

GLENVIEW GRAPEVINE

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Calendar Notes

PTA General Meeting: Weds, Jan 16 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Edna Brewer Middle School

No School: MLK Day: Mon., Jan 21

MLK Oratorical Festival: Weds., January 23rd

No School: Fri, January 25

The Glenview Oratorical Assemblies will be held on January 23rd. TK-2 will be doing their assembly first from 8:45 to 9:30. 3rd through 5th will go 9:40 to 10:25 (and then have late recess). Parents are welcome to come. Talk to teachers or classroom parents for more information about your own child's class.

The MLK Tribute Performance will be held at Scottish Rite Temple on Sunday, January 20th, featuring 2nd and 3rd graders who have been working with the Living Jazz program. On Friday this week, there will be a rehearsal with students from other Oakland schools who will also be performing. That rehearsal is not a performance. If your child is in 2nd or 3rd grade, more information should go home on Monday. Please reach out to teachers and room parents for more information.

Managing digital media and 'screen time'

PTA General Meeting - Wednesday, January 16 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Edna Brewer Middle School

This interactive workshop, led by Dr Alicia Blum-Ross, will look at some of the opportunities and challenges of raising children in a digital age. The evening will include insights from the latest research and recommendations on 'screen time,' and time for sharing experiences, questions, and the chance to reflect on your own family values around media and technology use. The aim is for parents to leave prepared with practical ideas about how to foster family connections, and to avoid 'screen time' conflicts.

[Alicia](#) is the mother of Abe & Penny in Teacher Yari's class and is the Global Public Policy Lead for Kids and Families at Google. She is currently writing a book (Parenting for a Digital Future, Oxford University Press), and a blog - www.parenting.digital - which rounds up research on children, families and media from around the world. Join us for dinner at 6 then drop the kids off at childcare to hear Alicia's presentation!

Hello Konstella!

During the week of January 14, you will get an email invitation to **join Konstella**, our new communication tool at Glenview. It will replace all the different tools we use, including BigTent, calendar apps, various spreadsheets, sign-up apps, and more. **Step 1:** When you receive your invitation, click Join in the email. Then follow the directions to register your children to their classrooms. **Step 2:** Set your notification settings so they are customized for you (under Account Settings). **Optional:** If you want to receive text notifications, you can download the app to your Android or

Host A Party This Winter

Hosted parties are a fun way to get to know the Glenview community while donating to the school. Parents host parties, and other parents pay to attend. Some are family events, and others are kid- or adult-only. But all are fun all around! Will you consider hosting a party this winter? A dinner party? A New Year's party? We have ideas if you are willing to host. Contact Lindsay:

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Camp Brainy Bunch

Camp Brainy Bunch is run by our former Principal Chelsea Toller and owned by a local OUSD family. This amazing summer day camp has run programs for students entering grades 1-6th at locations throughout the Bay Area for many years and we are excited to hear they are coming to Oakland in the Piedmont Ave. neighborhood! You may even see some of your favorite Glenview teachers as part of the summer 2019 staff...

Camp Brainy Bunch combines the best parts of school (learning!) with the best parts of camp (fun!). Each week instructors provide a different amazing curriculum designed for campers to try on new identities as young doctors, lawyers, writers, engineers, inventors, leaders, and broadcasters.

From now until the end of January, Camp Brainy Bunch is offering all Glenview Families \$50 off of camp as well as giving \$25 to the Glenview PTA for each family that signs up for camp using code: 2019CBBGLENVIEWPTA

iPhone device. There are various upcoming help sessions: The Konstella Questions social group in Konstella; 1/16 PTA meeting at Edna Brewer Middle School at 6pm; 2/1 Parent Coffee at school after morning meeting. We are excited about all the possibilities that Konstella offers, so **please take the time to join** so you don't miss any Glenview messages, events, and opportunities.

Principal Quinn's Corner

In this week's Grapevine you will learn about the first Glenview Bike Rodeo-- it sounds fun. Since this is the first time we are doing it, kids had a lot of questions. Savvy teachers turned this into an authentic writing opportunity and had students write their questions to me. It got me to thinking about how families, too, can slip in and encourage writing with their children in a low pressure and fun way. Writing letters is one of the easiest ways to get kids to write. For younger kids, grocery lists get them writing and involved in family work. For older kids asking them to write a convincing argument for getting what they want (more t.v. time, a pet, a later bedtime, etc.) is a really good way to get them writing and supporting their claims. Diaries are an amazing way to support writing and self-awareness. Of all the skills I learned in my many years of schooling, the skill of writing has served me most. I think it is one of the most important academic areas a school can focus on-- and families can help by looking for opportunities for kids to write outside of school, too.

Gearing up for biking in 2019!

Parents and older students/siblings: Training for the annual Ride 4 A Reason (R4R), an OUSD fundraiser from Oakland to Sacramento (Saturday, April 27, 2019) is set to begin in January. If you're unable to ride, consider making a donation: <http://bit.ly/R4ROAK>

At Glenview, we'll be kicking things off on **Friday, January 18, 2019** right after school at 2:45pm, with the Bike Rodeo and BikeMobile, a free service of Alameda County Safe Routes to School. The first-come-first-serve Rodeo **introduces students to safe bike handling**, and techniques to being comfortable riding in an urban environment. The BikeMobile is a **mobile bike repair shop for all**, including staff, faculty, families, and students! Both will be happening concurrently.

Please contact Cyrus Farivar (cfarivar@cfarivar.org) for more details.