

Eagle Express



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From the Principal

Dear Eagle Parents:

I look forward to this new school year full of hope and promise that each and every child will be a successful and productive member of the GLMS family. Through SOAR Time all students learned their 2019 FSA Math and ELA data, set goals and developed action steps to reach those goals. These goals were recorded on page 2 of student planners under My SOARing Story. I encourage every family to ask their student(s) to share their SOARing Story. In order to maximize student learning all stakeholders (students, teachers, & families) need to understand and be accountable for their students learning. As educators, teachers and staff will need your help and partnership as parents to ensure all students learning is maximized. Children benefit greatly when parents/guardians take an active role in their child's education. It has been proven that when students have parental support at home, they enjoy their learning and school life even more. Students' attitude and perception of school improves as they develop more self-confidence in their road to becoming life-long learners and solid contributors to our community. Here at GLMS, we believe our students Attitude plus their Effort equals their Intelligence (**A+E=I**)! We seek to provide a safe and welcoming environment that is conducive to student learning and student success. The first step in this process is to build and to maintain a working partnership with you by developing strong communication. One amazing opportunity is setting up parent conferences. Please contact Mrs. Vargas at 407-320-7606 to schedule your student's conference today!!

Thank you to all our wonderful families who came out to our Open House Thursday, September 12th. I appreciate your time and interest in your students learning. Please ask your student about their 2019 FSA Data and all the wonderful goal setting they are doing during their SOAR Time each Wednesday morning. Students are recording their data and goals in their 2019-20 GLMS planner. Students are to bring their planners each and every day to school.

It's important to continue to monitor our school's website and maintain accurate information in Skyward Family Access in order to receive the most updated pertinent information that all parents should know for the school year. Skyward Family Access and eCampus is the main communication system for Greenwood Lakes. You may access student grades, attendance, and school-wide updates through Skyward Family Access. You may update emails and phone numbers anytime through Skyward Family Access. All Address updates must be made at the school with required information. You may visit the Front Office with ID if you are unable to retrieve your Skyward Family Access password. If you don't have the Skyward Family Access App... please download it now! It's an easy and quick!! In addition, eCampus will host all your students' assignments including notes, PowerPoints and other coursework. Your student can assist you with logging in. In addition, follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and our school website for other valuable information and updates.

I thank EVERYONE for an amazing start of the school year!

As Always, Let's SOAR Eagles!
Breezi Erickson, Principal

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Mission Statement

The mission of Greenwood Lakes Middle School is to ensure that all students acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to be productive citizens.

GLMS Events Update

Stay updated on GLMS events...visit the GLMS webpage and click on the Calendars tab. <http://www.greenwoodlakes.scps.k12.fl.us/>.



Hello Eagle Families and Friends,

PTSA membership kick off was a huge success! We are only 15 members shy of our annual goal of 200 members! We appreciate everyone who has joined! If you would like to join, forms are in the front office.

Our bathroom stall vinyls of positive messages are now proudly displayed throughout the campus. Ask your students about them and check out the pictures on our Facebook page.

Make sure to follow our social media pages for events and PTSA news!

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From the Office of Student Services

Thank you to all of the families who attended our Curriculum Night! It was such a wonderful opportunity to meet the parents and siblings of our amazing students. Teachers were excited to share what is happening in the classrooms and our administrative team were happily answering questions and listening to concerns. We are thankful for such an involved community! Please remember to feel free to schedule a Parent/Teacher conference if your student is having difficulty in any of his or her classes. Please contact Ms. Vargas at 407-320-7606 to coordinate a time to meet with your student's team.

The Office of Student Services have several resources available to help students and families. We have a food pantry on campus that houses non-perishable items that can be shared with students every Friday. We also have a limited amount of clothing and toiletry items if needed. Please contact Ms. Kimberly Longarzo at 407-320-7605 or Kimberly_Longarzo@scps.k12.fl.us for more information.

Please let us know how we can help!

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Title I News

Parents, please visit the GLMS webpage for information on Family Engagement activities, district Parental Involvement opportunities, Florida School grades, and other Title I information. You can also visit the front office to review the Title I Binder which contains assessment results, the School Improvement Plan (SIP), and the Parental Family Engagement Plan (PFEP).

Reminder... both parents and students are asked to sign the finalized School-Parent Compact. If you weren't able to get a copy at Open House, please stop by the front office.

Visit the following website to review the most recent SPAR: <http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/Schools/SchoolInfo.aspx?sid=0671>

State Certified and Licensed Teachers and Paraprofessionals

All Title I schools are required to employ only state certified and licensed teachers and instructional paraprofessionals. If at any time your child is taught by a non-state certified teacher, your school will notify you. In addition, you have the right to:

- Request whether your child's teacher(s) and/or paraprofessional(s) meet the state certification requirements for the grade levels and subject areas in which they provide instruction.
- Request whether a teacher and/or paraprofessional is teaching under emergency or other provisional status where state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- Request information on the baccalaureate degree major of a teacher and/or paraprofessional and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher and/or paraprofessional, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month: WEAR PINK!

Since October is National Breast Cancer awareness month, to support the international health campaign GLMS will be wearing pink on Mondays throughout the month. Our volleyball pink out game against Markham Woods M.S. is on October 16th. Please join us in bringing awareness and supporting the fighters and survivors of cancer.

PBS

Hello SOARing Eagles! The Nest, our PBS school store, was a hit during its first opening of the school year at Wednesday lunches. We are still accepting monetary or item donations (such as school supplies, Rubik's cubes, headphones, phone cases, pop sockets, etc).

During the first week of school, the deans went into all the science classrooms and covered key points of the discipline code of conduct. Students were provided the dress code flyer and the website to the SCPS code of conduct. Please make sure your student is a SOARing Eagle within dress code. Lastly, a reminder that cell phones may be used before/after school and at lunch. All cell phones and headphones should be put away during class transitions.

Our first PBS Spirit Night of the year will be at Huey Magoo's, 4235 W Lake Mary Blvd, from 4:15 - 7:15 pm on Tuesday, October 8th. We look forward to seeing you there!

For our first SOARing Quarterly event of the year, students will be able to earn free entrance to the Girl's Volleyball Game vs. Markham Woods on October 16th. Students will be able to purchase tickets to the game with ten SOAR bucks starting October 9th at all lunches.

Your GLMS Deans,
Megan Waller and Lauren Fedi

SCPS Dining Services Is Now Red Apple Dining

We are proud to announce Red Apple Dining, formerly Dining Services, as the new source of innovative meal options within Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS). Red Apple Dining invites and encourages parents and guests to 'Experience the Difference' of their Campus Restaurants, available at all SCPS locations this school year.



Red Apple Dining is striving to eliminate the perceptions of the typical 'school lunch'. With an expert panel of nutritionists, chefs, and the dedicated Red Apple Dining team, each Red Apple Campus Restaurant promises to provide high-quality, fresh, balanced, and nutritious breakfast and lunch options to guests daily. All while ensuring each guest receives personalized and exceptional service.

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For more information about Red Apple Dining, visit www.RedAppleDining.com or contact us at (407) 320-0226. Follow Red Apple Dining on Twitter @SCPSDining, and Facebook @scpsdining.



Hispanic Heritage Month begins its celebration on September 15th to commemorate the independence of several Latin American countries within the month; Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua -all Sept. 15; Mexico- Sept. 16, Chile- Sept. 18. On October 14th Día de la Raza, Day of the Races, is celebrated to honor the heritage, colonization and cultural diversity of Latin America. GLMS celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with the following activities:

- **September 19th** - Auditions for the Hispanic Heritage Month Show Case in Srta. Schlottfeldt's room 8-001 after school (for more information contact her)
- **September 20th** - Dress in red, white, and blue to celebrate the countries in Central America (Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras and Panama)
- **September 27th** - Dress in red, green, white, yellow and blue (for Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Equatorial Guinea and Brazil)
- **October 4th** - Dress in yellow, blue, & red (for Andean region- Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador as well as Spain)
- **October 10th** - 6th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Show Case at 6pm in the gym. Admission is free.
- **October 11th** - Dress in red, white, and blue to celebrate the rest of the South American countries and the Caribbean (Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic)
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Science

Sixth grade students will be starting the Hierarchy of Organisms unit; they will be able to recognize different properties of atoms, explore the scientific theory of atoms (also known as atomic theory) by recognizing that atoms are the smallest unit of an element and are composed of subatomic particles (electrons surrounding a nucleus containing protons and neutrons), and recognize that there are a finite number of elements and that their atoms combine in a multitude of ways to produce molecules.

Seventh grade students will be starting the Change over Time unit; they will be able to Describe and give examples of ways in which Earth's surface is built up and torn down by physical and chemical weathering, erosion, and deposition, Explore the Law of Conservation of Mass by demonstrating and concluding that mass is conserved when substances undergo physical and chemical changes, and Differentiate between physical and chemical changes.

Eighth grade students will be starting the Change over Time unit; they will be able to Investigate and describe what an unbalanced force is and how it relates to the change of speed, or direction and motion of the object. Students will be analyzing graphs of distance vs. time for an object moving at a constant speed. They will explore the Law of Conservation of Energy by differentiating between potential and kinetic energy. Identify situations where kinetic energy is transformed into potential energy and vice versa.

Language Arts

6th Grade:

We have had a wonderful start with our brand-new middle schoolers! Students have been reviewing and practicing their knowledge of the 8 Parts of Speech, as well as reading our first story, "The Ravine"! This story covers themes such as overcoming fears and peer pressure, two topics that are so important for 6th graders to learn in their first year of middle school. The students have been using Reciprocal Teaching (a strategy that requires students to Predict, Question, Clarify, and Summarize while reading) to analyze the story and discover the deeper meanings within the text. Our next text is "Life Doesn't Frighten Me", a poem by Maya Angelou. Please continue to check Skyward for grades and updates.

7th Grade:

Our amazing seventh graders have started the school year by delving into the elements of plot. Students have been exploring plot through reading "Big Things Come in Small Packages" in their Close Reader. The Close Reader is a workbook that students will be using throughout the school year to guide them in analyzing different literary and informational texts. Following plot, students will begin identifying use of figurative language and varying text structures within the text "The Flight of Icarus".

8th Grade:

Our fantastic eighth grade students have been exploring theme through "All Summer in a Day" by Ray Bradbury. They will be moving into argumentative writing next, in which they will not only write their own arguments, but also write arguments. Please encourage your student to read outside of class! This plays a key role in their reading comprehension skills as well as improves their reading stamina! Also, please continue to check eCampus and Skyward for updates as well as grades.

Reading Department

The Reading department in grades 6th, 7th and 8th grade just finished up the I-ready diagnostic testing. The data from the I-ready has been shared with your students. All three grade levels are working on completing lessons in class weekly. Students are expected to complete 46 minutes weekly on I-Ready with a score of 75% or more on 2 lessons. Classroom time has been set aside to allow the students enough time to complete their required minutes. We do however encourage you to have your students also either read for 20 minutes each night or to log on to I-Ready and work for at least 20 minutes. This will help the student build up stamina with their reading that will help them on the FSA exams.

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Social Studies

6th Grade:

During the month of September, 6th grade students will be working on their second and third units. The second unit discusses Thinking like a Historian and will teach the students how to analyze various sources of information and why historians use these sources of information to come up with historical accounts. The third unit will be on Early Humans and the Agricultural Revolution. This unit discusses the impact of early humans on the earth and how these humans shaped the landscape and environment in order to move from hunting and gathering to agricultural settlements.

7th Grade:

During the month of September, 7th grade Civics students will be working on their second unit. The second unit discusses political parties, elections, campaigns, and the use of media and propaganda in the election process. During this unit, we will be identifying various political parties and analyzing their viewpoints on various issues. We will be analyzing how candidates running for each political party campaign for these elections and how they use the media and propaganda and to influence voters.

8th Grade:

During the month of September, 8th grade American History students will be working on their second unit, which will be discussing in depth the British Colonies. During this unit, the students will be working on their first DBQ, which is a 5 paragraph essay that exposes them to various primary documents that all detail why there were so many deaths at the Jamestown colony.

Forensic Science & Legal Studies

*** Volunteers Needed ***

Hello Parents and Students! We are excited to start the 2019-20 school year! GLMS Forensic Science and Legal Studies provide a real world problem-solving approach to learning, through career research. Students who continue with the Forensic Science and Legal Studies Program at Lake Mary High School may take advantage of dual enrollment courses in Forensic Science, Criminal Justice, or Paralegal career pathways.

A highlight of our program is the student's interactions with professional volunteers. From processing a mock crime scene with a CSI, to coaching from legal professionals during mock trials, students have received a behind the scenes look at many sought after careers. Please contact Mrs. Bratton if you, a friend or family member are affiliated with law enforcement, scientific or legal professions, and would be interested in giving a presentation or assisting with the GLMS Forensic Science & Legal Studies Program. Volunteers must be registered as Dividends through the Seminole County Public School website.



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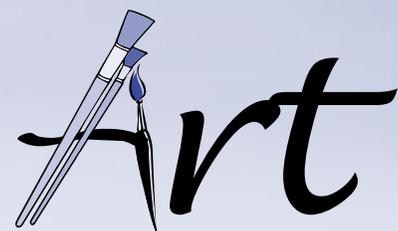
We are off to a productive start in the math department. Every level is using cooperative strategies to really dig deep into the standards to understand the concepts and more importantly, MASTER THEM!

In 6th grade, as we continue a productive year, the students will be working in Unit 1-Number Operations, Unit 2-Rational Numbers and Unit 3-Proportionality: Ratios and Rates. Please continue to encourage your child to come to class ready to learn with their needed supplies and ready to SOAR. Multiplication is a very big thing in 6th grade math. Please have your child practice their multiplication tables. They can make flashcards if they need to. Students should also be reviewing skills on a daily basis to help them be proficient on the 6th grade math standards. GEMS students are continuing to work independently and diligently on the 6th grade standards at home while exploring the 7th grade standards in class. It is necessary for the students to complete the 6th grade assignments at home in order for them to be successful on the 7th grade standards in class.

Seventh grade advanced math students will be mastering skills involving simplifying expressions and solving one and two-step equations. Students then will dig deeper into two and three-dimensional geometry. We really want to stress the importance of knowing multiplication and division facts so students are able to master the content.

Seventh grade standard students are currently mastering adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing rational numbers. Rational numbers include positive and negative whole numbers, fractions, and decimals! Therefore, please practice multiplication and division facts with your child at home; we want our students to be as successful as possible! Next, we are moving into ratios and proportions

Pre-Algebra is beginning the new unit on proportional and non-proportional relationships. Linear relationships, functions, and solving equations are included in this unit. It is also inclusive of rate of change and slope using graphing to identify relationships both proportional and non-proportional. The Algebra I classes are working on solving advanced level equations and inequalities. These equations can be quite complex, so please encourage your student to be practicing at home. We want them to solve them, but also understand the justifications used to reach that solution. We will be moving into an in-depth look at linear relationships and really get into the heart of Algebra. Geometry Honors has taken off by studying the basics and understanding the foundations for geometry. We are exploring with transformations and will soon be looking at geometric reasoning through proofs. The Algebra and Geometry classes are eCampus heavy. Please utilize eCampus for assignments, resources, and extra practice if needed.



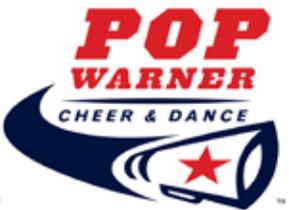
Welcome back GLMS, Soaring Eagles! It's the new 2019-2020 school year, and the Art Club will be getting back into action soon. Stay tuned for upcoming news about exactly when we will be starting back up, so you can fill out the necessary paperwork to join. We look forward to seeing you there.

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FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) is back at GLMS on Monday mornings from 7:45-8:45am! Meetings will be announced weekly since we are sharing the gym access with the seasonal sport. Generally, we can be found in either the gym, 8-001, or the pavilion. The new sponsor is Ms. Schlottfeldt. If you have any more questions or want to find out more information, please feel free to reach out to her: Stephanie_schlottfeldt@scps.k12.fl.us or (407) 320-7629.