

# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade December Newsletter

## December News

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## What are we learning?

### Reading

This quarter we will read for literary experience with a focus on historical and realistic fiction. We will also learn skills to increase fluency and comprehension.

### Writing

Students are constructing personal narrative stories using the Writing Workshop process. They are also learning to use the "6+1 Traits of Writing" (organization, ideas, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, conventions, and presentation) to improve their compositions.

### Math 4

In Unit 2, students solve for an unknown, generalize a pattern by stating a rule, and complete a function table using a given rule. Students explore the commutative and associative properties. Students continue to develop proficiency with basic facts. Students find multiples and factors of numbers in order to help

with mastery of multiplication and division fact families.

### Math 5

In Unit 3, students explore concepts of number and operations as they read, write, and represent simple fractions, decimals, and percents. Students compare, order, and add/subtract/multiply/divide fractions and decimals. Students will compute percentages of 10, 20, 25, 50, and 100 percent of a number.

### Glen Haven Math Olympics

This is a school-wide math facts practice program. All fourth grade students are working on basic subtraction facts. The goal is to be able to get 98% or higher on 50 subtraction facts, completed in 3 minutes, or less.

## Calendar of Events

**December 5-9**  
**GHES Book Fair**

**December 15-**  
**Winter Concert**  
**7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

**December 23- Last Day**  
**of Classes before**  
**Winter Break**

**Save the Date!!**

**Winter Break**

**December 24, 2011-**  
**January 2, 2012**

**Enjoy your break and**  
**spend plenty of time**  
**with you family!**



## Eagles Saving Branch

MCT Federal Credit Union has partnered with Glen Haven ES to provide a student-run bank. All students at Glen Haven ES can open an account and make deposits at the Eagle Savings Branch every Thursday morning.

Parents and Guardians and family members are also eligible to join the MCT Federal Credit Union.

To open an account, simply complete the application (we have applications at school) and make an initial deposit of five dollars. If you have any questions, call Mrs. Reynolds at 301-649-8051.



Saving money is Smart!

## CONTACT INFO

As always, please contact us with any questions at 301-649-8051 or at the following:

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*4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Mission Statement: We will inspire all fourth grade students to become life-long learners and to achieve their goals both academically and socially.*