

The Board Bulletin

A Report to the Community from the Glencoe Board of Education

The Social and Emotional Well-Being of Students

Dear Community Members,

During the past school year we have focused our attention on the academic as well as social and emotional well-being of students. One of the District initiatives was piloting Social Emotional Learning curricula. Why Social Emotional Learning? Research shows Social Emotional Learning (SEL) improves positive behavior and reduces negative behavior, promotes academic success and decreases levels of anxiety. By addressing SEL core competencies we are preparing students to be successful communicators, cooperative team members, effective leaders, and caring, concerned community members.

SEL core competencies have been woven into the fabric of classroom instruction. During the past school year specific instructional materials were piloted and we look forward to explicit instruction in each South and West School classroom during the coming school year. At Central School we will be implementing explicit instruction in all fifth and sixth grade classrooms. We will pilot materials at the seventh and eighth grade levels, with the goal of rolling this curriculum into all classrooms the following school year. Additional information on Social Emotional Learning can be found in the story on page 5.

As this school year comes to an end, we wish our graduates success as they begin their high school experiences. May they know success in the academic and social emotional aspects of their lives.

“People will forget what you said.

People will forget what you did.

But they will never forget how you made them feel.”

Maya Angelou

Sincerely,

Cathlene A. Crawford

Superintendent, Glencoe School District 35



Eighth grade students participate in an annual tradition of the class photograph in front of Misner Auditorium.

Endings and Beginnings 2010

- **Wednesday, June 2**
8th Grade Graduation
Congratulations to the Central School Class of 2010!
- **Thursday, June 3**
Last day of school for kindergarten
- **Friday, June 4**
Last day of school for grades 1 – 7
- **Tuesday, June 8 – Friday, July 2**
“Summer Explorations” Summer School
- **Monday, August 23**
Move-in Day for students at South and West Schools, 2 – 3 p.m.
“Meet the Teachers and Principals” for 5th graders at Central School 1 – 2 p.m.
Open House for 3rd graders at West School, 2 – 3 p.m.
Kindergarten “Go-to-School” Night, South School, 6 – 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday, August 24**
First day of student attendance, grades 1 – 8 (1/2 day)
- **Monday, August 30**
First day of kindergarten attendance



Instruction in social and emotional learning was piloted in District 35 this school year. See article, page 5.



Sumer Explorations 2010: It's Not Too Late to Join

Enriching and exciting courses await Glencoe students participating in District 35's **Summer Explorations**. Almost 300 students have signed up for summer school, which runs each morning from June 8 to July 2. Those who missed the online registration can contact summer school co-directors Allison Rose (847 835-7888, voice mailbox 6644) or Nan Weiss-Ham (847 835-7888, voice mailbox 8384).

Walk-in registration will be available on **Monday, June 7**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Central School on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited and not all classes will be available. Payment is expected at the time of registration. For more information, visit <http://summerschool.glencoeschools.org>.

Kindergarten Registration

South School held its 2010-2011 kindergarten registration in February but Glencoe residents who have not yet done so can continue to sign up their kindergarten children by going to the South School office.

Children must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, and a birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration. In addition, all families must provide proof of residency in District 35. Information on residency documentation is found on the "Student Registration" link on the upper left-hand side of the South School web page. Please call the South School office at 847 835-6400 with additional questions.

Student Fees for 2010-2011

Annual student fees in Glencoe schools remain unchanged for the coming school year, and as last year a \$20 discount will be applied if the fees are paid by September 30.

The following fees can be paid online at www.glencoeschools.org or in the Board of Education Business Office:

- **South School students:** \$125 (*\$105 with discount*)
- **West School students:** \$100 (*\$80 with discount*)
- **Central School students:** \$135 (*\$115 with discount*).

Student fees are used to assist in defraying costs of consumable educational materials and supplies. Examples include, but are not limited to, items such as mathematics journals, multiple copies of guided reading books, modern languages work books, spelling/grammar/vocabulary workbooks, print and non-

print materials for the Library Learning Centers, student journals, and more.

Additionally, a portion of the South School fee assists in defraying costs associated with a transportation clerk. A portion of the Central School fee is designated to cover the cost of before and after school student programs.

Student registration fees bring a total of approximately \$165,000 annually.

Revised Bus Fee Structure: One Uniform Fee

The Board of Education has announced a simplified bus fee structure for the 2010-2011 school year that includes one uniform fee for all riders regardless of distance from school and an improved service plan for Central School riders.

Highlights of changes to transportation service include:

- **Kindergarten – 4th grade**

The cost to ride the bus for the school year, regardless of distance from school, is **\$525** per child. Morning pick up from the Takiff Community Center to school and drop off at the Takiff Community Center from school is possible on days children attend programs.

- **5th – 8th grade**

Students have the option for morning and/or afternoon services with a rate of **\$200 each way** per year. The afternoon Central School bus will depart at 3:30 p.m.

To register online, go to www.glencoeschools.org/transportation.lasso.

School Supplies Made Simple

The Glencoe Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is offering an online service to order school supplies in advance of the 2010-2011 school year. Supplies purchased in this fundraising project will be delivered directly to a child's classroom before the start of school.

Orders must be placed by June 12. Those interested should go to www.epi-packs.com or www.glencoepto.org to order. Participants will need the following school codes: South School (SOU144), West School (WES264) and Central (CEN409).



District 35 Shares a New Look

As parents and community members access the District website in August, they will experience a new look and feel on the pages of our site. Our address remains the same: www.glencoeschools.org. We encourage all families to visit the site for important updates from District 35 and our schools.

Retiree of the Year

There are fewer retirees than usual this year in District 35—one, to be precise. In June, South School students and staff will say farewell to **Charlotte Donat**, who has served in various capacities since she joined the District in 1999 as Transportation Clerk. She has also worked with South School children in the Library Learning Center, as a reading and support teacher associate, and as a support to students with special needs.



Charlotte Donat

Says Charlotte: “As I look back over my various positions at South School, what made the biggest impact on me was the daily interaction I had with the students. It has been gratifying to work with them and to be made aware of each of their unique talents and abilities. Another special quality at South that stands out to me is the care and concern that the teachers show every day toward their students. I’ll miss reading and working with the children, as well as the close community of shared respect that I felt from the teachers and staff at South School.”

Members of the District 35 community thank Charlotte for 11 years of dedication and service to the students of Glencoe.

Remembering Mr. Bill and Billie

District 35 lost two long-serving employees this spring: **William Hesketh**, who last served as head custodian at South School, and **Billie Carr**, who drove the bus in the District for more than 20 years.



Bill Hesketh

“Mr. Bill” Hesketh retired in 2005 after spending 17 years as custodian at South School. Mr. Bill took great pride in leaving written message for students from the South School mice. The little felt mice were seen in the hallway by the South School auditorium. Each day children stopped to read the messages and look at pictures of the many places the mice visited. Mr.

Bill lost his battle with cancer this past March.

Mr. Billie Carr, who lost his battle with cancer on April 26, was well known to members of the school community. Many individuals will miss his friendly daily greetings and the care he gave to each child on his bus routes.

“Though Mr. Bill and Billie are no longer with us,” says Superintendent Cathy Crawford, “they live on in the memories of the many students, staff, and families who are better for having known them.”



Billie Carr

District 35 Summer Maintenance Schedule: It's South School's Turn

Ongoing major maintenance projects within Glencoe District 35 are concentrated this summer at **South School**. On the schedule:

- New roof on part of the building
- New flooring in two classrooms
- New bathrooms in two kindergarten classrooms
- New wallcovering in the auditorium
- Exterior painting

At **Central School**, the building's 30-year-old elevator will be renovated, starting after Summer School.

Scenes from a School Year



Central School: Fifth grade students learn about Native Americans who once lived in this area.



West School: West School students demonstrated sound decision making in the work completed to earn a second patch for the Green Flag Award.



South School: Each day South School students lead the Pledge for their fellow classmates.

WE CARE for Our World



Young South School artists painted puzzles that were sent to Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

It took one hour of service on April 20 for students and parents at South, West, and Central Schools to demonstrate strong support for those in need, both near and far. Community members joined, too, in the **WE CARE for Our World** project to prepare food and other items to help others in the community and abroad.



South School staff, parents, and students were a team.

During the evening, volunteers accomplished the following:

- Packed **2,000** meals to be sent to Haiti
- Decorated **175** puzzles to be sent to Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago
- Made **25** blankets, which were donated to "Project Linus," a national organization that provides a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans.
- Made **200** sandwiches given to PADS (Providing Advocacy, Dignity, and Shelter), an organization providing emergency shelter and crisis services throughout northeast Illinois.

- Refurbished more than **500** stuffed animals to be shared with the Infant Welfare Society.
- Decorated and potted **42** plants to shared with residents at Mather Pavilion, a residential nursing care community in Evanston
- Packed more than **500** cookie bags to be shared with the homeless in Chicago through the Night Ministry outreach program.

This is District 35's 10th year of WE CARE, which stands for "We Expect Concern and Respect for Everyone." The program was patterned on the successful WE CARE program developed by New Trier High School to express behavior expectations of all students according to the motto, "Stop, think, and make a good choice."



These moms and daughters pitched in to make blankets and pack food.



Promoting Healthy Social-Emotional Development

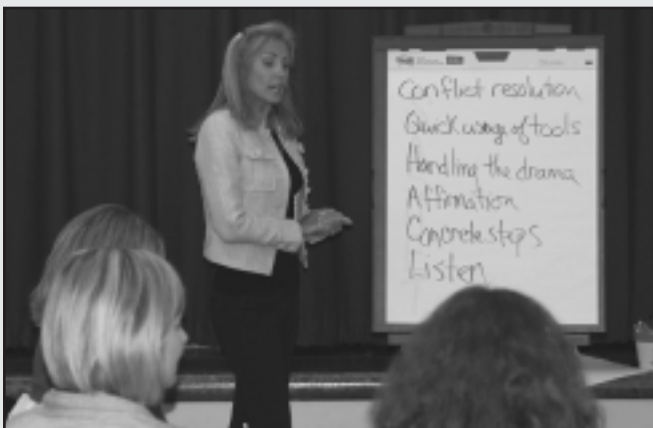
During the 2009/2010 school year, District 35 began instruction in the area of **social and emotional learning** in order to promote a social and emotionally healthy climate that ensures all students and staff feel safe and cared for while learning in school.

The initiative began earlier this school year when staff participated in building-based workshops focused on the concept of **social and emotional learning (SEL)**, which stresses the development of skills associated with five core competencies:

- **Self-awareness**, including the ability to identify emotions, achieve an accurate self-perception, recognize strengths, and have a sense of self-confidence and self-efficacy.
- **Responsible decision-making**, including identification and solving of problems, situation analysis, evaluation, reflection, and ethical responsibility.
- **Relationship skills**, including communication, social engagement, building relationships, working cooperatively, resolving conflicts, and helping others as well as seeking help.
- **Social awareness**, including perspective-taking (understanding the thoughts, feelings, and motivations of others), empathy, appreciation of diversity, and respect for others.
- **Self-management**, including impulse control, stress management, self-discipline, self-motivation, goal setting, and organizational skills.

At the staff workshops, the competencies were examined in the context of why social emotional learning is important for academic and professional success. "We cannot overemphasize the value our District places upon protecting and using every available instructional minute," wrote the District 35 administrative team in a letter to parents, "however, we also believe that to be effective and productive, all students must be available to learn."

SEL curricula were piloted at South and West Schools and explicit instruction will begin during the



Jeanne Malnati, a licensed clinical social worker, spoke with parents in May about tools for effective communication with their children.



Third grade students participate in "Ease the Tease" programs that address several SEL competencies.

2010-2011 school year. West School also hosted two mother-daughter sessions on the subject of "inner beauty," a part of a Dove-sponsored "Project Inner Beauty" to inspire self-esteem in young girls.

At Central School, sixth, seventh and eighth graders attended a program called "Ryan's Story," presented by John Halligan, who lost his 13-year-old son Ryan to suicide in 2003. Mr. Halligan is a resident of Vermont who holds assemblies in schools around the country to tell the story of Ryan's life and the factors that led to his suicide. After the presentation, Central students went back to their advisories to participate in activities that centered around the question of "what would you tell the presenter if you had a chance." (More information on "Ryan's Story" is available online at ryanpatrickhalligan.org.)



Students at each school participated in two "Stand Up to Bullying" days during the school year.

Also part of District 35's SEL-related activities was a workshop for all parents called "Top Ten Tools for Parenting" led by a licensed clinical social worker who talked about effective tools—such as role modeling, setting boundaries, expressing feelings, listening, and creating healthy home environments—to help parents connect and communicate with their children at all ages.

Glencoe Grand Prix: A National Championship Event

The fourth running of the Glencoe Educational Foundation's Glencoe Grand Prix (GGP) has an added distinction this year. The event, on **Saturday, August 14**, is officially designated as the **U.S. Men's Professional Criterium Championship**,



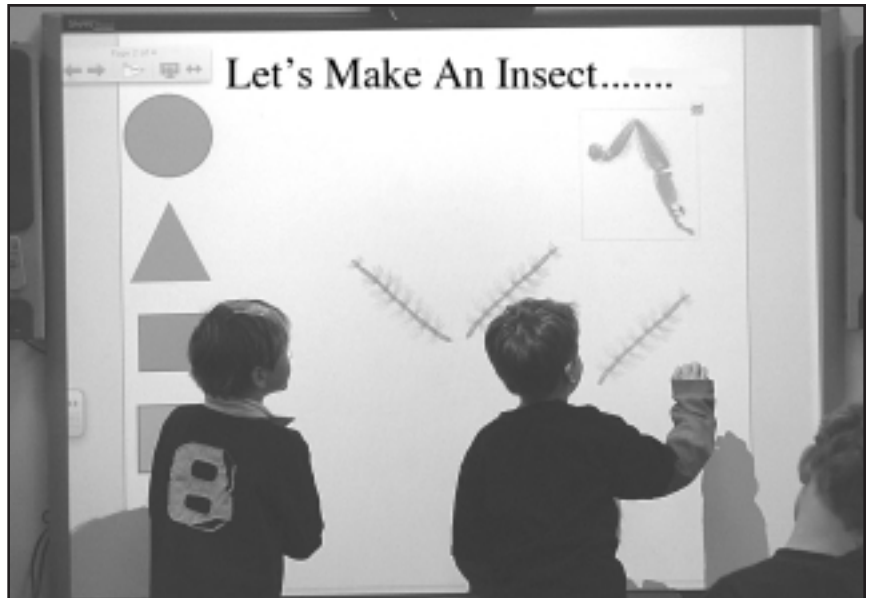
drawing pros from all over the country to Glencoe to race for the chance to become the top finisher and win the prestigious "Stars

and Stripes" jersey.

AT&T Inc. gets credit as the presenting sponsor of the 2010 Glencoe Grand Prix, but it is the Glencoe Educational Foundation (GEF)—and children in Glencoe schools—who will profit. "Having a sponsor like AT&T puts this race in a whole new category," said Jon Knouse, race director and president of the GEF. "AT&T's generous support will help create a special event in Glencoe that benefits the Foundation and its efforts to support Glencoe schools and the community of Glencoe."

Added Scott Feldman, Village of Glencoe President: "Supporting the Glencoe Grand Prix shows AT&T's continuing commitment to organizations that invest in our greatest asset—our children."

Thanks to contributions from parents, residents, and others, and proceeds from events such as the Glencoe Grand Prix, the GEF has been able to award grants totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars to fund a variety of programs and projects that directly benefit students at all three Glencoe schools. This summer, for example, a total of 29 new GEF-funded SMART Boards will be installed in Glencoe schools—five at South, six at West, and 18 at Central. SMART Boards are large touch-sensitive display screens connected to a computer that show images and allow student and teacher interaction with projected material.



Thanks to the Glencoe Educational Foundation, there will soon be SMART Boards in almost every classroom in District 35.



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Rahsaan Bahati, ranked as the most accomplished African American cyclist in the world, spoke with Central School students about his life. He's joined here by GEF President Jon Knouse (left), a happy 6th grade student, and Central Principal Ryan Mollet.

How to Be a Good and Safe Cyclist

What better way to generate enthusiasm about cycling, respect for bike safety, and goal-setting than to bring a few role models to Glencoe schools to meet students? That is what the Glencoe Educational Foundation (GEF) did this spring when three of the country's best professional cyclists came to South, West and Central schools to talk about their climb to the top of their sport and things that are important for cyclists of all ages to know.

A Pro Talks Safety

Nick Frey, a 23-year-old professional cyclist from Colorado, appeared at West School with a bike made of bamboo that he designed while a student majoring in mechanical engineering at Princeton University. He explained the attributes of his high-performance bamboo bicycle as well as the aerodynamics of bike racing. Nick



Pro cyclist Nick Frey talked with 2nd and 3rd graders about his innovative bamboo bike and bike safety.

also instructed students on the bike safety precautions that are now required by the village of Glencoe.

Big Dreams and Goals

Sixth, 7th and 8th graders at Central School heard pro cyclist Rahsaan Bahati tell them how he grew up in a gang-, drug-, and crime-ridden neighborhood of South Central Los Angeles and started riding bikes when that was one of the choices given him as a punishment for throwing an eraser at a teacher. Cycling became a passion that gave him big dreams and goals to set and accomplish. Rahsaan is the founder of the Bahati Foundation that supports youth in inner cities and underserved communities through cycling. After visiting Central, he spoke to students at Holden Elementary School in Chicago's Bridgeport community. There he was welcomed by Holden principal Andrew Wawrzyniak, a Glencoe resident.

Being a Good Teammate

South School's 2nd grade students met professional cyclist Samantha Schneider, who started racing at age 9 and is now a full-time college student and works at a credit union. In addition to speaking about her role as a professional cyclist, she also talked about teamwork, goal setting, training, healthy choices, and bike helmet safety.



"Wearing your helmet is not only safe—it's very cool," was a message South Schoolers received from pro cyclist Samantha "Sam" Schneider, the reigning national criterium champion in her age group. Sam, a student at the University of Wisconsin/Parkside, spoke about the importance of goal setting and being a good teammate—and won a fan base for when she competes at the Glencoe Grand Prix in August.

Host Housing Needed

The Glencoe Grand Prix is offering host housing to assist the professional cyclists coming to Glencoe for the August 14 championships. Local residents interested in helping by opening their home to some of the athletes should contact GGP Host Housing Coordinator Mark Niedringhaus at 847 845-6023 (or is it 847 835-6023) or at markniedringhaus@yahoo.com. Mark can provide an application as well as a FAQ sheet about host housing.



Anyone interested in supporting, sponsoring, or volunteering for this year's race should email GEF President Jon Knouse at 847 987-0819 or at jon.knouse@gmail.com. For more information about the race, see www.glencoegrandprix.com or www.glencoegef.org.

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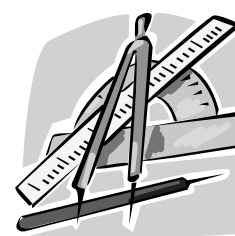
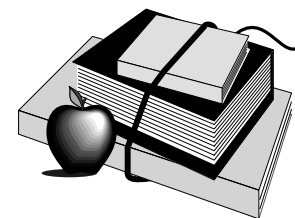


The mission of the Glencoe School District is to provide each child with the soundest possible educational foundation for life-long learning as a socially responsible member of a global society by dedicating resources toward the development of the whole child within a secure school environment.

2010-2011 School Year Calendar



August	19, 20, 23		Teacher Institute Days
	24	Tuesday	First Day of Student Attendance—1/2 day
	30	Monday	First Day of Kindergarten Attendance
September	6	Monday	Labor Day — No school
	9	Thursday	Rosh Hashanah — No school
October	8	Friday	Teacher Institute Day — No school
	11	Monday	Columbus Day — No school
November	11	Thursday	Students attend in a.m. — 1/2 day
	12	Friday	Parent/Teacher Conferences in afternoon and evening
	24-26	Wed.-Fri.	Parent/Teacher Conferences — No school
			Thanksgiving Break — No school
December	20	Monday	Winter Break begins
January	3	Monday	School Resumes
	17	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day — No school
February	18	Friday	Parent/Teacher Conferences — No school
	21	Monday	President's Day — No school
March	28	Monday	Spring Break begins
April	4	Monday	School resumes
	21	Thursday	Teacher Institute Day — No school
	22	Friday	Good Friday — No school
May	30	Monday	Memorial Day — No school
June	1	Wednesday	8th Grade Graduation
	2	Thursday	Last Day for Kindergarten*
	3	Friday	Last Day for Grades 1 – 7*
	7	Tuesday	Summer School begins
July	1	Friday	Summer School ends



**If no emergency days are used*



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