

# EAGLE NEWS

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 27  
*Site Council Meeting, Library 3:30*

Friday, October 29  
*Unicef Assembly 9:30 a.m.*

Wednesday, November 3  
*Early Release Day, 12:50 Dismissal*

Thursday, November 4  
*PTO Meeting, Library, 3:30 p.m*

Sunday, November 7  
*Fiesta for Measure A, at Olympic Village Lodge 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.*

Thursday, November 11  
*Veterans' Day, No School*

Thursday, November 18  
*PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Childcare provided)*

November 22-26  
*Thanksgiving Break, No School*

Thursday, December 2  
*Tree Decorating, Downtown Truckee, 4:00 p.m.*

Friday, December 3j  
*Report Cards go home*

Saturday, December 4  
*Santa's Breakfast 8:00 -11:30 a.m.*

Wednesday, December 8  
*Early Release Day, 12:50 Dismissal*

Thursday, December 16  
*Winter Music Performance, 2nd and 4th grades, 7:00 p.m.*



## Message From Our Principal, Kathleen Gauthier

### *Getting to Know You, Getting to Know Us*

I am writing this in the midst of Conference Week appreciating all the time the teachers have put into understanding each child and communicating this understanding with parents. I also appreciate all the parents who are partnering with us to make their student's academic achievement a priority. With this focus, all kids can be successful. Thank you.

Thank you also to the parents who stepped forward to lead our PTO. Kerry Stendell and Lauren Van Loon will be co-presidents, Walma Crittenden-vice president, Katrina Veit-secretary, Cari Gutheil-treasurer, and Ashley Banovich-fundraising chair. We have scheduled alternating after school and evening meetings to try to get as many parents as possible involved. One of the many goals for this group is to be a vehicle for parent input on everything happening at Glenshire.

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 4th at 3:30 in our library. The following meeting will be Thursday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. At this evening meeting I will be reviewing our behavioral and academic data and goals. We will also be looking at results from last year's Parent Survey and the input from last year's Parent and Teachers Talking Together Meeting. With the help of parent volunteer Anna Koenig, we are working on updating our website [ttusd.org/glenshire](http://ttusd.org/glenshire) making it easier to navigate and more informative. Please check it out often. It will be another way to get to know us.

Throughout the District, we are forming and training BEST (Building Effective Schools Together) teams. BEST is a program based on positive behavioral supports, developing coordinated positive school rules, rule teaching and positive reinforcement systems school wide. We look forward to sharing more information on BEST with students and families.

As a District, we are incredibly fortunate to have our parcel tax Measure A fund Music, PE, Computers, Counseling, Library, Supplies, and Special Friends at the elementary level. We are beginning to form the campaign for a March election. One of the first steps is to create a Campaign Fund. A District cannot fund a campaign. Sunday, November 7th from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the Olympic Valley Lodge a fundraiser for the campaign is being held. Please consider purchasing \$ 35.00 tickets with Carol in our office. Thank you for keeping involved and informed.

# Halloween

## Trick or Treat for UNICEF

On Friday before Halloween, after the Halloween Parade, there will be a school-wide assembly, where a short video will be shown to all students, explaining what UNICEF does for children. UNICEF helps children in poor countries by providing them with medical supplies, vaccines, and treatment. The students will learn how inexpensive it can be to make a significant difference in the health and lives of children in other countries. By collecting for UNICEF children can have Halloween fun and know they are helping others.

We will distribute boxes to each child for collecting donations when they visit homes and businesses on Halloween night.

**BY DONATING TO UNICEF, YOU MAY MAKE A LIFE-CHANGING DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE.**

*Halloween costumes should be appropriate for elementary children to wear and to view. Please:*

- No "weapons," toy or fake.
- Avoid masks and costumes which depict gore, violence, or are suggestive.
- Consider that the weather can be quite chilly. Our Halloween parade goes outside!

*Thank You! Enjoy the Parade!*

## Halloween at School

It is a tradition that we have a Halloween parade where the children can show their costumes and see each other dress up. It will be in the morning at 9:10 a.m. Please have your child bring other clothes to wear for the remainder of the school day.

Halloween is a challenging holiday to be a candy-free school. There are a lot of fun foods that are not sugar-laden. Remember that when you bring food for an entire class, you are feeding other parents' children as well.

**This year UNICEF will be helping children in Haiti fight the cholera epidemic!**

*Save your left-over Halloween candy, and give to "Operation Gratitude"(Website is [www.opgratitude.com](http://www.opgratitude.com)) to help the morale of our Service men and women overseas.*

*Kids Korner will be collecting the candy.*

## Parents for Public Schools

In August, our community welcomed the establishment of the Truckee-North Tahoe Chapter of Parents for Public Schools (PPS). PPS is a national organization of community-based chapters working with public school parents and other supporters to improve and strengthen local public schools. It brings together parents who care about the state of public education in their home districts and across the nation and encourages them to be involved. PPS believes in empowering parents and others as advocates for all children in a school district.

PPS of Truckee-North Tahoe wishes to bring together parents from different backgrounds, ethnicities and neighborhoods, educate and empower parents, provide resources for the community, organize volunteers, and generally seek to improve our public schools. It believes that to maintain a strong community we must maintain strong public schools. From integrating arts programs, to asking transparency from the board, to marketing public education, parents have a profound impact on quality public schools.

PPS plans to work closely with the Glenshire Elementary School administration, teachers and PTO, as well as other local organizations such as the Excellence in Education Foundation and Arts For the Schools to complement their efforts. Beyond their efforts, PPS seeks to develop leadership skills to engage in school improvements not only at Glenshire Elementary School, but at the district, state and national levels as well.

PPS is just beginning to design and build their local PPS chapter, and welcome not only public school parents, but others with an interest in educating our children and building a strong community.

The next meeting of PPS of Truckee-North Tahoe will be held on Wednesday, November 17 from 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at For Goodness Sake, 10157 Donner Pass Road, Truckee. Dr. David Putney, Principal at Truckee High School, will be the guest speaker. All members of the community that have an interest in education are welcome. Please RSVP by emailing us at [ntt.parentadvocacy@yahoo.com](mailto:ntt.parentadvocacy@yahoo.com).

# EAGLE WALK 2010

Another Amazing Eagle Walk on a Beautiful October Day!



*Thanks to Glenshire's staff and parent volunteers who all contributed to make this day a great experience. Thanks to Steve Hoyt for being the D.J. Thanks to Mother Nature for providing the sunshine.*



# Fourth Graders Live a Day as Gold Rush Pioneers



## Living History Day By Ryleigh Hogland *Mrs. Roberts 4th Grade*

History Day was bunches of fun. We all had a full day out in the sun. We went to patchworking and tinsmithing, too. Kids were everywhere you looked, and everyone had a happy look. With folk dancing, gold mining, and trading post, to sitting around playing with glue. It was a blast with fun in between. We all hope we can do it again soon. Living History Day was the best day ever.



# Look at What's Going On

## Third Graders Visit Gatekeeper's Museum and Learn About Tahoe History

### Basket Room

By Jaylin Powell



We went to a basket room. We learned about how the Washo Tribe used them. We saw lots of different baskets. It was cool. Also we got some clipboards and found our favorite basket. It was fun. I would love to go there again. If you go there, you will have the best time ever. You will learn so, so, so, so so much stuff about all the kinds of baskets. I hope you will like it.



## Gatekeeper's Field Trip

By Isabella Terrazas

Ms. Markheim's 3rd Grade



Do you know how small the smallest basket in the world is? It's 1 centimeter! Smaller than a broken pencil tip, made by Dat-So-La-Lee. In the basket museum we learned about different Native American Tribes who lived in California and Nevada and their many uses for baskets. Some tribes used baskets for trapping animals for food. The traps kept some animals alive until the family needed it for nourishment. Some baskets had a layer of sap lining the outside. This type of basket was probably the first water bottle, ever!

Gatekeepers Museum is where the Gatekeeper lived with his or her family. The Gatekeeper was responsible for the water level in Lake Tahoe. The Gatekeeper's job is to open the gates from Lake Tahoe to let in water to the Truckee River.

Well, if you ask me, the Gatekeepers Museum is very interesting!

### NEXT GES/GATE PARENT GROUP

The next meeting for GES GATE Parent Group will be on Tuesday morning November 2 from 8:00-8:45 in room M-17. All parents are welcome!

## Shaw Family Farm By Sophia Staudenmayer Mrs. Bacon's 4th Grade



On September 17, Mrs. Bacon's class went to the Shaw Family Farm. When we were there Barb Shaw gave us a tour of the farm. First, we saw the garden. It was so beautiful! There were carrots, lettuce, beets, strawberries, green beans and more. Next, we saw the pigs. They were huge. We also saw the bee hives and taught us how the the honey. Then we the chicken coop. We the vegetables from garden. Going to Family Farm was a



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## GIFTED EDUCATION UPDATE

Last year parents of students in GES's Gifted and Talented Education Program formed a parent group to support gifted and high achieving students. They shared ideas, resources, frustrations, friendship and laughter. The group also decided to raise funds to ensure there would be a before school program this school year to meet the social, emotional and academic needs of gifted students. The students creatively designed their ideal "dream" playhouse and then volunteer parents worked together in just a few weeks to make the house a reality! The end result was a clever six by six foot cube playhouse with a ladder to a "stargazing deck", a fireman's pole, and a ten foot climbing wall. Over the summer students and parents worked together to sell raffle tickets for the playhouse at events around Truckee. Sincere thanks to EVERYONE who sold and bought tickets! Your support is appreciated!



Congratulations to the Aanestad/Moore family who won the playhouse!

### Interested in more information about education of gifted students?

TTUSD has formed a GATE Task Force made up of parents, teachers and administrators. The group is educating parents and teachers about gifted students and high achievers and revising the current district GATE plan in TTUSD. Dr. Barbara Branch, an experienced GATE consultant, facilitates the task force. For more information visit her website at [www.dr.babs.wikispaces.com](http://www.dr.babs.wikispaces.com)

## Odyssey of the Mind

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program. Odyssey of the Mind is completely run by volunteer parents.

Last winter four teams from the Tahoe Truckee area formed and participated in Odyssey of the Mind at our regional tournament in Sacramento in March. Those students from GES and ACMS did amazingly well and learned a great deal about creative problem solving.

Last spring and this fall volunteer parents Jean Fournier and Leisa Peterson have facilitated informational meetings in our community and the response has been fantastic! At a hands-on meeting for families over 100 participants came and had fun learning about Odyssey of the Mind and about spontaneous and long term problem solving. Jean and Leisa also facilitated a coach training and had over 50 potential coaches attend. One thing is sure: Tahoe Truckee will make a strong showing at this year's regional tournament in February!

For information contact Leisa Peterson at [nttparentadvocacy@yahoo.com](mailto:nttparentadvocacy@yahoo.com)

If you would like more information about OOTM visit [www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com)

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AND MUSIC TEACHER  
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## Take Note

*By Claudia Waters  
Music Teacher*



Our Music Department is rocking out once more. It has been a treat for students to learn from our student teacher, Brittany Iverson. Sadly, Miss Iverson will be leaving us for her next teaching experience at North Tahoe High in just a few weeks.

Among many other lessons, Fourth and Fifth grades were able to learn about Samba Drumming and continue learning about rhythm notation. Younger students learned "Tongo", Polynesian paddling song, a song from Japan about a frog, and a fun singing and partner clap song/game called, "Tidie-Oh". Kindergartners have not only learned how to come to Music Class but how to do the Brain Dance, and how to keep the pulse, or the beat, with an instrument.

Before Miss Iverson leaves, she will be bringing sample instruments and introducing the instrument families to every class. The icing on the cake will be when she herself plays her harp for us. We will miss her very much and we wish her all the best in her teaching career!

Third and Fifth Grade Students will be attending the Reno Philharmonic Concert for Young People on November 12th. We're all set to "dress to impress" (wear our best clothes) and learn even more about orchestras.

The Glenshire Eagle Chorus is up and singing again. Students are learning songs for our October 29th UNICEF Assembly as well as our December 16th performance, "Winter Light". We will also be caroling for Downtown Christmas Tree decorating on December 1st and for The Resort at Squaw Creek on Wednesday, December 8th.

Practice CD's will go home with students on Friday, October 1st. Please let Ms. Waters know if your Chorus student does not get a CD. (Parents of Chorus, please check September's Eagle News for all the dates and times of our performances this year.)

Ms. Waters' Intermediate and Advanced Glenshire Guitarists started lessons back up the first week of October. She will start a Beginning Guitar class in February.

We are thrilled to have "Got Music & More" provide music classes through the PTO Enrichment Program. Steve Kershisnik is teaching a Beginning Guitar Class and a Beginning Drums Class after school. Colleen Jackson is teaching a Keyboard Class and Emily Tesemer is teaching Voice. These classes run for 8 weeks and will run again later in the year.

As always, the talented Susie Gonzalez is teaching violin, viola and cello before school on the stage in the gym. If you are interested in signing your student up for her Sierra Strings program, please call her at 249-3060.

*Participate*

# Community Events

GET INVOLVED

## Harvest of the Month

The Harvest of the Month Program uses parent or community volunteers to provide a monthly classroom fruit or vegetable tasting and nutrition information for elementary school students in the TTUSD. Last year we had 80 classrooms participating in the program! For more information about the program and specific responsibilities, visit [www.harvestofthemonth.com](http://www.harvestofthemonth.com).

Please respond to this email if you are interested in being a part of the program for the 2010-2011 school year.

Proposed tasting weeks and menu:

October 25-29th	Winter Squash
November 15-19th	Root Vegetables
December	No Tasting
January 10-14th	Dried Beans
February 7-11th	Cabbage
March 14-18th	Grapefruit
April 18-22nd	Asparagus
May 16th-20th	Avocado

## Mommy and Me is Back!



Rose Westcamp and "Teacher Chris"(Arth)

Mommy and Me is a parent-participation program for children 2-3 years of age, which was developed more than 20 years ago by Teacher Chris Miller Arth (The Chris show, Channel 6, Baby and Me). Over the years, Chris has touched the lives of hundreds of children and their parents. Her program includes songs, circle time, puppets, fingerplays, arts, snacks, pertinent parent discussions, a lot of smiles and so much more. For many years, parents would "camp out" on the front steps of the Recreation Center to increase their chances of being there early enough for one of the slots in this highly sought after class. Numerous moms and dads have stated that the friends they met in Mommy and Me years ago are their best friends today....for both the parent and their child. Others have said Mommy and Me was by far the most rewarding and fond experience they shared with their child during the toddler years. Chris retired several years ago, leaving a void in the "pre-preschool" activities available to parents in the area. Now Mommy and Me is BACK! Chris has graciously passed the puppet baton to Mommy and Me Veteran, Rose Weskamp. Rose was one of the mommies camping out for many hours more than once and also graduated from Chris' Baby and Me class with her daughter, Deanna. Rose has been actively involved with local organizations including Truckee Family Club, Kidzone, Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevadas, AYSO, Girls on the Run and volunteers for the Humane Society and in her daughter's classroom. Rose will be following the same "tried and true" curriculum which has enriched the lives of so many Truckee children. Classes are forming now and will meet at the new Recreation Center soon. For more information, please contact Rose at [roseweskamp@cebridge.net](mailto:roseweskamp@cebridge.net) or by calling 530.448.2107. Registration for these classes can be made by going online at [www.tdrpd.com](http://www.tdrpd.com).

## The Eagle News

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*Fiesta for Measure A!*

*Sunday, November 7, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.*

*Olympic Village Lodge*

*Get Tickets from Carol in Office*

*\$35*