



# GLEN ACRES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL ... A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Glen Acres Elementary School is nestled in the center of the community it serves. We are proud of the individual support, encouragement, and caring given to every student. Our nurturing philosophy encourages all students to work toward their personal best and to build the academic and social foundation needed to become life-long learners.

The library/media center forms the hub of the building. Technology abounds in every learning area. The school's music, art and physical education wing promotes and builds on students' interest in these areas. The Glen Acres physical education program is enhanced by a rock climbing/traversing wall located in the gymnasium. A beautiful on-campus arboretum provides opportunities for hands-on outdoor activities that enhance the curriculum.

Students are encouraged to participate in activities such as Math 24, Reading Olympics, the Chester County Science Fair, and the Chester County Envirothon. The award-winning *LifeSkills Training* (LST) Program is incorporated into the curriculum for grades 3 through 5. LST promotes healthy alternatives to risky behavior and provides students with training in drug resistance, personal self-management, and general social skills.

At Glen Acres, active learning is always taking place. We believe that every child is capable of great achievements every day. Student work spills out of the classrooms into the hallways. Our parents play an important role by providing valuable resources and support inside and outside of the classroom that enhance the school life of each and every child.

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**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** house students in kindergarten through grade 5. Located in West Goshen Township, Glen Acres serves approximately 515 children with 67 professional staff members.

All ten district elementary schools have received the Pennsylvania Governor's Award of Excellence in Academics, and the Keystone Achievement Award from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for their commitment to academic success.

**OUR COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM** includes the core subjects of language arts, mathematics, science and social studies, along with physical education, music and art. Each curricular area is based on the Pennsylvania Core Standards, as well as national and/or local standards and is evaluated and revised as needed. Programs such as *Typing Pal*, *Study Island*, and *First in Math* are integrated into the curriculum to further reinforce skills being taught in the classroom.

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**EXTENDED DAY KINDERGARTEN** provides additional support in developing language and pre-literacy skills for students chosen on the basis of various assessment tools early in the school year. Other kindergarten students attend either morning or afternoon half-day sessions.

**LEARNING SUPPORTS** that follow the statewide model, *Response to Instruction/Intervention*, are available through a Child Study Team that provides support in diagnosing, monitoring, and supplying resources for students in academic, behavioral and/or social areas. The team - which includes the principal, guidance counselor, reading specialists, ELL teacher, instructional coach, and psychologist - consults with parents to provide strategies and interventions for students who exhibit academic, behavioral or social concerns. Students who qualify for specially designed instruction are provided an Individual Education Plan (IEP).

A summer program is available for K-5 students who require additional learning support. Enrichment and accelerated studies are available to students who possess outstanding intellectual and creative abilities.

**EXCEPTIONAL MUSIC PROGRAMS** are available for students interested in participating in band, chorus, and orchestra. The orchestra program is available to students in grades three through five while band and chorus programs begin in grade four. These programs are supplemented by semi-annual concerts and dramatic presentations.

**STUDENT ASSESSMENTS** are administered in the classroom to aid in diagnosing individual strengths and weaknesses. All students in grades 3-5 take the Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) exams in math and reading. Additionally, fourth graders test in science, and fifth graders in writing. The percentages of students who scored proficient or above in 2015 were: 66.7% in mathematics, 76.4% in ELA, 97.4% in science.

All sixteen district schools have been rated "Schools of Excellence" by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for receiving scores of 90 or higher in their School Performance Profiles (SPP) for 2014. These SPP scores are issued annually based on student achievement, academic growth, promotion and attendance rate. For the 2013-14 school year, Glen Acres received a Building Level Academic Score of 90.7. There were no SPP scores for the 2014-2015 school year.

**FAMILY & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** is evident throughout the school. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) provides financial support for various cultural/academic enrichment programs and assemblies that enhance the curriculum.

Community service is evident through programs such as Jump Rope for Heart, canned food drives, and other various projects.

**CHILD CARE** is offered at each elementary school before and after school through A Child's Place. Program details and tuition rates may be found on their website at [www.acpec.com](http://www.acpec.com).

