

GLENVIEW GRAPEVINE

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Calendar Notes

Book Fair: Saturday February 2
10-12, February 4-8 9-3, February 9,
10-12

PTA Executive Board Meeting:
Wednesday, February 6th 6:30 -
8:00 pm

Black History Month Assembly:
Wednesday, February 13th

School Site Council: Thursday,
February 14th 6:00 - 7:30 p.m

**Black History Month STEAM
night:** Friday, February 15th 6:00 to
8:00

No School: Monday, February 18th
- President's Day

After School Enrichment Program

It is not too late! Registration is open until February 1st. You can also go to our updated ASEP platform at any time: <https://www.joinhomeroom.com/sites/glenview-elementary-oakland>. We hope you will consider signing up! We've got some exciting new classes such as Spanish, basketball and yoga! Any questions, please reach out to Ruth Labrie ruthlabrie@comcast.net.

Konstella Korner: The Calendar

Have you signed up for Konstella yet? When you register, you can browse the school directory, view sign-ups and the calendar, set your preferences, and more. Go to <https://www.konstella.com/cd/ERFTQY> to register if you haven't already.

After you register, you can use Konstella to view your classroom's calendar.

Web Browser: In a web browser, click your classroom in the left panel and then click Calendar at the top. This will allow you to view only the events that your room parent or another parent has created for your classroom. To view the school-wide calendar (as well as your classroom's), click Glenview Elementary in the left panel and then click Calendar at the top. This shows all the events for the school and the classrooms/committees/social groups you're part of.

Phone App: Go to the Messages tab, tap your classroom, tap the icon at the top right, and then tap Events. This will give you a list of upcoming events just for that classroom. To view the school-wide calendar, go to the School tab and tap Calendar.

PRO TIP: All parents can create events for the classrooms or committees that they have joined. Click the Create button (or plus icon on the app) at the top right and then click Specific Groups to get started.

Principal Quinn's Corner

Get ready for Black History Month! First of all, I want to give a giant appreciation for all the students who performed for our Oratorical Fest last week. There were some amazing performances and very moving original writing. Ms. Smith did an incredible job organizing the event, inviting judges, and making sure there was

Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming! Join us for light refreshments and coffee during two Saturday shopping events, 2/2 and 2/9, from 10-12. Kids can also shop during their regular library hours February 4-8. And if none of that works for you, you can shop online, too! All proceeds benefit the Glenview library and classroom literacy support. And there are plenty of volunteer slots open if you want to help - check out the sign ups in Konstella. Questions? Contact Jennifer Mahan at jennmahan@lmi.net.

Read-A-Thon

The 22nd Read-a-Thon Fundraiser is fast approaching! This year we are focusing on griffins cozy in their pajamas reading up a storm! The fundraiser will kick off on Monday, February 4th and will run throughout the month of February. Each student is goaled to read at least 30 minutes a day while raising money for our school. This year's school goal is to read 300,000 minutes by all of our students and raise \$105,000. Information will be sent home with students on Monday, February 4th.

We are also looking for readers for the Day of Reading on Wednesday, February 27th. Interested? Do you have any contacts - authors, artists, police persons, firefighters, local celebrities, the mayor, etc. Email the fundraising team at glenviewfundraising@gmail.com

enough practice time in the multi-purpose room. Oratorical Fest is a 40 year tradition in Oakland Unified, and timed in a way to kick off African American History Month. A group of dedicated parents and staff have been working behind the scenes to organize an African American History Read-In (date to be determined), and an evening event on Friday, February 15th to celebrate African American History. This event will include hands-on engineering activities as we honor the many important African American scientists who have made a lasting impact on the world. Stay tuned for more details--a separate flyer will be coming in the next couple of weeks. In addition to these events, each grade level has chosen a particular focus on African American history to study. You will be seeing evidence of their learning on our bulletin boards throughout the month.

Clarification about bringing toys to school: We have one officially sanctioned game club, the Magic Club, that is for 4th and 5th graders to play only at lunchtime recess. I pushed for this, against the advice of many people who said it would cause problems at school. Because many people warned me against bending the rule about bringing toys from home, I decided to start small and pilot this club. My goal is to learn what it would take for our community to support more things like this, where kids can bring a little of themselves to school. Unfortunately this seems to be sending mixed messages to kids and families about other toys, including Pokemon and Yugi-Yo cards. Many students are bringing these cards to play. Let me be clear: there is no Pokemon or Yugi-Yo club at Glenview. These cards are toys and should not be brought to school. Sadly, cards of value go "missing." This is a heartbreak for kids, not to mention a huge distraction from learning, and the main reason we have this rule about toys from home in place. I know it does not feel fair to kids, but it is the rule, and I ask families to help us enforce it. Believe me, I know that kids learn by playing, and I see a lot of value to games like Pokemon (I mean there's a lot there-- math, logic, reading, imagination, etc.) but in a school setting there is just no room for the drama that bringing cards from home brings. I am observing how the 4th and 5th grade lunch club evolves, and would love in the future to expand it, but that is not on the table right now. Thank you for understanding, and please help me communicate that to your kids.

If you have news or events that you would like to share with the Glenview community via Facebook, Konstella, the website or the Grapevine, please contact Karen Baughman, Vice-President of Communications.

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