

BULLDOG BULLETIN

An Update from Glassboro Public Schools
August, 2009

The Bulldog Bulletin will be published once each month during the summer to keep the Glassboro community up to date on district activities. If you have any news for the August edition, please email the details to PR Coordinator [Heather Simmons](#). Have a great summer!



New Superintendent Undertakes “90 in 90” Initiative

Dr. Mark Silverstein arrived in the district on July 6 and is eager to start his tenure as Superintendent of Schools by meeting with various community members, parents, staff, and students. “My goal is to interview 90 stakeholders in my first 90 days in the district,” said Dr. Silverstein. “I hope to learn what issues are important to our parents, teachers, staff and the community, to build on some of the programs that are working and identify ways to address some of our challenges.”

If you are interested in meeting with Dr. Silverstein to share your thoughts, please contact Rose Schopfer at 652-2700 ext. 76110.

Thank You Dr. Fitts

Interim Superintendent Dr. Leonard Fitts attended his final Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, July 29, one day prior to ending his tenure with Glassboro Schools. He thanked the Board and the community for their assistance during his nearly two years in Glassboro.

“I had a grand opportunity to serve the children and staff of Glassboro Schools. I am grateful to my secretary Rose, to the administration, to our remarkable Board and to a magnificent staff in the Glassboro School District. You are doing a phenomenal job and I will take the vast experience I have gained here to my next position,” Dr. Fitts said to the Board.

“Our district has benefitted from Dr. Fitts’ intelligence, experience and calm demeanor during his two years in Glassboro. We will miss him and the gentle yet firm guidance he provided,” said BOE vice President Susette Jones, who stood in for BOE President Pete Calvo at the July meeting.

“I would like to extend my gratitude to Dr. Fitts, who dedication over the last two years allowed the district to continue functioning effectively. I now look forward to providing the leadership needed for the long term,” added new Superintendent Dr. Mark Silverstein.

Your Concerns Are Important to Glassboro Schools

Glassboro Schools is committed to keeping lines of communication open with parents, staff and community members to enhance the quality of our children’s education. Your interests and concerns are important to us. If you have issues related to the schools that have not been addressed, please send us an email at concerns@glassboroschools.us. The information will be shared with the appropriate department and you will be contacted with an update on your comments.

Activity Calendars Set for Delivery in Late August

The 2009-10 Glassboro Public Schools Activity Calendars will be available for parents, staff and the community the last week of August. The annual publication includes all activities for each of the district's five schools, in addition to athletic schedules for Glassboro High School, school bus transportation information and more. All activity information is already posted on the district's online calendar at www.glassboroschools.us.

Staff and teachers will receive calendars in their respective buildings. Students at Rodgers, Bullock and Bowe will be given calendars to take home the first week of school, with additional calendars available in the main offices. Families of Glassboro Intermediate School students may obtain calendars in the main office or at Back to School Night. Glassboro High School students will pick up calendars along with their schedules during August, and additional copies will be made available at Back to School Night and in the main office.

Glassboro Receives 1,100 New Computers, Laptops

The Glassboro Public Schools ongoing lease agreement with Dell Computers includes an upgrade for all desktop and laptop units in the district, underway this summer.

According to Technology Director George Weeks, the district has taken delivery of more than 2,000 boxes of hardware from Dell Computers this month, including a total of 1,110 desktop and laptop units. The delivery is part of a continuing lease agreement initiated in 2005, which this year includes upgrades of all district hardware.

"The lease agreement allows us to stabilize our technology budget, making each year's expenditures predictable while at the same time allowing our students and staff to continually have the most up-to-date equipment," said Weeks.

The Glassboro Board of Education approved the continuing computer lease agreement with Dell during the July board meeting. The total cost is \$226,000 per year, a figure that has remained constant since the lease inception in 2005.

GHS & Intermediate staff laptops will be ready for pickup on Thursday, August 13 at the Beach Administration Building. Laptops for Bowe, Bullock and Rodgers staff will follow. A list of completed computers will be posted on the staff portal. [more...](#)

One Book Glassboro Creates Literary Community

Esousing the motto "Read, share and pass it on," Glassboro High School invites school district staff and the entire community to participate in "One Book Glassboro." The unique summer reading program is geared toward promoting a shared literary and cultural experience through *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls.

Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to purchase the book this summer (\$10.20 at Amazon.com) and share it with friends and family. According to Glassboro High School English Department Chair Lynn Hartman, who is spearheading the program, a limited number of copies is also available for free in the school's main office. [more...](#)

Glassboro Cub Scouts Hold Back to School Fundraiser

Glassboro Cub Scouts PACK 289's hosts its Back to School Fundraiser Car Wash at the Glassboro Bowling and Recreation Center (503 N. Delsea Dr.) this **Saturday, August 15** from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Win a Backpack Full of Back-to-School Items and More!

The Glassboro Child Development Centers are doing one last fundraiser for the summer, the \$250 value Back to School Raffle. For a \$5 ticket, you will enter to win a backpack full of back to school items, a family four-pack of Riversharks tickets, as well as gift cards to local stores such as Best Buy, Wal-Mart, Staples and Target, etc., to purchase clothing and school items! Tickets are available through September 3 at the GCDC offices at 31 S Main Street in Glassboro or by emailing director Joan Dillon at JoanDillon@jcdillongcdc@yahoo.com. The drawing will be **Friday, September 4** at 12:00 noon.

Seeds to Success Farmstand Gives GHS Students Valuable Work Experience

About a dozen Glassboro High School students have joined forces with the Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension to set up a Seeds to Success farmstand in downtown Glassboro once again this

summer. Glassboro's stand is located on High Street next to the Fire House and is open **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. through late August.

Glassboro's Seeds to Success farmstand is open to the general public and accepts the County's WIC and Senior Nutrition Vouchers as well as SNAP (Food Stamps). [more...](#)

Glassboro Education Foundation Supports Innovative Education Initiatives

The Glassboro Education foundation provides up to five grants each year to support innovative educational projects in Glassboro's schools. Teachers are invited to submit applications to receive up to \$2,000 for their initiative. The [grant application](#) and additional information can be found on the district web site.

The Glassboro Education Foundation is seeking new members to join the organization. The Foundation raises money to provide grants for seed projects which benefit Glassboro students. For additional information, please call Tony Jones at 856-625-5919.

GloCo Bar Association's Magic Show 2 to Benefit Glassboro Education Association

Eight magicians from the hottest Las Vegas venues will be at Broadway Theatre in Pitman for a one-performance only charity fundraiser on **Saturday, October 17** at 12:30 p.m. "Magic Show 2" is sponsored by the Gloucester County Legal Education Association, and \$5 from each ticket sold in Glassboro Schools will go directly to the Glassboro Education Association.

Don't miss astounding illusions to be presented by mentalist Jim Capobianco, cabaret magician Shari and illusionists the Nelsons. Also on the program will be comedy magician and world-record-holding balloonist John Cassidy and manipulation artist Peter Pitchford. Also see strolling magic by Professor Rem, stand up magic with Mike Miller and walk around magic with Jeff Meitzler.

Adult tickets are \$20 and children under 12 will be admitted for \$15 each. Contact Heather Simmons at hsimmons@glassboroschools.us or 652-2700, ext. 76102 for tickets.

Boys and Girls Club Looking for Volunteers for Evening of Monopoly Event

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Gloucester County is looking for volunteers to help plan the upcoming "Evening of Monopoly" on **Friday, November 6** at Nicolosi's in Woodbury.

"I am looking for folks who have expressed an interest in helping the Boys & Girls Clubs to be part of the committee to make this event a success. The Evening of Monopoly promises to be a very unique, very competitive and fun event for everyone," said Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Beth O'Connor.

The premise of the evening is to play one hour of the popular board game in groups of six and gather the most "cash" and properties. Lots of prizes will be awarded.

The evening will begin with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Guest can bid on auction baskets and try their hands at answering trivia questions posed by Mr. and Mrs. Monopoly to pad their Monopoly bank rolls.

Anyone interested in helping to pull this event together should contact Beth O'Connor at 856-881-6084 or boconnor@gcbgc.org.