Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new school year. We have had a smooth opening week and look forward to a great school year. We are pleased to welcome several new staff members here at Yough Glades as well as welcoming familiar faces to new positions. Our new staff assignments are listed to the left. We are also happy to report that all of our teachers are considered to be “highly qualified”. Should you have questions about the qualifications of your child’s teacher or the paraprofessionals who work with your child, please feel free to call or stop by the school office. Our students continue to make excellent progress in the transition to Maryland’s College & Career Readiness Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards. We encourage your support as we work collaboratively to provide an excellent instructional program with high student expectations.

Yough Glades Vision & Mission

VISION:
The vision of Yough Glades Elementary School is to empower all students to be responsible, confident, and self-sufficient members of society that display good character needed to achieve their lifelong goals.

MISSION:
The Staff of Yough Glades Elementary school:
- Will teach the whole child socially, emotionally, and academically.
- Maintain high expectations for student success.
- Collaborate as a staff to foster student achievement.
- Discipline fairly and consistently.
- Be encouraging, while maintaining a safe learning environment.

Breakfast in the Classrooms

Once again this school year, every child and staff member at Yough Glades will be able to eat breakfast for free in the classroom. This program began at Yough Glades several years ago and has been very successful. We are excited to continue to offer this opportunity to everyone here at Yough Glades as we believe the start of a great day begins with a great breakfast. Please encourage your child to have a healthy breakfast, whether it’s at home or here at school.

Welcome New Staff

Mrs. Jolene Custer—4th Gr. Teacher
Mrs. Catherine Goodwin—Intervention
Ms. Meredith Pagenhardt—5th Grade
Ms. Ashton Carr—Special Ed.
Mrs. Heather Manko—Special Ed.
Mr. Brandon Houtz—Music Teacher
Ms. Mollie Lawrence—Instr. Asst.
Ms. Jaclyn Mann—Intervention
Ms. Sarah Clemmons—Instr. Asst.
Ms. Tabitha Upton—Cafeteria

When Picking Your Child Up

Parents picking up their child at dismissal time may enter the building when the doors are unlocked at 3:05 p.m., near the cafeteria. Please sign your student out in the cafeteria and wait there until the children are called. The first round of “pick-up” students will be called immediately following the first wave of buses—approximately 3:15 p.m.

Communication Through Bloomz

Yough Glades is now on Bloomz. If you haven’t already signed up, please send your preferred email address to Mrs. Gregory. You will then receive an invitation to participate in the Yough Glades community on Bloomz.

Meal Applications Due

Please remember to fill out a meal applications. This is very important for school funding. If you need an application, or have any questions, please call the school.

Parent Teacher Group (PTG) News

The Parent Teacher Group (PTG) will be meeting, on the second Monday of each month. We will be starting the meetings at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to join us and support your child’s school.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 20th—3 hr. early dismissal
Sept. 23rd—Sept. 26th—College & Me—Mrs. Macauley
Sept. 23rd—Sept. 26th—I Can Swim—Dr. Damon
Sept. 30th—Oct. 3rd—College & Me—Ms. Pagenhardt
Sept. 30th—Oct. 3rd—I Can Swim—Mrs. Hillen
Sept. 26th—Picture Day
Sept. 27th—Gator Reading
Oct. 3rd—YG Play Group 10:40
Oct. 9th—Hickory—3rd Grade
Oct. 10th—3 hr early dismissal
Oct. 11th—Schools Closed

Classroom Snacks/Treats

If you are planning to bring a snack to celebrate your child’s birthday, please communicate with your child’s teacher in advance.
Welcome back to a new school year. As we get up and running, I would like to make you aware of a few goals for this year. As many of you learned at Back-to-School night, we are implementing PBIS this year. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports. One of the first things that our students learned about in their classroom in the last couple of weeks was our Yough Glades “Mantra”! This mantra basically helps students and parents remember what we’re all about here at Yough Glades. Our mantra,… “As Gators we CHOMP!”

⇒ C—Caring
⇒ H—Honest
⇒ O—Organized
⇒ M—Mindful
⇒ P—Problem Solvers

This mantra will be used throughout the school year and reviewed with students. You can help by talking with your child about these important characteristics and how they apply not only at school, but at home as well.

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The Garrett County Board of Education considers harassment and intimidation (bullying) to be serious offenses which will not be tolerated. In accordance with the Safe Schools Reporting Act of 2005/2008, forms are available at each school office to report alleged harassment and intimidation (bullying) that has occurred on school property, at a school-sponsored activity or event off school property, or on a school bus during the current school year.

“Harassment and intimidation (bullying) means conduct, including verbal conduct, that creates a hostile educational environment by substantially interfering with a student’s educational benefits, opportunities, or performance, or with a student’s physical or psychological well-being, and is motivated by an actual or a perceived personal characteristic such as race, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion or disability, or is threatening or seriously intimidating.

If a student, parent or guardian, close adult relative, or school staff believes that the student is a victim of harassment or intimidation (bullying), the alleged incident may be reported by using the Harassment or Intimidation (Bullying) Reporting Forms which are available at your school’s office. The incident should be reported on this form and returned to the school principal who will investigate the alleged incident. Please contact your child’s school for additional information or assistance, or the Garrett County Board of Education, Pupil Services Office at 301-334-8939.

Please remember to send your child to school in appropriate clothes. The temperature in the building can fluctuate throughout the day. Dressing in light layers will help children to adjust according to their own comfort.

Yough Glades is proud to be a Title I school. This means we receive federal funds to provide extra help for all students at Yough Glades. The amount of money we get depends on the number of students who receive free or reduced lunch. The money goes to help all students in our school. It can be used for teachers, parent involvement activities, and supplies and materials. You can help by filling out the free lunch application and turning it in.

As a Title I school, we rely on the partnership between school and home to ensure that our students succeed. We hope you will feel welcome to be part of your child’s school experience and a part of the success of Yough Glades Elementary School.

In an effort to conserve paper, and to deliver newsletters in a format convenient to our families, you are now able to sign up to receive your newsletter emailed to you, or for you to receive the newsletter by checking our website. If you are interested in continuing to get your newsletter in paper form, please send a note to school with your child.