May/June 2016
Upcoming Events

5/21/16  12-5pm PLT event at Paradise Ice Cream
5/24/16  9am-2pm Gr 1 DLI to Zoo
5/26/16  12-2pm Gr 2 DLI to Aldo Leopold
5/27/16  AACE ends
5/27/16  8:15am-2:15pm Gr 3 DLI to Devil's Lake
5/27/16  8:30am-2:30pm Gr 5 to MSN College, Edgewood, McKee Park
5/27/16  9am-1:30pm Gr 1 ELI to Zoo
5/27/16  All LMC materials due!!
5/30/16  No School
5/31/16  5:30-7:30pm Gr 2 DLI Family night in classrooms
6/1/16  8:30am-2:15pm Safety Patrol Trip
6/3/16  8am-1:45pm Gr 4 DLI to Dream Park
6/3/16  9am-2:15pm Gr 5 to School Forest
6/3/16  9am-2:30pm KDG to zoo
6/4/16  Girls on the Run 5K at Edgewood Park
6/6/16  8am-12:25pm Gr 2 DLI to Fast Forward
6/6/16  8:30am-12:45pm Gr 2/3 ELI to Dream Park
6/6/16  9:15am-12:15pm Gr 4 ELI to Village Lanes
6/17/16  6-9pm Mallards Reading Program Family Night
6/8/16  8:50am-2:25pm Gr 5 to UW Campus
6/9/16  Last day of School; 9-11am Gr 5 Graduation; 12-2:25 pm Field Day; Safe Haven Ends
6/20/16  1st Day of Summer School

From the Principal’s Desk
~Ben Ketterer

Dear Families:
The end of the school year is upon us. As we make plans for the following school year, many families often have questions about class placement. We are actively developing our plans for the year ahead and one of our biggest tasks in this planning process is assigning students to new classes. While as principal I oversee the class placement process, please know that final class rosters are the product of input from all teachers and support staff. The District's Elementary School Instructional Design guide provides a structure within which class placement decisions are made. Our efforts are to provide classrooms that meet the needs of individual students and that are balanced across three key aspects as identified in the Instructional Design Guide. The three key class placement criteria are instructional needs of the student, peer relationships, and social/emotional needs of the student. With the exception of specific criteria regarding students with special education needs and English language learners, these are the only three aspects that can be considered when balancing classes. We are aware that there can be special circumstances in which additional parent input into an individual student’s placement is important. For these special circumstances a form is available via request from Glendale’s main office. We cannot, however, guarantee placement based on parent input alone, nor are we able to base class placements solely upon family history of having children in a particular teacher's class. Please keep in mind that your communication with your child’s current teacher and other school staff members over the current school year has helped to shape the decision making process with regard to your child's placement for the 2016-2017 school year. We ask for your support as we work to provide the best possible class placement for all students.

Paradise Island Ice Cream & Frozen Yogurt
4552 Monona Drive (Next to Rocky’s)
Saturday, May 21, 2016
12:00—5 p.m.

Glendale Families and anyone who loves frozen goodies: stop in, cool off and grab a treat at Paradise Island Ice Cream & Frozen Yogurt on Monona Drive (next to Rocky's) on Saturday, May 21, 2016! Paradise Island will donate 10% of the sales from 12:00pm – 5:00pm to the Glendale PLT. You must mention Glendale Elementary. Please help spread the word through word of mouth, phone, email, Facebook and Twitter. We greatly appreciate your support!
Are you moving, or have you moved this year?

If you have moved or plan to move outside of your school's attendance area between September 1, 2015, and August 31, 2016, you may need to fill out an internal transfer application in order for your child to continue to attend the same school or feeder school for the upcoming school year. To find your new attendance area, use the Find Your School tool online or contact your child's school.

The Internal Transfer window opens May 2 and closes at 4pm on May 20. We encourage you to apply during this first round to receive preference even if you are not planning to move until the summer. Everyone that applies during the first round will find out if they were approved or wait listed by July 1. All other applications will be finalized by August 25.

Thank you PLT!!

The Glendale teachers and staff send out a great big thank you to the Parent Leadership Team for all the treats, lunch and beverages provided during Teacher Appreciation Week and for their support throughout the school year. We are so fortunate to have such a great organization supporting our school!

If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this dynamic group next school year, you can contact them at glendaleplt@gmail.com.

WANTED: Your ideas for how to make Glendale even more amazing!

Have you ever thought, "If only Glendale had _______"? If so, we might be able to make some dreams come true! We are hoping to start some grants to make Glendale an even more amazing place. We are looking for a few great ideas to help point us in the right direction! Some ideas could include:

- Building new partnerships with local businesses or organizations
- Developing after school or lunchtime clubs based on student interests
- An artist in residence (art, music, theater, poetry or storytelling)
- Revamping our playground
- Spanish and/or English classes for parents
- Special guests or presentations
- __________________ (Your idea here)

Do you have a great idea? Perhaps you know of a grant we could write. Maybe you'd like to help out! Please email Sara Milewski (smilewski@madison.k12.wi.us) and share your dream!

$3.00 Charge Waived for Early Enrollment

To get a head start on the 16-17 Registration process, Online Enrollment will begin on August 2. Families who complete their online enrollment between August 2 and August 15, and want to pay the student fees online, will have the $3.00 online charge waived.