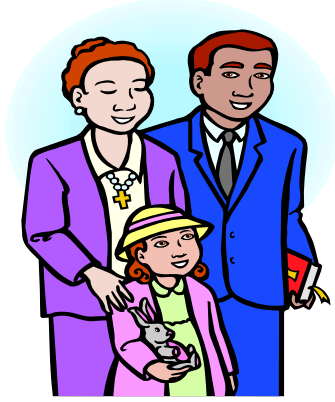


Gloucester Township Elementary School

2008 Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
George Washington National Medal Winner



New Family Information

GTES At A Glance

Gloucester Township Elementary School is a Kindergarten through Fifth Grade building serving students and families in the Blackwood, NJ area bordered by Church St., Rt. 42., & Grenloch. Our school is part of the Gloucester Township Public Schools district, which is New Jersey's largest *elementary-only* school district, now serving 7,800 students. Gloucester Township Public Schools were selected by the *Courier Post* newspaper as the best or one of the best school districts in Southern New Jersey numerous times in the past 20 years!

GTES has an enrollment of approximately 300 students. There are two or three teachers at each grade level in grades one through five and a Kindergarten teacher for 2 half day Kindergarten sessions. *The grade level teaching team* works together to insure content equity and a uniform pace throughout each grade.

Rooms are spacious and comfortable, as the traditional architecture of the building provides a warm and friendly feeling. Each classroom is equipped with the latest learning modes such as the Internet, a 5 terminal mini-computer lab, closed circuit TV, DVD players, and cable TV.

High academic achievement and outstanding behavior/citizenship are the central focus for all our students. Our philosophy and mission statement are implemented by an outstanding staff, many of which have Master's degrees and/or are award winning instructors. Each student at GTES has the most up to date curriculum materials and textbooks. Being supported by a full public school budget, the Board of Education, and Central Administration allows for continuous modernization and updating.

The school has a modern, centrally air conditioned computer lab with 30 of the latest flat panel PC computers, distance learning, color laser printing, and cutting edge technology that allows the teacher to distribute instructional media on to each student's screens!

Our students receive specialized instruction on a weekly basis in Physical Education, Computer Science, Library Science & Research, Life Skills & Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), Art, Music, and Spanish.

A large assortment of supplemental services supports our excellent classroom program. Some of our programs include:

- *Resource Center for Special Education
- *Literacy Interventionist & DIBELS
- *Basic Skills Improvement - Math
- *EXCEL for gifted & talented
- *Full time nurse & health office
- *Speech Correction & Therapy
- *Guidance Counseling
- *After-School & Summer Tutoring Programs
- *Summer Pre-K intervention program

**Guided Reading*
**Student of the Month & Incentive Prog.*
**Summer Tutoring & Pre K outreach*
**Writer's Workshop & Kid Writing Programs*
**Presidential Academic Fitness Awards*
**After-School Enrichment Clubs*
**Instrumental Music Lessons (5th Gr.)*
**Choir and Dramatic Performances*
**Realtime Data Entry & parent interaction*
**New Everyday Math Program*

If you live within our boundaries, we welcome you to our school community and invite you to come in and review our program.

If you are considering a charter school, home schooling, or a private school we encourage you to compare what we offer to any alternative. We are sure you will be impressed, as we invite your child to truly experience...

***"A Small School Feeling,
 With The Public School Advantage!"***
Joseph W. Gentile
 Principal

Meet Our Outstanding Staff...

Mrs. Cynthia Dunham, BA, MA
Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Christine Tabian, BA, MA
Reading Specialist & Head Teacher

Ms. Renee' Meland, BA
First Grade Teacher

Mrs. Julie Wright, BA, MA
First Grade Teacher

**Miss Desiree DiJosie, BA, MA
Cand.**
First Grade Teacher

Mrs. Elizabeth Gundersen, BA
Second Grade Teacher

Mrs. Karen Ann Miller, BA
Second Grade Teacher

Mrs. Judy Oberg, BA
Third Grade Teacher

Mrs. Nicole Walto, BA
Third Grade Teacher

Mr. Larry Hansen, BA
Fourth Grade Teacher

Mrs. Michelle Greene, BA, MST
Fourth Grade Teacher

Miss Natalie Franco, BA
Fifth Grade Teacher

Ms. Kathleen Kern, BA, MA
Fifth Grade Teacher

Mr. Michael Urban, BS
Special Education Teacher

Mrs. Janice Tyrell, BA
Basic Skills Improvement Teacher

Mr. Brent Dempsey, BS
Physical Education/Life Skills
Teacher

Ms. Lisa Petrov, BA
Art Teacher

Mrs. Judy Caravelli, BA
Computer Science Teacher

Mrs. Vicki Robbins, BA
Music & Performing Arts Teacher

Miss Athena Flamporis, BA, MA
Special Education Teacher

Miss Jaclyn Light, BA, MLS
Librarian & Media Specialist

Mrs. Rhonda Staino, BA
Teacher of the Gifted & Talented

**Ms. Mary Townsend, RNC, BSN,
HN-BC, RM**
Health Officer & Nurse

Mr. Joel Friedman, BA, MA
Speech Therapist

Mrs. Michelle Lilley, BA
Basic Skills Improvement Aide,
Gr. K, 1

Mrs. Kathleen Evangelista
Kindergarten Aide

Mrs. Diane Scafidi
Library Aide

Mrs. Diana Venuto-Gabriella, BA
Spanish & Hispanic Interpreter

Ms. Lois Hinski, BA, MEd
Guidance Counselor

Mrs. Katherine Murphy
Principal's Secretary

**Mrs. Penny Hollerbach, AAS
Mrs. Stephanie Noll**
Administrative Assistants

GTES

"Join the high flying Yellow Jackets"

Focus on Academic Achievement

Very High Standards for Discipline

Experienced & Caring Staff

Harcourt Literacy Program

Everyday Math Program

Computer Lab Instruction

Differentiated Instruction

Internet in all classrooms

Computer Lab in all rooms

Parent Volunteer Program

Extended Day Kindergartens

Security & Surveillance System

Guided Reading Program