



# Glen Haven Elementary School Parent Outreach Newsletter September 2011

## Welcome to Glen Haven Elementary School

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Welcome back Students, Parents, Guardians and Staff,

I hope everyone had a restful summer and enjoyed spending time with your children. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information to the adults that care for our students. The newsletter will inform you of activities and calendar events that will be happening in Glen Haven, give parenting tips, community resource information, educational resources, provide timely disbursement of Title I required flyers and questionnaires, and inform you of volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

I encourage all of you to read the articles in this newsletter. This year, the Parent Outreach Newsletter will also include Glen Haven PTA news. This collaboration will help minimize the papers being sent home, contribute to timely disbursement of information, as well as saving ink and paper. PTA meeting dates and events will be a part of the monthly parent calendar.

I look forward to meeting you and wish you motivation and participation in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Noelia Torres  
Parent Community Outreach Coordinator

### Back Packs

During the school year, we encourage you to check your child's back pack, folders, and agenda book. Making this a daily practice will help you and your child stay up to date with homework, forms, permission slips, and teacher/parent communication. The time you take to do this is very important, since it helps establish communication between you and your child. It also let's your

child know you care about what he/she does and learn in school.

As parents, we want to teach our children to be responsible. Here at Glen Haven Elementary School, we teach our students that they are responsible stakeholders when it comes to their own education and that it is not just the parent's or teacher's responsibility.

Selecting a spot in your home where your child can do homework, place his/her school papers and school library books are critical and will help your child be more organized and keep him/her from misplacing these items.

### Special point of interest:

- Please look at the community flyers for classes and community fairs.

No School –Labor Day 9/5

Parent Instrumental Music Meeting 9:30 -11:00 a.m. 9/6

Back to School Night K-5 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 9/8

Early release 1/2 day 9/28

No School – Rosh Hash-anah 9/29

Hands On Science Due



PTA President's Welcome



Dear Glen Haven Families,

I would like to welcome you and am looking forward to meeting you. I am sure we can expect an exciting and successful year of working together for the benefit of our precious children! If we all volunteer to work together we can achieve our goals. This organization keeps the lines of communication open between parents, students, teachers, and school staff. I hope you will be able to share some of your valuable skills, time and ideas at our next meeting, the first Tuesday in October. Please mark your calendar and I can't wait to see you there!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carmen Romero - 2011 –2012 PTA President

Your Glen Haven E. S. PTA Vice President of Outreach would like to welcome you to our 2011-2012 school year. In Glen Haven we encourage and need your help in making our PTA a success.. The PTA is made up of volunteers that work together to provide Glen Haven with support and collaboration towards students, community, and teachers. Our focus is to help address student's needs in learning and all around well being.

This cannot be accomplished without your help. Research shows that children that have involved parents get better grades and test scores. As a Title I school, your participation helps fulfill the parent involvement Federal Requirements of "No Child Left Behind" Act. On July 26,2010 the Board of Education approved the new Parent Involvement Policy. To make this policy the Board of Education used the National PTA's guidelines that are found in "The National Standards for Family –School Partnerships" .You can read the policy at the following address:

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/abc.pdf](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/policy/pdf/abc.pdf)

The approval of this policy only proves that your child's education and your participation in volunteering and in organizations like the PTA go hand in hand. Throughout the year many opportunities will be available for you to step in and help us by contributing ideas, talents, and shared commitment in supporting the students in Glen Haven E. S. Glen Haven's PTA is still in need of parent volunteers in various committees and would like to have parents take leadership positions as room parents for the different grade levels and represent the grade levels during the Title I Parent Committee Meetings. With budget cuts all across the nation education has been impacted greatly. Please come and help fill the gaps with your support.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Noelia Torres  
PTA Vice President

