



Hello APRIL

Glen Taylor Families

🐰 **Hello April!** 🐣

Welcome Back Glen Taylor Families! We hope you had a restful, relaxing and fun spring break!

As we wrap up March and look ahead to April, we want to take a moment to reflect on the exciting events and progress we've made this past month. March was filled with fun and memorable moments! We kicked off the month with Reading Week and ended with our Hero Dash fundraiser. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our families, community supporters, and students who did their absolute best to fundraise for our school! The energy was amazing, and we're thrilled to share that we raised approximately \$15,000 which will directly support our school programs.



We also had a fantastic Dojo Day, filled with laughter, leprechaun scavenger hunts, and plenty of fun activities. It was a day full of joy and community spirit!

A huge thank you to all the families who came out for Curriculum Night — it was wonderful to see so many of you engaging with our school community. The choir performances were incredible, and our students truly showcased their singing talents!

This month, we will continue to focus on the importance of attendance, especially with SBAC testing beginning on April 3rd for our 5th graders. We will continue to celebrate students who have achieved perfect attendance, offering exciting rewards to encourage continued commitment to their learning. We are incredibly proud of how our students have embraced the importance of showing up every day, and we are excited to keep that momentum going. Keep pushing, Titans — we're almost to the finish line!

Looking ahead to April, we will begin SBAC testing and continue to focus on providing a supportive environment for students to do their best. Testing will begin promptly at 9:00 AM. Please note that students who are late will not be able to test in the classroom environment, so it's essential for students to arrive on time. As always, we remain committed to making 100% attendance a priority

and we will continue encouraging our students to strive for perfect attendance throughout the remainder of the school year. We're excited for what lies ahead and deeply appreciate your continued partnership in making every day of learning count.

Thank you for all your support!

GT's Mission, Vision and Core Values



We are dedicated to the development of individual strengths, while fostering critical thinking and discovery to support students' individual growth and leadership skills in a positive and inspiring community of learners.



Glen Taylor Elementary provides a respectful, safe, and engaging learning environment where every student is accountable to acquire lifelong learning skills to enable them to succeed.



Our 4 R's

- ~Respectful
 - ~Responsible
 - ~Readiness
 - ~Resilience
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Attendance

The school year is flying by quickly! Attendance in school is crucial for a student's academic success and personal development.

Regular attendance ensures that students do not miss out on important lessons, activities, and discussions, which are essential for understanding the curriculum and performing well on assessments. It also helps students develop a sense of responsibility, discipline, and time management, which are important life skills. Consistent attendance allows teachers to provide continuous support, fostering a positive learning environment and encouraging engagement.

Additionally, being present at school helps students build social skills and form meaningful relationships with peers and teachers. In the long run, good attendance habits contribute to better academic performance and future opportunities.

This month, as we begin SBAC testing, it's essential that students are on time, have a healthy breakfast, and are well-rested for testing days. At Glen Taylor, we prioritize attendance because we believe that every day of learning is crucial to your child's academic success. We are excited to recognize and celebrate the dedication of our students who show up each day, and we aim to keep pushing forward toward perfect attendance. To encourage this effort, we have planned exciting attendance incentives for students who achieved perfect attendance in March, we can't wait to

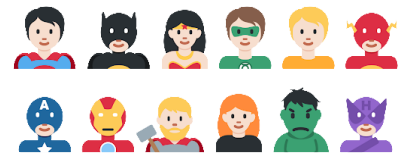


celebrate you in April! These rewards are meant to motivate students to be present and on time. Additionally, we're thrilled to announce an Attendance Carnival in May, where we will celebrate the commitment of all students with a rewarding fun filled day of carnival games, prizes and more! Thank you for your continued support and partnership in ensuring that our students are successful and prepared for the future.

Clark County School District Policy 5113 states that students enrolled in district schools must attend regularly in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Board of School Trustees and the Nevada Revised Statutes require school attendance. It is the position of the Board that if a student is absent, learning is impacted. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that regular attendance is maintained throughout the school year and that the child is on to school every day.

Fundraiser Update!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our families, students, and the community for their incredible support during our recent fundraiser! Thanks to your efforts, we raised \$15,000, which will directly benefit our students and programs here at Glen Taylor. The foam party, Hero Dash, and Snack Shack Power Passes were a huge hit, and everyone had a blast! Your generosity and participation made this event a tremendous success, and we truly appreciate your continued support in helping us provide the best opportunities for our students.



Vision and Hearing Screening for Kindergarten and 4th Grade

Glen Taylor Elementary:

On April 16th 2025 4th grade and Kindergarten students will have vision, hearing, screenings in accordance with NRS 392.420. If you do not choose for your student to participate in the screening please notify the school nurse in writing and return it to the health office.

Heart Challenge

Dear Families,

Kids Heart Challenge starts soon, and we are proud to support the American Heart Association through this service-learning program.

Students will learn how to have happy and healthy hearts and brains, while raising lifesaving donations to help others with special hearts. Plus, your family can learn the lifesaving skill of

Hands-Only CPR through **Finn's Mission!** Sign Up TODAY at

<http://www2.heart.org/goto/GlenCTaylor> or by downloading the FREE AHA Schools App for [Apple](#) or [Android](#).

Students who sign up early will be recognized at our kick-off on 4/21/2025!

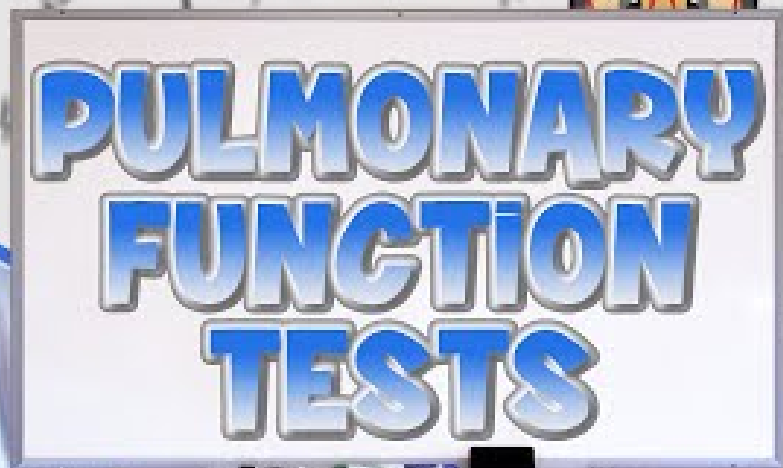


Meet heart survivor [Finn](#) and hear how completing Finn's Mission gives hope to everyone, everywhere. Let's save lives together! Thank you for being a Heart Hero!

Pulmonary Function Tests (PFTs) | Clinical Medicine



Professor | Zach Murphy





SBAC Help Tips!

3rd-5th Grade SBAC Begins April 3rd!



Let's Partner Together to Empower Our Student's Learning

As we enter into **SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) testing**, we want to take a moment to highlight its significance and how we can work together to ensure our students perform their best. The SBAC is an important part of how we assess the progress our students are making in key areas such as **English Language Arts** and **Mathematics**, and it helps us better understand each student's strengths and areas for growth.

Why is SBAC Testing Important? The SBAC assessment is a valuable tool that allows us to see how well our students are mastering important concepts and skills. It helps guide future instruction and ensures that all students are on the right path to academic success. It also provides your child with the opportunity to showcase their learning and growth over the year.

How Can You Support Your Child? We believe that with your support, your child can shine during this testing period. Here are some simple ways you can help your student prepare:

1. **Ensure They Get Plenty of Rest** – A good night's sleep before testing days is essential for optimal focus and performance.
2. **Encourage a Healthy Breakfast** – A nutritious breakfast will help fuel their mind for the day ahead.
3. **Stay Positive** – Encourage your child to do their best but remind them that this is just one way to show what they know.
4. **Practice at Home** – We have some helpful online resources that your child can use to practice and feel more confident. These resources are designed to align with the skills they will be tested on and can make a big difference in preparation.

Here are a few **links** to support your child's preparation:

Testing Tips

<https://ccsd.net/resources/guidance-counseling/el-testing-tips.pdf>

How to Support Your Child's Education

<https://ccsd.net/resources/guidance-counseling/elementary-support-your-childs-education2017.pdf>

Let's Partner Together for Success! We truly value your partnership in this process. By working together, we can help our students not only succeed on the SBAC test but also continue to grow as confident, capable learners. We believe every child has the potential to do amazing things, and with your support, they will be ready to showcase their skills and knowledge!

Thank you for your continued dedication to your child's success. If you have any questions or need additional resources, please feel free to reach out.

5th Grade Promotion Thursday, May 22nd

Mrs. Lyons, Miss Ward & Mrs. Iozia 5th Grade Promotion @ 5:00 PM

Mrs. Heldt & Mrs. Lingenfelter 5th Grade Promotion @ 6:00 PM

A banner with a blue background and a white central area. The text "5th Grade" is in large, colorful, 3D letters (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple). Below it, "Promotion Ceremony" is in a smaller, dark red font. The banner is decorated with several balloons (yellow, red, green, blue) and streamers.

5th Grade

Promotion Ceremony

No School Friday, April 18th & Monday, April 28th!

No School!





PTO - News + Updates

Titan families, let's get involved in Glen Taylor activities!

The Glen Taylor PTO has a lot of excitement planned for the last part of the school year and needs your help to make it all a success! Whether you can donate, help volunteer, or just simply show up and have a great time at an event, we would love to welcome you to participate and bring some school spirit with you!

Make sure to check here for all things PTO!

Upcoming Important Dates

- PTO General Meeting April 4th @ 3:30pm in the library
- Dine & Donate Fundraiser @ In-N-Out Burger - Eastern & Serene location
- Movie Night TBA in April
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 5th - 9th

 ***Dine & Donate Fundraiser!*** 

Please join us April 30th from 4pm to 8pm at In-n-Out Burger on Eastern & Serene

9240 S. Eastern Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89123



Make a Donation or Sign up to Volunteer!

Please complete a Glen Taylor PTO Volunteer/Donation Form [here](#) to make a donation and/or inquire about volunteering!

<https://forms.gle/jsSmyZyaQCAczj7M7>



Celebrate your child's birthday with PTO!

Please complete a Birthday Marquee Form [here](#) to celebrate your student's birthday with PTO!

** ✨ Reminder - We will schedule your student's birthday celebration once payment has been received! **

<https://forms.gle/utt55AXepfk8AkKTA>



E-Bike Safety

Electric bikes (e-bikes) are a convenient and fun way to travel, but as with any mode of transportation, they come with specific safety risks. Whether you're considering an e-bike for commuting or recreation, it's essential to understand the potential hazards and how to stay safe on the road.

While e-bikes offer many benefits, the biggest risk associated with them is **speed**. E-bikes can reach speeds of up to 28-30 mph, which can lead to more severe injuries in the event of an accident, especially compared to traditional bikes, which typically top out at lower speeds.



In addition to speed, operator skill and knowledge are crucial. E-bike riders need to be familiar with road rules, traffic signs, and how to ride defensively. A lack of situational awareness can increase the risk of accidents. To stay safe, riders should have basic biking experience, good judgment, and an understanding of how to navigate various traffic situations.

E-bikes provide many benefits including teen independence and traffic and pollution reduction. But they must be legal. **Any e-wheel device that travels faster than 20 mph on throttle power alone, by law, is considered illegal and unsafe for any rider.**

How Old Does a Child Have to Be to Ride an E-Bike?

Currently, there are no age restrictions for riders of Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes. However, Class 3 e-bikes—which provide pedal assistance up to 28 mph—require riders to be at least 16 years old.

Although there are no formal age restrictions for the lower classes, it's important to remember that e-bikes may not be appropriate for children of all ages. Speed, weight, and handling are factors to consider when deciding if a child is ready to ride an e-bike.

Are E-Bikes Safe for Children?

While e-bikes can be a fun and efficient mode of transportation, they may not be the safest option for younger children, especially those who lack the strength, coordination, or judgment to safely operate the bike at higher speeds. Even for older children or teens, it's crucial that they ride responsibly and wear proper safety gear, including a helmet. Always assess a child's maturity and riding experience before allowing them to ride an e-bike.

It's important to remember that children have nowhere near the strength or mass of an adult. While many manufacturers account for this, it's essential that you choose a model suitable for both the weight and height of your child.

Is your child experienced with the following?

- * Taking turns with vehicles at intersections after coming to a complete stop
- * Riding predictably WITH the flow of traffic and does not weave in and out of vehicles
- * Riding outside of a door zone of parked vehicles (at least 3 feet away)
- * Using hand signals for turning right, left, stopping, and scans before merging onto roads and changing lanes
- * Obeying posted speeds on pathways and giving the right of way
- * Knowing how to stop abruptly and dodge obstacles without swerving into vehicle lanes

Important Safety Tips for E-Bike Riders

1. **Always Wear a Helmet:** Helmets are crucial for any cyclist, but especially for e-bike riders, given the higher speeds. Make sure your helmet fits properly and meets safety standards.
2. **Ride at a Safe Speed:** Respect speed limits, and always adjust your speed based on road conditions and traffic.
3. **Don't Ride With Another Rider:** E-bikes, like regular bikes, are designed for one rider only. Avoid carrying passengers on your e-bike to prevent losing control and increasing the risk of a crash. [NRS 484B.770](#) - No bicycle, electric bicycle or electric scooter shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped
4. **Be Aware of Your Surroundings:** Always look out for pedestrians, vehicles, and other cyclists. Be prepared to stop quickly if needed.
5. **Follow Local Laws:** Adhere to traffic laws and regulations in your area. In Nevada, e-bike riders must follow specific safety and equipment standards. [NRS 484B.763](#) - **Rules of the Road** - All bicycle, e-bicycle, and e-scooter riders must adhere to all the same rules and regulations that are applicable to the driver of a vehicle
6. **Use Proper Lighting:** Equip your e-bike with front and rear lights, especially when riding in low-light conditions.
7. **Check Your Bike Regularly:** Make sure your e-bike is in good working condition. Regular maintenance of brakes, tires, and the motor is essential for safe riding.

What's Upcoming at GT!

- 4/11~ Promotion Pictures for Kinder and 5th grade
- 4/16 ~ 5th Grade Disney Chaperone Meeting @ 3:30
- 4/18 ~ No School for Students
- Week of 4/21 ~ Kids Heart Challenge
- 4/22 ~ SOT Meeting 3:30
- 4/24 ~ Take your child to work day
- 4/28 ~ No School for Students
- 5/5 - 5/9 ~ Teacher Appreciation
- 5/12 ~ Disneyland 5th Grade Trip
- 5/15 ~ Spring Concert Choir
- 5/19 ~ Dojo Day
- 5/21 ~ Kinder Promotion/End of Year Ceremony
- 5/22 ~ 5th Grade Promotion
- 5/23 ~ Field Day- Last Day of School 1/2 Day!

I am the Earth and the Earth is me 🌍



Each blade of grass 🌿, Each honey tree 🍯

Are you celebrating Earth Day at your school? If so, here are great resources for communicating the importance of caring for our planet.

Enjoy! 🐝

How We Can Help!



⚡ Wind Energy



🏖️ Beach Cleanup



🐝 Native Pollinators

Find [teaching resources for wind energy](#) and a fun [video](#).

Get involved with [beach cleanup efforts](#)!

Teach about [pollinators & build a butterfly garden](#).

Check out earthday.org's great toolkits!

From pollution to fashion, and many more. Each toolkit provides resources and outlines specific ways to be involved with Earth Day activities happening around the world.



4 Ways to Explore Poetry on Earth Day

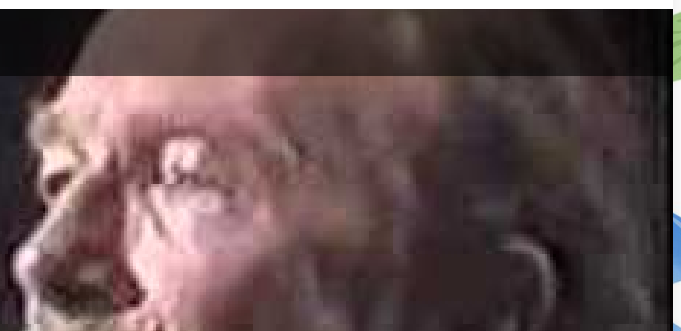
One of my favorite things about teaching is helping my students through a difficult text or a challenging writing task and seeing that moment when their light bulbs turn on and they get it. Poetry can be a particular struggle for teachers and students alike, but it can also build students' stamina for difficult texts and lead to some gratifying "aha" moments.

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Everyone can be a citizen scientist!

Check out this harvest of ideas for how to turn your students into budding citizen scientists! (puns intended 😊)

Pete Seeger - Garbage





Smore

Beautiful class updates in a snap

