

RESOURCE GOAL:

To do our best work, we will ensure a healthy, nurturing and empowering learning community as measured by climate indicators.

Free Parenting Seminar Available to All Parents in Community

Event Open to Private, Parochial and Public School Parents in Glenview

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP is a free parent seminar designed to help all parents with the difficult and important job of becoming an even better parent. This free program will be offered at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 7 at Attea Middle School, 2500 Chestnut Avenue. A continental breakfast is provided for attendees.

The event is open to all Glenview, Golf and Northfield residents, including private and parochial school parents. Parents in Partnership offers educational seminars to help with strategies and tips for meeting the challenge of parenting.

Popular Speakers Return

The keynote speakers are back by popular demand after rave reviews for the past several years as breakout session speakers at the event. Lauren Bondy and Karen Jacobsen will provide

a presentation on *"Helping Our Children Develop Good Judgement, Integrity, and Other Essential Virtues."* Parents who have attended their sessions in the past have asked for them to be the keynote speakers.

Following the keynote address, the conference will feature seminars offering practical assistance in a wide range of topics for parents of children birth through 8th grade. Educational and parenting experts will lead sessions on a multitude of topics important to parents. Participants can attend up to three of these breakout sessions. A description of each session will be available in October on the District's website at www.glenview34.org.

Free childcare will be available through Wesley Child Care for registered children three years old and above. Pre-registration forms will be required for this childcare service. These forms will be available at each school in October. The forms will also be posted on the District's website at www.glenview34.org.



District Showing Solid Results in Both Student Learning and Growth

The District utilizes the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) exams to help measure the concepts an individual child has mastered and which concepts the student may be having difficulty learning in math, reading and language usage. The NWEA exams are given twice a year and are used to compare students to national norms as well as to measure an individual student's growth during the year.

The NWEA results this past spring showed that in 19 of the 20 grade level and subject areas tested, District 34 students were either equal to, higher than, or significantly higher than the targets. The targets this spring were set even higher than previous years.

The NWEA exams also measure growth during the school year, and the District has established targets at each grade level in this area. In 23 of 27 grade levels and subject areas tested this past spring, the District is either equal to, higher than or significantly higher than the targets.

Students Earning High Marks at GBS

Another measure shared recently with the Board were last year's first semester grades of former District 34 students at Glenbrook



Reading is one of the areas in which students are excelling when compared with peers on a national level.

South High School. Our target is to have 75% of the grades that District 34 students receive be a combination of A's and B's. During the first semester of last year, 77.7% of the grades District 34 students received were A's and B's. The non-District 34 students achieved 76.7% of their grades as A's and B's.

A full report of these findings and others is available on the District's website at www.glenview34.org.



District Saves Nearly \$200,000 In Energy Costs

During the 2008–09 school year, the District began a program of energy conservation in order to decrease energy usage, reduce the District's carbon footprint and ultimately save money.

A report was provided to the Board of Education recently highlighting energy savings costs of \$190,102 during the past year, which translates to a 21% decrease in energy consumption.

Now that the program has been established, it is projected the decrease in consumption will be improved during the coming school year.

GEF Plans to Provide \$125,000 for New Learning Opportunities

The Glenview Education Foundation (GEF) is a non-profit fundraising organization that supports District 34 by funding teacher and administrator grants with high impact learning opportunities.

This year GEF plans to provide \$125,000 through its new Reach for the STARS fundraising campaign which will focus on four investment priorities called the STAR initiatives:

- ★ **Science Enrichment**
Engage students with hands-on learning and new technology.
- ★ **Teacher Investment**
Help teachers to innovate and share strategies for success.
- ★ **At-Risk Support**
Augment programs for academically at-risk students.
- ★ **Readiness Skills**
Improve all students' ability to be the best learners possible.

GEF's Reach for the STARS campaign will fundraise around these initiatives by kicking off with a fund drive that will run October 7–November 7. Funds raised through this drive will help GEF continue to fund grants that in the past have provided SmartBoards in the classrooms and a program to help assist Latino students become more successful in school. In the past five years alone, GEF has provided more than half a million dollars to fund these and other innovative and high impact pilot programs across the District.



Glenview Education
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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Budget for 2009–10 Approved

The Board recently approved the 2009–10 budget (July 1, 2009–June 30, 2010), which forecasts revenues to be above expenditures in the operating funds by more than \$400,000. Expenditures are expected to be at \$57.6 million while revenues are projected to be at \$58.0 million.

In the education fund, which represents the main operating budget and pays for the instructional programs, daily operations of the schools and general functions of the school district including salaries for most employees, the budget forecasts \$48.1 million in expenditures and \$48.5 million in revenues.

It is projected that at the end of the 2009–10 fiscal year, the education fund balances will be approximately \$22.9 million. This represents a 47.6% fund balance in the education fund. Board policy requires that each budget fund maintain at least a 30% fund balance. Maintaining a 30% fund balance is important to school districts across the state as most receive revenue just twice each year. The state recommends school districts maintain at least 25% in reserve.

Board of Education Meeting Dates Set

The Board of Education meets at least monthly during the school year and welcomes community input at meetings. There are two opportunities at each meeting for public comment. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held at the Administration Building, 1401 Greenwood Road. Agendas are posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the District's website at www.glenview34.org and at the Administration Building. Meeting minutes are also posted to the website once approved. The upcoming meeting schedule includes:

October 19, 2009	February 22, 2010
November 2, 2009	March 15, 2010
November 16, 2009	April 19, 2010
December 14, 2009	May 3, 2010
January 11, 2010	May 17, 2010
January 25, 2010	June 7, 2010
February 1, 2010	June 21, 2010

From the Superintendent



Community Finance Advisory Group Set to Begin Its Work

Each year I have the pleasure of working with the Citizen's Finance Advisory Committee (CFAC) on a charge developed by the Board of Education. This year the CFAC will look at budget forecasts, identify major expenditure levers, develop recommendations regarding deficit spending limits and review the recently adopted energy saving program.

The CFAC has been helping District 34 provide an outsider's perspective on finances and budgeting since 2001. As with any organization, it is valuable to have a group from the outside review and provide recommendations. This is especially true of a school district. One of our strategic plan goals is to protect the trust and confidence of our community and staff by making the best use of our resources as measured by resource indicators. The CFAC each year helps us accomplish this goal by taking a hard look at how the district is utilizing the taxpayer's dollars and reporting its findings to the Board and community.

District 34 has been fortunate to have experts in the financial arena willing to serve on this committee in the past. This year, I am seeking community volunteers for an open position on this committee. The CFAC typically meets six times between October and March prior to a report to the Board of Education. Any community member interested in participating in the process is invited to send a resume and statement of interest to me via e-mail at ghill@glenview34.org or via mail at 1401 Greenwood Road, Glenview, IL 60026.

Dr. Gerald Hill,
Superintendent

Our Mission

*Recognizing the needs of each child
and believing all children can learn,
the mission of Glenview School District 34
is to empower children to be responsible learners
and decision makers in a changing society.*

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