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## PTA/FOUNDATION ANNUAL SOLICITATION CAMPAIGN EVERY PENNY COUNTS!

This year, the Glenwood School Foundation is partnering with the PTA in our solicitation efforts. This is our initial attempt at reducing confusion about donations, and being more efficient with our volunteer resources. We are working on an online donation option, and hope to have it available soon. In the meantime, please send in your donation form with your check and/or credit card information.

Our goal is to have 100% participation this year. No donation is too small, and every donation counts. Check with your employer to see if they will match or exceed your donation. Also, solicit donations from friends, family, Glenwood alumni, or local residents who benefit in their homeowner value by having Glenwood as their school.

This annual drive is intended to raise at least \$110,000. This goal is roughly 50% of the GSF budget and 25% of the PTA budget. Your donations go directly to support and maintain the following programs:

**Foundation**

- Music(k-3) and Art for all grade levels
- Computer Lab for all grade levels
- Physical Education for all grade levels
- Instructional Material and Supplies
- Special Class Project Grants
- Teacher's Aide Support Services

**PTA**

- Field Trips
- Student Enrichment (Book Faire, Multicultural Week, Read-a-thon, Field Day)
- Supplemental Needs (Classroom Supplies, Classroom Party Funds, Fitness Equip., Copy Machine)
- Community Events (Hoe-Down, Bingo, Ice Cream Social, Speaker Series, End of Year Picnic)

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or Foundation: Mark Piersante, [mpeirsante@comcast.net](mailto:mpeirsante@comcast.net).

Dear Glenwood Families,

Well, it is hard to believe that it is already November. This year, the PTA is working hard to support our teachers and our school, and promote goodwill in the community.

### ***PTA Events***

We have had several fun and successful community events so far this year. The Welcome Back Coffee and Ice Cream Social allowed us to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. The Hoedown drew many families, with the Hula Hoop competition as the highlight of the night. The Book Fair was a fun way to promote reading and support our teachers with the gift of books, as well as enjoy a live animal show on Family Night. Diane Provo, the first speaker in our Speaker Series, informed a large audience of parents about the great topic of "How to talk so your kids will listen". Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who work so tirelessly to make these events so successful and fun.

### ***Your PTA dollars at work***

Recently, the PTA was pleased to provide some much-needed playground equipment for the kids to use at recess, including jump ropes, balls, and hula hoops. In addition, our students have already enjoyed many class field trips, including the kindies' trip to the Pumpkin Patch, and the second graders' trip to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

We hope you will join us at our PTA meetings, participate in our programs, and continue to support the PTA. We encourage you to get involved on committees or in the classrooms, and look forward to working with you this year.

Dana Clark and Jamie Bauer  
PTA Co-Presidents

Dear Glenwood parents, grandparents and family members,

In the face of serious budget cutbacks in the school district's budget, we need extra volunteerism at Glenwood to continue providing an outstanding education.

We encourage you to help by either joining the Foundation or volunteering some time? We meet the first Wednesday of every month in the school library at 7:15 P.M. Come on by and check it out!

This year Glenwood is making many positive changes to cut costs and help the environment. With the help of the PTA, Jennifer Meyers and Janie Burtch Glenwood has moved to more efficient communication with electronic "hip-pocket" mail and the newly launched [www.WeAreGlenwood.com](http://www.WeAreGlenwood.com).

Our talented and hardworking consultants bring so much to our children's lives that the State of California does not provide. Read about them and their areas of expertise in the Consultants Corner in this newsletter. These parent-funded programs are unique in the San Rafael School District and are not offered at all elementary schools.

We realize these are tough economic times and the suggested donation to the Foundation of \$550.00 per child to fund these important programs may be a stretch for some. Any amount you can give will be appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Laura Skubecz  
President Glenwood Foundation

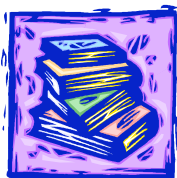
**Did you know many employers provide matching donations to your school's PTA and Foundation?  
Contact your HR Department to find out if your employer has a Matching Donation Program.**

## BOOK FAIR Safari Wrap-Up

We sure had fun with the Safari theme this year and hope everyone enjoyed the animals and all the wonderful books. Thank you for attending, and a special thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who donated their time and muscles. We couldn't have done it without you!

The Book Fair this year netted **\$15,000**. For every dollar spent at the Fair, the teachers and library earned 50 cents towards new books. That's a generous \$7,500 in new books to support our children reading in the classroom and during library time. The teachers also used the proceeds to purchase reference-books for their classrooms.

Thanks again for a successful book fair!  
Your Book Fair Chairs -  
Sue Gess and Jennifer Myers



## Howdy Partners! Another successful Glenwood Hoedown.

Over 100 families square danced the night away at the 4th Annual Glenwood Hoedown. The event was a huge success raising over \$5,000 for Glenwood PTA. Thank you to all the volunteers that built scare crows, donated pots, knives, ice chests, set up, sold tickets, barbecued and served food, managed games, auctioned off scare crows, corralled hula hoopers, and especially stayed and cleaned up. A special thank you to Nicolle

Dougherty, John Chung, Lynn Muschi and Stephanie Edgerton.

Thank you for the generous donations made by Glenwood parents (Michael Kleinheinz-Marin Produce Company, Ken Miller-West Coast Signworks), Andy's Market and Trader Joe's. Please thank them for supporting Glenwood!

## GSF TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The first annual Glenwood Elementary Tennis Tournament, October 10th, at the Marin Yacht Club was a huge success making \$1,600 for the GSF. The day was filled with good tennis and good fun. Everyone played lots of tennis, with many matches going to three sets since the competition was close.

Both semi-final matches were close going to a third set or a tiebreaker to determine the winner. The winning teams, Hank Pfeifer and Fanny Gamble vs. Paige Hirschkop and Kevin Knee had only an hour or so to rest up before they were back on the court for the final match.

And final match it was! The spectators enjoyed wine and appetizers while the finalists battled it out on the tennis court. After a long day of tennis, Paige Hirschkop and Kevin Knee were victorious.

Check out Glenwood's new website  
[www.WeAreGlenwood.com](http://www.WeAreGlenwood.com)

## Glenwood Winter Dates to Remember

### November

- Nov. 3 Thanksgiving Food Drive begins
- Nov. 17 Food Drive ends
- Nov. 25 4th and 5th grade Turkey Trot
- Nov. 26-28 Thanksgiving Holiday

### December

- Dec. 1 Toy Drive Begins
- Dec. 3 Foundation Meeting
- Dec. 12 Winter Craft Fair
- Dec. 22-Jan. 2 Winter Break

### January

- Jan. 13 PTA General Meeting
- Jan. 30 PTA/GSF Coffee

### February

- Feb. 4 Bingo Night
- Feb. 10 Speaker Series



### Join the Dad's Club

Interested in helping do projects around the school and being part of a new dynamic group at Glenwood? Join the ever-growing Dad's Club at Glenwood. Meetings are the third Monday of every month. To find out more please contact John Monitto at [jmonitto@pacbell.net](mailto:jmonitto@pacbell.net).

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### GLENWOOD AUCTION - ROCKIN' 80's

The Glenwood School Auction will be held on April 29, 2009. This year's theme will be "The Rockin' '80's!!!"

It's not too early to begin thinking about making a donation. All sorts of items are needed: wine and spirits, artwork, vacation rentals, holiday packages, group parties, etc/.

This year there will again be on-line bidding on auction items prior to the event. You will be notified when bidding begins, and how to access the web site.

To make a donation or to volunteer to help out on this event, please contact Mark Piersante at [mpiersante@comcast.net](mailto:mpiersante@comcast.net) or 457-5565.

### WE NEED YOU!

#### Fitness & Yard Duty Help Needed

Do you miss being in school and getting to enjoy your favorite period...recess? If so, Glenwood needs you. If you work in the classroom, ask your child's teacher if you can extend your volunteering time by 15 minutes to cover recess. We are also looking for interested parents to help weekly fitness activities (i.e. soccer, running, dancing, double dutch jump rope, etc.) Please contact Stephanie O'Dell, [shodell1@comcast.net](mailto:shodell1@comcast.net) or Cari Gerlach, [cdgerlach@aol.com](mailto:cdgerlach@aol.com) if you are willing to come out and play with the kids.



## CONSULTANT'S CORNER

Each year a majority of the money raised through the Foundation goes to pay for consultants who teach Science, Art, Music, Computers, and Physical Education to our children.

Currently, Glenwood has five consultants working with students at all grade levels. The goal of these programs is to build and expand upon the learning and instruction provided in the classroom. In essence, these programs are the "labs" in which students get to practice, test or experience what they learn in class.

Four of our consultants are:

- **Tracy Price** teaches Science and provides students with the hands on experience of carrying out scientific experiments.
- **Maria Orendorff**, teaches Technology. Through her efforts, students have access to a fully equipped computer lab.
- **Denise Wharmby**, teaches Music including singing, dance and learning to play instruments.
- **Lee Hassan**, teaches Physical Education and uses fitness workouts and competitive games to build on the student's physical skills and abilities.

We are fortunate to have such strong instructors to build the mental and physical skills and abilities of our children. Thanks to those who have contributed to keeping these programs part of the Glenwood experience.

## THINK Scrip for your Holiday Shopping!

We have all the cards and certificates you need to complete your Holiday Shopping!

Stop by our Scrip table and pick up your certificates for Andy's Market, or Safeway for your Holiday Celebrations. Don't forget to use your United Markets card when shopping there.

And if you are a Black Friday shopper, stop by the table for your cards to use while shopping over the Thanksgiving Weekend! We have everything you need: Gap, Best Buy, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Borders, Toys R Us. \*\*Just added to our gift card selection \$25 REI cards and \$25 Overstock cards!\*\*

Online shoppers don't forget to do your online shopping through [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on their Online Mall. They have all your favorite merchants' web sites and they also will give you the codes for additional savings or promotions offered by the merchants!

By buying your gift cards from us and shopping online through the Online Mall, Glenwood School earns a % of your purchase - There is nothing else you need to do!



Happy  
Thanksgiving!  
Enjoy the  
Break  
11/26-11/28