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Ready to Lend a Helping Hand: Vance Stewart

By: Liliana McFarlane

Many people wonder what Mr. Vance does behind the scenes at Glendale. Vance Stewart has been our tech guy since the fall of 2024! He works tirelessly on anything and everything that has to do with technology at both campuses. Whether it is setting up the Chromebooks, managing the chapel slides, or running wires through the attic, he knows what to do. He is constantly thinking of ways to improve our school learning experience and is always willing to lend a helping hand. He is responsible for all the computers, wifi/internet, tvs, and any other items relating to the technology used at the church and school. He even runs the song tracks for performances such as the Christmas play. However, Mr. Vance is not just responsible for the technology. He helps wherever he can by repairing broken tables, working on building projects, or replacing lights, to name a few. He found out about Glendale through Pastor Randy after having worked with him for several years in St. Louis. Mr. Vance previously worked as a freelance web designer and an IT administrator at

a church called Fee Fee Baptist Church in St. Louis. Early on, he began his career with UPS, but after ten years, he attended St. Louis Community College to gain a web design certification. Of course, he could work in a business setting, such as Verizon or even Apple, but he chose to work at our school because he loves helping people individually as well as helping teachers do what they do best. Mr. Vance enjoys the “solo” aspect of working at Glendale. He loves finding solutions for technical problems while having fun in the process! Mr. Vance has a wife and two sons and is a huge fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and Blues. Be sure to say hello and thank him when you see him around campus!



Photo by: Julia Coote

The History of Thanksgiving

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

By: Sofia Gangale

In 1621, the first Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth with the Pilgrims and Wampanoags. It began as a secular festival celebrating their first successful harvest with the natives help. It lasted three days and led to a political alliance between the Wampanoags and Pilgrims. They likely feasted on venison, fish, wild turkey, corn, and other vegetables. They played games and gave thanks for a successful year. Thanksgiving did not become a national holiday until Abraham Lincoln did so in 1863. Since that time, many traditions have been added to the holiday such as: the turkey pardon, Macy's Day Parade, and the feast of turkey, dressing, pumpkin pie, and cranberry sauce. Today, Christians set aside time during Thanksgiving to reflect upon their many blessings and give thanks to the Lord for all He has done.



Leading Others Towards God: Katie Jenkins

By: Aubrey Lynk and Sofia Gangale

Mrs. Jenkins has been working with Glendale for three years. She works in the office and teaches Discipleship and Youth in Action. She expects her students to try their best and do everything for the Glory of God. Her favorite part about the new school is the ability for students to move and switch classes while the teachers have a place to call their “home”. Mrs. Jenkins enjoys the Christian development involved with the Discipleship class and the “fun” of Christian service in Youth in Action. Her favorite part about teaching is being able to watch the students grow into young adults. Mrs. Jenkins is a great teacher and we are blessed to have her as a part of Glendale Christian School.



The History of Vero Beach: Indian River County

By: Allie Ballard

Do you ever think about the history of Vero Beach, Florida; I do! Vero Beach has been a long lived city for around two centuries. The original name, Vero, came from a group of pioneers and Native Americans who established the area in the early 1800's. The town wasn't officially named Vero Beach until 1925. During World War II, thousands of pilots were trained at the Naval Air Station. Vero Beach also became the first spring training camp in the south. The Brooklyn Dodgers began spring training in 1948 where the naval base was located during World War II. In 1715, the Spanish Treasure Fleet wrecked off of the coast during a hurricane, giving it the name "The Treasure Coast" to the area. There were roughly 1,500 sailors who lost their life along with many artifacts. Silver and remnants from the ship wreck still wash ashore today! These are just some facts about the history of Vero Beach, Florida.



Culture Corner: Pizza

By: Liliana McFarlane

Pizza is a common food consisting of a flat piece of dough with sauce, cheese, and varied toppings. It originated in Italy, in a city called Naples. The people of Naples were poor, and they needed an inexpensive easy-to-eat food. Pizza, sold by many street vendors for low prices, met this need. Their pizza had similar toppings as ours today, including anchovies, cheese, oil, tomatoes, and garlic. The name "pizza" comes from a Latin word meaning "bite" or "flatbread". Pizza is the number one most commonly eaten food in the US, and there are many restaurants that serve it. One of my favorite places is Nino's. With two locations in Vero Beach and one in Ft. Pierce, one doesn't have to look to far to enjoy this Italian treasure. My personal favorite is the pepperoni pizza. Be sure to check them out!



“Matt Matt” the Duck has Returned to the East Campus!

By: Liliana McFarlane

Some of you may have seen the family of ducks that were living in the lake at Glendale East last school year. They disappeared for the summer, but now one has returned! This is Matt Matt! He is a male muscovy duck and loves getting snacks from the students. He is very territorial, and believes he owns the pond! If any other male ducks come near, he quickly chases them away. Last time we saw them, Matt Matt had two female ducks with him, and one of them had ducklings! Unfortunately, they moved away when the lake dried up, but the ducklings must be almost fully grown now. We hope to see the two female ducks soon, and maybe they will have another brood of ducklings!



Glendale Baptist Church Announcements

Glendale Baptist Church would like to invite you to a thanksgiving fellowship dinner immediately after the service on November 23rd.

Thank you to all who participated in “Trunk or Treat”. We hope everyone had a great time!



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The Benefits of Weight Lifting

By: Josiah Wood

Weight lifting is a great way to exercise your physical and mental health. It strengthens your bones and muscles, making you stronger depending on how many pounds you lift. However, while you should always challenge yourself, you should never overwork your muscles. If you feel good with the weight you are currently lifting, you may slowly increase the amount of weight. Be sure you are prepared to lift more, and start lightly. If you are not careful, you can end up with cramps or torn or strained muscles. Weight lifting is very beneficial, but you should be careful to not overwork yourself.

Glendale Poll

By: Bentley Rose and Aubrey Lynk

What is your favorite food to eat on Thanksgiving?

- Turkey
- Pumpkin Pie
- Mashed Potatoes
- Ham
- Green Bean Casserole
- Cinnamon Rolls

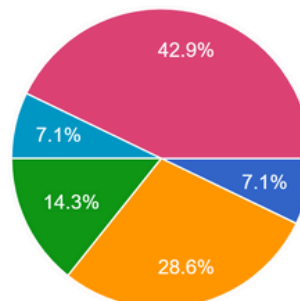
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Last Month's Poll Results

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- Sour Patch Kids
- Snickers
- Kit Kats
- Hershey's
- Air Heads
- Laffy Taffy
- Twix

1st Quarter Honor Roll Students

Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	5th Grade
<i>A/B Honor Roll</i> Gillick, Anthony Hilaire, Lorminha Monrreal, Penelope	<i>A/B Honor Roll</i> Ardizzone, Ethan Arrioja, Gianna Boan, Amon Deluca, Charlotte Dixon, Jacob England, Hank England, Hugh Gallegos, Cameron Hamrick, Camden Jones, Cairo Juhl, Gabriella Kelley, Huxley Lajoie, Olivia Murray, Thane Myers, Theo Nusser, Wyatt Pretorius, Kailani Richards, Barrington Smith, Lillie Wilson, Blakely Wood, Ellie	<i>A/B Honor Roll</i> Ardizzone, Declan Aycock, Myla Biggoms, Arielle Billie, Axel Bolom, Galilea Campbell, Lorenzo Chisholm, Parker Day, Olivia Fair, Cason Micheal Flickinger, Sylvia Gallegos, Sawyer Gibson, Carter Gribble, Donald Hanson, Hannah Henriquez, Lucas Keeler, Ryder Larsen, Hallie Liebl, Owen Massocco, Kase Matt, Madeline Meyers, Cayden Mondragon, Mateo Figueras Nunes, Natanael Smith, Elena Sweeney, Dylan Willis, Jolene Wolff, Maximus	<i>A/B Honor Roll</i> Boyle, Delaney Boyle, Tripton Brown, Isaiah Carroll, Britton Clark, Jay Deluca, Lilliana Fouts, Asher Kraft, Makayla <i>A Honor Roll</i> Harris, Zora Jackson, Bailey Kelley, Arlo Murray, Penny Parillo, Kinsley 4th Grade <i>A/B Honor Roll</i> Blakeslee, Ava Gardiner, Landyn Jenkins, Matthias Shuman, Hunter <i>A Honor Roll</i> Gomez, Allan	<i>A/B Honor Roll</i> Boan, Abel Brault, Blythe Brown, Johann Bryant, Lazarus Hyatt, Caitlyn Jacobs, Geneva Mayerat, Charlotte Monreal, Luna Rosano, Annabella Shaver, Ezekiel Sweeney, Piper Williams, Ella 6th - 12th <i>A/B Honor Roll</i> Austin, Adalynn Boyle, Sadie Jacobsen, Kailey Paterson, Kai Ballard, Allie Smith, Mya Landon, Morgan Williams, Colson <i>A Honor Roll</i> Pham, Anabella Jacobsen, Kyler Kelley, Flora McFarlane, Liliana <i>Newspaper Editors:</i> <i>Sofia Gangale</i> <i>Ms. Summerall</i> <i>Liliana McFarlane</i> <i>Aubrey Lynk</i>
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Way to go!