



New Glarus Elementary School



News and Views

January/February 2021

Happy New Year!
Welcome 2021!



Welcome, Mrs. Maloney!

Mrs. Maloney joined the elementary office staff in November as a building secretary and the transportation secretary. We are happy to have her join our team at NGES!

Hello New Glarus Family!

My name is Cassandra Maloney. I also go by Cassie or Mrs. Maloney. I have lived in New Glarus for almost five years with my wonderful husband, Greg Long. We have a little dog named Dietrich and a son named Gordon, who is almost two.



In my spare time I enjoy being outside, reading books, and participating in all of the wonderful activities New Glarus offers. You will find me in my dirndl, most likely dancing the polka, downtown during Oktoberfest or enjoying fondue with friends who come to visit. Thank you everyone for the warm welcome to the New Glarus School District. I am super excited to be a part of the wonderful team at New Glarus Elementary and am looking forward to getting to know all of you.

Staying Safe at NGES

Our Knight expectations for staying healthy and safe at school this year are the three W's:



1. Wear your mask
2. Wait in your space (social distancing)
3. Wash your hands (and/or use hand sanitizer)

Social
Distancing
Stickers on
the Floors



Our teachers have done an incredible job teaching these expectations, and our students have been amazing at being able to follow the group plan! It has kept us healthy and safe so far. The mask wearing and hand cleaning are the easiest to follow, but social distancing is difficult for little people. Also, some of our cohort numbers make it difficult, to nearly impossible, to maintain a six foot distance all day long. Classrooms have removed as much furniture as necessary to create as much as space as possible, but again, it is not always feasible to spread out six feet apart at all times. Teachers and students do their best to stay in their space. We have stickers on the floors for walking in the hallways, waiting in lines, and desk placement in the classroom. While this is the most challenging expectation for young children, we do our best to keep our space as much as we can. Thank you to families for helping your children at home learn and understand the expectations of the 3 W's. We will continue our group plan with the 3W's into the new year to stay as healthy and safe as we can!

What is an ELO?



ELO stands for Essential Learning Outcome. ELOs are the benchmark skills you see on your child's report card.

How are ELOs determined or where did they come from?

In both ELA (English Language Arts) and math, we have reviewed the core standards at each grade level. The number of standards is quite extensive. Teacher teams have worked to determine the most important or non-negotiable learning standards at each grade level. While there are many skills to teach and learn, the ELOs are the most essential skills students must have in order to be successful.

How are ELOs used?

What is essential for students to know drives both the daily universal instruction for all students and provides clear direction for additional support during intervention time. We want all students to be proficient with the ELOs for their grade level. There are many more skills that are taught and practiced at each grade level, but ELOs are the most important building blocks for a solid foundation of learning.

On the next page are the Kindergarten and First Grade ELOs for ELA and math. Second-Fifth Grade ELOs will be shared in future newsletters.

Kindergarten Essential Learning Outcomes

English Language Arts (ELA)

- I can say letter sounds.
- I can blend sounds into recognizable words.
- I can decode simple words.
- I can read tricky words.
- I can print lowercase letters.
- I can name lowercase letters.
- I can print uppercase letters.
- I can name uppercase letters.
- I can say rhyming words.



Math

- I can count to tell the numbers of objects (0-20).
- I can identify if a group of objects is greater than, less than, or equal to another group.
- I can add (within 10) using a variety of strategies.
- I can subtract (within 10) using a variety of strategies.
- I can show that numbers 11-19 are made from one group of ten and additional ones.
- I can compare objects by measurable attributes.
- I can identify shapes (squares, circles, triangles, rectangles, hexagons, cubes, cones, cylinders, and spheres).

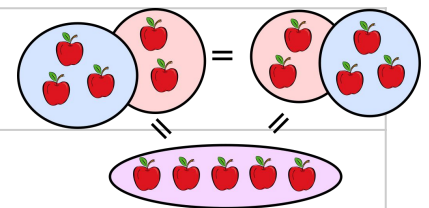
First Grade Essential Learning Outcomes

English Language Arts (ELA)

- I can apply what I've learned to decode words.
- I can read and understand a passage independently.
- I can understand and answer questions about a text or story.
- I can describe characters, setting and major events in a story using important details.
- I can write about what I've learned in a variety of ways.
- I can follow the rules of punctuation, capitalization and spelling when I write.

Math

- I can add within 20.
- I can subtract within 20.
- I can find the missing number in a number sentence.
- I can understand place value.
- I can use place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract.
- I can order and compare lengths of objects.



Valentines Day



Like all holidays and celebrations this year, Valentines Day will look a little different. We are getting good at being flexible and creative! We don't know exactly what we will be doing this year, but are working on fun ideas to enjoy the holiday in our cohorts. More to come...

Summer School 2021



Summer School 2021 is in the planning stages!

We don't know exactly what it will look like just yet, but hope to have more details by Spring Break.

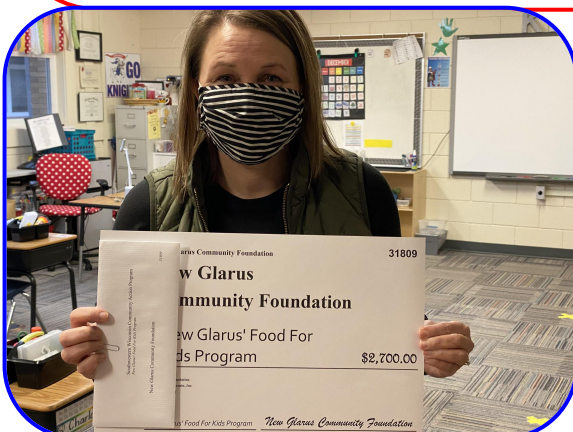
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Excellence In Education Grants

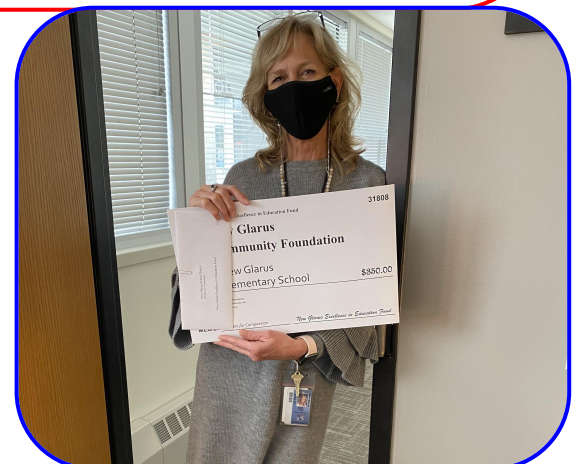
This fall the elementary school was the grateful recipient of EIE Grants. The projects funded were the Blankets for Compassion project with Mrs. Tidd and 4th/5th grade students as well as the food backpack program organized by Caring for Kids with the support of the Green Cares Food Pantry. We are thankful for the funds and excited for the results of the projects!

The Excellence in Education fund is an endowment that provides money to strengthen our school community by supporting projects within the New Glarus School District that may not otherwise be funded through tax dollars. The EIE fund has provided over \$45,000 in funding for numerous projects and activities since its founding in 2005. You can learn more about the fund by visiting:

www.cfsw.org/eie/new-glarus/.



Mr. Wieser (left) accepting the check for the food backpack program and Mrs. Tidd (right) accepting the check for the Blanket project.



Knights of the Month

For the Knights of the Month award, students in each homeroom choose a peer they feel is a great example of a Knight: a student who is respectful, responsible, and safe as well as someone who is kind, a good friend, helps others, and makes good choices.

Here are the Knights of the Months for November and December.

Congratulations Knights!!



November

Abigail White - KD
Addalyn Eichelkraut - KH
Dominic Perez - KR
Avril Klassy - KW
Olivia Boersma - 1B
Maya Goodness - 1H
Elle Van Dyke - 1R
Kaia Wirth - 2A
Avery Stamm - 2B
Elyse Marunde - 2M
Luisa Badiola - 2N
Graycee Andreas - 3A
Baylee Hessling - 3P
Ethan Beal - 3S
Lana Martin - 4L
Arlo Belknap - 4S
Mabel Jordan - 4V
Eva Gruenenfelder - 5B
Sophie Smith - 5E
Abby Cavanah - 5M
Jonah Lutz - 5N



December

Frances Wersal - KD
John Wittwer - KH
Sophie Faber - KR
Ari Severson - KW
Lauren Martinez - 1B
Ellie Anderson - 1H
Ryder Gilbertson - 1R
Eli Lutz - 2A
Dane Schmitz - 2B
Anna Blewett - 2M
Calvin Johnson - 2N
Allison Schmitt - 3A
Shaun Estoya - 3P
Sadie Mitchell - 3S
Isabel Talley - 4L
Wyatt Coon - 4S
Lucy Paradis - 4V
Gigi Rodefild - 5B
Isabel Martinez - 5E
Corbin Schneeberg - 5M
Keaton Karlen - 5N

Important Dates



January 4 - School Resumes

January 5 - PTO Mtg. @ 6:30

January 11 - School Board Mtg. @ 7:15

January 11-22 - iReady Assessments

January 18 - No School for Students, Teacher Inservice
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 20 - Picture Retake Day

January 25 - School Board Mtg. @ 7:15

February 2 - PTO Mtg. @ 6:30

February 8 - School Board Mtg. @ 7:15

February 15 - No School, Presidents' Day

February 22 - School Board Mtg. @ 7:15

