

**GLENN  
ELEMENTARY**

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Dear Dr. Weikle and the Unit 5 Board of Education,

We are pleased to share some good news from Glenn Elementary. Throughout the 2025–26 school year, our staff and families have worked together to strengthen our school community and promote a love of reading among our students. Two recent initiatives highlight the power of collaboration between our staff, families, and PTO.

This February, Glenn Elementary hosted a Winter Reading Night with a Winter Olympics theme, bringing families together for an evening focused on literacy and fun. Students and their families participated in engaging reading activities and games inspired by winter sports while exploring ways to build strong reading habits at home. The evening also included opportunities for families to receive hats and gloves, enjoy food together, and win fun prizes. Our staff, lead by Mrs. Ashley deFreese (Title 1 specialist) dedicated a tremendous amount of time and energy to make this event successful, and it was wonderful to see so many Glenn families learning and celebrating together in our school.

In addition, our Glenn PTO, led by Mrs. Casey Kearfott, recently organized a schoolwide Read-a-thon, an event designed to encourage students to read at home while raising funds to support our school community. Through the enthusiasm of our students and the support of our families, the Read-a-thon raised nearly \$6,000 for our PTO! Beyond the financial support it provides, the event reinforces the importance of daily reading at home and helps cultivate lifelong readers.

Both of these initiatives reflect the strong partnership between Glenn Elementary and our PTO, as well as the dedication of our staff and families to supporting student success. We are grateful for a community that values literacy, engagement, and opportunities for students to learn both inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you for the continued support of Glenn Elementary.

Sincerely,  
Dan Gibler  
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