

PAWS NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 2016

GLENWOOD ELEMENTARY, OAK RIDGE, TN
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In October, Remember:

- Oct 3 - 14 – Fall break
- Oct 3 - 6 – Intersession
- Oct 18 – Fire Prevention, 9:00
- Oct 20 – PTO Meeting 6:00
- Oct 21 – Foodie Friday, cafeteria
- Oct 21 – All 1st grade classes field trip to the Pumpkin Patch, 8:30 – 2:45
- Oct 21 – Last day to turn in Yearbook theme ballots
- Oct 27 – 3rd grade musical, 6:30 pm
- Oct 27 – Board of Education Mtg, 6 pm SAB
- Oct 28 – 3rd grade musical assembly, 9:00 am
- Oct 28 – Foodie Friday, cafeteria
- Oct 28 – Box Tops drawing deadline

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities at Glenwood:

- **Help Teachers:** For those interested in helping do some copying, gluing, laminating, etc. for the teachers, we will meet in the teacher's workroom (2nd floor) every Monday beginning at 8:15. Don't forget to check in at the office first!
- **Take pictures:** Please take pictures at any school event and submit them for the yearbook to:
ptoglenwood@yahoo.com

Fun Ways to Enjoy Fall Break!

Excerpted and adapted from the article, "25 Awesome Staycation Ideas," by Ruth Soukup at <http://www.livingwellspendingless.com>

This fall break, why not enjoy some intentional time of fun and relaxation with your whole family? Why not plan a vacation in your own backyard? All it takes is a little planning and you can enjoy some of these easy and inexpensive ways to relax and reconnect. But first, an important ground rule for enjoying family time: **Turn off your smart phone and forget about work or chores during a family activity!**

Take a Virtual Museum Tour-Several amazing museums throughout the country and the world offer "virtual" (online) tours. You can choose from the Smithsonian Natural History Museum, the Indianapolis Children's Museum, the Boston Children's Museum, the Miami Children's Museum, or even visit the Louvre in Paris or even the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican in Rome. Pretty cool!

Host a Family Board Game Tournament-Invest in a few new board games or pull out your old favorites, then set up snacks and drinks for a marathon board game tournament! (see next page for game ideas)

Camp in Your Own Backyard-Why not enjoy the great outdoors in your own backyard? Set up a tent and sleeping bags, build a fire (or use the grill) to cook s'mores, and take turns telling ghost stories.

Create Your Own Art-Spend an afternoon getting creative at a nearby paint-your-own pottery facility. Not only is it fun, you'll have your own gorgeous dish or cup to take home when you're done. OR, get some big sheets of paper, markers, paints, and crayons to do family art projects right on the kitchen floor!

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Game Ideas for Family Game Night

- Spit or Garbage (card games)
- Dogopoly (a kid-friendly and fun twist on Monopoly)
- Sorry!
- Apples to Apples
- Clue
- Chess (and if you don't know how to play, try: **No Stress Chess**, a fun way to learn)
- Quirkle

2016-17 PTO Officers

President: Sandy Pelletier

Vice President: Jennifer Menefee

Treasurer: Jenna Miller-Rejman

Secretary: Molly Morrill

Keep in touch!

- **Email:** ptoglenwood@yahoo.com
- **Facebook:** Join us on Facebook/GlenwoodPTO!
- **Text:** Sign Up for the PTO's new text service so you can stay up to date on events, deadlines and volunteer opportunities. Text @spellet to 81010 to join.

Next Meeting: Oct 20, 6 pm in the library, childcare provided

Join us!!

("Fun Ways to Enjoy Fall Break," continued!)

Host Your Own Film Festival-Pick a theme, allow each family member to pick a movie, then get comfortable for an afternoon of movies. Be sure to provide plenty of snacks, and take breaks to discuss and rate each film.

Tackle a family project-Have the kids been begging for a tree house or wanting to paint their rooms? Consider spending some time together working on something to improve your home. You'll not only bond while painting and building together, but at the end of the week have something concrete to show for your time!

Play Outside-Go fly a kite, take a walk, go for a bike ride, or take a hike—most state and national parks have at least a few walking, hiking, or biking trails to choose from. Do a little research to find one that fits your family's athletic ability, then head out to enjoy the great outdoors. Don't forget to pack snacks and water for your trek!

Take advantage of local resources: check out local museums (Oak Ridge's Children's Museum & the Museum of Science and Energy), the Knoxville Zoo, The Knoxville Museum of Art, The McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture, UT sporting events, AND MANY MORE!!

HAVE A WONDERFUL FALL BREAK!!

Box-Tops Drawing

October 28 is the deadline to submit your completed Box Tops for Education collection sheets. The prize for this month is a Family Movie Night aift back!