



CONNECTION

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“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement and success have no meaning.”

— Benjamin Franklin



SCHOOL NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

- **Glen Este High School will present “FAME”** on Friday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$10 at the door. GEHS is currently looking for sponsors to help fund their event. Please see below.

Sponsor / Patron Information

\$250 – Bravo Patron

Includes 8 performance tickets, Full page program ad, custom ad on preshow video

\$100 – Applause Patron

Includes 4 performance tickets, ½ page program ad, custom ad on pre-show video

\$50 – Premiere Patron

Includes 2 performance tickets, Name listed on sponsor sheet and pre-show video

\$25 – Fan Club Patron

“Break a leg” message including photo on pre-show video

For more information contact Director Michael Williamson at 513-947-7635.

Checks made payable to Glen Este High School may be mailed to: Glen Este High School, Attn: Michael Williamson/Drama, 4342 Glen Este-Withamsville Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45245.

To be included in program and/or preshow video, please email information to williamson_m@westcler.org before November 8.

Happy Birthday

Mr. Blackburn!

“FAME” coming
to Glen Este High
School

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

- **Staff and students at Glen Este Middle School had a family birthday celebration last week.**

Administrative Assistant Roger Blackburn, one of the rocks GEMS is built on, turned 80 and was surprised to see himself in the spotlight.

"I cannot begin to tell you how much my extended family at GEMS means to me and how much I appreciate all that you do," said Blackburn in an email to staff. "You have given me memories that will last a long time. I can't stop bragging about what a great family you are."

A member of the staff at GEMS since 1990, Blackburn began as a special education aide, from whence he moved into the administrative assistant position. Blackburn, among other things, helps line the buses up and makes sure the students are in their proper places every afternoon at dismissal. He is the monitor for Friday and Saturday school and works in testing, scheduling, discipline and records keeping.

In honor of his 80th birthday, the staff cooked up an excuse to get him off campus at the lunch hour, and then pitched in to get 80 helium balloons. When Blackburn returned from his errand, he was greeted in the parking lot by a decorated golf cart, which ushered him to the front of the campus where the entire student body was located around the pond. There were cheers, hugs, high fives and back slaps from the staff and student body. Blackburn was serenaded and thanked for all that he does each day at GEMS.

- **The Amelia Middle School Barons eighth grade football team is 4-0** at the halfway point of the 2010 season. The squad is led by captains **Chandler Hauke, Carter Hounshell, Nathan Seebohm, Sean Stewart and Garrett Weaver.** The hardworking group started the 2010 campaign with a comeback 14-12 victory over an athletic Finneytown team. Week 2 was capped off by a 14-0 shutout of New Richmond. A dominating performance sealed a 32-12 win at Mt. Orab and week 4 concluded with a 22-6 win over Batavia.

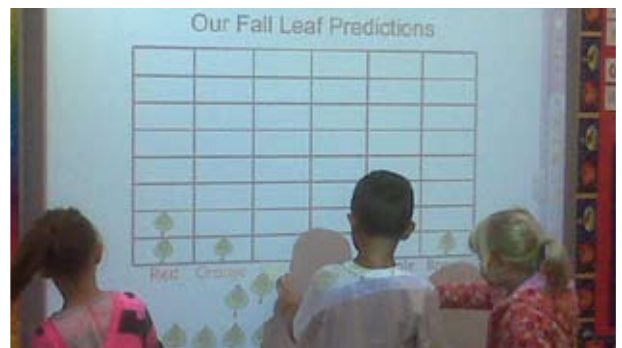
The seventh grade squad is 3-1 this season with wins over Finneytown, New Richmond and Batavia.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

The students in Mrs. Carter's first grade class have been learning about fall. They conducted a science experiment to find out what color is hiding under the chlorophyll in leaves. As the students waited for the results, they recorded their color predictions on a class graph using the Smart Board. The Amelia Elementary first graders could hardly wait for the



T.J. Reed makes the tackle with Kasey Nipper assisting. Both are eighth grade students from AMS.



Amelia Elementary first graders graph their fall color predictions.

chlorophyll to dry to see if their predictions were right or not!

- **Does a frog eat a grasshopper? What gives energy to a raccoon? That's what Mrs. Evan's fifth grade classes at Amelia Elementary** have been figuring out as they have created food chains in science. The students have been in small groups developing food chains showing how energy flows in an ecosystem. Now they are learning how the food chains interact and become food webs. They completed an activity last week using yarn to create a large food web. This week students will be back into small groups creating food webs from their food chains.



Students make their own food chain to demonstrate how food chains interact and become food webs.

- **The Union Township Fire Department came to Amelia Elementary to discuss fire safety with Ms. Cathy Berchtold's preschool students.** The firemen brought an ambulance and a fire truck for the children to climb inside and walk through. In the classroom, safety methods were discussed, such as Stop, Drop, and Roll. To alleviate the students' fear of a fireman wearing a mask and a noisy air tank, one of the men put on his gear while the students watched and allowed them to shake his hand. Then, the students voted that their teacher should try on the 80-pound gear.



Ms. Cathy puts on the fireman gear for her students.

- **Clough Pike Elementary held their Grandparents Dessert on September 29.** More than 250 students and their grandparents attended the event. Desserts were provided by families and many local businesses. The students were able to show their grandparents their classrooms and even make a visit to the Book Fair. It was a great evening at Clough!

- **Clough Pike held their Entertainment Book Fundraiser kickoff.** The funds raised will be used to provide assemblies such as COSI for the entire school. Books are on sale now for \$25. Come to the Clough Office if you would like to purchase one!



Third grader Kaitlyn Lovelace enjoyed some time with her grandparents. Tyler Rue and his grandpa think Grandparents Dessert is a great activity!

- **On September 30 Holly Hill had their Student of the Month Lunch.** Each classroom teacher nominates a student from their class to have a private pizza lunch with the principal, Nancy Parks. Each month a different student is nominated and a certificate is awarded. Congratulations to the September Students of the Month!

- **Gunny the Reading Dog returns to Holly Hill.** On October 1, Gunny the Reading Dog returned to Holly Hill. Students enjoy sitting and reading books while Gunny listens. T. J. Smith, second grade, sits with Gunny in the Library with a book. There is another reading dog, Duffy that also comes for students to read to. Both dogs are owned by Steve Inkrot. The Delta Society/The Human Animal Health Connection and Mr. Inkrot rescue Labradors and train them for therapy dogs. This is the second year that Mr. Steve has come



Holly Hill Elementary Student of the Month honorees.

to Holly Hill with his two dogs. Every Friday one of the two dogs comes to visit. Holly Hill students love their reading dogs.

- **Students at Merwin Elementary got a taste of the martial arts** last week when Martial Arts America stopped in to discuss the discipline of karate. The program has run for several years at the school. The Karate Club gives participating students a chance to improve their exercise, discipline and concentration in a fun environment. All of the money earned from the club goes back to the school. Currently, 20 students have signed up for the popular club.
- **This year the Merwin PTO added Mad Science classes to the after school activities!** Students study areas such as light and colors, electromagnets, optical illusion and static electricity. There has been a great response to this five week program which meets one hour each Monday. The response was so good that Merwin intends to offer it again in the winter!
- **Summerside Elementary fourth grade teacher Beth Glenn** got a little more than she bargained for Tuesday when OfficeMax arrived in her room with over \$1,000 in goodies as part of the "A Day Made Better" promotion. On Tuesday, every one of OfficeMax's nearly 1,000 stores chose a teacher and donated approximately \$1,000 in office and teaching supplies to that teacher's classroom.

Glenn was nominated for the honor by her principal, Linda Austin, who said that Glen, was a very deserving candidate. "She's a mother and a teacher and has taught here for several years," said Austin. "She recently completed her master's degree. So many of these teachers spend so much of their own money every year on their classroom, it's great to see something like this happen."

Glenn received a range of items, including basic supplies like paper, as well as a new chair, camera, and even an electric pencil sharpener which made her extremely excited. "I have four of these in my classroom and none of them work," said Glenn. "I guess it's the little things that make you happiest."

Pictured at right is Beth Glenn, enjoying her new chair, with OfficeMax representatives Rabecka Bradford, Ashley Quigley, Terry Breuneman and Scott Streitenberger along with Summerside Elementary Principal Linda Austin.



T. J. Smith, second grade, sits with Gunny in the Holly Hill library with a book.



Merwin students Connor Casey, Atara Zmora and Will Duff line up to take their shot at breaking a board under the supervision of instructors Mary Tons and Terri Opp of Martial Arts America.



Merwin Elementary fourth grader Matt Fuller has a hair raising experience with static electricity!

