices before reporting to an adult. We have found this to be a successful component of our system of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.



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Kindergarten students showcased their art, music, and phy ed skills



Students from Kim Borka's class demonstrated their skills to their guests during Andrea Wigern's art class.

ON MARCH 30, KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS AT Helen Baker invited guests to their Kindergarten Showcase, where they were able to show their guests what they were learning in art, music, and phy ed. Visitors were able to follow students as they rotated between the three 25-minute classes during the school day. Students in Kim Borka's, Emily Foss', Anne Uselman's, Krystal Wendt's, and Katie Wangenstein's (long-term substitute teacher for Shelly Otto-Fisher) classes were excited to share what they had been learning with their special guests. Teachers Josh Metcalf (phy ed), Brenda Danielson (long-term substitute teacher for Kyara Koepsell) (music), and Andrea Wigern (art), provided visitors with the opportunity to see examples of what students have been learning about in school this year.



Above: A student from Kim Borka's class shares her weaving knowledge with her visitor during art class.

Above right: Phy Ed Teacher Josh Metcalf's students from Emily Foss' class were actively showing what they were learning.

Lower right: Anne Uselman's students demonstrated their knowledge of rhythm with their guests during Brenda Danielson's music class.



2017 GSL Community Education Panther Adventure Club (PAC) program

SUMMER IS COMING SOON. THE Panther Adventure Club (PAC) will be busy with swim lessons, craft/science projects, field trips, spending a few afternoons a week at the Glencoe Aquatic Center, offering swim lessons built into our summer program the afternoons of June 5-15, and having fun with friends at PAC this summer.

If you are looking for care for your child ages pre-K-6th grade, we have openings.

LOCATION:

Helen Baker Elementary School, 405 E. 16th St, Glencoe

HOURS OF OPERATION:

6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

MEALS:

Breakfast: Served 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.
Lunch: Served at 11:45 a.m.
Snack: Served at 3:45 p.m.

DATES:

Summer program begins Tuesday, May 23 and ends Friday, Sept. 1. Calendar dates may change due to



What is "PAC" all about?

Our program is designed to meet the needs of students in a variety of ways. We offer pre-K and elementary-age students a variety of choices for creative, physical, and social growth with activities ranging from: art, science, craft projects, gym time and quiet, down time with board games and puzzles. We'll take field trips to local attractions, Ney Center, Playworks, and other exciting places.

We offer your child a safe, healthy, friendly, and caring environment hoping they build lasting friendships while exposing them to new experiences!

The Panther Adventure Club offers care on a weekly or daily basis depending on your needs.

PAC availability for 2017-2018

The PAC program is available before and after school and on non-school days for the 2017-2018 school year.

GSL school calendar changes.

FEES:

Full-time weekly fee for summer participation is \$110.00 per child (per week)
Part-time daily rate is \$25 per day (1-4 days) (must sign a fee contract)
Drop-in rate is \$35 per day (must be registered in program)

(Fees are due on Mondays for the current week or first day your child attends that week)

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$10 per child needs to be paid prior to child attending the program.

- * Registration and activity fees are nonrefundable
- * Current school year program participants waive registration fee

Fees are based on the schedule you provide. Schedules are due to the PAC Coordinator seven days prior to attending. Schedules received after this date are subject to the drop-in rate. Students who miss due to illness or other reasons are still responsible for their full, weekly tuition.

FEES INCLUDE:

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| * Caring/professional staff | * Field trips |
| * Special events/programs | * Quality care |
| * Breakfast/afternoon snack | * Choice activities |
| * Art materials | * Open swim |

REGISTRATIONS:

Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with full-time registrations receiving priority over part-time registrations. If your days vary from week to week we will need a written schedule dated the day you turn it in. Drop-ins will be accepted but participants must be registered with the program in order to use drop-in services. Contact me for more information.



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Student leaders talk to Community Schools group at meeting



At the March 9 meeting of Community Schools, presentations were made by representatives of student leadership organizations serving at Lakeside Elementary, Lincoln Junior High, and Glencoe-Silver Lake High School.

The next Community Schools meeting will be on May 18 at 12:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center. A tour of the new construction is planned. Contact Superintendent Chris Sonju at CSonju@gsl.k12.mn.us for details.

Upper Left: Lakeside's student leadership group is "Lakeside Leaders." Left to right are: Aaron Higgins, Ross Jerabek, and Ella Kornilova.

Lower left: The Lincoln Student Council was represented by, left to right: Advisors Sally Davis and Lisa Blazinski, Ashley Wise, Paige Drew, Kendra Klobe, Tina Rousch, and Katelyn Grack.



Upper right: Representatives from Student Government, one of two high school student leadership groups: Faith Rakow (left) and Marissa Luchsinger (right).

Lower right: Student Activities: Ashley Bandemer (left) and Sarah Bandas (right).



GSL ECFE and School Readiness Preschool

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION (ECFE) is a program of Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools. **ECFE** is for all families with children age 0-5 years (kindergarten entry). We have a variety of ongoing classes and single session special events.

ECFE programs supply resources and teach skills that support your child's growth and development from birth to kindergarten and beyond. We are here to support new parents, veteran parents, and everyone in between!

GSL School Readiness Preschool offers half-day classes for 3-5 year old children. The goals of this program are to provide learning experiences that recognize each child's unique abilities and assist families in laying a foundation for school success. GSL ECFE/Preschool benefits families through support, information, friendship, and fun.



ALICIA BESTE

DAYCARE, CHILD CARE CENTER, AND PRESCHOOL — WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

[Information from www.childcareawaremn.org]

Unlicensed caregivers provide care for their own children, related children, and/or those of one friend or one neighbor.

Licensed family child care providers may care for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children in their homes. State law limits the number of children a care provider may look after. This is because young children need and deserve a lot of one-on-one attention to allow them to learn and grow. McLeod County maintains a list of licensed in-home daycare providers.

Licensed child care centers care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children in a care center, community center, or place of worship. State law regulates the number of children who may attend based on the number of staff working at the center. Children are typically cared for in groups divided by age.

Head Start promotes the growth and development of children from low-income families. Parent involvement, a health program, and family support are included. Children ages 3 to 5 years old attend Head Start.

Preschool programs offer two to three-hour sessions per day, usually two or three days per week. These programs offer children an opportunity to learn with other children and prepare for school. The programs are licensed and are often located in local school buildings, private buildings, or places of worship. Enrollment is limited to children 3 to 5 years old. The primary purpose of the preschool is providing **education** for the children.

WHY CHOOSE GSL SR PRESCHOOL?

As a parent, you want to be sure that your child is ready for kindergarten after attending preschool. See the table below for details about our program.

The best preschool program is the one that best fits you, your child, your schedule, and your budget.

For more information about ECFE or GSL preschool, please visit our website at: www.gsl.k12.mn.us > COMM ED/ECFE > Early Childhood Family Education and Preschool. Parents who would like more information may email (GSLECFE@gsl.k12.mn.us) or call 320-864-2681 at any time to arrange a visit.

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1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN 6TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF READING

The sixth annual "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration of Reading" was on April 27 at the Glencoe Public Library. Families enjoyed children's entertainment by Will Hale and the presentation of reading awards. Visit the Glencoe or Brownton libraries any time to register.

THANK YOU TO LOCAL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY SPONSORS FROM ECFE

Thanks to local businesses for hosting ECFE field trips in April: Midwest Machinery of Glencoe, Unhinged Pizza of Glencoe, and Coborn's Grocery Store. Thank you to community sponsors of GSL ECFE: Coborn's Lables for Learning for new books for the ECFE Library, and to United Way for the new equipment for the ECLC playground.

QUESTIONS TO ASK PROSPECTIVE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

1. What is the **educational philosophy** of the preschool? How do the teachers implement the curriculum? How do the learning activities prepare your child for school readiness?
2. What is the **educational background and experience** of the teachers and staff? Ask about teachers' qualifications, turnover of the staff, and training/professional development.
3. How are the daily learning activities geared toward the **developmental level** of your child? Activities for two year olds should be different than ones for five year olds. Are there active play opportunities every day?
4. How large are the classes and what is the **teacher-child ratio**?
5. How does the staff help children resolve conflicts? How are issues like hitting, throwing, and biting addressed? Does it have a specific approach for teaching **social-emotional skills**?
6. How do teachers and the administration **keep par-**

- ents informed about their child and school happenings?** Are there parent-teacher conferences? Can you e-mail the teachers with questions?
7. Are there opportunities for **parents to be involved**? Most importantly, can parents visit at any time?
8. What **extracurricular activities** are offered? Some special features to look for include: field trips, involvement in the community/school, music, art, guest speakers (such as a dentist or zookeeper), and parent seminars.
9. Does the preschool accept children with **special needs**? How is staff trained to recognize atypical development and work with students with special needs?
10. Are **scholarships** available for those who cannot afford full tuition?
11. What **security** measures are in place? Does the preschool have a secure entrance and exit? Is the building up to code? Are there policies in place for emergency situations (fire drills, etc.)?

	Unlicensed caregivers	Licensed family child care providers	Licensed child care centers	Head Start	Preschool programs	GSL SCHOOL READINESS PRESCHOOL
Age range	0-school age	0-school age	0-school age	3 years or 4 years	3 years or 4 years	3 years or 4 years by Sept. 1
Child to Staff Ratio	One family's children in addition to caregiver's children	Varies by age 1 adult per 10 children. (Max. of 6 children under school age, Max. of 2 infants).	Varies by age <u>Infants</u> (6 weeks to 16 months): Max. group is 8, 1 staff for 4 children <u>Toddlers</u> (16 to 33 months): Max. group is 14, 1 staff for 7 children <u>Preschoolers</u> (33 months to kindergarten): Max. group is 20, 1 staff for 10 children <u>School-age</u> (kindergarten to 12 years): Max. group is 30, 1 staff for 15 children	Max. class is 20, 1 staff for 10 children	Max. class is 20, 1 staff for 10 children	Max. class size 20 (most classes are 12-18 students) 1-2 Licensed Teachers, 2 Paraprofessionals in each classroom
Licensing (site or staff)		MN Department of Human Services (site)	MN Department of Human Services (site)	US Department of Health and Human Services (site)	MN Department of Human Services (site)	MN Department of Education (staff)
Staff education/training		8-16 hours annual training (child development, safety, etc.)	Lead staff required to have a combination of child care experience and education	Lead staff required to have a combination of child care experience and post-secondary education	Lead staff required to have a combination of child care experience and education	Teachers licensed by MN Dept. of Ed.
Purpose	Care	Care	Care	Care, education, health	Education	Education
Curriculum				Varies (Creative curriculum)	Varies	Required by MN Dept. of Ed. (HighScope)
Assessment				Varies	Varies	Required by MN Dept. of Ed. (Desired Results Developmental Profile)
Funding	Varies by caregiver	Hourly/weekly fees paid by families	Hourly/weekly fees paid by families	Federal aid (non-profit)	Tuition, parent fundraising, private donations	State aid, tuition, grants (non-profit)
Hours	Varies by caregiver	Varies by provider	Varies by provider	Half or full days	Usually half days	Half days
Local examples	Friend, family member, neighbor	List available from McLeod County	Precious Little Blessings	Glencoe Head Start, Tri-Valley Head Start	First Lutheran Preschool, Wee Friends, Noah's Ark	GSL School Readiness Preschool