For the Parents, Staff & Community of





From the Principal

Dear Eagle Families,

Greenwood Lakes Middle School enjoyed a great 2022-23 school year! I am very proud and thankful for such an amazing staff and community. I would like to thank our amazing 8th graders for an incredible year, and I would like to wish them well on their journey to high school. On behalf of the Greenwood Lakes Middle School staff, I congratulate the Class of 2023 on their outstanding contributions to our school. I hope you each find success in your future endeavors.

Greenwood Lakes is a true "Neighborhood School" with rigorous and engaging curriculum. I want to thank our teachers, staff, students, parents, and our community leaders for their unyielding commitment to educational excellence at Greenwood Lakes Middle School. In the months to come, maintaining this commitment to educational excellence will continue. Our faculty will approach this challenge by providing the best possible learning environment for our students. As long as our students do not underestimate their ability to learn, I have no doubt we will continue to do well. As we prepare for another year, I am confident of the positive direction which our school is moving. As principal of this exceptional school, I am proud to be part of this dedicated team.

A new school year represents a new beginning – new classes, new friends, new teachers, and renewed commitment to academics. As always, I look forward to beginning the 2023-2024 school year by welcoming our incoming sixth grade Eagles to Greenwood Lakes Middle School. This year will be exciting and challenging at times. I encourage our sixth graders to attend Schedule Pick-Up on August 8th at 9:00am-10:30am, to become acquainted with the layout of the campus so you will feel more at ease the first day of school. Schedule Pick-Up for 7th & 8th graders will be from 10:30am-11:30am.

I want to extend a warm "Welcome Back!" to our returning Eagles. As I mentioned before, the Class of 2023 left behind an impressive legacy of academic excellence at Greenwood Lakes Middle School. These achievements – in our classrooms, on our stages and on our playing fields – were not products of complacency or "status quo." Our programs excelled because these dedicated students reached for self-improvement and realized personal success. I have no doubt our new 8th graders will deliver another outstanding year of academics, artistic and athletic performances. With your determination and our diversified wealth of experienced, innovative teachers, Greenwood Lakes Eagles will continue to SOAR!

Behind every successful Eagle stands a devoted Eagle parent. Your role as an Eagle parent is essential to maintaining the high standard of educational excellence at Greenwood Lakes Middle School. Throughout the year, we will host informational meetings for our Eagle families beginning with Open House Tuesday, September 12th. I encourage every parent to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to meet your child's teachers as they share information about class curriculum and academic goals for

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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.

From the Principal

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students. I hope our Eagle parents will become active members in our school by joining and supporting our School Advisory Committee, PTSA, and Dividends. Communication is the key to developing a strong partnership between parents and educators working together in the best interest of our students. Your involvement makes a difference in our success and is sincerely appreciated.

I feel truly blessed to be the instructional leader of such an amazing "Neighborhood School." Do not forget to remind your student about the summer reading assignment. 2023-24 Free/Reduce Lunch Applications are available online at https://www.scps. k12.fl.us/ and click on Apply of Free/ Reduce Meals. This application must be completed yearly. In addition, all incoming 7th graders need a Tdap booster before they start school. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and visit our website for important information including supply list, bell schedule and dress code requirements. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer.

"As Always, Let's SOAR Eagles!"

Breezi Erickson, Principal Breezi_erickson@scps.k12.fl.us



The Guidance Department is extremely excited to begin another school year with both our new and returning students! Please stop by the front office to introduce yourself and say "Hello"! **Reminders:**

- The 2023 Summer Reading Assignment is still available on the GLMS website. Please have your student turn in the assignment on the first day of school!
- There are also summer assignments for any student who is registered for GEMS or Algebra I. Both assignments are available on the GLMS website.
- Be sure to attend our Schedule Pick-Up on Tuesday, August 8. This event is a great opportunity to meet teachers and walk our campus. We look forward to seeing you there!
- 2023 FAST scores are available on Skyward! Please contact the front desk at 407-320-7650 if you need help setting up a Skyward account.
 We are looking forward to a fantastic school year!

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Title I

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 the School Improvement Plan (SIP), the Parental Family Engagement Plan (PFEP), the School-Parent Compact, School Report Card, and the Parents' Right to Know.

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.





PBS Update

Happy Summer SOARing Eagles! We hope you have all been enjoying a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break. We can't wait to see you back here for the 2023–2024 School Year!

Dress for SUCCESS in 2023-2024!! Please refer to Seminole County Public School website for Dress Code. As you begin preparing and shopping for the school year, keep in mind the guidelines for students so that your student will meet the dress code requirements on the first day of school. Our school expectations of SOAR - Show Respect, Own Your Behavior, Act Responsibly, Reach For Your Personal Best - can be demonstrated by following the district dress code.

The Nest, our PBS school store, will be back in business this year! During lunch at the Nest, students can purchase school supplies, headphones, Rubik's cubes, posters, books, snacks, and many other items! Students purchase these items by using the GLMS SOAR bucks that they have earned from teachers and staff for demonstrating our SOARing Eagle Expectations. We are always accepting both monetary and item donations for The Nest. Feel free to bring any donations to schedule pick up and drop them off at the PBS table in the Campus Restaurant!

We wish all of our students a FUN end to their Summer Break and we are looking forward to seeing all of our SOARing Eagles this Fall!

And As Always, Let's SOAR Eagles!

Your GLMS Deans, Latasha Smith and Gary Fletcher

GLMS Events Update

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

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Important Reminders and Information

Math & Summer Reading Assignments! Please remind your student of the required Summer Reading and Math Assignment! These were advertised to all students at the end of the school year. The assignment is also posted on the GLMS website along with student supply lists.

TDAP Shots!! Don't forget to turn in your 7th graders TDAP shot record. This is mandatory before they can start their 7th grade year and receive their schedule at Schedule Pick-Up. There is a locked Drop Box located outside the Front Office if you wish to drop it off afterhours.

School Starts at 9:25am! Student attendance is critical! Students can't learn if they are not here! First bell rings at 9:25am. Students need to be seated in class by 9:30am!! First period tardies will generate school consequences. First period tardies will ONLY be excused with a doctor note. We will warmly accept late students, but it will count as a tardy followed by a consequence!

Free or Reduced Lunch Program! Please go online to www.RedAppleDining.com to complete this form. You may also visit this site to set up a lunch account and enroll in automatic payments. Student lunch accounts rollover from school to school.

Before & After School! Morning supervision starts at 8:55am per SCPS School Board Policy. Students are prohibited on campus prior to 8:55am. If you need supervision prior to 8:55am please contact Kid Zone for affordable on campus care both before and after school at https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/ extended-day/.

Front Office Procedures! Parents may pick up their student by signing them out the Front Office. Students are not to be signed out 30 minutes prior to the end of the school day (3:35pm on MTRF or 2:35pm on W). We appreciate you following this system to keep our school organized at the end of the day. The Front Office will not accept any "drop off" items. This includes lunches, cell phones, overnight bags, Uber Eats, etc. Any student who forgets their lunch will be taken care of by Red Apple Dining. You may also visit www.RedAppleDining.com to set up a lunch account with automatic payments.

Car Line! When in the car ramp for either dropping off or picking up... Pull all the way up. We refer to this as "bumper to bumper"! Our goal is to maximize the effectiveness of the car ramp and get cars off Lake Park Drive. Your community members will thank you!! Also, be mindful of all traffic rules even in the parking lot and pick up line. This includes parking in the fire lane and entering through the "Exit Only" entrance.

Dress Code! Don't forget to shop smart! GLMS does follow the district dress code policy.

Dividend Volunteer Program! Reminder you will need to sign up as a Dividend every year! Visit https://www.scps.k12. fl.us/district/departments/community-involvement/dividendsvolunteer-programs.stml We are looking forward to getting volunteers back on campus! GLMS will host our SCPS Dividend Orientation Tuesday, August 22nd from 11:30am-1:00pm in Learning Center. If you are a business owner and would like to support GLMS by becoming a Partner in Education, please contact Mr. Sokolowsky at evan_sokolowsky@scps.k12.fl.us.

SAC/PTSA! We need parents to support both GLMS School Advisory Committee (SAC) and Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). SAC meets the 4th Monday of each month at 4:30pm. The first SAC meeting will take place Monday, August 21st at 4:30pm in the Learning Center. PTSA's will advertise meetings as they are scheduled through Social Media and Skyward.

If you would like more information on both parent groups, please email Mr. Sokolowsky at evan_sokolowsky@scps.k12.fl.us for SAC or GreenwoodLakesMiddlePTSA@gmail.com for PTSA.

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English Language Arts

Hello Eagle Families! The ELA Department sincerely hopes that you are enjoying a wonderful summer with your families. We are very excited for the return of our 7th and 8th grade Eagles, as well as to welcome our brand-new 6th grade Eagles! Summer reading assignments will be due on the first day of school, they can be turned in to ELA teachers. Further information about this assignment can be found on the GLMS website. Throughout the school year, your student will be working with literary and informational texts in order to interact with the new B.E.S.T benchmarks, as well as build their reading confidence and stamina. In addition, students will be writing argumentative and informational essays. Students in 7th grade will also be introduced to narrative writing. Students will be working cooperatively with their classmates and teachers in order to read and analyze texts, as well as become better academic writers. We are very much looking forward to seeing our students and know that we will have an amazing 2023-2024 school year!

Reading

Hello Eagle Families! We hope you are having a fantastic summer with your friends and families! We can't wait to hear about the great things you've been reading this summer. The Reading Department is looking forward to welcoming our new and returning Eagles to an exciting new year in reading classes.

Reading is an essential part of every class and will be vital to your student's future success in school and in life. Throughout the school year, your student will be developing skills and strategies that will aide in reading comprehension and help support their learning in all of their other classes. Along the way, we hope to also help students find enjoyment in reading. Our goal is to help each student discover that there is a book out there for every interest! Students will be working to read and comprehend texts in small teacher-led groups, cooperatively with peers, and independently with a personalized i-Ready learning path. We are looking forward to seeing our students at schedule pick-up and know that we will have an amazing 2023-2024 school year!

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Math

The GLMS Math Department hopes you are all enjoying your summer. Our teachers have spent some of their time off planning and collaborating for next year. We are motivated to continue challenging students to reach their full potential and to watch students' math abilities improve!! We are excited to see our returning 7th and 8th graders, along with welcoming our new 6th grade Eagles!

All grade levels will have a summer assignment. All incoming 6th graders will have the same assignment. Students taking 7th Standard and 7th Advanced will have the same assignment. 8th graders taking Pre-Algebra will have a different assignment from 7th and 8th graders taking Algebra 1 Honors and Geometry Honors. These are review topics that students are expected to already know and have mastered prior to starting the year. All summer assignments will be due the first week of school. All work must be shown, and a calculator should not be used. "IDK" and just attempts at the problems are unacceptable.

*** Supply lists for Math

- College- ruled loose leaf paper
- Pencils & Erasers
- Highlighters (different colors)
- Pens
- Pencil Sharpener
- Glue sticks
- Sticky Notes
- All 6th and 7th grade students will need either an 8.5 x 11 or 9 x 11 collegeruled spiral. Some stores sell 8.5 x 11, while others will have 9 x 11. Walmart has an example called Pen and Gear. They cost less than \$1
- 8th Grade Pre-Algebra: will need a graphing composition book.
- Algebra and Geometry 1 inch binder with tab dividers & loose-leaf graph paper.
- All 7th and 8th grade students will need a TI-30Xa Scientific Calculator (Approximately \$10)
- ALL 6th grade will need a 4-function calculator, with a -/+ button (negative/positive)

Please understand that some classes may request additional and more specific supplies. We are looking forward to a fantastic year! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Social Studies

Happy Summer Eagle Families!

We hope that you and your family are experiencing a safe and enjoyable summer. The Social Studies Team would like to welcome back our 7th and 8th grade Eagles and extremely thrilled to meet our brand-new 6th grade Eagles! In your student's social studies journey, students will continuously work on their reading, reading comprehension, and writing skills as they navigate through their World History, Civics, or U.S. History course. In order to ensure your student starts the new school year on the right note, a friendly reminder that the "Summer Reading Assignments" for your Eagles can be found on our Greenwood Lakes Middle School website and for additional summer academic learning opportunities visit the Seminole Public School District website if you have not already done so for their "Summer Programs" that focuses on reading, writing, and math.

This 2023-2024 school year, your students will be interacting with informational texts that align with our state social studies standards. Depending on their grade level, students will become familiar with 1) the ancient civilizations of the world and their achievements that helped shaped the world today, 2) learn about the principles, functions, and organization of government, the origins of the American government, all aspects of citizenship, and methods of active participation in government, or 3) receive a well-rounded understanding of how the United States came to form as a country. All this will be done by exploring various time periods, major events, philosophies, and key figures through DBQs, primary and secondary sources, videos and multiple other models of learning and engagement. We look forward to starting this journey with our Eagles as we welcome them back to a wonderful 2023-2024 school year!



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Science

Science curriculum is a sequential three-year course of study in the concepts of Life, Earth, Physical Science. The goal of the comprehensive science courses series is to give exposure to a variety of science disciplines through participation of exploratory experiences and activities. <u>6th Grade</u>

Sixth graders will start the curriculum working on Nature of Science with discovers in the scientific method, replication, observations vs inference and theories vs laws. The next unit of study is variation, students will analyze and describe how and why organisms are classified according to shared characteristics with emphasis on kingdoms. In the homeostasis unit, students will explain and illustrate the roles of and relationships among producers, consumers, and decomposers in the process of energy transfer in a food web. Compare the relationships among organisms such as mutualism, predation, parasitism, competition, and commensalism. Cite evidence that living systems follow the Laws of Conservation of Mass and Energy. Illustrate that the sun's energy arrives as radiation with a wide range of wavelengths, including visible light.

<u>7th Grade</u>

Seventh graders work on the Nature of Science unit and will move to the Change Over Time unit looking at weathering and erosion. Students 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. Recognize that there are a variety of different landforms on Earth's surface such as coastlines, dunes, rivers, mountains, glaciers, deltas, and lakes and relate these landforms as they apply to Florida. Explore the Law of Conservation of Mass by demonstrating and concluding that mass is conserved when substances undergo physical and chemical changes. Differentiate between physical and chemical changes. Investigate and describe how temperature influences chemical changes.

8th Grade

Eighth graders start with Nature of Science and Physical properties. They will be heading into different types of forces, including contact forces and forces acting at a distance, such as electrical, magnetic, and gravitational. Students will have some tug of war fun while investigating balanced

and unbalanced force which can mean that an object changes its speed, or direction of motion, or both. Measure and graph distance vs. time for an object moving at a constant speed. They will also Explore the Law of Conservation of Energy by differentiating between potential and kinetic energy. We will use pendulums and roller coasters to identify situations where kinetic energy is transformed into potential energy and vice versa.







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