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Great deal of pride taken in the accomplishments of our students and the leadership of our staff

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER school year is over. As I sit down and write this article for the spring edition of the *Panther News*, I find myself finishing up my 12th year at GSL. I believe that reflection is an important part of constantly seeking a way to improve in all that you do. As I reflect back over all the years, and, most recently, this school year, I find myself having a great deal of pride in the accomplishments of our students and the leadership of our staff.



CHRIS SONJU

We should all be very proud of our school and should expect that we continue to look for ways to improve so our students will have the necessary skills for their next phase in life.

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wonderful learning opportunities a child experiences, and in doing so, helps prepare them for their next phase in life. As I reflect back on another great year at GSL, I want to wish the Class of 2016 all the best. Thank you for making a difference on a daily basis to help make GSL the great school that it is.

Here's to improvement, here's to progress, and here's to a great summer! Take care.



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Groundbreaking for building project takes place

The ground was broken for the building project before the School Board meeting the evening of April 11th. John Kainz from Donlar Construction and Luke Papillon from Architects Rego + Youngquist joined School Board members, administrators, and students to kick off the official start of construction at the Lincoln and High School campus.

Pictured at right: School Board members Jamie Alsleben, Kevin Kuester Clark Christianson, Donna VonBerge, and Anne Twiss join Superintendent Chris Sonju in recognition of the beginning of the construction project.



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Let the many projects at GSL begin!

IF YOU HAVE DRIVEN BY THE HIGH SCHOOL, YOU CAN SEE BY now that the building project has gotten underway. It will be very exciting times watching this building go up. It has taken a long time to get to this point, but there have been a lot of planning meetings and lots of details to work out. Connecting three existing buildings and working with four ground elevations has been quite the challenge.

As I write this, we have opened two of the bid packages and were very pleased with the bids that we received. Just to give you a brief explanation of how the bidding works on this project, the project is bid in three packages. The first bid package contained eight different scopes of work to be completed. Contractors can bid on all eight scopes or just one or two of the different scopes.

Examples of the scopes are earthwork, asphalt paving package, fencing, precast panels, and concrete. Bid package number #3 consisted of boiler equipment only. Bid package #2 will contain about 80 percent of the work and will have about 30 scopes within the package. This bid package will be bid in May.

In addition to the building project, we will be working on a number of projects within our buildings. We will be installing new windows and doors on the



MICHELLE SANDER

Lakeside building and at the high school; tuck-pointing will be completed on the Lakeside building; the high school hallway tile project will be continued; the high school gym and stage area will be painted in May; new LED lights and occupancy sensor lights will be installed in the hallways at the Lakeside building; and we will continue with our carpet replacement at Lakeside and the high school. As part of the building project we will also be removing and installing new boilers at Lincoln and at the high school. The boiler rooms will also require some asbestos abatement work.

The big question is, can we get this all done in three months? And you wonder what we do all summer when students and staff are gone! And we do have students and staff around that are involved with the Migrant Summer program, the Targeted Services program, and the Community Education programs.


We also offer a summer food service program from June 6 through July 14th. There will be free breakfast and lunch served at the Helen Baker building and lunch served at the Lakeside building for all students. No need to sign up – just show up and enjoy a meal. Adults may also eat for a nominal fee.

Yes, we will be busy and summer will go way too fast, and then school will be right back in session.

Please be extra careful around our buildings over the summer and the months during the construction. As you can tell, we will have lots of activity at all of our sites and we want everyone to stay safe.


Please call if you have any questions. We hope you enjoy watching the progress and seeing the improvements on our buildings. Enjoy the summer!

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Summer Food Service Program

ALL MEALS INCLUDE 1% WHITE OR CHOCOLATE SKIM MILK



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

Menus subject to change without notice

June Summer Menu

Questions or comments? Call Dining Services at 320-864-2474

LUNCH MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6 Hamburger on whole grain bun Oven baked beans Applesauce	7 Whole grain chicken nuggets Dinner roll Mashed potatoes w/gravy Diced pears	8 Italian meatsauce over whole grain pasta with breadstick Seasoned green beans Diced Pears	9 Breaded chicken patty on whole grain bun Seasoned peas Orange wedges	10 Whole grain corn dog Oven baked tator tots Apple
13 BBQ riblet on whole grain bun Oven baked french fries Pineapple tidbits	14 Beef soft shell tacos w/brown rice Refried beans Apple	15 Whole grain popcorn chicken Dinner roll Mashed potatoes w/gravy Diced pears	16 Hot dog on whole grain bun Baked beans Orange wedges	17 Whole grain cheese pizza Seasoned corn Apple
20 Whole grain chicken nuggets Dinner roll Mashed potatoes w/gravy Diced peaches	21 French toast sticks, sausage and syrup Oven baked tator tots Apple	22 Beefy nachos w/cheese sauce and brown rice Seasoned corn Diced pears	23 Whole grain mini corn dogs Oven baked beans Orange wedges	24 Breaded chicken patty on whole grain bun Seasoned green beans Apple
27 Hamburger on whole grain bun Oven baked beans Applesauce	28 Hot dog on whole grain bun Oven baked french fries Apple	29 Macaroni & cheese with breadstick Seasoned Peas Diced pears	30 Chicken and gravy Dinner roll Mashed potatoes Orange wedges	

BREAKFAST MENU				
Pancake on a stick 100% orange juice	Assorted cold cereal Diced peaches	Breakfast pizza Orange wedges	Egg and cheese bagel Mixed fruit	Assorted cold cereal 100% apple juice


July Summer Menu

LUNCH MENU				
				1 Whole grain pepperoni pizza Seasoned corn Apple
4 NO SCHOOL July 4th Holiday	5 Beefy nachos with cheese sauce and brown rice Refried beans Apple	6 Sloppy joe on a whole grain bun Baby carrots Diced pears	7 BBQ riblet on whole grain bun Seasoned peas Orange wedges	8 Pizza dipper w/marinara sauce Seasoned corn Apple
11 Hamburger on whole grain bun Oven baked beans Applesauce	12 Whole grain chicken nuggets Dinner roll, diced pears Mashed potatoes w/gravy	13 Italian meatsauce over whole grain pasta with breadstick Seasoned green beans Diced pears	14 Breaded chicken patty on whole grain bun Seasoned peas Orange wedges	

BREAKFAST MENU				
Pancake on a stick 100% orange juice	Assorted cold cereal Applesauce cup	Breakfast pizza Orange wedges	Assorted cold cereal 100% apple juice	Sausage, egg and cheese bagel Strawberry cup

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



Helen Baker Elementary School
405 E. 16th St., Glencoe
June 6-July 14 (Closed July 4th)
Breakfast 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

GSL Lakeside Elementary School
229 Lake Ave., Silver Lake
June 6-July 14 (Closed July 4th)
Lunch 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.

Call the GSL District Office: 320-864-2491

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Credit recovery/summer school options at GSL

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.

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 **Monday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m.** if they want to participate in the program.

Session dates: June 6th through June 30th and July 11th through August 4th

Session times: Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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



PAUL SPARBY

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 June and another session in July. 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 with 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 on the areas of reading and math using online resources as well as community/project-based activities. Students who



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 Dan Svoboda at 320-864-2456 for more information.

Session dates: June 13th through June 24th and July 11th through July 22nd

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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Summer is a time to reconnect, revitalize, and rejuvenate

SUMMER IS HERE... WELL, ALMOST. AS we look forward to the summer of 2016, I want to remind the students and parents of students at Lincoln Junior High/ GSL High School that learning does not stop just because school is out for the summer. The summer can be the most educational part of the year if we remember we are all lifelong learners and that education doesn't just happen in the classroom. Some of the most educational moments of our childhoods happen in the summer. Here are some ideas that may make your summer fun and also educational.



DAN SVOBODA

Work ethic: Growing up in southern Minnesota on a corn, soybean, and hog farm, summer was no vacation. As many of us here at GSL know, the summer is work time for those who are involved in the agricultural industry. What a great way for adults to teach our children about the value of a hard day's work. That through hard work, education and perseverance, we can become successful in whatever we choose to do.

The old adage – don't work harder, work smarter – I do not prescribe to. As Mike Rowe, the host of Discovery Channel's Dirty Jobs states, "Work Harder AND Smarter." I feel the biggest lesson my parents taught me was the value of a hard day's work. Being in education for the last 20 years, I have noticed that we are somehow losing this work ethic value. The summer is a great time for families to foster work as a good thing. One of the best complements you can give to a person is that they are a hard worker.

Activity: Summer is filled with great ways to keep active and moving. Summer sports, swimming, run-

ning, and walking are just a few ideas for families to keep active together. With the weather here in Minnesota being as frigid as it is for a large part of the year, we all look forward to those long days when we get home from work and we still have four hours of sunlight to keep active.

I would encourage you to take a peek at the GSL Community Education catalogs that offer great opportunities for all age groups to keep active in the summertime. Also, just taking an evening walk down the street or your gravel road keeps us much happier and healthier.

As we look forward to the summer of 2016, please keep these small things in mind as you plan summer activities with your families. This is a great time to reconnect, revitalize and rejuvenate after a long and busy school year.

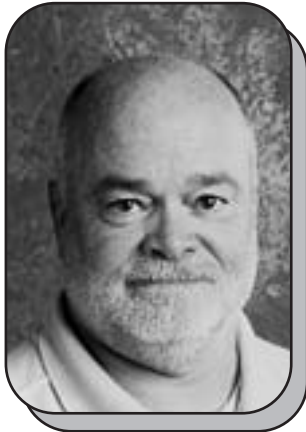
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The family summer vacation: Many of us will take a summer vacation and spend some extended time with the family that we love. During this time, we take the opportunity to reconnect with our children/parents and really get to know each other. This is a great opportunity for parents to teach and pass on the family values and learn about who we are as people. What else do you have to talk about when you take a six-hour trip to the Lake of the Woods? Also during this time, you can talk and learn about nature, different cultures, and that we here at GSL are a small but important part of a larger state, country and world.



Improving your tech skills over the summer

THINK TECHIES LOUNGE BY THE POOL, iced tea in hand, during the summer? For Glencoe-Silver Lake's Tech Team, that vision doesn't match up with reality. I get asked the question all the time, "What will you be doing this summer?" My reply, the "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" are a myth. Empty buildings, and needed equipment upgrades and purchases can make summertime the busiest time of the year for most K-12 technology departments. We are not alone!



JEFF JENSON

REPAIR, REPLACE, RETUNE

Technology Staff Mike Morris, Terry Shogren, and I will take advantage of our empty buildings to improve campus hardware and software. We will tackle such necessary tasks as

- upgrading servers;
- replacing labs;
- wiring buildings;
- installing new software;
- performing computer and server maintenance;
- cleaning up files;
- refreshing (replacing old with new) computers;
- setting up student management programs for the upcoming year;

- updating user accounts;
- imaging machines as well as cleaning their cases, storing them, and, often, bringing them right back out a few months later!

We will also use the time to upgrade our school and our departments' web pages. Personally, I start by taking a worldwide Internet cruise of other school websites for inspiration. That's often followed by an update of my knowledge of web page creation.

CONFERENCES ARE KEY

Conferences give techies and teachers alike a chance to recharge our batteries and explore new ideas. Over the summer I hope to encourage others to attend as many conferences and trainings as you can. It's the one place I can count on receiving some higher-level professional development.

NEVER STOP LEARNING

Despite the hectic schedule of training, repairing, and attending conferences, I also plan to spend some time on my own professional development. My intent is to learn new software and determine how to best integrate it into our school's curriculum. I also hope to complete several free, self-directed software tutorials.

IS THAT ALL?

Is that all? Hardly! There's always one more project to keep a techie busy, including training on our district's commitment to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and PLTW (Project Lead The Way) programs, and the excitement and chal-

lenges our brand new school will bring! Oh, and I just might take a breath and relax, enjoying a few moments with my family.

SUMMERTIME TIPS FOR TECH-LOVING TEACHERS

So what if you want to polish your tech skills this summer? Here is what I would suggest.

Attend a conference – Overwhelmingly, I recommend that teachers go to conferences to learn more about technology. When a teacher attends a conference during the school year, he or she returns to school and is immediately so busy, there's no time to practice or use what was learned. Summer offers plenty of time to get comfortable with the new technologies you learned about and might want to use in your classroom. If you like... stop by and ask your tech staff about which conferences to attend so we can best match your skills and interests to the most appropriate event. In addition to the conferences mentioned above, take time to check out www.edaccess.org.

Take a class – Take any class – locally or far away – that piques your interest. I particularly recommend the PBS program TeachLine found at www.pbs.org.

Play with technology – Another suggestion... just spending the summer playing around with technology. Don't let it wait too close to the start of school because learning to use software can take longer than you might think. Two tips to try: First, take advantage of many companies' 45-day trial period to "play before you pay." Second, do a Google search, typing in the name of the software plus the words "lesson plan" or "activity," to see what other teachers are doing with the same program in their classrooms.

More tips – A few final suggestions for the teacher wanting to learn technology this summer include:

- Set one technology goal this summer and focus your efforts on it.
- Read teachers' blogs and perhaps use a free program such as [Blogmeister](http://Blogmeister.com) to create your own.
- Stop by the technology department to get the "inside scoop" and increase your skills.
- Join a user group such as [EdTech](http://EdTech.com) or an online community such as [TappedIn](http://TappedIn.com).

Finally, don't forget to take some time to relax and let your brain recharge! Sometimes it is in the relaxed state that the best ideas pop in, and summertime gives teachers the renewed energy to tackle those great ideas. Enjoy your summer!



The end of the school year is near – here's what YOU need to know

WE ARE REQUESTING THAT YOU come to the school on or before the last day of school to pick up your child's prescription and/or over the counter medications kept in the health office. This will eliminate any misuse, loss, or sharing of medications during the transport of the medication home. This is for the safety of your child and all GSL students. Once the school year is over, leftover medications will be properly disposed of.



BETH JERABEK

Staying active over summer break –

Community Education provides great opportunities to stay active over summer. Information can be found at the GSL Community Education Office, located in the Panther Field House in Glencoe. Office Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact them at: 320-864-2690 or on the

website at www.gsl.k12.mn.us, and click on COMM ED/ ECCE.

Remember that children need 60 minutes of physical activity daily to keep their body and their heart healthy!

Planning ahead for next year – Remember that summer is a great time to make sure you are ready for fall. Use this time to get updated physicals, immunizations, and check-ups. This is also a great time to get updated paperwork for the fall regarding food or other allergies, prescription medications including epi-pens and inhalers, as well as an up-to-date emergency care plan.

As a reminder, if your child is sick or absent, please call our attendance lines:

Helen Baker: 320-864-2665
Lakeside: 320-864-2503
Lincoln: 320-864-2455
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Upgrades made to Field House equipment

THE PANTHER FIELD HOUSE IS MAKING some cool upgrades around the facility, even in the midst of the construction taking place outside.

Some of the exercise equipment in the upstairs area has been around since the building opened its doors in 1999. Our staff, along with members of the Field House Advisory Council, deemed it necessary to upgrade some of our old and broken down equipment – not only to keep up aesthetically with the renovations at the high school – but also to continue meeting the high level of customer service that we find to be of the utmost importance.



BARRET PANNING

The newest items include: new mats for our upstairs core/stretching area, new yoga mats for classes held in the multi-purpose room, and new basketballs for open gym that are available to check-out.

As far as the construction project goes, we shouldn't be affected too much here at the Field House in the opening stages of the work. At some point, the entrance to the Field House will be changed so that members and guests will enter through Gym 1, but this won't be until they start tearing up the mall area by the link, which will be sometime after school is let out.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Panther Field House, memberships can be bought for a single month, six months, or a full year. Rates are cheaper with a longer commitment, and with insurance

reimbursement they can be as low as \$0.83 per month. Most major insurance companies are accepted, including Blue Cross Blue Shield, Medica, Health Partners, and Preferred One. Membership rates are as follows:

Annual

Family – (\$420.00 / \$35.00 month)
Single – (\$250.00 / \$20.83 month)
Youth – (\$150.00 / \$12.50 month)

6 Months

Family – (\$240.00/\$40.00month)
Single – (\$180.00/\$30.00month)

Monthly

Family – \$50.00
Single – \$40.00
Youth – \$30.00

Thank you for reading, and if you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to call the front desk at 320-864-2690.



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Spectators' good sportsmanship can have a positive influence on everyone around

HOW DO YOU REACT TO THE PHRASE, "Strike three, you are out?" Do you find yourself vocalizing your discontentment with the official's call or do you think that's all right next time? If you enjoy watching or playing sports, you have seen it happen. You may have even experienced good sportsmanship and most likely have witnessed poor sportsmanship.

Sportsmanship is often defined as playing fair, following the rules of the game, respecting the judgment of referees and officials, and treating opponents and teammates with respect.



TINA SCHAUER

Sportsmanship is not just reserved for the players and coaches on the court or field. Fans, parents, and spectators also need to be aware of how they behave during a competition. Spectator behaviors are often tied back as a reflection of the team and community.

As you enjoy summer activities with your family, do your best to display good sportsmanship. Positively support the opponent and your team, respect the officials, and be courteous to those attending the competition. Sportsmanship is a style and an attitude, and it can have a positive influence on everyone around you.



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Spring play, "Rosie the Riveter," deals with events of World War II

THE SPRING PLAY, "ROSIE THE RIVETER," was performed April 28-30 with a matinee performance on May 1. Patrick Hiltner is the director.

The story takes place in January of 1942 during World War II. Eddie, the owner of Eddie's Auto Parts Factory (Travis Uecker), is having a difficult time making ends meet due to the freeze on the manufacturing of car parts. Rosie, his secretary (Rachel Bonderman), encourages him to try converting the factory to make airplane parts instead.

The problem, though, is that the men have been sent off to war and they will need manpower to succeed. Rosie takes a risk and sheds tradition by rolling up her sleeves and doing her part. She has chosen to become the image that inspired so many women workers to join the cause.

Rosie O'ConnellRachel Bonderman
Helen HenleyKatie Twiss
Eddie KendrickTravis Uecker
John StanleyQuinten Proehl
Katherine HartleyLili Mallak
Margaret MillerMarisa Luchsinger
Marjorie StinsonAutumn Lindback
TommyAlex Endres
JasperJacob Reichow
Mary Jane HiltonLeah Peterson



Rosie recruits factory workers from the Ladies' Social Club. Left to right are: Lili Mallak, Quentin Proehl, Katie Twiss, Marisa Luchsinger, Rachel Bonderman, Bryanna Paul, Autumn Lindback, Kate Kunkel, and Haley Lukes.

LucyMolly Green
MarthaMadeline Kuehn
IdaBryanna Paul
Nancy PriorEmmi Jerabek
Evelyn RichardsonGrace Witte
Edna CliftonLeah Bettcher
BonnieKate Kunkel
ValerieStephanie Welch
LindaHaley Lukes



Mail is received from their soldiers. Left to right are: Stephanie Welch, Kate Kunkel, Grace Witte, Leah Peterson, and Madeline Kuehn.

Colonel ColeAustin Pinske
HenryJonah Tankersley
MaryMarissa Kirchoff
MelindaTina Bonillo
Crew membersMadilynn Anderson
Jordan Doolittle
Darrin Emery
Marissa Kirchoff
Thalia Otero

FFA Chapter wraps up a fantastic year including success at the Minnesota FFA State Convention

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR the fantastic year FFA has had! We are excited to wrap up our year by electing our new officer team at our annual banquet and awards program and hope to see you May 15th at 3:00 p.m.



REBEKAH HADDAD

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 7th. Money raised benefits FFA members by 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 at bkthalmann@gmail.com.

Spring is a celebratory time for FFA across all levels. Eight members and four parents attended Region V FFA Banquet on April 11th. Kirsten Barott was retired as a Region V Officer (secretary). Fifteen FFA members participated in the 87th Minnesota FFA Convention. Qualified teams included Best Informed Greenhand, Soils, Farm Bureau Discussion Meet, Novice Parliamentary Procedure, Dairy Handling, and Horse Evaluation. Kole Polzin served as an FFA Ambassador for the Minnesota FFA Foundation, and Kirsten Barott ran for State FFA Office.

New for our chapter this spring was application for the National Chapter Award program. While our first application was a huge milestone in itself, we were excited to receive an award for Model of Innovation for a Community Activity (May Day), and represented our chapter at State FFA Convention.

Spring is also a time of ag advocacy. FFA members had the opportunity to meet with legislators and talk

about agriculture issues on March 30th at the Minnesota State Capitol.

We had a great Minnesota FFA State Convention. Thank you so much for your support of these kids!

CDE Team Placings:
Dairy Handling: 1st (Ben Donnay will compete nationally in October)
Best Informed Greenhand: 11th
Novice Parli Pro: 5th in room
Horse: 40th
Soils: 36th

Chapter Recognition:
Ag Literacy Challenge
Model of Innovation (Community)
Hunger Heroes Challenge
Land of Service
Honorary State Degree (Haddad)

State Officer Candidate: Kirsten Barott

There are over 300 FFA chapters in the state of Minnesota. To get to state, students must first qualify at a region contest (there are 27 schools in our region, and two to eight teams move on depending on the contest). Our kids put in 10-20 hours preparing for region contests. Our novice parli pro team put in a total of 68 hours between region and state contest prep.

Summer is a great time of year for FFA! Join us in helping with the garden project, community service opportunities, fairs, or to get your SAE going (or give your project a boost)! Why join FFA? Here's what's in it for you:

FFA develops members' potential and helps them



FFA members attended the Minnesota FFA State Convention in April. Pictured above, left to right, front row, are: Hattie Dreier-Schultz, Hayley Bolland, Daria Fegley, Brandi Pikal, and Kirsten Barott. Second row: Emily Thalmann and Kole Polzin. Third row: Eli Kuehn, Ben Donnay, Abby Maunu, Haley Kirchoff, and Morgan Verdeck. Fourth row: Adam Thalmann, Blake Orloff, Josh Kuehn, and Emily Ward.

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 were involved in ag advocacy and had the opportunity to meet with legislators and talk about ag issues at the Capitol on March 30. Pictured above, left to right, are: Kole Polzin, Hayley Bolland, Kirsten Barott, Martin Mallak, and Ethan Wolff.



One of the GSL FFA Chapter's 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 7th at the Glencoe City Center. The Ag Promoters posed with Chapter members at the Pork Chop dinner.

GSL educator named recipient of \$15,000 Award for Excellence

BECKY HADDAD, A TEACHER AT GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE High School, was surprised March 29 with news that she is a recipient of a 2016 WEM Outstanding Educator Award as an Academic Challenge Coach, an honor that is accompanied by a \$15,000 award.

Haddad is one of six educators being honored by the WEM Foundation and Synergy & Leadership Exchange for outstanding accomplishments and contributions to student learning. She is one of two recipients of the WEM Foundation's statewide Academic Challenge Coach Award, which recognizes teachers who are exemplary coaches of student teams that participate and compete in academic challenges endorsed by the Minnesota Academic League.

Haddad has been teaching and coaching for four years. She currently teaches middle school and high school agriculture and serves as the Future Farmers of America (FFA) advisor.

The FFA program has grown to a membership of 75 students under Haddad's leadership. Last year, one of the FFA teams placed in the top five in the state. Haddad is also continuing to grow the Supervised Agriculture Experience portion of FFA, integrating this component into the agriculture classes in the form of Agri-Science Fair, allowing students to participate in active and relevant research.

"One of the most important assets Mrs. Haddad possesses is her ability to let students fail first to succeed. She recognizes that from failure comes learning. It is not important to have the correct answer on the first attempt. She provides students with the resources and experiences to allow them to solve their own problems," shares a coworker.

In addition to teaching and coaching, Haddad started an FFA alumni chapter that promotes leadership events and sponsors scholarships for students. She also created a farm to school garden program where she works collaboratively with the district's food service department, and also created a fifth grade safety program.

"While there are plenty of things that can put demand on a teacher's time, my primary focus is always on my students," states Mrs. Haddad.

Educators are first nominated for the WEM Outstanding Educator Awards Program by students, parents, colleagues or community members. Those who ac-



Becky Haddad received her 2016 WEM Outstanding Educator Award as an Academic Challenge Coach from Mary Hillman from Synergy & Leadership Exchange (left). Ms. Haddad's husband, Yusef, and daughter, Anara joined them for the presentation.

cept the nomination provide additional information for consideration by Synergy & Leadership Exchange and a blue ribbon selection panel, which reviews and ranks the nominees. In addition to the six statewide honorees, additional educators have been selected as regional honorees for 2016. These names will be announced in May.

Synergy & Leadership Exchange (Synergy) is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering collaboration to advance the development of ethical citizens, providing educational resources, and celebrating achievement and best practices in Minnesota schools, businesses and communities.

For more information on the WEM Outstanding Educator Awards Program and Synergy & Leadership Exchange, visit: www.synergyexchange.org.



MITGI donates tooling for CNC machining to GSL School District



Midwest Industrial Tool Grinding, Inc. (MITGI) recently donated tooling for CNC machining to the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District. The tooling is valued at \$26,429 and will be used for CNC mill and CNC router. Students from the Introduction to Engineering Design course are pictured (above) with the tooling.

Front (left to right) are: Mitch Kettner and Tristan Weber.

Second row: Alex Weibel, Austin Field, Tyler Hausladen, Trevor Posusta, and Grace Witte.

Back row: Israel Aguilar, Austin Bernstein, Blake Syverson, Blake Ortloff, Jacob Popelka, Armondo Estrada, and Brandon Fronk.

GSL FIRST Robotics Team 4665 performed at Regional contest in Duluth



THE GSL FIRST ROBOTICS TEAM 4665 PERFORMED AT THE Northern Lights Regional in Duluth the beginning of March. The team had seven matches. The first two did not go well for the team, but then, with a lot of hard work from the Pit team including Ethan Wolff, Blake Ortloff, Martin Mallak, and Roxanna Sanchez, along with alumni's Parker Kerslake and Gus Villalobos, they made adjustments and won their next two matches.

Eric Villnow and Isaac Swift programmed the robot between each match to improve its accuracy in autonomous mode. This was by far the most complex and difficult robot our team has designed. Most of the final design work was done by Gabe Schweikert and Bodee Ewald.

The team performed very well and worked as a team all three days. GSL can be very proud of these young men and women who finished in 39th place. Coaches were Mike Sundblad, Randy Johnson, and Jeff and ReNae Jensen.



Engineering opportunities abound at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School

GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE HIGH SCHOOL HAS OFFERED Project Lead the Way courses for three years for students in grades 9-12. Students who successfully complete the course and pass the national exam for the course are eligible for three college credits through the University of Minnesota.

In 2013, GSL offered the first Project Lead the Way Engineering course – Introduction to Engineering Design. The 2014-15 year saw the IED course offered to another 24 students plus a new course offering. Principles of Engineering was completed by another 12 students. This past year, Introduction to Engineering was again offered along with a new course – Computer Integrated Manufacturing.

A critical element in bringing engineering to GSL and moving forward with the program is the Engineering Advisory Committee. Volunteers from the GSL community assist the Engineering and Industrial Technology Department in making planning, organization and curriculum decisions. Members of the committee include:

Mike Maher
Director of Engineering and Product Support
Miller Manufacturing

Gary Koch
GK computer Services

Sheila Murphy
HR Director
Midwest Industrial Tool Grinding, Inc.

Karl Pinske
Plato Woodwork

Jeri Shearer
Director, Factory Automation
Shearer Associates

Gary Schreifels
City of Glencoe

David Swift
Engineer, AKI

Derrick Carlson
Surveyor

Corinn Carlson
Parent

Maria Carlson
Alumni – Drafting student

Matt Hathaway
Seneca Foods Corporation



MIKE SUNDBLAD



Engineering students from GSL visited Milltronics in Waconia for a factory tour. Pictured, left to right (front) are: Trevor Posusta, Mitch Kettner, Tristan Weber, Jacob Popelka, Seth Schuette, Nick Tabbert, Bodee Ewald and Gabe Schweikert. Second row: Bethany Ide, Lindsey Wedin, Aaron Donnay, Blake Syverson, Brandon Fronk (kneeling), Alex Weibel, Marin Mallak, Blake Dahlke, Mike Sundblad, and Eric Villnow. Back row: Kade Haflund, Andrew Harpel, Hunter Eiden, Hendric Wolf, Austin Bernstein, Craig Foster from Milltronics, Austin Keck, Michelle Sander, Jeri Shearer, Tyler Hausladen, Ethan Wolff, Tayler Elke, Jayden Lachermeier, Jacob Simmons, Greg Boyum, and Dylan Richter.

An important component of the GSL engineering courses is factory tours. These provide students the opportunity to connect what they are learning in class with what happens in industry.

This past year, engineering students visited Plato Woodwork in Plato, Milltronics in Waconia, and Hamer Fischbein in Plymouth. Design students were able to see how products were designed using computer aided design software. CIM students witnessed how G and M coding was performed to program CNC equipment in each factory. All students were able to see the processing that takes place in any manufacturing facility.

This year the GSL Engineering program received donations of over \$24,000 in machine tooling from MITGI (see related photo on page 7).



GSL is continuing to build its engineering program. Next fall, PLTW Launch courses will be offered at Helen Baker and

Lakeside Elementary buildings. Plans are still in the works for the program, but it is anticipated that all students in grades K-6 will have the opportunity to experience PLTW Launch courses in their classrooms.



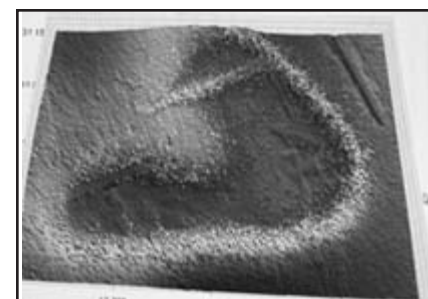
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White light interferometer demonstrated to engineering students



On March 31st, students in the engineering class were visited by Roger Posusta from Bruker, who brought with him a white light interferometer. Roger is the father of GSL students Trevor and Rachel Posusta. What is a white light interferometer, you ask? It is a high tech microscope.

Above: Mr. Posusta demonstrates the white light interferometer to students.



Right: The nose on a Lincoln penny as viewed through the white light interferometer.

2015-2016 Knowledge Bowl season recap

A TEAM WHO GRADUATED SIX remarkable seniors, as GSL did in 2015, might guess that they need to spend some amount of time rebuilding. A pair of coaches who need to integrate 19 new 7th graders might just be excited that all 47 Knowledge Bowlers made it to the bus on time. And yet, early in the season, Coach Ann Lamecker and I discovered that they had a chance to set their sights higher with GSL Knowledge Bowl this year.

At our first few meets, we learned that both our junior high and high school competitors could do well at meets! At most meets in our region, for instance, we often placed two teams in the top three teams in both varsity and junior high. In meets outside our region, when we competed against much larger schools, we continued to finish high (3rd at Buffalo, 2nd at St. Francis, 1st at Little Falls.) At St. Francis, we won the Triple Threat award, for the school with the best THREE teams. We won the Wright County Conference Academic Challenge (successfully defending our title) and won the top two places in our Regional meet.

At State, our teams finished second and sixth. Only three schools in the history of state competition have placed two teams in the top six: Chaska, St. John's Prep, and, now, GSL. We are not just a strong team, but a deep team. We are also a force to be reckoned with. In the last ten years, we have placed in the top two at State five times. We have also been Regional champions seven times.

All year our teams demonstrated a maturity and competitiveness that showed that they were better than most of the teams they went against. One highlight for me was having the reader in Room One at YME, who had seen all three GSL varsity teams during the meet (usually two at a time), tell me that GSL's students worked well together and had excellent behavior. Winning is nice, but it's good to know we have good teamwork and sportsmanship on the way there.

In Knowledge Bowl you are allowed to have as many four- to six-member teams as you need to let all your students play in meets and in practice. GSL often has the most teams at any meet we go to, usually between eight and ten teams. Because only three teams compete against each other at one time, you need many people to work at meets or help run practice, and we had two excellent volunteers this year, Tyson Mastin and Vicki Herrmann, for whom we are very grateful. We also had many older students help run practices for younger students.

It continues to amaze me that we can beat schools that are much larger than GSL, as well as schools who have larger programs. One of the reasons may be that our students all practice hard against each other, and get better together. We often say that we work harder and practice more than any Knowledge Bowl team in the state of Minnesota and it may be true. In any case, we are delighted with the results.



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Knowledge Bowl Coach
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Photo courtesy of John Graupmann, Creek View Images

2015-2016 Knowledge Bowl members in grade 7 through 12 are pictured. **Back row:** Laura Popelka, Austin Pinske, Maggie Petersen, Megan Fehrenbach, Haley Lukes, Jacob Reichow, Coach Ann Lamecker, Nathan Fehrenbach, Nathan Warner, Lexi Fronk, and Abby Gronlund. **Next to back row:** Brett Baumgarten, Mark Lueders, Coach Vicky Harris, Jacob Fehrenbach, Katie Twiss, Marisa Luchsinger, Riley Schuth, Vera Kornilova, Emma Petersen, Kayla Reichow, Dale Miller, and Austin Brewton. **Third row:** Mitch Beneke, Trevor Posusta, Maddie Kuehn, Jake Vasek, Jack Gepson, Beth Cross, Izzy Elias, Kalie Butcher, Cole Janke, Katelyn Lemke, and Kendra Klobe. **Next to front:** Jared Lokensgard, Carlee Oberlin, Charles Urban, Eli Kuehn, Travis Blomer, Paul Sievert, Allie Gronlund, Izzie Petersen. **Ground and bottom step:** Devin Everding, Dini Schwiekert, Dan Cross, Summer Hayes, Rachel Trebesch, Reagan Spears, and Cade Herrmann.

Students experience many activities in FACS



The Family and Consumer Science (FACS) department is grateful for the willing chefs who gave their time to come participate in our classroom! Pictured above (left) is Chef Instructor Jon from Hennepin Technical College and (right) Chef Amanda from the Art Institutes International.



Above: Students taking Infants Class in the fall traveled to Sharing & Caring Hands, volunteering to serve breakfast to those in need.



Above: FACS students are pictured with their teacher, Krysten Dane (center back).

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 2015-2016 school year:

3M Foundation
Anderson Insurance and Financial Services, Inc. – Larry Anderson
Brian Kluever
Brownton Lions' Club
Crow River Cutter
Crow River Sno Pros, Inc.
GFWC of Silver Lake
Glencoe American Legion Post #95
Glencoe American Legion Post #95 Auxiliary Unit #141
Glencoe Co-op Association
Glencoe Lions' Club
Glencoe VFW Post #5102
GSL Panther Association
Jay Malone Motors
McLeod Co. Corn & Soybean Assoc.
McLeod County United Way
McLeod Fish & Wildlife Conservation Partners of America
Midwest Industrial Grinding
Midwest Industrial Tool Grinding, Inc.

Miller Manufacturing
Neubarth Contracting, LLC
New Auburn Lions' Club
New Auburn VFW Post #7266
Panther Boosters, Inc.
Pheasants Forever
Plato American Legion Post #641
Plato Fire Department
Plato Lions' Club
Prairie Woods
Rick Corrick
Seneca Foods Corp.
Shopko Foundation
Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary Post #141
Silver Lake American Legion Post #141
Silver Lake Civic Association
Silver Lake Knights of Columbus
Silver Lake Lions' Club
Stevens Seminary Foundation
Taylor Lepel Memorial Fund
Thomsen Reuters
United Way of McLeod County
Zoetis – Glencoe Vet Clinic

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.



Class of 2016



Congratulations GSL Graduates!

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

Join us for the GSL Panther Association's Golf Tournament

FOR THE 9TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, THE GSL Panther Association is hosting its annual Golf Tournament on Friday, Aug. 12th 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.

Soon there was irrigation to all practice

GSL Panther Association's 11th Annual Golf Tournament



fields, football/soccer/track scoreboard and timing system, walkway lighting, water extended to the concession stand, and electricity to the football storage shed and north fields. Permanent restrooms and additional landscaping were added in the fall of 2010 as well as handicapped parking.

In 2012, a road was graded out to the softball and baseball fields with a small parking area added and a cross country trail designed around the complex for high school meets and community use. Last fall, the Panther Association financially helped the school district complete new additional irrigated soccer fields behind the stadium.

Most recently, the association committed \$50,000 over the next five years so that the district could add lighting to three of the new tennis courts, available for school and community use. In the future, it is hoped that projects can be started to improve the baseball/softball practice facilities and a varsity softball complex onsite.

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



Looking for a great gift or want to honor a special teacher or 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
- Anniversary
- Honor a classmate
- 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
- Birthday
- Christmas
- Show your class pride

The 4 x 8 individual or family bricks are \$150 and 8 x 8 business bricks are \$250 each. Interested donors can contact Michele Mackenthun at 320-864-6232 or at dmtmack@gmail.com with questions or to request an order form.

GSL Elementary PTO + volunteers = fun!

THE NEWLY-FORMED GSL ELEMENTARY PTO has hit the ground running! On Friday evening, March 4th, our first official event was held at the high school cafeteria and auditorium. We invited K-6th grade students and their families to come to the school for a meal and a movie! The film shown was "Inside Out," and families were welcomed as early as 5:00 p.m. to eat in the cafeteria before the show. Slices of UnHinged! pizza, bottles of water, cans of pop, and a selection of candy was available for purchase.

Also, the PTO was involved in supporting the teachers during afternoon/evening parent-teacher conferences on March 8th and 10th. Parents donated

snacks and beverages to each teacher's lounge, which was a gesture of appreciation for our elementary faculty.

Our final event of the year will be the Panther Pride Picnic. Popular sites at this carnival-like "picnic" are the bounce houses, the pool, games, balloon animals, and face painting. This end-of-the-year event lets the students know that we appreciate their diligence and effort throughout the school year!

The PTO is looking to meet during the summer months to plan for the 2016-2017 school year. Look for us at school activities, frequent our Facebook page, or send us an e-mail at gselementarypto@gmail.com.



Lydia Simons displays her award-winning weaving.

Lakeside 4th grader honored by Artsonia as "Artist of the Week"

LYDIA SIMONS, A 4TH GRADE ARTIST at Lakeside, was recently honored by Artsonia as a finalist in their "Artist of the Week" contest. Well...she won the honor with 3,753 votes! (More votes than any other winner in the other age categories, too!) She won a plaque and a \$50 award in art supplies from Blick Art Company and the elementary art program received \$100 in art supplies! Thanks so much to all who voted. We are thrilled!

Artsonia is the largest student art museum in the world. Every child can have an online art gallery and preserve their masterpieces for all time. The story of Artsonia begins with a dream that artwork created from kids around the world can be shared and enjoyed by everyone. Today, due to the passion of thousands of art teachers worldwide, that dream has come true. Learn more about Artsonia at <https://www.artsonia.com/>.

Thanks for helping us to recognize our wonderful young artists during March Youth Art Month!

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Construction alert!

Students, staff, and guests who use the High School and Panther Field House parking lots are reminded to please drive with extra caution. We will have more traffic coming and going with the construction project in full swing.

Please drive with caution



Students at Lincoln pitched in on Earth Day

Students in Amber Hlavka's junior high RAP group observed Earth Day on April 22nd by picking up trash and cleaning up around the Lincoln Junior High School facility. Ms. Hlavka said, "My RAP students are SUCH a great group! They were on a mission from the 'get-go' to get rid of garbage on the school grounds. We headed outside and they walked out past the Early Childhood area, and by the treeline, they found the mattress. They did not complain, but went straight to work, to the task of hauling the heavy mattress out of the soggy foliage and lugging it over to the school's dumpster. It was a proud day for me and for our Earth Day at GSL!"

Pictured at left, left to right, are: Jackson Everhart, Dawson Meyer, Zach Voelz, and Mitchell Brenhaug. Additional GSL students also pitched in to help with clean-up throughout the day.

Important phone numbers

District Office	320-864-2491
High School	320-864-2400
Lincoln Junior High.....	320-864-2455
Lakeside Elementary.....	320-864-2500
Helen Baker Elementary	320-864-2666
Community Education/ Panther Field House	320-864-2690 320-864-2698
Bus Garage.....	320-864-3032
Supt. Chris Sonju	320-864-2498
Business Manager Michelle Sander.....	320-864-2496
Food Service - Becky Dahl	320-864-2494
7-12 Principal Paul Sparby	320-864-2401
Assistant 7-12 Principal Dan Svoboda	320-864-2456
Elementary Principal Bill Butler.....	320-864-2666
Assistant Elementary Principal Joy Freitag.....	320-864-2501
School Nurse Beth Jerabek	320-864-2446



The Booster Club will be sponsoring the **Color-A-thon** again this fall on Saturday, Oct, 1st.

Watch for further information.

Summer opportunities to learn

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 6 – July 14, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Helen Baker 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 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 the classroom and sports as well.

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



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Lakeside 3rd graders enjoyed a day of learning at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen on April 7. They learned about plant habitats and the adaptations that allow them to survive in their environments. Students were able to tour the green house and plant their own terrarium. Students pictured above, left to right, are: Hailey Hansen, Klaritza Martenes Cordero, Evelyn Garza, and Jaileen Alvarado.



Summer School: A fabulous opportunity to keep your K-6 students learning year round

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO keep your K to 6 child learning over the summer? Summer School is the perfect solution to keep students on track! Students from Helen Baker and Lakeside are invited to participate in Summer School. Sessions will run from June 6 through July 14, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Helen Baker Elementary.

Our focus in Summer School is to help students avoid the "academic summer slide" in both reading and math. Students who struggle in reading and/or math would make excellent candidates, as well as those who are at grade level, but still need an extra push to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Summer school information can be found at both Helen Baker and Lakeside. If you have further questions please contact your child's teacher or me.

Free breakfast and lunch will be served at Helen Baker. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 and lunch at 11:30. Community busing will be available as well this year.

Summer is quickly approaching! Please consider this opportunity for your child. The teachers are excited to be working with them to continue building their academic skills. Summer School is a fabulous way to keep students learning throughout the summer and to prepare them for the coming school year!



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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 2008-2009 school year will be destroyed on July 30, 2016, 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, 2016.

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

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.

Lakeside students participate in Science Fair

LAKESIDE STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR COMPETITION AT MSU – Mankato on Saturday, April 30th. Their advisor is Mary Patterson, 6th Grade Teacher. Students who attended the Science Fair are pictured to the right. Results included:

3rd Place: Trisha Nussbaum

2nd Place: Nathan Stoltenburg
Bobbi Finch, Jacob Baumgarten,
Ashley Wise, and Porter Mikolichek

1st Place: Jake Schrupp, Paige Drew,
Zoe Ruschmeier, Logan Clouse, Brenna
Adams, Sam Yurek; Leah Nemec and
Bronze Grand Award; Alyssa Zellmann
and Bronze Grand Award; Sophia
Becker; Kendall Guerrero and Silver
Grand Award; and Zach Reichow and
Bronze Grand Award

Specialty Awards: Kendall Guerrero –
Broadcom MASTERS Award; Ashley
Wise –Thin Film Scholar
Award; and Alyssa Zellmann
– AgStar Award



KENDALL GUERRERO



LOGAN CLOUSE



ZACH REICHOW

Glencoe Elementary awarded grant for PLTW Launch Program

GLENCOE ELEMENTARY Schools (Helen Baker and Lakeside) have been awarded a grant from Project Lead The Way (PLTW) for the PLTW Launch program. These grants were made possible by Bemis. The grant will consist of \$7,500 over two years at each building.

Funds may be used for the following types of program expenses:

- PLTW participation fee
- Teacher training expenses
- Required equipment and supplies listed in the Gateway inventory workbook or Launch price sheet
- Laptop computer designated to the PLTW teacher
- Lab printer
- Digital projector and screen
- Tablets for the Launch program ONLY

GSL continues to build its engineering program. Next fall, PLTW Launch courses will be offered to students in grades kindergarten through 6th grade so they will have the opportunity to experience PLTW Launch courses in their classrooms.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Helen Baker Elementary School ~ Glencoe



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Independent School District No. 2859, Glencoe-Silver Lake, will be selling the Helen Baker Elementary School and surrounding property located at 405 E. 16th Street in Glencoe, Minnesota 55336. Approximately 8.6 total acres, including 37,214 square foot building built in 1953 and a building addition of 3,100 square feet built in 1996. Garage out-building and playground equipment are negotiable in sale. Legal description of the property is available through the School District.

The School District reserves the right to consider the proposed usage of the property by the buyer in its decision-making process and may include a provision in the deed restricting the use of the property for a term of fifteen years. Purchasers are required to include in their offer their proposed use of the property for this purpose.

Property will be available for use in November of 2017. Any party wishing to inspect the building and grounds may do so by contacting Chris Sonju, Superintendent of Schools, at 1621 16th Street East, Glencoe, Minnesota 55336, by calling 320-864-2498 or at csjonju@gsl.k12.mn.us.

Summer band lessons offered to students

THESE LESSONS ARE FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO GET A HEAD START FOR THE UP-coming school year.

For students entering Grades 6-12: Don't leave those band instruments in the closet all summer! Enhance and build on your success from the past school year! Come for individual lessons on all woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. For \$75 you will receive five individual lessons of 30 minutes from one of us. Band lessons will run Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and lesson time slots are available from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Beginners seeking instruction should enroll in the "Kick-off" lessons the week of August 15th-19th.)

The five-week lesson program will run the following weeks (Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday): June 7-9, June 14-16, June 21-23, July 12-14, and July 19-21.

For students entering the band program as beginners: Start off band with a kick! If you are joining the 5th grade beginning band this fall, or are a beginner in any other grade level, join us during the week of August 15th-19th to get a head start on your musical journey. In these instrument-specific classes you'll learn techniques unique to your instrument, and after these five 30-minute group lessons, you'll start the school year reading notes, playing rhythms and ready to make music! For \$49 you will receive lessons for five consecutive days. Non-beginners seeking instruction should enroll in our continuing band lessons that run from June 7-July 21.



Tryout nights for beginning band students were held on April 25 and 26. Adult volunteers assisted the students with experiencing a variety of instruments. Holly Corrick, a retired GSL teacher and flutist, spent time with a student who was interested in the flute.

Registration for both program is through GSL Community Education and financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Visit the Community Education area of the GSL website for more information, or contact Tina Schauer at 320-864-2696 or at TSchauer@gsl.k12.mn.us.

Don't see a time here that works for you? We are very flexible! Contact one of us if you need assistance!

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School-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS, GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE ELEMENTARY has developed and implemented a framework of school-wide 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.

Staff at GSL Elementary focus on three behavioral expectations that are positively stated and easy for our kids to remember. In other words, rather than telling students what not to do, we teach preferred behaviors:

- 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:

Recess	Safety:	Use equipment safely.
	Respect:	Play fairly. Show kindness and include others.
	Responsibility:	Dress for the weather.
		Return equipment and line-up when your class is called.

As parents, we know that conflict between young children can happen, especially during unstructured time on the playground. One of the strategies we taught children at Helen Baker this year was to use 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
- Share and take turns
- Walk away
- Apologize
- Wait and cool off
- Talk it out
- Ignore it
- Tell them to stop
- Make a deal



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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 School-wide System of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports!

What questions do you have? Please reach out to me via phone this summer. See you in August!

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Helen Baker students featured in winning Minnesota Reading Corps state poster contest

TAMARA WILLIAMS, A MINNESOTA READING Corps Tutor at Helen Baker Elementary, submitted an entry in a state-wide Minnesota Reading Corps poster contest. The contest had one rule: The poster had to say "I am Reading Corps."

Tamara says she broke the one rule because she did not feel that she alone was Reading Corps. She felt she was Reading Corps with students, teachers, internal coaches, external coaches, and program managers. Tamara says without all of them together, she would not be here. She changed the phrase to say, "We are Reading Corps." She drew bubble letters and had each student design a letter, wear red (for Reading Corps), and then she taped the letter onto their backs to avoid including the students' faces in the picture.

Tamera says although she broke the one rule of the contest, her poster was a state winner. Congratulations to Tamera and the students on their winning poster submission.



2016 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, and having fun with friends at PAC this summer.

Please take a few minutes to view some photos from last summer on the school website under “Community Ed.” These pictures show last summer’s adventures to many interesting places.

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 Monday, May 23 and ends Friday, Aug. 26. Calendar dates may change due to 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 | * Special events / programs |
| * Quality care | * Breakfast/afternoon snack |



What is “PAC” (Panther Adventure Club) 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, gym 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 2016-2017

The PAC program is available before and after school and on non-school days for the 2016-2017 school year. Contact Jane Goettl for more information at 320-510-0116 or at JGoettl@gsl.k12.mn.us.

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| * Choice activities | * Art materials |
| * Open swim | * Field trips |

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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GSL Early Childhood Family Education and GSL 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 SR 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.



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NEW TO ECFE? TRY A CLASS FOR FREE!

We invite you to check out a class to see if it is right for you and your child. Join us and experience what an ECFE class offers!

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN 5TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF READING

April 28th was the fifth annual "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration of Reading" at the Glencoe Public Library. Families enjoyed children's entertainment, followed by the presentation of reading awards. GSL Early Childhood Family Education, GSL School District, and the Brownton and Glencoe Libraries have partnered to offer this program to all area families to promote early literacy skills.

Registration is always open, and the reading celebration occurs yearly in the spring. There is no charge to participate. The staff at either library will be happy to help any family get started and chart their progress toward reading 1,000 books before their children enter kindergarten. Share the joy of reading and learning with your infant, toddler or preschooler – it is a gift that never stops giving!

THANK YOU TO COMMUNITY SPONSORS OF GSL ECFE!

- Coborn's Labels for Learning – new books for the ECFE library
- United Way – new preschool classroom and gym/active movement equipment

THANKS ALSO TO LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR HOSTING ECFE FIELD TRIPS IN APRIL!

Arnold's of Glencoe, John & Bonnie Mohr Farm (Glenmark Genetics), Unhinged Pizza of Glencoe

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

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 have safe days that allow them to learn and grow.

school-age children in a care center, community centers, 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.

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

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, a few days per week. These programs offer children an opportunity to play and 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 usually limited to children 3 to 5 years old.

[Information from www.childcareawaremn.org]

WHY SHOULD YOU CHOOSE GSL SCHOOL READINESS PRESCHOOL?

As a parent, you want to be sure that your child is ready for kindergarten after attending preschool. GSL School Readiness Preschool is a program of Glencoe-Silver Lake School District. Our preschool teachers are licensed by the Minnesota Department of Education. All of our staff has received training in child development and kindergarten readiness skills.

GSL Preschool uses the **HighScope Preschool Curriculum**, which is rich in reading, math, art, and science. Our curriculum is also aligned with GSL Schools' K-12 curriculum to encourage a smooth transition to kindergarten. In addition, we use the **Desired Results Developmental Profile** to assess students at the beginning and end of the school year.

Our building (GSL Early Childhood Learning Center) was completed in 2014 and has classrooms designed especially for children ages 0-5 years. We offer access to a preschool-friendly playground, indoor large motor room (little gym) and the Lincoln gym. In our classrooms, we use SMART boards, iPads, and computers to enrich learning opportunities for your child.

We also offer:

- Transportation within the GSL District.
- Scholarships and sliding fee scale tuition for income-eligible families.
- Integrated classes with Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE).
- Free Parent-Child classes, Parent Seminars, and Family Events with Preschool enrollment

PARENT AWARE FOUR STAR RATING



Parent Aware is a state rating system that helps families find the quality care and education their children need to succeed in school and life. A Parent Aware-rated program means a preschool program uses kindergarten readiness best practices to prepare your child for school.

GSL School Readiness Preschool has received the highest possible rating of Four Stars. Four Star programs go above and beyond health and safety requirements and have:

- Devoted themselves to strong, caring relationships with each child
- Committed to daily activities and routines that help

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 & Preschool.



Parents who would like more information may also call (320-864-2681) or email (GSLECFE@gsl.k12.mn.us) at any time to arrange a visit. You may also check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GSL-ECFESR to see photos, upcoming events, and the latest happenings at the Early Childhood Learning Center.

- children learn
- Volunteered for extra, in-depth training
- Adopted the latest approaches to keep children's learning on track

GSL SCHOOL READINESS PRESCHOOL

Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools offer School Readiness Preschool for children who are 3-5 years old by September 1, 2016 and are toilet trained. Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is open and ongoing until classes are filled. We have already added a second morning section for both our Cubs class (3-year-olds) and our Pre-K class (4-year-olds)! **Transportation is included with tuition.** The Parent Component has changed to better fit the busy schedules of our families and work toward a smooth transition to kindergarten. Scholarships and sliding fee scale tuition are available for eligible families.

Preschool Class Schedule		
Class	Days	Time
Cubs (3 years old by Sept. 1)	T/F	8:30-11:00 a.m.
Pre-K Panthers (4 years old by Sept. 1)	M/W/Th	8:30-11:00 a.m.
Pre-K Panthers (4 years old by Sept. 1)	M/W/Th	12:00-2:30 p.m.

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GSL PRESCHOOL