

# West Ottawa Public Schools

# Glerum

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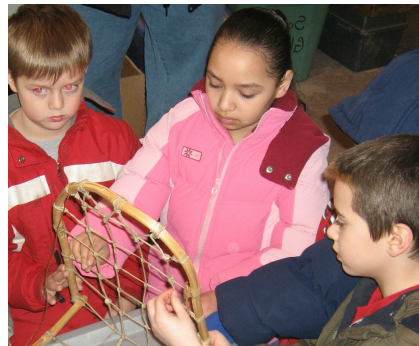
May 30, 2008

Dear Glerum Parents and Guardians,

At Glerum Elementary, our students are very fortunate to be part of a school community that supports field trip experiences. Field trips give students the opportunity to observe and learn through hands-on activities outside the confines of the classroom. These experiences help them make real life connections to what they read and what they do, both in and out of the classroom.

When field trip activities are tied to classroom lessons, they become worthy, educational experiences that help improve student achievement. Teachers say that's the way a well-designed field trip should work, with lessons supporting the trip both before and after. In many cases, field trips provide a real-world view of something that children might understand only in theory from a classroom lesson.

Here are examples of the many field trips that our students participated in this school year:



Cappon House and Holland Museum  
DeGraaf Nature Center  
Dutch Trade Fair on Windmill Island  
Grand Rapids Symphony  
Holland City Hall  
Holland Water Treatment Plant  
Lansing, MI (All day trips)  
Meijer's Reading Celebration  
Nyboer Pumpkin Patch  
Outdoor Discovery Center  
Pine Creek Trails  
Riley Street Fire Station  
Teusink's Pony Farm  
Train Trip to Curious Kids Museum  
Wade's Bayou

**THANK YOU** to Glerum parents who continue to support field trips for our students by volunteering to be chaperones, and also by supporting PTO fundraisers. We truly appreciate your efforts in making field trips available for all Glerum students.

Don Clavette, Glerum Principal

## GLERUM END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

### Team Initiatives



Tuesday, June 3  
6:00 to 7:00 pm



Our playground will be covered with team building activities where parents and students can work together. We will have upper and lower elementary initiative games for you to take part in as a team.

When you arrive, come to the playground area to receive a participation bracelet and a map of events. Each activity will take about 15 minutes. Teachers will be stationed at activities to go over directions and enjoy the fun of parents and students working and succeeding together.

**Please come and join the fun.**



# PANTHER CAMP

Summer Child Care Program for Ages 2 ½ - 13  
Located at Lakeshore Elementary

**Fun and Exciting Activities**  
**Wheel Days \* Water Days \* Clubs \* Sports**  
**And Much MORE!**

Call 786.2105 for More Information

## Dates to Remember

Fri., May 30	Girls on the Run 5K Run 5:30 pm @ Holland Municipal Stadium
Tues., June 3	Field Trip - 5th to Lansing 7:00 am-5:00 pm Field Trip - 4th to Riley Beach 9:30 am - 11:00 am 4th Grade Play - <i>Alice &amp; Alex</i> 2:00-2:30 pm, Glerum Gym Glerum End-of-Year Celebration <i>Team Initiatives</i> 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Wed., June 4	Field Trip - 1st to John Ball Zoo 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Field Trip - 3rd to Water Treatment Plant & Tunnel Park 10:25 am - 1:15 pm RAIN DATE FOR End-of-Year Celebration
Thurs., June 5	Assembly - 5th grade awards 1:30 pm in the Gym <b>Last day of school for PM Kindergarten</b>
Fri., June 6	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b> 1/2 day with dismissal at 11:37am <u>AM Kindergarten students attend</u>

## News from the Studio Week of 5.27.08



Dear Families of Glerum,

This week, the students in grade 1 are finishing up pictures they have made of themselves and a loved one. This artwork was influenced by famous artist, Mary Cassatt. The students will also be creating a fish print.

Students in grade 2 are completing their Dutch Gables. They will also write what their pictures make them see, think and wonder.

Until next week,  
Miss Camp



## Links from the Library

Mrs. Calnin – Library Media Specialist



West Ottawa library media specialists teach safety rules for using the Internet as students learn to use computers for gathering and sharing information. Our learning goals are based on recommendations from the State of Michigan.

In grades 1-3, the learning goals include:

- Discuss acceptable and unacceptable uses of technology (computers, phones, Internet, e-mail) at home or at school.
- Identify safety precautions that should be taken while on-line.

In grades 4 and 5, the learning goals include:

- Discuss basic issues regarding appropriate and inappropriate uses of technology (copyright, privacy, file sharing, spam, viruses, and plagiarism) and describe the consequences of inappropriate use.
- Identify safety precautions that should be taken while on-line.
- Discuss the accuracy, relevance, appropriateness, and bias of electronic information sources.

According to the experts at Kids Health ([http://www.kidshealth.org/parent/positive/family/net\\_safety.html](http://www.kidshealth.org/parent/positive/family/net_safety.html)), it is a good idea for parents to set up some simple rules for children to follow while they're using the Internet at home. These rules may include:

- Never give out personal information, such as address, phone number, or school name or location. Use only a screen name.
- Never agree to meet anyone from a chat room in person.
- Never trade personal photographs in the mail or scanned photographs over the Internet.
- Never respond to a threatening e-mail or message.
- Always tell a parent about any communication or conversation that was scary.



The Internet can be an amazing tool that extends student learning beyond the school walls. If students are taught these safety rules at home and school, using the Internet can be a very positive learning experience.

Students with Internet at home can visit Mrs. Calnin's webpage at Woodside Elementary School <http://www.westottawa.net/woodsideses/site/default.asp> for links to keyboarding practice, reading, and research websites. Look for the "teacher" menu to find Mrs. Calnin's web-site. This page will be available throughout the summer.

## Library Reminder:

**Please remember that all student books are due back at our school library on Friday, May 30. Thanks for your help.**

*Change Your World @ Your Library!*

**Sports Performance Program  
Learning to be Fit!**

**Objectives:**

- **Develop fundamental sports skills.**
- **Improve coordination / balance / flexibility.**
- **Learn about nutrition and healthy eating.**
- **Appreciate lifelong fitness.**
- **Have fun!**



**What:** “Learning to be Fit” is an after-school fitness program developed by Holland Hospital Rehabilitation Services for elementary school-aged children.

**Where:** Pilot program being introduced to the West Ottawa School District in the fall of the 2008-2009.

**Contact:** For more information about this program and other Holland Hospital’s Sports Performance Programs, contact Kerry Doda at (616) 610-9944 or Scott Southard at (616) 355-3994.

[hollandhospital.org](http://hollandhospital.org)

**WELLNESS TIPS  
from Mr. Meyers**



**When Someone Faints**

- Place the person in a horizontal position, with the head below the level of the heart and the legs raised.
- Turn the person’s head to the side, so the tongue doesn’t cover the airway.
- Loosen tight clothing and apply cool, moist towels to the face and neck.
- **Do not** slap or shake the person.
- **Do not** try to give the person anything to drink—not even water.
- **Do not** allow the person to arise until the sense of physical weakness passes.

**Dealing With Nosebleeds**

- Sit down, lean forward and pinch the soft part of your nose together. Do this for 5-10 minutes or until bleeding stops.
- Relax and breathe through your mouth while doing this.
- Placing a folded piece of wet paper towel under your upper lip may also help stop the bleeding.
- Do not lean backwards, and pinch to stop the bleeding.
- Consult a physician if the bleeding does not stop.



The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holland will be moving its summer program to Macatawa Bay Middle School due to renovations that will be taking place at Pine Creek Elementary. The summer program is open to all elementary students in the West Ottawa School District. All new and re-enrolling members will need to complete a membership application and attend a brief orientation with their parents.

**Dates:** June 9<sup>th</sup> – August 14<sup>th</sup>

**Orientation:** Monday – Thursday 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Macatawa Bay Middle School (check-in at main entrance)  
*(Macatawa Bay is located at 3700 140th Ave. off of Riley St.)*

**Hours:** 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday (closed Friday)

**Questions? Contact Brian at 616.392.4102 x 112**

**Thanks,  
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holland  
North Side Extension Staff**

