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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 FAST, 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 2023-24 school year! Keep SOARing Eagles!

Congratulations to:

- District Solo & Ensemble Participants: 8th Grade: Emersyn Sturgill, Aidan Hudson, Avary Gustin, Annie Weng, Meijie Liu, Tristan Hudson, Jennismaely Reyes, Willow Claessens, Jasmine Hancock, Sophie O'Rourke, Julian Morris.
- Juvenile of the Year: Desteney Jackson
- Drug-Free Red Ribbon Poster Contest Winner: First Place: Ava Albertson, Eliana Lopez
- Second Place: Sofia Acosta, Makayla Murdock, Rylee Williams Third Place: Milana Arlone
- Anti-Bullying Poster Contest Winner: First Place: Ashley McDaniel
- Take Stock in Children Recipients: Nathaniel Howell, Ella Peterson, Serenity Goldmintz
- State History Fair Participants: Diana Grant, Kaitlyn Crosby, Kathryn Lasage
- Track & Field: 4X100m Boys County Champions- Anthony Fierro-Abreu, Jullian Johnson, Mekhi Shaw-McKenzie, Jaylen Lowman; 4X100m Girls Runner Up- Mikyla Johnson, Bryce Williams, Madison Severino; 4X400 Boys 1st Place overall- Sawyer Brock-McEntire, Jaylen Lowman, Julian Johnson, Mekhi Shaw-McKenzie; Long Jump- Kaiden Topelski Runner up, Madison Severino Runner up; 100m- Julian Johnson 1st Place, Zoe Etienne Runner up; 200m- Julian Johnson 1st Place; 400m- Jaylen Lowman 1st Place, Madison Severino 1st Place; 800m- Sawyer Brock-McEntire 1st Place; Shot Put- Zoe Etienne 1st Place; Mile- Sawyer Brock-McEntire Runner up
- Cross Country: Girls Varsity 8th Grade - 3rd Overall; Taylia Wittstock- 11th overall
- Cross Country: Boys Varsity 8th Grade - 4th Overall
- Congratulations Mr. Ramon Arce GLMS Employee of the Year!
- Congratulations Mrs. Emily Montalvo GLMS Teacher of the Year!
- GLMS Dividend of the Year: Mrs. Sara Bascom

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. 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

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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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our 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 tDap 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 Thursday, August 8th! Times will be posted on our GLMS website.

In preparation for the 2024-2025 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 Johnson, *Principal*



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Theater

GLMS STAGE

Thank you to all who helped with, donated to, and came to see our spring production of *Mean Girl's Jr.* It was a rousing success due to everyone involved- onstage, backstage, and in the audience! Theatre 3, congratulations on the amazing accomplishment that was MGJr. You put a lot of work into this show in class, in rehearsal, and at home, and it paid off in spades. Best of luck in high school to our amazing 8th grade class. 6th and 7th graders, let's gear up for a rock star 2024-25 (no, that is not a hint about next year's musical)!

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Band

Hi everyone,

As we wrap up the school year, we have an upcoming summer band camp opportunity for GLMS students! The Tri Seminole Summer Band Camp takes place on June 3-6 and June 10-13 at Seminole High School. The camp is open for all current 6th and 7th grade students currently enrolled in a band class, as well as current 5th graders (incoming 6th graders) who want to do band in middle school! The camp costs \$150 (\$260 for siblings) and includes a camp shirt and lunch the last day of camp. The last day of camp, June 13 features the concert which will begin at 12:30 PM. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/triseminolebandcamp> for more details and the link to register!

Musically yours,

Ms. Fiore
Band Director

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:

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- *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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Social Studies

6th Grade:

Hello to our 6th-grade Eagles and their families!

We hope you and your students are doing well. We are fast approaching the end of the year. This week we are completing our final class project that required students to create an ancient civilization with their groups! It has been an amazing and fulfilling year. Thank you for helping your students transition from elementary to middle school life. Next year, students will join Civics and will learn about the American government. It would be beneficial if your students could

begin to familiarize themselves with this subject! Thank you for everything this year and have a great summer break!



7th Grade:

Greetings Eagle Family!

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 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.

8th Grade:

Hey Eagle Families!

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 upcoming 8th-grade students remember you will be expected to complete a History Fair project so brush up on your research skills! Ms. Briatico, Ms. Downs, and Ms. Perez 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.

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Math

Now all that all students have taken their Math F.A.S.T PM3 or End of Course Exam, we can focus on closing out the school year. For the last several days, all students will be working on a standards-based project. This project will take the place of their final exam. Please talk with your student(s) and discuss their project with them.

All 6th and 7th grade students please ask your teacher about the summer assignments. You should complete the assignment for the math course you are going into for the next school year. This assignment will be collected the first week of school. We hope you have a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to see you next year.

Congratulations to the 8th graders for completing their Middle School experience, and moving on your next chapter: High School. Have the best summer!



Cheerleading

And that's a wrap on this years GLMS Basketball and Cheer Season! Thank you to our GLMS Cheerleaders for bringing school spirit alive during the season. From the good luck lollipops, signs around campus and your amazing half-time routines, the team continues to demonstrate SOARing behavior!



Science

The science department thanks all students and parents for a 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. To our 8th graders, we wish you the best in high school.

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!

Reading

Hello Eagle Families,

We hope you have had a great school year! We are wrapping up this school year and we hope that you have had a wonderful experience.

Students are near the end of the finish line! We are wrapping up this school year with a choice board final project! This will be their final exam! Students will also be wrapping up their I-ready lessons as well! We hope that these next few weeks and that they have a great summer and a fantastic new school year 2024-2025!

Please reach out to your child's reading teacher at any time with questions. We have enjoyed working alongside with you and your family this year!





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Art

The GLMS Art Department wants to say farewell for now. Have a great Summer everybody. We will miss you.



Language Arts

6th grade:

Hello Parents and Students! As we wrap up the 2023-2024 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. The 6th

grade ELA team encourages further reading during the summer. Over the summer, GLMS will be providing a summer reading activity that is to be completed and returned to their new 7th grade teacher in August. We also recommend that students continue to read beyond the one summer reading text. 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. The Sunshine State book list for 2024-2025 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 a large selection of books to pick from! We hope you all have a great summer, we are so proud of their hard work, and we will see you again on August 12th!

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 2024-2025 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 a large selection of books to pick from! We hope you all have a great summer and we will see you again on August 12th!

8th grade:

As we are approaching the end of the year, students are exploring the *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and reflecting on the texts we have covered throughout the year. We will be revisiting some of our favorites and even working on some poetry of our own. As we wrap up the year, we are also giving them new tools and methods for approaching various tasks we have covered previously. We are looking forward to helping our students engage with content they are familiar with in new and exciting ways. The students are preparing for a big change with high school looming around the corner, and we hope to prepare them for this coming adventure by sharing an adventure near and dear to our hearts. Love Mr. Piper, Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Catherwood!





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Chorus

Dear parents, guardians, and cherished members of our middle school chorus family,

As we come together to celebrate the close of another wonderful year, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude and warmth. It has been an absolute joy and privilege to work alongside your incredible children, and I am immensely proud of all that they have accomplished.



To the parents and guardians, I want to extend my deepest thanks for your unwavering support throughout this journey. From late-night pickups to early morning meetings and field trips, your dedication to your child's musical education has not gone unnoticed. Your encouragement, patience, and willingness to go above and beyond for our chorus program have made all the difference, and for that, we are truly grateful.

And to our extraordinary chorus members, what can I say? You have filled our rehearsals with laughter, energy, and an unwavering passion for music that never fails to inspire me. From tackling challenging harmonies to stepping out of your comfort zones during performances, your growth and progress this year have been nothing short of remarkable. But more than that, it's your kindness, camaraderie, and unwavering spirit that make you truly exceptional. You are the heart and soul of our chorus family, and it has been an absolute honor to watch you shine.

As we look back on the memories we have shared together – from our first rehearsals to our final performances – let us cherish the laughter, the friendships, and the music that have filled our hearts with joy. And as we look ahead to the future, may we continue to embrace the power of music to unite us, inspire us, and bring us closer together as a community.

To each and every one of you, thank you for making this year one to remember. Your talent, your passion, and your unwavering dedication have touched our lives in ways that words cannot express. As we bid farewell to another incredible year, let us hold onto the memories we have created and look forward with hope and excitement to the adventures that lie ahead.

Thank you for being a part of our middle school chorus family, and may music continue to bring us joy and laughter for years to come.

With heartfelt gratitude and warmest wishes,
Ms. Masters, *Chorus Director*



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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. Have a great summer!

PBS

Our PBS team is looking for donations to help supply our school store, The Eagle's Nest, with supplies, snacks, and other items of interest that appeal to middle school students. We open our school store on Wednesdays and students can buy items with SOAR bucks that they earned in class for good behavior. One of the most requested items is individually wrapped snacks such as chips, candy bars, and especially Takis. If you would like to help support positive behavior on campus, we are taking donations through the My School Bucks QR Code link listed below. We are also accepting items that are brought into the school by parents and students. If you drop off items, please make sure that it is labeled PBS.



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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/>

The School Improvement Plan (SIP) has been finalized and posted the GLMS website! The SIP and all other school documents may be translated upon request.