



MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GLENFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Glenfield Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I am grateful and honored to serve as the Principal of Glenfield Middle School. I hope that your summer was spent with loved ones creating memories and having positive experiences. In order for all of our children to succeed, we must ensure a safe and positive learning environment that promotes high expectations for instruction and achievement. At Glenfield, we have a strong team of professionals who are committed to educating the whole child through various instructional strategies. We look forward to establishing strong partnerships between our staff and families to provide meaningful learning experiences for our students.

Glenfield Highlights:

Social/Emotional Learning Initiatives

Over the summer, we worked diligently to explore and enhance Social/Emotional Learning opportunities. This year, Glenfield will begin the process of implementing Montclair's Restorative Justice Program, which seeks to foster strong and positive relationships grounded in trust between all community members. Relationships and trust are at the core of accountability. This philosophical approach to discipline focuses on repairing previous conflicts through behavioral skill development and improved social interaction with peers and community members. We have also welcomed a new Guidance Counselor to the Glenfield family, Ms. Stevana Sims, to provide additional support for students using the Restorative Justice approach.

Technology Updates

We have purchased new cameras, computers, 3D printers and broadcasting equipment to enhance our film and broadcasting electives. When you enter the building, please take a moment to read the positive messages about the achievements of our children and to make note of the upcoming event on our new flat screen monitor.

Building Enhancements and Beautification

When you enter the building, you will be stepping on new Cougars! There are now two new rugs with the Glenfield logo and cougar mascot at the bottom and top of the steps. We also sought to "brighten" your Glenfield experience by adding enhanced lighting and fresh coats of paint in the main hallway. Please take note of our Glenfield "Brag Sheets" under the flat screen monitor,

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which highlight our houses and our successful initiatives such as GMS Extra, our afterschool enrichment program. Around the corner in the main office, you will notice that some of the administrative offices have been repurposed and rearranged.

Student Placement and Scheduling:

A great deal of time, effort and consideration has gone into the process of student placement for the 2019-2020 school year. Your child's homeroom teacher and daily schedule will be accessible in Genesis – Parent Access no later than **Monday, August 26. You will receive an email when the information has been posted to your account. You must complete all necessary forms in Genesis in order to receive this email.** If you are having issues accessing your Parent Access account, please email parent access at parentaccess@montclair.k12.nj.us While every effort is made to accommodate elective course selections, please know that schedules will not be changed by Guidance Counselors unless there are gross errors in course placement.

For 6th grade parents, please be aware that:

1. House placements are final
2. House leaders have created general school supply lists that are posted on the Glenfield page of the Montclair Public Schools website

Glenfield staffing updates:

- Frances Aboushi has been appointed as Assistant Principal
- Dadisi Dubose has been hired as an Art Teacher
- Lauren Waselik has been hired as an Art Teacher
- Charles Anderson has been hired as an English/Language Arts teacher
- Richard Groner has been hired as a Social Studies Teacher
- Gaby Barreto has been hired as a Spanish Teacher
- Anthony Grieco has been hired as a Special Education Teacher
- Stevana Sims has been hired as a Guidance Counselor
- Nicole Broderick has been hired as an Operational Aid (Security Guard)
- Deon Mingo has been hired as an Operational Aid (Security Guard)
- Jill Schneiderman will serve as a leave replacement for Emily Barroso until January 2
- Steven Jendrzejczyk will serve as a leave replacement for Vanessa Anderson until January 2
- Scott Berman, former Social Studies teacher in House Ramiccio, is now the house leader of the former House Aboushi
- Beth Cario, former STEAM teacher, is now the Social Studies teacher in House Ramiccio
- Michele Fruhschein, former ELA teacher in House Pelli, is now one of our two Literacy Lab teachers
- Syreeta Carrington, Social Studies teacher in House Titus, will also serve as Glenfield's Restorative Justice coach

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Arrival and Dismissal Information

- Busses drop all students off in the front of the building. We ask that parents/caregivers not block the bus lane or the entrance and exit of the circle driveway.
- Sixth grade students enter the building through the front doors. Seventh and Eighth grade students enter on the park side entrance of the building.
- The Montclair Police Department strictly prohibits parents from making k-turns in front of the school at drop off or dismissal times.
- Removal of your child before the end of the school day disrupts learning for many students. We take learning seriously and ask that after school appointments be scheduled with our dismissal times in mind. Please understand that our office staff is very busy preparing for dismissal each afternoon and we kindly request that parents/caregivers refrain from picking up their children before dismissal time unless there is an emergency.

Item Drop Off Procedures

Students will be held accountable for their belongings such as lunch, homework or other items such as musical instruments. **In the event that your child has forgotten lunch and has not received one in the drop off container BY 9:00 AM, he/she/they will be provided food available through our lunch program.**

School Lunch Program and Procedures

All children are eligible to participate in our school lunch program. Please see chart below from our website about Free/Reduced lunch procedures and Food Service contact information.

Free/Reduced Lunch Status

A free/reduced lunch application must be completed each year in order for a student to continue receiving free/reduced meals. Each year's application is valid only through the beginning of the next school year. If a new application is not completed the student's status will be changed to full price for meals during the month of October.

Why should I complete the free/reduced lunch application?

- [Online free/reduced lunch application in English or Spanish](#)
- [Printable free/reduced lunch application – English](#)
- [Printable free/reduced lunch application – Spanish](#)

If you need assistance with the form, please visit your school's main office. They will be glad to help.

For those students who already have a MySchoolBucks account, please place money on your child's account before the school lunch program begins on Thursday, September 5 by logging in at <https://www.myschoolbucks.com> Please be reminded that your child may also add money to his/her account by check made payable to the "Montclair Public Schools Food Service." Your child will hand the check to the cashier at lunchtime in the Cafeteria and the amount will be credited to his/her account. Lunch menus and additional food service information will be on the Montclair Public Schools website shortly.

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Save the Dates!

- Wednesday, August 28 (6-7:30pm) 6th Grade Ice Cream Social/Orientation
- Thursday, September 5 (7:40am) - First Day of School for Students
- Thursday, September 12 – Picture Day (during the school day) and Back to School Night (7pm)
- Thursday, September 19 – PTA Meeting (9:30 am)
- Monday, September 30 – DISTRICT CLOSED for Rosh Hashanah
- Tuesday, October 1 – PTA/SATp and Principal’s State of the School Meeting (7pm)

With your help, the 2019-2020 school year will be Glenfield’s BEST YEAR EVER! I look forward to partnering with you to ensure that your child has a positive and productive school year!

Sincerely,

Erika Pierce
Principal
Glenfield Middle School