

# Glenwood: It takes everyone working together for success

---

## Submitted

*Posted Jan 06, 2010 @ 08:25 PM*

---

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. —

Glenwood Elementary School is located on the east end of Oak Ridge. The school serves more than 280 students in kindergarten through fourth grade.

"It takes the parents, teachers, students and community working together to make Glenwood a 'Learning Place Where Everyone Can Be Their Best,'" Principal Pearl Goins said.

Glenwood Elementary School has several opportunities for businesses, the community and parents to become involved:

- 'Readers and Leaders' volunteers. "Readers and Leaders" is a volunteer reading program that matches a caring adult with an elementary-aged child who needs help reading. The adult comes once a week for 30 minutes to the child's school to read with the child and to have fun together. Glenwood School currently has 14 "Readers and Leaders" tutors.

Contact the School at (865) 425-9401 if you would like more information.

- PTO: Parent Teacher Organization. Glenwood's Parent Teacher Organization connects parents, teachers, staff and community members. The PTO can always use help. The PTO meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Glenwood cafeteria. You can also contact Jessica Bivens at [jessica@kbiv.com](mailto:jessica@kbiv.com) to get more information. You can also become a fan of Glenwood PTO on Facebook.

- Special events. Glenwood School hosts many special events throughout the school year, ranging from book fairs to science night and the school welcomes parents, teachers, staff and community members to get involved. People may serve by helping students pick out books at the book fair, monitor an inflatable at the Spring Picnic, provide material for science night or even snacks for our teachers at Quarterly Appreciation Day. Contact Jessica Bivens to learn about how you can help.

- Donations from individuals and community businesses. Like all schools, Glenwood's teachers and staff want students to have the necessary school supplies. To ensure that all students have these tools, Glenwood keeps a list of school supplies for each grade level. Both monetary and supply donations are welcomed, and needed items range from backpacks to glue sticks. To find out how you can help supply Glenwood's students, contact Nan Shugart, with the Family Resource Center, at (865) 425-9366 or [nshugart@ortn.edu](mailto:nshugart@ortn.edu).

- Family Resource Center. Glenwood School is the satellite site for the Oak Ridge schools' Family Resource Center. The FRC's mission is to eliminate barriers to educational success and to help parents become partners in their child's education. For more information about how you can get help, contact Director Jo Bruce at (865) 425-3205 or [jbruce@ortn.edu](mailto:jbruce@ortn.edu), or assistant Nan Shugart at (865) 425-9366 or [nshugart@ortn.edu](mailto:nshugart@ortn.edu).

- Second Harvest "Food for Kids" program. Coordinated by the Family Resource Center, the "Food for Kids" program provides healthy snacks to children in need in all four of Oak Ridge's elementary schools, as well as the Preschool. The weekly snacks, taken home by the children on Fridays, ensure that these children have some nutritious food over the weekend. Community volunteers are needed to help sort and pack the food. This is done each month on the second Monday at 6 p.m. and the second Tuesday at 9 a.m. at First United Methodist Church. To get involved, contact Dale Allen at [tndale.allen@comcast.net](mailto:tndale.allen@comcast.net) or Nan Shugart at Glenwood Elementary.