

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....

Dear Glen Grove Families,

I would like to begin this newsletter by celebrating with all of you. One of our goals of our School Improvement Plan was for 70% of our students to meet their growth targets in reading from Fall to Spring on the NWEA assessment. We are proud to share that we not only accomplished this goal, but we slightly exceeded it with 71% of students meeting their growth targets in reading. We experienced similar successes in other content areas as well. In math, 73% of our students met their growth targets and 69% of our students met their targets in Language Usage. We are also proud to be a high performing and high growth school with percentiles ranks of 88-90 for each of the content areas with regard to growth. I would like to thank the students, staff and parents for all of the support in meeting with such success!

Additional Staffing Updates

We have completed the classroom hiring for Grade 3 and our full-time Speech and Language Pathologist. Below you will see biographies of our newest staff members. I have two corrections to the last Gator News. **Drama** was inadvertently left off the staff roster. **Eileen Berichon** will be fulfilling that full-time role next year. Also, Nicole Ryan should have been listed with the Kaleidoscope team as the 5th grade Instructional Support Teacher (she will not have a homeroom).

In addition, I wanted to take this opportunity to share that Mrs. Tyra Leonard has decided not to return to third grade at Glen Grove. Mrs. Leonard has decided to remain home next year and care for her daughter, Christina. This decision was a difficult one and we fully support Mrs. Leonard in her desire to spend more time with her family. We have valued Mrs. Leonard's contributions to Glen Grove and she will be missed. We have selected a candidate to join our third grade team and fill Mrs. Leonard's big shoes. Her employment will be finalized in the next week and we will introduce her to our families in the summer newsletter. I know you join me in wishing Tyra well in her new full-time role as mom!

Ms. Caroline (Carrie) Hoey

Carrie has spent the last five years at Octavio Paz Charter School in Chicago. For the past two years, she has served as the Master Teacher for grades two and three, coaching teachers and planning and delivering all of the district professional development. Prior to that, Ms. Hoey served as a third grade teacher there for three years. Carrie completed her undergraduate degree at Michigan State University in Elementary Education and continued on to receive her Masters Degree in Curriculum and Teaching. When Carrie is not in Chicago spending time with her close friends, she is generally back in Michigan visiting her family and playing with her niece. In her spare time, Carrie enjoys trying new restaurants, cooking, exercising and spending time with her friends. We are very excited to welcome Carrie to the Glen Grove family.

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Miss Kyle Quackenbush

Miss Quackenbush will join the third grade team after completing her student teaching in second grade in Plainfield, IL. She recently graduated from North Central College with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in History. Kyle earned the distinction of Educational Honor Society at North Central College upon her graduation. She was recognized as an outstanding teacher in her current program. While attending college, Miss Quackenbush also served four years as a pre-school educator in Naperville. She has worked to increase reading and speaking fluency for students in an after-school reader's theater program. Her hope is to bring enthusiasm, fresh ideas, and a love of learning to the third grade classroom. When Kyle is not teaching, she enjoys reading, running and riding her bike. She will be a wonderful addition to our Glen Grove team.

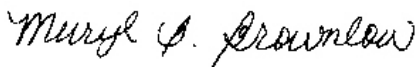
Ms. Cortney Schmitt

Ms. Schmitt has recently completed her Masters degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders at Western Illinois University. She completed her undergraduate work at University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana in Speech and Hearing Science. Cortney has served as a graduate intern in Barrington School District 220 and at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. In addition, Miss Schmitt spent a year as a Speech-Language Paraprofessional in Wauconda School District 118. Cortney also has a passion for dance and began her college career as a dance major. She brings a diverse set of experiences to her role as our full-time Speech and Language Pathologist and looks forward to assuming this leadership role. Cortney will be working alongside a part-time pathologist yet to be hired. We are very fortunate to have Cortney joining the Glen Grove community.

The summer newsletter will contain any additional staffing updates that may occur between now and the start of the year.

Thank you to all of you for your support and partnership in making this another successful Gator year!

Respectfully,



Meryll B. Brownlow

Final Word – *I sincerely hope you have a safe but super summer!*