



Coming Soon - To A Place Near You!!!

9135 Herbison Rd, Eagle, MI 48822 | glcomets.net | Phone: 925-5940 | Fax: 925-5970 | Attendance: 925-5971

## Upcoming Dates

**2023/2024 School Year**  
Oct. 4 - Count Day  
Oct. 6 - Snack Shop (see flyer)  
Oct. 10 - PTIA Meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
Oct. 13 - 2nd, 3rd, 4th Gr. to Wharton Center  
Oct. 16 - Half-day w/dismissal at 12:10  
Oct. 17 - Picture Retakes  
Oct. 20 - 2nd Gr. to MSU Children's Garden  
Oct. 27 - BK-KDS to Peacock Tree Farm  
Nov. 6 - Conferences 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
Nov. 9 - Conferences 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
Nov. 16 - Half-day w/dismissal at 12:10  
Nov. 17 - Half-day w/dismissal at 12:10  
Nov. 20-24 - Thanksgiving Break  
Dec. 22 - Jan. 5 - Winter Break



## Lunch Info

Mon- Cheeseburger  
Tues- French Roast Sticks  
Wed- Pizza Bites, Cheese Cruchers & Dipping Sauce  
Thurs- Popcorn Chicken  
Fri- Macaroni & Cheese Breadstick

Daily- Soft Pretzel Fun Lunch

You can find the Lunch Menus at  
<https://www.glcomets.net/parentcommunityresources/lunchmenus/>

## Notes from the Office

**Wacousta Elementary School's**  
**HOMEcoming SPIRIT WEEK & FOOD DRIVE**  
Week of September 18 - 22, 2023

DAY	DATE	Theme	Wear	Bring
MONDAY	9.18.23	<b>LAZY RIVER</b>	Wear school appropriate pajamas, robes, and slippers!	Bring in non-perishable breakfast items! Cereal, waffle/pancake mix, oatmeal, muffin mixes, granola bars, etc.
TUESDAY	9.19.23	<b>GOING TO THE BEACH</b>	Wear sunglasses, beach hats, and Hawaiian shirt!	Bring in toiletries and diapers! Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toilet paper, body soap, laundry soap, diapers, etc.
WEDNESDAY	9.20.23	<b>SCHOOL OF FISH</b>	Wear your grade's colors! BK/K: Purple, 1 <sup>st</sup> Green, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Blue, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Orange, 4 <sup>th</sup> Pink	Bring in proteins and carbs for strong brains! Tuna, canned meat, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, canned goods, etc.
THURSDAY	9.21.23	<b>OUT TO SEA</b>	Dress like a mermaid, pirate, shark, or favorite sea creature!	Bring in "sea" sides! Mac & Cheese, Rice a Roni, Ramen noodles, Knorr, scalloped potatoes, Ravioli, SpaghettiOs, etc.
FRIDAY	9.22.23	<b>BLUE SEA AND GOLD TREASURE</b>	"4" grade students will be of parent arrival to collect spare change from your car!	Cash donations! Please send in dollars or coins to donate to the Believer's Pantry, so that perishable items can be bought! Any amount is welcome and appreciated!

Homecoming week is a great time to partner with our community! Please bring in non-perishable items to be donated to our local Believer's Church who distributes to those in need in our Wacousta community. Let's overwhelm our families with our kindness!

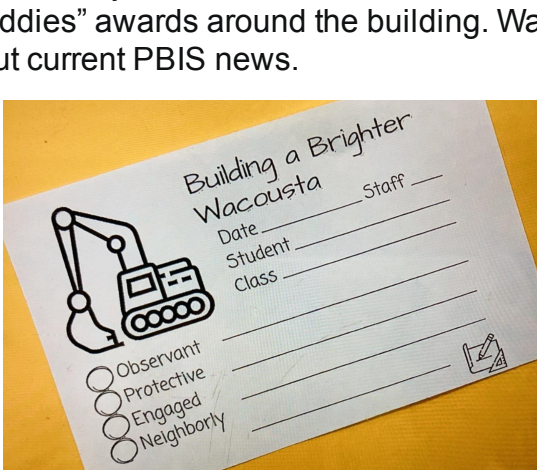
## PBIS Kick-Off

Last week our building spent a half day focusing on our PBIS expectations in and around Wacousta Elementary. PBIS (positive behavioral interventions and supports) is the evidence based practice used in all GLPS schools to support our students behaviorally and academically.

Students have been working on learning the expectations in their classrooms so far this year and set aside additional time to go over specific expectations at lunch, recess, in the halls, as well as arrival and dismissal. We ended our rotations with a school wide assembly to practice our assembly skills as well as celebrate our positive interactions with one another.

At Wacousta we utilize a common acronym OPEN which stands for: Observant, Protective, Engaged, and Neighborly (for ALL). These expectations are used universally in our school and are broken down into clear expectations that your students should know well if you ask them.

This year we will be celebrating our students weekly in our clubhouse, monthly by teacher nominations, and daily as individual classrooms watch for OPEN behavior to pass our "Bright Buddies" awards around the building. Watch the newsletter for more information about current PBIS news.



## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL INFORMATION

Students may not be dropped off prior to 8:40 a.m. since we do not have supervision available. School ends at 3:55 p.m. and all students should be picked up no later than 4:05 p.m.

If you are picking up your child at the end of the day and want to meet them at parent pick up, please do not get in the parent pick up line. We ask that you park in a parking spot and walk to meet your child. ALSO, PLEASE DO NOT GO PAST THE CONES TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD. WE HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE STUDENTS. If you remain in your vehicle, please continue to move up in line and we'll get your student(s) to you. ~Thank you very much for your cooperation!

If you know your child is going to be arriving late, please call or email the school office to let us know. It is also helpful to let us know if they need a school lunch and which option they'd prefer. We'll make sure to get that ordered for them.

If you are planning to pick-up your child early please call the school office no later than 2:30 p.m. We distribute the pick-up list to teachers after this time.

Half-day dismissal is at 12:10 p.m.

## MEDICATION

All medication needs to be brought to school by a parent/guardian. This includes all over the counter medication (cough drops, Tylenol, etc) as well. You will find medication documents at this link: [medication and health information](#) Click on School Health Information and Forms.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Due to the number of life-threatening allergies we have in our building, we respectfully request that you do not send in any type of food for birthday treats. Mr. Groves celebrates each child by announcing their name during the morning announcements and he personally presents them with a birthday pencil.

If you so choose, you are welcome to bring in a non-edible treat for your child's classmates but they may not include any type of gum or candy. Some parents choose to send in something small like a pencil or stickers, but that is up to each family. It is definitely your choice and we understand that not all families are able to do something like this.

We also request that you do not send birthday invitations to school. If you would like an address list, we will have School Directories available in the near future for \$1.00.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

**Wacousta Elementary PTIA**

- Meet our Officers:
- Jessica Ladd, President
- Liz Blesener, Vice President
- Melissa Graeser, Treasurer
- Tracy Johnson, Secretary

Please continue to collect Box Tops for Education! This program is completely online now. To get the app please go to [www.Boxtops4education.com](http://www.Boxtops4education.com)

You can follow the Wacousta Elementary School PTIA on Facebook and email us at [plawacousta@gmail.com](mailto:plawacousta@gmail.com)

## District and Community News

### Acknowledgements & Recognitions in the Upcoming Days

- September is Library Card Sign-up Month
- Sep. 11-18 » Paryushan
- Sep. 15-17 » Rosh Hashanah
- Sep. 15 - Oct. 15 » National Hispanic Heritage Month
- Sep. 17 » Citizenship Day / Constitution Day
- Sep. 17 - 23 » Constitution Week
- Sep. 17 » Sybirak's Day (Poland)
- Sep. 19 » Ganesh Chaturthi
- Sep. 21 » International Day of Peace
- Sep. 24-25 » Yom Kippur
- Sep. 27 » Birth of the Prophet Muhammad (Sunn)
- Sep. 28 » National Good Neighbor Day
- Sep. 29 » Mid-Autumn Festival (Moon Festival; Mooncake Festival)
- Sep. 29 - Oct. 6 » Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)
- Sep. 30 » National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Canada)
- October is National Bullying Prevention Month
- October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month
- October is National Principals Month
- October is Crime Prevention Month
- Oct. 2 » National Custodial Workers Recognition Day
- Oct. 2 » Child Health Day
- Oct. 3 » Birth of the Prophet Muhammad
- Oct. 6-8 » Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah
- Oct. 8-14 » Fire Prevention Week
- Oct. 8-14 » National Metric Week
- Oct. 9-13 » National School Lunch Week
- Oct. 9 » Indigenous People's Day
- Oct. 15-21 » America's Safe Schools Week
- Oct. 15-24 » Navaratri

Is something missing? Please share with John Ellsworth, GLPS Director of Communications, any additional Acknowledgements & Recognitions you think we should include on this list or upcoming lists - email him at [ellsworth@GLcomets.net](mailto:ellsworth@GLcomets.net).



### Annual Notices for FERPA & PPRA

The annual notices regarding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) were emailed to families. No action is required of families, but Grand Ledge Public Schools (GLPS) is legally required to provide families this information annually. FERPA information is on our website at [GLcomets.net/PPRA](http://GLcomets.net/PPRA). PPRA information is on our website at [GLcomets.net/PPRA](http://GLcomets.net/PPRA). Click the button below to view the email that was sent to families earlier.

**Annual Notices for FERPA & PPRA**

**DESTINATION IMAGINATION.**

Destination Imagination lets brains have fun! Learn more Sept. 19, 20 or 21

Be creative, study science, be artistic, and understand how things work - all while making friends and having fun by joining Destination Imagination!

DI is a STEAM-based, competitive extracurricular activity that promotes creativity and teamwork for students in grades 3 through high school. Early learning opportunities are also available for K-2 students.

Each year, teams pick a challenge to tackle, work on it at weekly practices, try their hand at instant challenges and then showcase their teamwork and solutions at a regional tournament. Challenges are in the technical, scientific, fine arts, improvisational, engineering and service learning categories. [Click this link](#) for a brief video overview of the challenges.

Interested parents and students from any Grand Ledge school can learn more about the program and this year's challenges on Tues., Sept. 19, 6-7:15 p.m. in the Hayes Intermediate media room, on Wed., Sept. 20, 7 p.m. [virtually via Google Meet](#), or Thurs., Sept. 21, 6-7:15 p.m. in the Delta Center Elementary media room. The meetings have the same content: you'll learn about this year's challenges and how the program works.

If you are unable to attend but interested in the program, please contact Jennifer Pakkala, Clever Comets Coordinator, at [pakkala@comcast.net](mailto:pakkala@comcast.net). For more information, visit [www.destinationimagination.org](http://www.destinationimagination.org) and [facebook.com/clevercomets](http://facebook.com/clevercomets).

2023-24 CHALLENGE PREVIEW	2023-24 CHALLENGE PREVIEW
<b>PARALLEL PATHS</b> A challenge that involves creating a path that is parallel to a given line. This challenge is designed to test a team's ability to work together and solve problems.	<b>3D CUBES</b> A challenge that involves creating a 3D cube. This challenge is designed to test a team's ability to work together and solve problems.
<b>SHINE THE LIGHT</b> A challenge that involves creating a light that shines. This challenge is designed to test a team's ability to work together and solve problems.	<b>UNUSUAL</b> A challenge that involves creating something unusual. This challenge is designed to test a team's ability to work together and solve problems.
<b>BLAST FROM THE PAST</b> A challenge that involves creating something from the past. This challenge is designed to test a team's ability to work together and solve problems.	<b>MAKING A SPIN</b> A challenge that involves creating something that spins. This challenge is designed to test a team's ability to work together and solve problems.
<b>IN MOTION</b> A challenge that involves creating something in motion. This challenge is designed to test a team's ability to work together and solve problems.	<b>IN THE CHALLENGE</b> A challenge that involves creating something in the challenge. This challenge is designed to test a team's ability to work together and solve problems.

## Edustaff

### OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT NEEDS YOU!

**BENEFITS OF WORKING WITH EDUSTAFF:**

- Earn Income working in your local schools
- Flexible schedule accept assignments when you're able
- Customizable to your comfort level and experience
- Opportunities for future employment and direct hire

#### POSITION AVAILABLE

School Employment (SE) Background Check Required

#### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- 60+ Credit Hours from Accredited College/ University OR
- Current/Expired Michigan Teaching Certificate OR
- Out of State Teaching Certificate with Official Transcripts

#### SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONALS/AIDES

- High School Diploma

#### JOIN OUR TEAM!

Apply today at [edustaff.org](http://edustaff.org)

- Classroom Training
- Employee Support
- Largest Educational Staffing Company in Michigan



[edustaff.org](http://edustaff.org) | (877) 974-4338



## Library eCard from GLADL

A friendly reminder from the [Grand Ledge Area District Library \(GLADL\)](#):

Your student GLADL library eCard number is your Student ID. For example if your name is Jane Patron, your student ID might be "jp23468" - Your initial PIN number was set to 1234.

With a Digital GLADL Library Card you are ready to start using ALL of the library's online resources. Need help - please call 517-627-7014 or email questions@gladl.org.

Just stop by the Grand Ledge Area District Library with a parent or guardian to upgrade your eCard to a full Library Card. With a full-access Library Card, you can request books from GLADL & Mel and have them delivered to your SCHOOL LIBRARY! MelCat gives you access to over 40 million items from over 400 school, public, and university libraries across Michigan.

GLADL website at [gladl.org](http://gladl.org).

Thank you.

**Affordable Connectivity Program**

Are you getting your \$30/month internet discount?

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a U.S. government program run by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices like a laptop or tablet. You are likely eligible if your household's income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line, or if you or someone you live with currently receives a government benefit like SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, Pell Grant, or Free and Reduced-Price Lunch. If your household is eligible, you could receive up to a \$30/month discount on your internet service. Learn more at [AffordableConnectivity.gov](http://AffordableConnectivity.gov).

**Big Brothers Big Sisters**

MICHIGAN CAPITAL REGION

**MILES FOR MENTORSHIP**

Join us for the Spooky Sprint and Miles for Mentorship 5k!

Begins 9:30am on October 15th  
Hawk Island Park in Lansing  
Costumes encouraged! Treats provided!

**Spooky Sprint is FREE! Register Now!**  
Spooky Sprint is FREE for children 12 years of age and younger.  
Miles for Mentorship 5K is \$25 if you register by 9/22.



For more information visit:  
[runsignup.com/milesformentorship2023](http://runsignup.com/milesformentorship2023)

**QDOBA IS BRINGING FLAVOR TO OUR COMMUNITY**

**FUNDRAISER FOR GRAND LEDGE TENNIS BOOSTERS**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 8PM-9PM  
5415 W. SAGINAW HWY  
LANSING, MI 48217

25% of sales donated

Scan this QR code to register

ON ENTER TIME QDOBAGIVES

**Mom 2 Mom SALE**

Saturday, October 14, 2023 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Joseph R. Drolak Community Center, 7500 W. Willow Hwy  
Early Bird Admission (Cash) \$10/adult  
General Admission (Cash) \$15/adult  
Admission paid at door. CASH ONLY

Looking for a place to sell your child's items?  
Delta Township Parks & Recreation has the place for you!  
Rent a space at our Mom 2 Mom Sale and see your items turn into cash!

**Rental Options:**

- 1. 120 Resident / \$30 Non-Resident - 8' X 8' space
- 2. 225 Resident / \$55 Non-Resident - 8' X 8' space w/1' table provided (24 spaces available)
- 3. 3 space maximum per person
- 4. Renters must supply their own means of display and set-up. Adhesive tape not allowed on walls.
- 5. Delta Township accepts no responsibility for any damages to booths, display materials or merchandise that is property of the renter.
- 6. Delta Township reserves the right to alter booth layouts as necessary.
- 7. Vendors will keep 100% of their sales; no sales will be handled by Delta Township.
- 8. No cash accepted.
- 9. Vendors can start setup at 7:00 a.m.
- 10. NO use of commercial items or handmade crafts.

Reservations for spaces will be accepted beginning August 1, 2023. Spaces reservations must be made at least one week prior to the event or until spaces are sold out.

**Vendor Pricing Information**

Booth Spaces Available	Cost per Space
Space Only - Resident	\$30
Space Only - Non-Res	\$55
Space w/Adult Resident	\$75
Space w/Adult Non-Res	\$95

Contact Delta Township Parks & Recreation for more information or to reserve your spot (Tue, Sat): (517) 323-8655  
Online registration: [www.deltatwp.org/registration](http://www.deltatwp.org/registration)

**PROTECTING YOUR BABY THROUGH IMMUNIZATIONS**

Watch a 10 minute presentation on immunizations and receive a FREE pack n' play. Limited to the first 30 individuals.

You may qualify for this if you:

- Live in Eaton County
- Have recently had a child or are expecting a child

Steps to receiving a pack n' play

- Watch this 10 minute video: [bit.ly/3rcQzQo](http://bit.ly/3rcQzQo)
- Complete this survey: [bit.ly/45Wacqj](http://bit.ly/45Wacqj)
- We will contact you about receiving your pack n' play

This service is being offered on behalf of the Region 7 Perinatal Quality Collaborative.

**EATON**  
PERINATAL QUALITY COLLABORATIVE

**Tri-County Community Health Guide**

- Community Centers
- Community Health Care Centers
- Financial Assistance
- Free or Low Cost Personal and Family Enrichment
- Housing Shelter/Housing Assistance/Case Management
- Low Cost or Free Computer/Internet Access
- Mental & Behavioral Health Services
- Nutrition and Food Assistance
- Parenting/Caregiving Resources
- Personal Needs
- Physical Activity
- Relationship & Sexual Violence Support
- School Tutoring and Employment Readiness Programs
- Sexual Health Services
- Stress Management and Resiliency Resources
- Suicide Prevention and Support Resources
- Support Groups
- Support Lines
- Tobacco and Vaping Quit Support
- Transportation

**#PROUDTOBEACOMET**

Designed with BEE