



February 10, 2021

Dear Glen Rock Families,

- Letters regarding COVID are located on the [Communications page](#). COVID Dashboard [link](#).
- **Guidance Department:** Virtual Naviance Tutorial for 8th Grade Parents/Guardians on Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 PM.
- **Registration for 2021-2022:** Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year will open on January 11, 2021 until February 12, 2021. Kindergarten registration information and resident families with children entering Grades 1-5 next school year who are currently not attending Glen Rock Public Schools are also invited to register. [More information](#).
- **Central School:** To celebrate the Souper Bowl, Central's Student Council is collecting cans of soup to donate to the New Jersey Food Bank. They also wore their favorite football Jersey or team shirt last Friday.
- **Hamilton School & Black History Month:** *Mr. Diomede (Hamilton Music Teacher)* taught a whole unit on black composers and musicians such as Scott Joplin, Marian Anderson, Florence Price, and Aretha Franklin! // *Dina Bolan, 3rd Grade teacher:* "We learn about a new Black Hero each day during class meetings through videos or books." // *Poopak Mohajer, 3rd Grade:* "Every day this week, I am introducing an African American leader/hero. Then we talk about it in the class. Yesterday, we learned about Harriet Tubman. Today we learned about



Frederick Douglass and we compared the two on their approach towards fighting against slavery.” // **Kim McCloskey, 3rd Grade teacher** – “I post a quote and picture from an African American in history daily for our class meeting and we discuss as a class.” // **Librarian, Lisa Tomaselli:** We had a PowerPoint presentation on Black History Month & Coretta Scott King Book Awards // **2nd Grade** has talked about a few inspirational people, including Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, George Washington Carver, and Jackie Robinson. We've had discussions, watched BrainPop Jr. videos, and read aloud stories. // **Mrs. Winkler** did a project on MLK and inspired one of her students to do a food drive.

• **Byrd School & Black History Month: All of Byrd,** During our daily morning announcements, a quote from a famous African American is read over the PA system. // **3rd Grade:** Students were given a list of famous African Americans to research. After selecting a person of interest, students are writing poetry to honor their legacy. // **4th Grade:** Teachers have been integrating Black History month with their Historical Fiction unit of study. They have been reading books in class and online and discussing the time period (slavery, segregation) while celebrating the achievements of African Americans and all they have had to overcome. Daily quotes from prominent African American figures are shared with students to reflect upon and share their feelings/thoughts. // **Media Center:** In the library we are learning about the Coretta Scott King Book Award and reading inspirational books that have won this prestigious award // **5th Grade:** Students are working on a collaborative "On This Day" Project: Every school day we celebrate and honor



an African American hero who we remember in a special way "on this day". Everyone has a day and they will share what happened *on that day* in Black history and what impact that event or person had/continues to have and teach the class! The second is an at home BHM Biography.

Fourth grade student, Mayher Grewal: "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do keep moving forward."— **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

I think this means that you have to keep going. No matter what other people say. You have to stand up for what you believe in. And you have to just keep moving and making a difference no matter the challenges. You have to keep moving forward.

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• **High School:** Freshmen: Ericka Nerona, Ella Pappalardo, Emily McKeon have placed 2nd in the region and 3rd in the state in the Stock Market Game, run by the SIFMA company. They placed 2nd out of 496 teams in the region and 3rd out of 1,375 teams in the state. *Photo on the right.*



- **Hiring Glen Rock High School Students & Alumni:** The Glen Rock Community School summer camp counselor applications are now available. Additional applications can be found outside of the Community School door or go to grcsonline.com and click Summer tab.
- **School is closed February 16:** School's Out Program for Elementary School Students // Half Day and Full Day Programs // Sports and games // Grades K - 5 // 8:30 - 12 and 8:30 - 3
<https://register.communitypass.net/glenrock>
- **Summer Camp Registration is now open:** Busy Bee discount through February. Art Camp, Sports Camps, Kindergarten Readiness and more. Register: <https://register.communitypass.net/glenrock>
- **Afterschool Enrichment:** Classes added for Winter afterschool enrichment. [More information.](#)
Register: <https://register.communitypass.net/glenrock>
- **Community School Preschool Registration for 2021-2022:** Registration for Returning families, Monday, March 1 and New Families, Tuesday, March 2. All registration will be received through email. More details to follow. Class options for 2021-2022: Three Year Old Half Day, Pre-K Half Day, Pre-K Full Day. Email with questions or for a tour, grcs@glenrocknj.org. Registration materials at grcsonline.com under Preschool.

Sincerely,

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