



Glen Arden Elementary NEWS



Week of Oct. 30th - Nov. 3rd

Good evening Glen Arden families,

Don't forget that Storybook Character Dress Up Day is taking place on Tuesday, October 31st. All students and staff are encouraged to dress up as a storybook character. Please be reminded that all outfits must be school appropriate. No scary Halloween costumes, no full face masks, and no pretend weapons of any kind may be worn as part of a storybook character outfit.

This Tuesday, October 31st is also an Early Dismissal Day with school dismissing 2 hours early at 12:30 pm. All bus riders will arrive home 2 hours earlier than their normal drop off time. Our car rider line will begin at 12:30 pm and all car riders should be picked up no later than 1:00 pm on Tuesday.

This week, students will continue bringing their student devices home in preparation for inclement weather days this winter. Students will have the opportunity to practice assignments on the device. When your child brings home a device, please ensure it is well cared for and used only for school assignments. Damage fees can be found on page 5 of the [BCS Student Device Guide](#). Refer to the [Quick-Start Guide for iPads](#) (Gr. K-2) or [Quick-Start Guide for Laptops](#) (Gr. 3-4).

As we prepare for inclement weather in the coming months, We want to remind you of the various ways you can receive weather and emergency notifications. The fastest way to receive notifications is through the Buncombe County Schools app for your smartphone or tablet. Simply download the app and turn on push notifications. Visit buncombeschools.org/app to download the app for iOS or Android. Please follow Buncombe County Schools on social media. (@BuncombeSchools). Our local TV stations post the most up-to-date closings and delays on-air and online. Please ensure your phone number and email address are correct in the Parent Portal. Finally, if you don't have internet access, you can call the BCS weather hotlines for updates: 828-255-5939 (English) or 828-255-5948 (Spanish).

Breakfast and lunch are free to all students this school year. Menus are available online by visiting the BCS website and clicking on school nutrition.

BCS Families, we thank you for being our valued partners in working together to educate your children. Buncombe County Schools has a strong commitment to educating the whole child. This means understanding



how each child's life skills contribute to their success in school and beyond. These skills include such things as problem-solving, emotional management, and relationships with others.

Between November 16th - December 1st, Buncombe County Schools will implement the Panorama Survey. Students in grades 3rd - 12th will complete the survey. The information will be used to plan instruction and identify environmental supports that best meet the needs of students. In addition, results will give schools an overview of what skills need more direct instruction, intervention, or support. To provide consent, learn more, and view the surveys please visit our [BCS Panorama site](#) located on our school website. If you would like a paper copy or more information please contact our school counselor, Courtney Fesiuk, at jennifer.fesiuk@bcsemail.org or email administration. Again, a student will only complete the survey with parent consent.

As always, please feel free to contact our front office with any questions by calling 654-1800.

Have a great week ahead and remember that Tuesday is an Early Dismissal Day at 12:30 pm!

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