



Welcome to Glenwood Elementary School! This glossary is designed to explain some common terms used in the classroom, to highlight some of the larger school events that occur throughout the year, and to help ease your transition into the Glenwood community. Glenwood's school mascot is the eagle and the school colors are red and gold. The parent handbook, calendar of upcoming events, and other helpful information can be found on the school website, www.glenwoodspirit.com.

Hip Pocket: The hip pocket is a weekly bulletin that is emailed to families to inform them of upcoming events, activities, meetings, and dates to remember. The hip pocket is also a large plastic envelope that your child will bring home each day in kindergarten. This pocket will contain homework books and school work your child has completed in the classroom. When buying a backpack for your incoming kindergartner, please make sure it can accommodate a 10x14 inch envelope.

Morning Gathering: Each Monday and Friday at 8:45, the whole school, led by Principal Goodhope, gathers on the blacktop to stretch, recite the pledge of allegiance, and set the tone for the week of learning. On Mondays, students with birthdays in the upcoming week are acknowledged in front of the student body in lieu of individual birthday celebrations in class. On Fridays, one student from each class receives an Eagle Award for being the student who best exemplifies the Life Skill Word of the Week.

Glenwood School Foundation (GSF): The Glenwood School Foundation is a parent-run organization designed to provide funding for educational and enrichment programs for the students at Glenwood. The GSF provides funding for Art, Computers, Music, Physical Education, and Science, as well as classroom supplies and student support staff. The GSF meets the second Wednesday of each month in the multipurpose room, and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Childcare is also available during GSF meetings. More information about the GSF can be found at gsf.glenwoodspirit.com.

Kids Thrive Annual Fund Drive: This is the Glenwood School Foundation's biggest fundraiser for the school year, in order to provide the five "encore" classes at Glenwood (P.E., Art, Science, Music, and Computers), technology enhancements, all field trips, and certain campus improvements. Other fundraisers include the annual auction, bocce ball tournament, crab feed, and school wide read-a-thon.

Heads Up: Established in 1982, HeadsUp is San Rafael Schools Education Foundation. Together, parents, administrators, and local business work to raise funds to supplement the district budget, and provide vital enrichment programs in all K-12 schools. Main annual community fundraisers include Summerfest, Run for Reading, and Battle of the Bands. At Glenwood, contributions help to fund library services, and the 4th and 5th grade music program. More information can be found at www.headsupsr.org