



# Brownville Glen Park Elementary Newsletter Spring 2024

## Dear Brownville-Glen Park Elementary Families,

As the flowers begin to bloom and the days grow longer, I am delighted to welcome you all to the vibrant spirit of spring at Brownville - Glen Park! It brings me immense joy to reach out to you all with our latest newsletter, brimming with updates and exciting news from our school community.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our incredible students, dedicated staff, and supportive families for their unwavering commitment to learning and community. Together, we continue to create a nurturing environment where every child can thrive and flourish.

Spring is a time of celebration and learning, and our school is buzzing with anticipation for the array of enriching activities and events planned ahead. From the science fair to field trips, from the art show to concerts, there's something for everyone to look forward to. I encourage you to stay tuned to our newsletters and announcements for more details on these upcoming events.

As we embrace the beauty of the season, let's also take a moment to reflect on the progress and achievements of our students. Whether it's mastering a new concept in math, writing a heartfelt poem, or demonstrating kindness towards others, each milestone is a testament to their growth and potential. Let's continue to support and encourage them in their educational journey.

I also want to remind our families about the importance of staying connected and involved in your child's education. Your partnership is invaluable, and together, we can create a positive and empowering learning environment for our students.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you'd like to share. Your feedback is invaluable as we strive to provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

*Warm regards,*

*Ms. Amy Scott  
Principal*



## Third grade is a busy, busy place!

In math, students are working on learning the Distributive Property of Multiplication. Next, they will begin Chapter 11 which is all about measurement. This includes capacity, mass, telling time, and elapsed time. Please have your child continue to practice basic multiplication and division facts. Take the time to practice them at home each night for 5-10 minutes – it is important to be fluent!



In ELA, we are finishing up the unit Comparing Points of View and we will be starting the next unit called Advancements in Technology. In addition to reading comprehension and writing skills, we will learn about conjunctions, shades of meaning, and simple/compound sentences. Reading independently for 10-15 minutes each night at home will help fluency and comprehension skills.



Social Studies topics have included the United States (economy, wants/needs, culture, flag, seal, and The Statue of Liberty) and Science topics have included Forces and Motion (push/pull, balanced/unbalanced, magnets, and gravity).



Winter Break is now behind us and we are looking ahead to spring and warmer temperatures (hopefully!). Be sure your child is dressed appropriately and ready to go outside – sneakers are a MUST!

Thank you for all of your support during this school year! We appreciate all of the items you donated for our “Cre-8” Days! A big “Thank You” to those who came in to be a guest reader during “Read Across America” week!



*Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Cantwell, Mrs. Delano, Mrs. Ketcham, Mr. Orcesi,  
Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Worden*



# Fourth grade continues to have a busy year.

In Social Studies, we are studying colonial New York and the American Revolution. Students are finding it interesting to discover what the New York colony was like hundreds of years ago. All students were treated to a presentation about Colonial Life from the Jefferson County Historical Society.

In ELA, we are preparing for the New York State ELA test that students will be taking at the beginning of April. We have been working hard on reading fluency and comprehension, and writing essays.

In Math, we have been learning all about fractions. We have also been reviewing 2-digit multiplication and long division. Please encourage your child to practice their math facts at home as this is a very important step in achieving success in 4th grade math.

We are looking forward to some fun learning activities in early April. Students will have a half-day on April 8th in order to experience the solar eclipse. Eclipse glasses will be provided by General Brown. We will be learning about the solar eclipse in class. Also, the 4th graders will be going on a P.E. bowling field trip in early April. More information will be coming soon about the field trip.

Thank you for your food donations to the BGP backpack program. Congratulations to ***Mrs. Moore's class*** for donating the greatest number of items to the worthy cause.

## A couple of reminders:

- Sneakers are required for Physical Education class.
- ParentSquare allows you to fill out absent excuses.



*Mrs. Ahlheim, Mrs. Comins,  
Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Moore,  
Mrs. Nichols,  
and Mrs. Paige*

## *Fifth Grade*

The following students were recognized for having exceptional Character Traits!

### *January Self-control:*

Maya Kittle—Mrs. Vodicka  
Darren Arienza—Mr. Velasquez  
Viola Ard—Mr. Ingrassias  
Pazleigh Crosbie—Mrs. Wratten  
Megan Raso—Mrs. Farrell

### *February Perseverance:*

Bryden Dana —Mrs. Vodicka  
Eleanor Sherman— Mr. Velasquez  
Jacob Potasnii— Mr. Ingrassias  
Nathan Lam—Mrs. Wratten  
Aubreylee Young—Mrs. Farrell

## **Giving Back**

Fifth graders did a phenomenal job of supporting our backpack program. Thank you parents for your generosity!





## **Reading**

Students learned about Author's Point of View. They wrote a narrative piece based on the story "I Speak Spanish Too," and talked about how different characters have different perspectives.

Next, Students will read about how Technology Impacts Society. They will write an opinion piece about a technology related topic.

The New York State ELA test is coming up April 9th and 10th.

## **Math**

Students are learning to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions! They will learn about volume and measurement next. They continue to work on multiplication fluency! Keep practicing those math facts.

## **Social Studies**

Students will wrap up learning about the Inuit people and how they adapt to their environment. Next, they will learn about European Exploration.

## **Science**

Students will be finishing the four required science investigations. Next up is Light it Up! Students will learn about electricity by creating a circuit.

Students will also begin a lesson on Space this spring to prepare for the eclipse on April 8th.

## **STARBASE**

Fifth graders will travel to Fort Drum to participate in STARBASE this spring. Students will complete a variety of hands-on activities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The program is designed to encourage critical thinking, problem solving and encourage interest in a variety of STEM careers.

*Ms. Eveleigh, Mrs. Farrell, Mr. Ingrassia, Mr. Velasquez,  
Mrs. Vodicka, and Mrs. Wratten*

# Sixth Grade

**Social studies** has been moving along with the area of the Fertile Crescent, or Mesopotamia. Students have read about how the first people started living in groups and evolved into civilizations in deserts! We have learned about our first big belief system of Judaism and how it came to be one of the big five religions in our current world. Students have been applying reading and writing skills to class readings and also to lesson questions and quizzes. We have moved into the study of Egypt- always a favorite with mummies, gods/goddesses, and the mysterious pyramids. We have some great activities planned for this quick unit. Next, we will do some quick studies on China and India. These cultures are so unique and have great stories of individuals and deities that go along with them. These will be quick and then it is on to the favorite- Greece. Your students will have many stories about this land of myth and legend!

In **Science**, The students did an amazing job with their elements' presentations. This was our first project moving from our Energy Unit into our Matter Unit. We will next discover the organelles of both plant and animal cells. We will finally be using microscopes to get an up close view of different living and non living cells. Soon we will be able to see cells develop once we start incubating chicken and duck eggs in the classroom. What an exciting time for Science! Don't forget, our Science Fair is May 2nd from 6-8 but more information will soon follow.



# Sixth Grade

In **ELA Reading and Writing** class, we are progressing into Unit 4 on character's perspectives and viewpoints. The students are reading about historical events and how the characters responded to these situations. In writing, the students are still practicing plot mountain events, theme, and character traits. They will be writing a narrative journal entry as if they were a character experiencing the event themselves. With the state test approaching, please practice turning the question around, asking questions about tv shows/texts, reading together, as well as any practice reading that can be done.

**Math:** We are now in the 3rd Quarter of the year, and our students have been working hard to tackle new math content. Recently, they have developed a good understanding of the following topics:

- Converting Decimals, Fractions, and Percents
- Exponents
- Order of Operations
- Working with Expressions
- Solving Equations

In Math class, we have been incorporating engaging games to practice these math skills. Most classwork can typically be completed during math class, allowing students to seek assistance if needed. If classwork is unfinished, it becomes homework and should be completed at home that evening, ready to turn in the following day. Please check with your child each night to see if they have math homework, especially as we progress through the faster pace of the 3rd and 4th quarters.

You can find any assignments your child may have in their math Google Classroom. Also, mark your calendars - the NYS Math state test is scheduled to be administered from May 7th to May 8th. Students have Math Lab every day, where students can continuously practice and review all the math topics covered. If your child requires additional help, encourage them to utilize this time to seek assistance.

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration in your child's education.

Together, we can help them succeed!

*Ms. Aumell, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Connell, Mrs. Dupee,*

*Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Widrick*



WOW

## ARTWORK

Wonderful Original Work is....

- Artwork that is worked on for more than 2 sessions.
- Artwork that is your best work, you feel proud.
- Artwork that is neat, complete & finished.
- Artwork that shows your growth as an artist.
- Artwork that has an artist statement.

Students are embracing their creativity in the ART room!



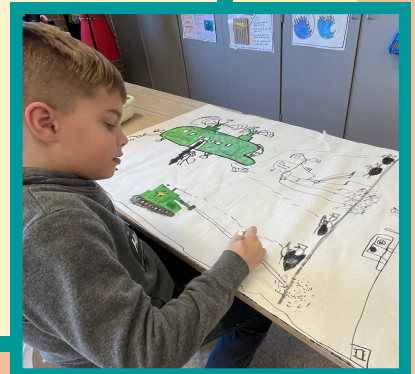
Encouraging them to develop their own "WOW" work for the art show on May 2nd is a wonderful way to celebrate their individuality and artistic expression. Starting a conversation with your child about their "WOW" idea can be a great opportunity to foster their passion for art. You might ask them about the inspiration behind their chosen theme or subject, the techniques they plan to use, or the emotions they hope to convey through their artwork. Here are a few conversation starters you could use:

- "I heard about the 'WOW' work you're creating for the art show! Can you tell me more about your idea and what inspired you?"
- "I'm curious to know what kind of techniques you're planning to use in your artwork. Is there a specific style or medium you're excited about?"
- "The art show on May 2nd sounds like a great opportunity to showcase your creativity. How do you feel about participating, and what goals do you have for your 'WOW' work?"
- "I'd love to understand the story or message behind your art. What do you hope people will see or feel when they look at your piece?"
- "Do you need any support or materials to bring your vision to life? I'm here to help and encourage you in your artistic journey."

By engaging in these conversations, you not only show interest in your child's artistic endeavors but also provide them with a supportive space to explore and express their creativity. It's a fantastic way to strengthen the parent-child bond while fostering a love for art and self-expression.

I am excited to see you all at the art show in May. Until then- keep creating!

-Mrs. Majo







## Library

**We continue to have a great time during Library class. Our 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders have all been learning how to do some coding using block code. We have had some laughs coding a dance party using Artificial Intelligence.**

*Mrs. Doldo*

Third graders did an amazing job at their concert! I'm very proud of you; you all sang so beautifully!



## Music

### Coming up

On April 18th, we have the 2024 Talent Show. Students in grades 4 through 6 can participate. If your student is interested in performing in the show, please remind them to pick up a talent show form from me (Ms. Davis) ASAP!

On May 22nd, our band and chorus spring concert will be at the high school, starting at 6PM. Mark your calendars!

Ms. Davis

# *Physical Education*

*Mr. Elkin and Mrs. Worden*

## **What's Been Going On**

Thank you to all the students at BGP who participated in this years *Kids' Heart Challenge* sponsored by the American Heart Association. As a building, we were able to raise \$1,716.81 to help out those with troubled hearts across the country.

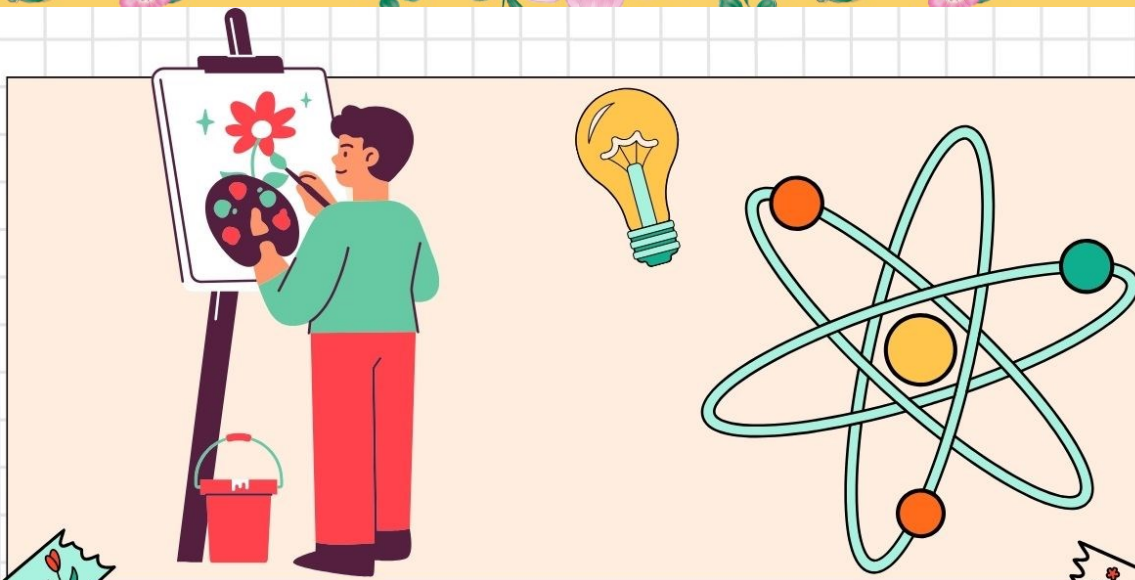
In classes, we just finished up our Volleyball unit, where we ended with doing a March madness style tournament in class to have our students showcase their skills in a mini-game like setting!

## **What to Expect in the Upcoming Weeks**

In the upcoming weeks, your child can expect to be exposed our new unit: Bowling. At the end of the unit, Our 4th graders will be making a trip to Pla-Mor Lanes in Watertown in order to experience the game in its natural setting.

*Mr. Elkin*

*Mrs. Worden*

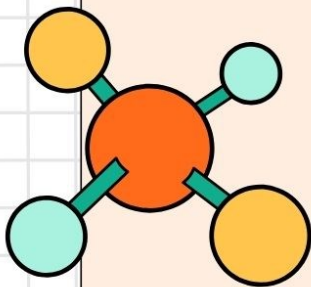
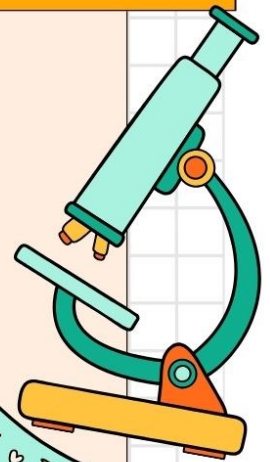
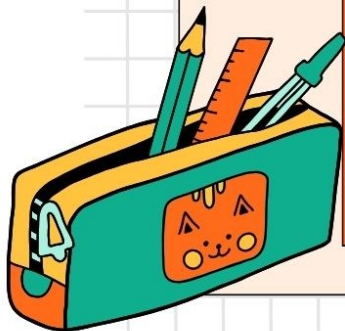


BROWNVILLE - GLEN PARK  
SCIENCE FAIR & ART SHOW

THURSDAY MAY 2ND  
6 PM - 8 PM  
BGP GYMNASIUM

**Join us for a fun night celebrating  
the arts and sciences!**

Enjoy artwork and science experiments  
from Grades 3 - 6 as well as community  
member presentations!





# READ

## Time is ticking...

Hurry up and get that reading done outside of school.

Every student that reads six or more hours at home and brings back their reading log filled out by a parent/guardian will qualify for

**ONE FREE .....**

*Water Safari Ticket!!!!*

So get reading those books and turn your log into your teacher by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

