



THE GRIFFIN

INSIDER

A Newsletter for the Families & Friends of Gladstone Elementary School

FEB/MAR 2013

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Lincoln's Birthday
- 12 Kindergarten Field Trip
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MARCH 2013

- 1 Trimester 2 Ends
- 1 Kid's Can Recycling
- 5 SSC/PTA meetings
- 5-7 Parent/Teacher conf.
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Good Times at Gladstone

by James Ellis, Principal

Not too long ago, we celebrated the 100th day of school on campus. It is unbelievable how quickly the school year passes. Before we know it, Spring Break will be here. After that state testing and *poof*, the year is coming to an end! This winter has been a fun and productive couple of months at Gladstone.

Our kindergarten and first grade classrooms have made a transition to the Common Core standards. These new standards have been adopted by 47 states and ask our students to think deeper with their learning. In addition, students are being asked to write more than ever. You can help with these new standards by asking questions of our kindergarten and first graders. When reading with your 5 or 6 year olds, stop and ask questions about what they are reading. Ask them why something is happening or what they think will happen next. Have them prove their answers by telling you why. The transition to the common core will happen in the older graders over the next 2 year, but we are starting with our youngest Griffins today!

Our second and third graders are reading more than ever. This is a critical time for our Griffins as they move from learning how to read to learning from what they read. So far this year, our 2nd and 3rd graders have read more than 20,000,000 words! That's almost 140,000 words per student! Research has shown that successful readers by third grade are more successful in all subject areas; that's right, even math scores rise when students read often. Continue to support your Griffin and help them reach their personal AR goal before then end of Trimester 2!

In 4th and 5th grade, our students recently completed their Science Expo projects. Students posed a hypothesis about a question, and then created research to find an answer. The Science Expo on January 24th allowed students to show their parents how far they have come in science this year. Math scores during recent benchmark testing indicate that our Griffins are on track to be successful on the CSTs later this spring. And in English, the 4th grade is busily prepping for the CST writing exam.

It's going to be an exciting last 80 days of school in 2013. While there is a lot of work to do, rest assured we will be having some fun along the way! And in case you haven't heard, Gladstone turns **50** in 2013! We are going to have a birthday party in April; we hope that everyone will attend. We want to celebrate 50 years of education excellence! Thank you for all you have done to help make Gladstone the school that it is!

LET'S EAT OUT

Feb. 20, 2013



Located at:

565 W Arrow Hwy

San Dimas

Time: 4:00 to 7:00

Red Robin will donate a portion of every sale to Gladstone Elementary.

Please join us!

Flyers are available in the office. Pick one up before you go!



STUDENT COUNCIL CORNER



KidsCan collections will take place on **Friday, February 8th** and **Friday, March 1st**. Contributors will be entered into raffle drawings for Student Store coupons and free items. KidsCan is Student Council's major source of income that goes directly back to the school. Thank you for your donations and support.

"GLADSTONE SPIRIT" is the theme for **February's Spirit Day on the 8th**. Students are encouraged to wear their SPIRIT shirts or Gladstone blue and yellow. The **March 1st Spirit Day** will be "MARCH MADNESS" on which students can wear any sport jersey. On monthly Spirit Days students are given an extra five minutes at morning recess followed by a SPIRIT rally. The March rally will involve a special competition to see which grade level brings in the most recyclables ... start saving now!

Valentine's Day grams are **on sale now!** They are 3 for \$1.00 (or 35¢ each). Stop by the Student Store Tuesday or Thursday during morning recess. A drop box is also located in the front office for those wishing to drop off 'surprise' grams. **Sales end on Tuesday, February 12th!** Grams will be delivered on Valentine's Day!.

As part of reading week which begins on March 25th, Student Council will organize a **book drive**. Students will be encouraged to donate one or two used books to share with other children who are less fortunate.

As we enter the second half of the school year, the Student Council advisors would like to give a big thank you to our officers and representatives who are all doing a wonderful job! Be sure to note how sharp they look in their Student Council t-shirts on meeting days!

REFLECTIONS

Gladstone Elementary had another successful year for the PTA Reflections Art Program. This year's theme was "Magic of a Moment". I'm pleased to announce that we had a first place visual art piece from Elyssa Zhang. Her piece will move on to our state PTA contest. I would also like to congratulate Charlotte Wynkoop, Garret Dunne and Aidan Wynkoop for entering their visual art and moving from our school to the PTA district contest. Well done Griffins!

- Tera Dunne,
Reflections Program Chairperson

Remember to Check-in at the School Office

Please help us by checking in and getting a sticker badge at the school office when you come to volunteer or visit the school. It is helpful for security reasons to know who is on campus. Also, it provides the school a listing of all the volunteer hours you are giving to the school. Please remember to see the office first, even if you volunteer daily! Thank you!

LOST & FOUND

Now that the weather has turned colder it is a good time to double check that all sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets, backpacks, lunch bags, and water bottles have your child's first and last name clearly labeled on them so they can be returned to the proper owner. The Lost and Found rack is located in the cafeteria and parents are welcome any time to check for lost items. Students know they can check during recess or before or after school. Any items not claimed or able to be returned will be donated to charity during Spring Break.



Pride Stride 2012 Results

Congratulations on a successful Pride Stride fundraiser! We exceeded our fundraising goal and were able to solicit \$42,676.72 in donations!

As a result, the whole school celebrated by putting Mr. Ellis on the roof for a day, while dressed in a pickle costume! We also celebrated with a school-wide Pajama Day and No Homework for a Week (time selected by individual classrooms).

Our top fundraisers also celebrated with Pizza In The Park with Mr. Ellis. Congratulations to Rylie Jackson, Troy Cross, Grace Kelly, Mia Davidson, Matthew Geraci, Nathan Tashjian, Elissa Zhang, Christopher Lewin, Donald Jones, Steven Sanderson, Christopher Sanderson

The classes that raised the most money for the Kindergarten through 2nd grade and 3rd -5th grade levels were Mrs. Marquez and Mrs. Simpson! They celebrated with a pizza party for each of their classes.

These Gladstone Olympic Gold Medalists raised \$250 or more in pledges!

Rylie Jackson, Grace Kelly, Matthew Geraci, Elissa Zhang, Donald Jones, Troy Cross, Mia Davidson, Nathan Tashjian, Christopher Lewin, Christopher Sanderson, Steven Sanderson, Nicholas Plemons, Dylan Prollamante, Dominic Miano, Alyssa Amos, Travis Pang, Dylan Arriaga, Irene Burton, Andrew Ward, Julia Gianatasio, Ryan Gianatasio, Kyra Willett, Jeret South, Joseph DiMichina, Allison Eicher, Adamandia Pegadiotes, Peter Burke, Hailey Castillo, Alesia Dunne, Bryce Blaz, Garret Dunne, Scott Packing, Izcalia Baldelomar, Lillian Perysian, Jaylen Ta, Stella Blaz, Andres Serrano, Logan Starr

Congratulations to our Raffle Prize Winners!

GOLD LEVEL

Doubletree Hotel - Alesia Dunne, Kindle - Adamandia Pegadiotes, Penny Board & Helmet - Dylan Arriaga, Pacific Park - Alesia Dunne, Lego Atlantis- Jeret South, Boomers - Rylie Jackson & Alesia Dunne, Kaizen Martial Arts - Grace Kelly Magic Mountain Tickets - Dominic Miano, Red Dragon Karate B-Day Party - Donald Jones (cont. on Pg. 5)

PRIDE STRIDE 2012

GLADSTONE OLYMPICS

To our Corporate Sponsors

Thank You

For almost \$14,000 in donations! With your help we raised \$42,676.72 for our school!

Gold Level (\$750 and above)

Wells Fargo Educational Matching Gifts & Wood Family
Century 21 Baseline - Brenda Geraci/Wells Fargo Bank
Red Dragon Karate – Via Verde
Kaizen Fitness – Monrovia
San Dimas Hospital
Boomers! – Upland

Silver Level (\$500 and above)

San Dimas Animal Hospital
Tashjian Insurance Agency – Monrovia
Kohls – Glendora

Bronze Level (\$300 and above)

Ace Hardware - San Dimas
Massage Envy – La Verne
JD Roofing – La Verne
Red Devil Pizza – La Verne
Tech Powered Computers – Glendora
Clayton Brewing Company - San Dimas
Sun Tile & Ceramic - Glendora

Olympian Level (\$150 and above)

John Harrington Automotive – San Dimas
Kappa Alpha PSI Fraternity
WF Construction – La Verne
Double Tree Hotel - Monrovia
Via Verde Pharmacy
Roady's Family Restaurant – San Dimas
Mow Law Firm – Los Angeles
SanSai Japanese Grill – Glendora

Other Supporters

Quality Instant Printing – San Dimas
Laser Island – Upland (cont. on Pg. 5)

SILVER LEVEL

Zpizza & Movies - Kennedy Bulick, Adventure City - Cynthia Paul, Disney Doll Collectable - Janine Courville, Nano Bug - Matthew Confer, John's Incredible Pizza - Ryan Bulick, Laser Island – Angelina Abogado & James Abogado, Boomers – Cynthia Paul & Peter Burke, Hanger 18 Package - Jordan de Asis, Avengers Movie Package - Jack Kelly, Red Dragon Karate B-Day party - Robert Smith

BRONZE LEVEL

Digital Camera - Ruben Ornelas, Brunswick Bowling - Jacob Stanzione, Scandia - Emma Wilson, Kerplunk - Jack Kelly, Rapunzel doll - Hailey Lliteras, Pictionary - Joseph Moore, Bakugan - Noah Acevedo, In-N-Out 4-Pack - Bailey Larson, Polly Pocket - Ava Rocha, Stealth Car - Ryan Simpson, Subway Certificates - Adamandia Pegadiotes, Castle Park Mini Golf - Rylie Jackson, Robeks Smoothies - Sophia Ornelas, Yearbook - Izcalia Baldelomar, Red Dragon Karate B-Day party - Nicholas Schlieff & Cameron Marbury

OLYMPIC LEVEL

Zhu Zhu Babies - Krystal Nop & Tori Brewer, Dagadar - Himal Malik, Andrew Ayala & Milo Marques, Ninjago - Erik Marroquin & Cameron Bennett, Zooble - Aster Walker, Matchbox - Aidan Danwing, Our Generation Doll/Book - Lacy Garcia

Squinkie - Mia Avila & Lauren Bishop, Polly Pockets - Sophia Hamilton & Amber Correa, Scrabble for Juniors - Kristy Kirkpatrick, Blanket/Book Set - Anna Lingao

High School Musical Necklace - Tehya Elias, Kennedy Bulick & Katelynn Stanley, Stuffed Bunny - Sophia Sandoval, Stuffed Bear - Annie Tong, Lunch Box with Subway Cert. - Beatrice See, \$5 Target gift card - Nicolas Beck & John Diaz, \$5 Starbuck gift card - Julie Courtice, Subway Gift Certificate - Ryan Gutierrez & Isaiah Oviedo, Golf and Stuff - Nick Day & Zelun Martz, Robeks Smoothies - Maureen Blaes, In-N-Out Certificates - Jacob Goodman & Ewan Luevand, Laser Island Certificates - Michael Garcia & John Diaz, Yearbook - Levi Morquecho, Red Dragon Karate B-Day party - Kevin Rivera, Bicycle with Helmet - Youssef Darwiche

Congratulations to all the winners!

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Suby Specialties – Monrovia
Costco – San Dimas
In-N-Out Burgers
Brian Wood Automotive – Glendora
Robeks – Glendora
Six Flags Magic Mountain – Valencia
Brunswick West Covina Lanes
Johns Incredible Pizza – Montclair
Scandia – Ontario
Castle Park – Riverside
Golf n' Stuff – Whittier
ZPizza – Glendora
Subway – Glendora
Sam's Club – Glendora
Vicente, Lloyd & Stutzman – Glendora
Hangar 18 – Upland

Thank you for your support of our annual fundraiser!

For more information about Corporate Sponsorship or if you would like to help expand our list of supporters, please contact Sponsorship@GladstonePTA.org



Mr. Ellis dressed as a pickle on the roof.

Yearbook Sales



Yearbooks are on sale for \$20.00. If you haven't ordered one yet, now is the time!! Yearbook order envelopes have been sent out. Yearbook order envelopes are also available in school office.

Yearbooks can be purchased online at www.gladstonepta.org. Click on Yearbook and then make purchase. Make sure to include students name, teacher and room number.

Yearbook Dedications



Yearbook dedication deadline has been extended to **Friday, February 8, 2013**. Dedication forms have been sent out to each student and they may also be picked up in school office. Please return dedications to student's teacher or to school office. If you have any questions please contact Dawn Jackson @ (626) 786-5045 or email questions to gladstoneyearbook@gmail.com

Pictures needed for yearbook by: Feb. 15, 2013

Yearbook is in need of pictures that have been taken during the school year that one may have taken in classrooms, field trips, class parties and special events. Photos can be turned into school office and made attention to Yearbook Committee by Friday, February 15th. Please place photos on CD and please include what event pictures were taken at as well as teachers name or email pictures to Tracy Robles at yearbook@gladstonepta.org, gladstoneyearbook2@gmail.com or Dawn Jackson at gladstoneyearbook@gmail.com. If you have any questions contact Dawn @ (626) 786-5045.



Photos may also be uploaded to www.photobucket.com
User ID: gladstone2012-2013
Password: griffins1314

Attention 5th graders

Gladstone's yearbook committee would like to thank those 5th graders who have turned in baby pictures for the baby picture page. As soon as the yearbook goes into print, the baby pictures will be returned to your teachers to give back to each student.

School Spring Pictures and 5th Grade Panoramic Pictures

Pictures are scheduled for Friday, March 15th. 5th Graders please bring your 5th grade t-shirt to school prior to March 15. A reminder will be sent out as well.

New Students at Gladstone

If you are new to Gladstone and did not get your picture taken on fall picture day or make up picture day please notify Dawn Jackson @ (626) 786-5045. Yearbook committee would like to include our new students in the school yearbook.

Register Your Child for Next Year!

Registration of new students for the 2013-2014 school year begins on March 1, 2013.



Gladstone's **50th** Birthday BASH!

This year Gladstone Elementary School is celebrating its 50th birthday. Founded in 1963, Gladstone is happy to throw a party celebrating this momentous occasion!

Gladstone 50th Birthday Bash will be on Friday, April 19th from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Gladstone Elementary.

Everyone is welcome and we will have free food, fun and entertainment. Please come and enjoy the celebration.

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