

**Gloucester Township Elementary
Receives Prestigious
Silver Helmet Award in March!**



There will be a new award in the Gloucester Township Elementary School display case---The National AMVETS Silver Helmet Americanism Award.

The foot high trophy, which is graced by a replica Army helmet on top of an engraved standard, is emblematic of recognition for outstanding and continuous contributions to recognition of American ideals.

GTES was nominated for the award by the NJAMVETS for our Americanism Program, which has taken place for 33 years. The New Jersey AMVETS have sponsored the program each year since 1977 by sponsoring essay & poster contests, providing books for the library, inviting guest speakers, and paying for a luncheon for administration and staff.

The award is won by the Gloucester Township Elementary School teachers, the students, our program coordinator, and the EPC. Each segment of our GTES school community is congratulated on receiving this prestigious honor.

Next year's Americanism Program will be on Friday, November 12th, at 10am.

**Budget Vote
Tuesday, April 20th**

Citizens in Gloucester Township will go to the polls and vote on the school budget on Tuesday, April 20th.

Most families in the Gloucester Township Elementary School area vote at the Grenloch Building covering voting districts 6, 7, and 10.

Registered voters are asked to please exercise their right to vote on this key issue.



Sample ballots should have already been sent to all voters so that the issues and candidates can be recognized prior to entering the vote booth.

Curriculum Night a Big Hit!

The GTES community jammed the three floor building on March 31st to celebrate the annual *Curriculum Night*.

Art projects, student work, science structures, were all around the building, as families moved from area to area to the beat of patriotic (...what else!?) music!

Super popular locations were the Book Fair & Art Room where many families purchase books for their children and Art projects.

The GTES version of "American Idol" took place at the Talent Show, which was directed by Music Teacher, Mrs. Robbins. The show featured talented acts from 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade students.

Attendance is Important!
***Tardy Notes/Phone Calls &**
Absence Notes are always
required!



School attendance and punctuality are extremely important elements to a student's educational success.

Missing even several minutes of class time at any time of the day could allow a student to miss valuable concepts and information.

While excused absences for illness are understandable or an excused late entry for a doctor's appointment is a valid reason, families are to be cautioned that chronic tardiness will cost their child a fair chance at equal learning with their peers.

While family dynamics vary from home to home, agendas that revolve around the school schedule and punctuality tend to avoid excess absences and tardiness.

Although they may occur to every family from time to time, continuous oversleeping ("sleeping-in"), late drop-offs after weekend visits and/or excursions and allowing student laziness are not valid reasons for missing time in school or being late.

Our office will track both valid and unexcused absences, tardiness, and extended periods of missing school. Families will receive letters of notification as per district policy at certain numerical plateaus for absences and chronic tardiness.

If you have a valid reason for your child missing school, please contact our office or our nurse. A call for missing school is required the day of the absence. Also, please follow-up with a note explaining why your child has missed school. Any absence for more than 3 days requires a note from a doctor.

We look forward to all our Gloucester Township Elementary School students exhibiting excellent punctuality and being on the bus and on time to school for the balance of the year!

Student Awards and Achievement
Corner!

The following Gloucester Township Elementary School Yellow Jackets are congratulated and commended on recent awards and recognition:

***Austen Puglise (PM Kindergarten)**

Appearing on TV at the Please Touch Museum Channel 12 NJN on April 23rd, 10am

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***Brandon Murphy (Grade 2)**

Volunteered for the GT Caboose Clean-up for an Earth Day GT Environmental Committee project

***Sarah Robbins (Grade 5)**

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***Emily McIntyre (Grade 4)**

Won the VFW Americanism Coloring Contest Award presented on April 23rd

***Maria Prendergast (Grade 5)**

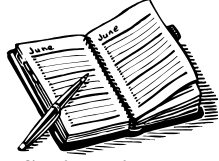
Won the VFW Americanism Essay Contest Award presented on April 23rd

***Nina Viggiano-Sugick (Grade 3)**

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Important Calendar Dates



Spring Pictures
All Grades – April 22

NJASK State Testing
Grade 5 – May 3 to 6

NJASK State Testing
Grade 4 – May 10 to 14

NJASK State Testing
Grade 3 – May 10 to 13

5th Grade Trip
Philadelphia “Ride The Ducks”
May 21

**New Parent & Kind. Student
Kindergarten Orientation**
May 26 at 10am, Auditorium
(Both AM & PM sessions)

5th Grade Family Dinner
May 26 at 6:30pm
St. Agnes Parrish Hall

Fitness Day
May 28 9:30am to 11:00am
Volunteers needed!

5th Grade Safety Patrol Trip
June 4
Clementon Lake Park

Gloucester Twp. Day
Saturday - June 5
3rd & 4th Gr. Choral Review
GT Veterans Park

Field Day
June 16
1:30pm to 3:00pm

5th Grade Promotion Program
June 21 at 11:00am -Auditorium

Last Day of School
Monday – June 21
½ day – 1:15pm dismissal



EPC Sponsors Giant Planetarium Show for all students in May!

All students at GTES will have the experience of their lives on May 27th. Our hard working EPC will use there fund raising money to sponsor an elaborate Science show for all the students in the school.

The entire auditorium will be transformed into a huge planetarium as students will witness the nationally acclaimed *Sky Dome Planetarium Show*. Lights, special effects, and visual tricks will be used to provide the illusion of being in space and exploring the stars and planets.

The assembly will be similar to a visit to the Franklin Institute Fels Planetarium.

Thank you EPC!!