

Parents:

I am looking forward to a fun and interesting year with the students. So far, the students seem to have settled into their school routine. Hopefully, they won't have trouble remembering when their P.E. classes are. The P.E. schedule for each class will be posted on this site along with this letter.

The aim of Physical Education at John Glenn Elementary is to provide the students with a wide variety of age appropriate and developmentally sound activities. My philosophy is to get the students up and moving doing as many different things as we can possibly fit into the school year. In grades Kindergarten through 2nd students are being introduced and reinforcing motor skills such as skipping, hopping, galloping, throwing, and catching, plus learning spatial awareness. The students will be introduced to jumping rope and beginning gymnastic skills. The students in grades 3rd-5th will polish off their basic motor skills and then be introduced to more complicated activities requiring them to develop critical thinking in regards to strategy, skill evaluation, and coaching each other.

It is one of my goals to provide as safe an environment as possible for the students to participate in. To this end, I would like to encourage all students to wear tennis shoes. Flip flops are not allowed! Tennis shoes provide the best form of support, protection, and traction for students while participating in Physical Education. If tennis shoes are not available, I do allow other types of shoes to be worn. The three basic rules I ask students to adhere by in regards to footwear are 1.) a shoe with a good, non skid sole 2.) a shoe with a strap or other type of design that runs around the heel to keep the shoe on their foot and 3.) a shoe with protection over their toes.

If your child is sick or injured to the point they cannot participate in P.E. I ask they bring a note from home and/or a doctor to let both the school and myself know. The students can still attend P.E. and will be allowed to observe, be given a duty as a teacher helper, or allowed to stay with their teacher or in the office until their class's P.E. time is over.

If you have any questions feel free to call or email me at anytime. I am at John Glenn on Tuesday, Thursdays, and Fridays. My email address is mveale@savannah3.com. The school phone number is 816-279-4533.

Thank you,

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