

SCOTIA-GLENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOLS



April 2010



OPAL

where students shine

Opportunities & Programs for Advanced Learners

Parent Corner

Each month we will provide you with information regarding community activities for your children and/or information about gifted learners.

Community Events

Terrific Turtles

Observe turtles in their natural habitat with indoor and outdoor activities. (Sat. 4/24)

www.albanypinebush.org

Coming Soon to Scotia Cinema:

Movies based on popular children's books are coming soon! Percy Jackson, Alice in Wonderland, Diary or a Wimpy Kid and How to Train your Dragon!

www.scotiacinema.net

Parent Resources

The Association for the Gifted (TAG)

www.cectag.org

Hoagies

University of Connecticut-website list

<http://kidsource.com/kidsource/content/parents.gifted.html>

AGATE

www.agateny.org

Student Websites

Environmental Kids Club

www.epa.gov/kids/

NASA Kids Club

www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/kidsclub/flash/index.html

"It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that things are difficult." --Seneca

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Primary OPAL

Grades 1 and 2: The interdisciplinary learning centers created from themed suggestions by classroom teachers remain in each classroom to address the needs of advanced learners as well as any other students who may move quickly through material. Topics for April are: Sports and Health (Gr 2) and Miss Rumphius (Gr 1). The non fiction nouns for the month of March are Davy Crockett, Apollo 11 and Mozart/Beethoven. Technology is integrated into most of these lessons.

Intermediate OPAL

Grade 3: Time- Students are beginning to see time as it relates to math and science. They will create mobiles about time, solve high-level word problems, crack cryptic codes and solve logic puzzles about time concepts. They will also make hourglasses that the students will calibrate themselves. They are all excited to see time in a new light. Some students are still involved in learning about the Civil War time period. Some students are just beginning the novel *A Pitch in Time*.

Grade 4: Questions-- The fourth grade students are really making connections to their work and the world around them within the theme of questions. They are now involved in research that involves the past, present and future. From their research of interest based and classroom extension topics, the students will design answers for questions to mirror the game Jeopardy. When the research/questions are complete, they will design a power point Jeopardy game. They are hoping to plan a time for the fourth grade classrooms to compete against each other in June.

Grade 5: Viewpoints- The fifth graders continue to prepare for our district debate on **June 9th**. They have chosen jobs within our team and now know if their team represents the PRO or CON side of our topic. Students are able to decide if a source is a reliable source, and stretch their thinking as they make connections amongst topics to write arguments and rebuttal speeches. The resolve is "School uniforms are beneficial to student performance."

Odyssey of the Mind

The Glen-Worden *Food Court* team placed 11th out of 21, and the *Return of Flight Team* from Glendaal placed 5th out of 15 teams at the State Competition in Binghamton! Great job to all students! Look for information on Odyssey of the Mind 2010-2011 in the fall. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Meeker at WMeeker@nycap.rr.com.