For the Parents, Staff & Community of





## From the Principal

Dear Greenwood Lakes Middle School Families,

As we approach summer, I would like to thank our students for all their hard work and attentiveness during FSA, 8th Grade Science, and EOC exams. We know you did well! I would like to take the opportunity to celebrate some of our outstanding accomplishments for the 2021-22 school year! Keep SOARing Eagles!

#### **Congratulations to:**

- Band Solo & Ensemble Participants: Garrett Fineberg, Jada Thompson, Isabel Siple Ramirez, Denaly Ortiz Gomez, Jacob Atwell, Tanner Sarafian, Jefferson Hernandez-Cox, Elizabeth Sierra, Natalie Sullivan, Asher Hudock, Kearsten Cepeda - 2019 Seminole All County Middle School Band: Emilly Atia
- Juvenile of the Year: Jillian Allen
- 2022 Red Ribbon Poster Contest Winner: First Place: Aria Carson, Second Place: Yamill Rosado, Third Place: Milo Zuchel; Ava Lundy, Arella Morales, Arba Juniku, Noah Foster
- Take Stock in Children Recipients: Alyah McMillain
- Track & Field: 100m- Gabriel Santana Cartagena 3rd place, Chance Scott 4th place Mile- Chad Dannhaeuser 4th place, Alvaro 10th place
  - Shot Put- Chad Dannhaeuser 8th place
  - Long Jump- Chance Scott District Champion 1st place, Gabriel Santana Cartagena 4th place
  - 4x100 Relay Runner Up 2nd place- Chance Scott, Bradley Williams, Etienne Kinnear, Gabriel Santana Cartagena
  - Boys 4x400 Relay 3rd place- Alvaro Rodriguez, Qmaris Simmons, Grady Davis, Etienne Kinnear
  - 100m- Dekara Merthie 4th place, Tim-mia Thomas 13th place
  - Long Jump- Ava McKay 2nd place, Quiana Steede 4th place, Leah Arias 8th place
  - Shot Put- Ayanne Rooks District Champion 1st place, Shayla Savion 8th place, Zaria Killingsworth 13th place
  - 4X100 Relay 2nd place- Ava McKay, Madden Fernandez, Dilana Cook, Dekara Merthie
  - 4X400m 2nd place- Ava McKay, Dekara Merthie, Danika Kilbourne, Ariella Verdick
  - 200m- Dekara Merthie 3rd place
- Varsity Girls Basketball: Undefeated Regular Season, District Championship Runner-Up
- Cross Country: 8th Grade Girls 2nd Overall & 8th Grade Boys 4th Overall
- Congratulations Mrs. Alba Rodriguez GLMS Employee of the Year!

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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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- Congratulations Mrs. Melissa Winston GLMS Teacher of the Year!
- GLMS Dividend of the Year: Mrs. Tammy Fineberg

I would like to thank the amazing Greenwood Lakes Middle School teachers and staff. From day one, they have done their very best as a team to make this a successful school year. Despite the barriers and constant adjusting to systems, they have stayed focused on student achievement. I thank them for their dedication, efforts, and support in helping students learn and achieve. I truly have the best staff! A special thanks to our new PTSA Board, SAC, Partners in Education, and our dedicated group of Dividends. Please continue to be involved, because without your involvement, Greenwood Lakes Middle School would not be as successful as it is. We have had a great year because of our teachers, staff, parents, and students.

As we approach the end of the school year, please remember:

- Report Cards can be found on Skyward Family Access.
- If your student took an End of Course Exam (EOC), the grade on the report card will not be finalized until the scores are received. Revised report cards will be available if requested.
- Rising 7th grade students MUST provide the school with updated immunization documentation. Additional information can be found on our GLMS website.
- You can update Emergency Contact information and monitor student grades anytime through Skyward Family Access. A change of address will require you to visit the school and provide updated documentation.
- SAVE THE DATE Schedule Pick-Up will be Monday, August 8th! Times will be posted on our GLMS website.

In preparation for the 2022-2023 school year, students are to complete a summer Reading and Math assignment. Each Math and Language Arts teacher have provided details, information will be posted on our GLMS Website, in this newsletter, and sent to all feeder elementary schools. Additional reading is also recommended, and The Florida Sunshine State Books are an excellent way to build reading skills.

Thank you, Eagle Families, for concluding another strong year of educating our youth. I wish you a wonderful summer. If you have any concerns during the summer, we will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Together we will continue to help your child succeed.

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





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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.

Be sure to check out the updated Title I Parent and Family Engagement website at www. scps.us/family for information on the Family Resource Center, school-home partnerships, and upcoming family workshops!

#### 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.

## **Student Services/Guidance**

Well, we made it through to the end of the year! We would like to thank the students for their hard work, and the families for their support throughout this school year. Just a few reminders for the summer:

- 1. If you are taking any virtual classes this summer, please register for your classes now and let your School Counselor know so that it can be approved. Counselors typically do not work over the summer, so it will be a lot more difficult to get your virtual classes approved after school ends in May.
- 2. If you are scheduled to attend summer transition, please make sure that you have all the information that you need: location, dates, times, transportation, etc.
- 3. Have a fantastic summer!!!

## Dress for Success in 2022-2023!!

Please refer to Seminole County Public School website for Dress Code. As you begin preparing and shopping for the next 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.















## 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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### PBS

Happy Summer SOARing Eagles! We hope you all have a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break. We hope to see you back here for the 2022 – 2023 School Year! Congratulations to all our 8th graders moving on to high school! We will miss you but look forward to seeing all your future accomplishments.

Dress for SUCCESS in 2022-2023 School Year!! Please refer to Seminole County Public School website for Dress Code. As you begin preparing and shopping for the next 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, and 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 when students come back to school! At the Nest students can purchase school supplies, headphones, Rubik's cubes, calendars, pop sockets, 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 drop off any donations at the front office this summer.

We wish all of our students a fun and safe Summer Break! And As Always, Let's SOAR Eagles!

Your GLMS Deans, Megan Waller and Latasha Smith

## **Summer Reading Assignment**

The GLMS Language Arts department is excited to hear about what our Eagles read this summer! The assignment has been reviewed with your student by their Language Arts teacher, sent through Skyward, and is available on the GLMS website. Additional copies of the assignment are also available in the front office. Each student will choose a book to read from this year's Sunshine State Young Readers' Award List OR select a book of their choice to read that falls within the guidelines outlined in the assignment. Students will then complete a few activities (according to grade level) that will let them show what they learned! All summer reading assignments will be due on the first day of school, August 10th.

Your student received a Summer Math Assignment from his or her math teacher at the end of May. The purpose of this assignment is to keep students engaged throughout the summer and to help keep their mathematical skills fresh. Students are asked to do these assignments without the help of calculators. They will be due the week of August 10th, 2022. These assignments can be found on the GLMS website. Please make sure to pay attention to the math course your student will be enrolled in for the upcoming year as this will determine which math assignment to complete. Additionally, paper copies of the assignment are available in the front office during summer operating hours.



## **Math Department**

Happy Summer Everyone! We hope 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 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 (Accelerated) will have the same assignment. 8th graders taking Pre-Algebra will have a different assignment from 8th graders taking Algebra 1 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
- Highlighters (different colors)
- Pens (red is preferred) used to check work
- Pencil Sharpener
- Glue sticks
- Sticky Notes
- Loose-leaf graph paper \*great for graphing
- \*\*\*\*\* all students besides Algebra and Geometry will need either an 8.5 x 11 or 9 x 11 college-ruled 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. These spirals should last them the entire school year and will only be used for math.
- \*\*\*\*\* Algebra and Geometry 1 in binder with tab dividers (pack of 5)
- \*\*\*\*\*\* All 7th, 8th grade and 6th grade students taking 7th grade Accelerated will need a TI-30Xa Scientific Calculator (Approximately \$10)
- Please note that 6th grade students taking 6th Grade Math or 6th Grade Accelerated cannot use a calculator.

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!

## Science

The science department thanks all students and parents for another wonderful year. Students explored a variety of topics including the atom, the cosmos, and everything in between! We hope students enjoyed their lab experiences and will continue to explore their world throughout the summer.

The summer is a great time for families to look into science (or STEM) camps to keep them engaged. The Orlando Science Center, Bricks 4 Kidz, Full Sail, Mad Science and the University of Central Florida offer a variety of science or computer-related camps that may peak your student's interest.

Finally, we thank you for your support throughout the year. Stay curious!

## **Forensic Science / Legal Studies**

Thank you for all your support throughout the year. Forensic Science students used deductive reasoning to solve the case they have been working on this semester. Law & Order students have improved their public speaking and argumentation skills. I look forward to students carrying forward the skills we have been practicing. Those 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. I hope everyone has a great summer!

### Art

Hello and goodbye to all the art fans on campus. I enjoyed sharing art with hundreds of you kids this year, along with Art Club. Most of you worked hard this year and have finally earned your summer. Make the best of it. I'll see most of you again next year, while some of you are moving on to high school.

Once again...make the best of it. Life is knocking on doors and stepping on toes. Be ready.



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## **Social Studies**

World History has journeyed this past year through the many early civilizations that have impacted the world today. Students worked independently, with partners, and in groups to interact with each civilizations in various manners. From reading / writing, illustrations, debates, projects, and presentations, Greenwood Lakes Middle School World History students have learned what it took to create these civilizations, what the characteristics of a civilization are, and how these civilizations have influenced our daily lives. As we journey into this summer, we hope that you and your families have a wonderful and safe break. We take this opportunity to wish our young explorers all the best as they venture into their new 7th grade adventure.

Our wonderful 7th graders learned this year what it takes to be a responsible and effective citizen. They learned the ins and outs of their government and what it takes to run our country. Students engaged in informative lessons about how our country came to be and the thoughts and influencers behind how we built our government. As we bid farewell to our Civic's students, we wish them a wonderful summer break and hope they continue to engage and participate in our wonderful country and carry these lessons with them in their next social studies adventure.

This year in United States History has been an amazing experience. The students collectively worked together to create such beautiful work and projects this year. As we head into the summer please remember to be careful as you enjoy your much needed break. For our newly added Advanced and Pre-Ap students remember you will be expected to complete a History Fair project so brush up on your researching skills! Mr. Massie, Mrs. Townsend and Ms. Briatico will miss all of our 8th graders this year as they transition into their new adventures in High School. We wish you nothing but the best, and never forget your Eagle Expectations as they will give you guidance in your High School career.

## **English Language Arts**

#### 6th grade:

Hello Parents and Students! As we wrap up the 2021-2022 school year, let's remember to finish strong! Please be sure to review all class materials as we will be testing during our last 3 days of school. The classic question: *what can my student do to prepare for next year*? While the summer is a great time to wind down and relax, it is also critical to maintain the knowledge which has been gained throughout the year. Just like an athlete, we must practice during our down time to ensure that we do not become rusty in our skills. Besides the mandatory summer reading assignment, the 6th grade ELA team encourages further reading during the summer. Have a student who doesn't like to read? Introduce them to a graphic novel. Have a student who likes to play video games? Ask them about the game's story, how the characters change/ develop, and to elaborate on the details which they provide. This coupled with instances of writing practice will ensure that your student is adequately prepared to tackle the 7th grade.

#### 7th grade:

Our 7th grade eagles have had a fantastic school year. We are so proud of all of their hard work and we wish them luck as they move up to 8th grade! Over the summer, GLMS will be providing a summer reading activity that is to be completed and returned to their new 8th grade teacher in August. We also recommend that students continue to read beyond the one summer reading text. The Sunshine State book list for 2022-2023 is now available and includes a diverse list of books for students with all interests. The Northwest Branch of the Seminole public library (behind GLMS) has informed us that they have ordered extra copies of the SSYRA books to support our summer reading assignment! We hope you all have a great summer and we will see you again on August 10th!

#### 8th Grade:

The 8th graders are finishing up middle school language arts by reading about the legacy of the Holocaust and the importance of remembrance. Students have engaged in class readings about the stories of victims and survivors of the Holocaust to get ready for high school-level reading. With both the reading and writing FSA behind them, students are looking forward to high school and all the fun and exciting challenges and adventures it will bring. Remember to keep reading all summer to keep your mind sharp and ready for August! Most high schools in Seminole County require summer reading for freshmen, particularly if your child is taking honors, pre-AP, or gifted English. Make sure to check your high school's webpage for details. Seminole County Public Schools is also offering the Let's Read Seminole initiative this summer, and the Seminole County Public Library often has summer reading programs for kids and teens. Have a great summer and keep reading!

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## Reading

Hello Eagle Families! The GLMS Reading Team wishes you a fantastic summer with your friends and families! 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 students have been developing skills and strategies that have aided in reading comprehension and helped support their learning. Along the way, our team also strived to help your students find enjoyment in reading. Our goal was to help each student discover that there is a book out there for everyone! Students have successfully finished the year by continuing to read and comprehend texts in small teacher-led groups, cooperatively with peers, and independently with a personalized I-Ready learning path.

Over the break, there are many ways in which you can incorporate reading into your summer routines. Visit the local library with your student or have them check out books digitally! Did you know your student has access to Seminole's OneDrive Digital Library through their Clever Portal? If you are looking for some new book titles, check out this year's Sunshine State Young Reader's Award List (https://www.floridamediaed.org/ssyra.html). You can have your students read recipes with you when cooking or have them read to a younger family member. We hope you have a safe and relaxing break and cannot wait to welcome you to campus in August!



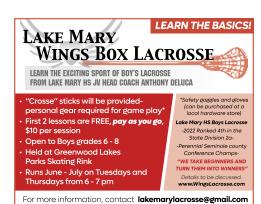
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Help can come in many different forms! We have several opportunities that can be done virtually, on campus, at your own pace, long term, short term and much more.

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