



Hello GLC Families and Friends!

We can't wait to see you! Here is some helpful information to start our 24-25 school year out right.

### **PTA Fundraiser**

Our PTA is kicking the year off with a fundraiser this week at Bruster's! It is Thursday, July 25, from 5-8 pm. The address is 17115 N. 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Glendale. Kristin and Jenn have signed up to scoop ice cream from 5:00-6:00 pm. They would love to see you.

### **Open House/Meet the Teacher**

We are having our Meet the Teacher night on Thursday, August 1st from 5:00-6:30. You can meet or say hi to all of the GLC teachers. Students can catch up with some of their classmates or meet some of our new students. There is not a set agenda, so it shouldn't take too long.

When you arrive, park in the lot north of the school and enter through the main gate. Then, walk down to the GLC rooms (700, 701, 800, 801) and feel free to enter through any door. Signs will be posted letting you know which homeroom your student will have for this year. There will be a sign-in sheet and some paperwork for you to complete. If you're new to the center, the "Homebase" classroom is where your child(ren) will start out their morning. Luckily, your student(s) will also get to interact with all of the GLC teachers throughout the day in their Math, Block, and Discovery classes!

If you won't be able to attend the Open House, you can share with your student their homeroom teacher by clicking on this [link](#).

### **First Day of School**

School starts August 5th this year. Students may be on campus at the earliest 7:10 am. We understand that there may be some first-day jitters, so if you accompany your child(ren) to our classrooms, please park in the lot north of the school and come through the office or north gates. For dropping off our "veteran" students, remember that the drop off is north of the school by the playgrounds. We ask that you adhere to that as there is no one to supervise in our pick-up area. This is for your child's safety. The first bell rings at 7:25 and the second bell rings at 7:30. The first day of school, we will have our doors open for students to come to class at 7:10.

For pick-up, remember that we will be dismissing at 2:30 this year. If you have a child in a general education class, let us know where you would like to pick up your children. Please come to the southwest pick-up area. If you are later than 2:45 we will send your child to the front office to be picked up there. We also know that things happen every once in a while, please let us know through ClassDojo or email before 2:15 if you will be late. Wednesday is our early dismissal and our time is 1:00.

Here is a map to give you a more visual representation:

[Drop off/Pick Up map](#)

## Schedule

Below you will find a draft of our schedule. Depending on which group your child is in will determine when they have Block (English Language Arts) and when they have Discovery (Social Studies/Science).

| M,Tu, Th, F: |                             | Wednesday (early release): |                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 7:30–8:00    | Breakfast & Morning Meeting | 7:30–7:45                  | Breakfast & Morning Meeting |
| 8:00-9:20    | Math                        | 7:45-9:00                  | Math                        |
| 9:20-10:00   | Art, Music, or PE           | 9:00-9:30                  | Art, Music, or PE           |
| 10:00-10:20  | Snack Recess                | 9:30-9:50                  | Recess                      |
| 10:20-11:35  | Block or Discovery          | 9:50-10:20                 | Whole Group Sharing         |
| 11:35-12:15  | Recess/Lunch                | 10:20-11:35                | Wednesday Work Time         |
| 12:15-1:30   | Block or Discovery          | 11:35-12:15                | Lunch                       |
| 1:30-1:45    | Read Aloud                  | 12:15-12:55                | Thrively Time               |
| 1:45-2:25    | Electives/<br>Genius Hour   | 12:55-1:00                 | Clean up & Dismissal        |
| 2:25-2:30    | Clean up & Dismissal        |                            |                             |

## Supplies & Donations

We are fortunate to be able to supply our students with most things that they will need however there are a few things that we are requesting that all students have.

Those items include:

- a backpack to carry their belongings back and forth,
- a pair of headphones
- a mouse (we prefer wired so they don't lose the chip)
- a refillable water bottle (we have filling stations)

All of these items should be permanently labeled with their name and GLC so we can easily identify who they belong to.

We are always so appreciative of the donations that are provided for our students in the Center. We just want to remind you that many of our supplies are communal and shared by all. If you would like to donate any of these supplies, the following is a link to our [Amazon Wish List](#) or a [flier of the items](#) we would love to have help with.

This year we have a designated snack recess in the morning. We would love to have donations of snacks to share with all students, however we understand that supplying snacks for 90 students every day is expensive and challenging. It's always the case that the students that don't bring snack and families don't donate are the students that need the snack the most. We would love to empower our students to take responsibility for their own snacks. Please remind your child to pack a sensible and nutritious snack each day. We will keep a few snacks on hand for emergencies, but it will be up to your discretion what your child brings. Thank you for understanding this necessary change.

### **Birthdays in the Center:**

Now that we are 90 students strong, asking families to bring in a birthday treat for all is a bit overwhelming. There are two other options. Students can bring enough for just their homeroom (it will probably be consumed during breakfast time) or during math (just after breakfast). If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to reach out to any one of us.

### **Communication**

We truly understand how important communication is. You can see what is going on in the Center by reading our Sunday Blast each week or by checking out our [GLC Website](#). During the year, we assign students to maintain and update it.

There are three different ways that you can contact us: through email, Class Dojo (Beth will be sending an invitation to all new families in the next few weeks) and we also supply our personal cell phones. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns throughout the year. \*\*For general questions, please direct them to your child's homeroom teacher. If it is about a specific content area, please contact that specific teacher. Too much communication is better than not enough in most cases!

| Teacher          | Email  | Cell Phone     | Classroom Phone |
|------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|
| Mary Kate Testa  | <a href="mailto:mary.testa@wesdschools.org">mary.testa@wesdschools.org</a>             | (602) 935-4375 | (602) 896-6271  |
| Kristin Holbrook | <a href="mailto:kristin.holbrook@wesdschools.org">kristin.holbrook@wesdschools.org</a> | (602) 762-0811 | (602) 896-6267  |
| Variatee Snide   | <a href="mailto:variatee.snide@wesdschools.org">variatee.snide@wesdschools.org</a>     | (602) 753-8190 | (602) 896-6259  |
| Beth Perry       | <a href="mailto:beth.perry@wesdschools.org">beth.perry@wesdschools.org</a>             | (602) 312-7711 | (602) 896-6258  |
| Jenn Mosher      | <a href="mailto:jennifer.mosher@wesdschools.org">jennifer.mosher@wesdschools.org</a>   | (951) 299-6774 | (602) 896-6261  |

You did it! You read through and reached the end of this long Blast. You can look for our next Sunday Blast on July 28th. If you have any other questions, please reach out! We are excited to see/meet our families!

Your GLC Team,

Beth, Jenn, Kate, Kristin, and Variatee

