

# GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Please enjoy this long weekend as school is closed Monday, May 25.

- **Celebrate your 2020 Grad:** Please send photos of your 2020 GR High School graduate with their name and a short blurb. Send to [press@glenrocknj.org](mailto:press@glenrocknj.org). We will post to district social media.
- **Technology issues or questions,** please contact [helpdesk@glenrocknj.org](mailto:helpdesk@glenrocknj.org).
- **Robert Ax Winner GR High School:** Congratulations to Mr. Arlotta as the winner of this year's Robert Ax Award. The staff typically votes for the honoree at the May staff meeting. This year, with the help of Ms. Bacolas, the vote was online. Robert Ax, the founding principal at GRHS, traveled the country interviewing hundreds of prospective teachers and hiring a select few. The award was established during the 1968-69 school year by the HSA, upon Mr. Ax's retirement. The criteria for the award were established after consultation with Mr. Ax so that the award would recognize someone who exemplifies the qualities he valued: love of people in general and young people in particular, exceptionally high degree of personal integrity, and loyalty to colleagues, the community and - most of all - the students.
- **Byrd School Fifth Grade Service Project Needs Your Help:** This year, the fifth grade class has dedicated their time and abilities to an organization called Happiness is Camping. This nonprofit organization offers the opportunity for children with cancer to have a summer sleep away camp experience. The camp is free to all campers and relies on donations to provide this experience. The fifth grade is hoping to raise enough money to sponsor a camper or two! [Check out the website](#). Here's where YOU come in - they are having a VIRTUAL 5K WALK this weekend, May 23rd through May 25th. It costs a mere \$10 per walker/runner to participate. It can be done however you like - walk in the park, a jog on the treadmill, you get the idea! Please click on the following link and be sure to write you are part of the BYRDS OF A FEATHER team in the additional info place. Share with your family and friends and get WALKING. [Register here](#)
- **Coleman School Art Update from Wendy Roche:** We may be distance learning at Coleman but ART hasn't skipped a beat! Students have been exploring artists such as Robert Indiana, Pablo Picasso, Alexander Calder and Katsushika Hokusai. Students created their own Pop Art poster like Indiana's "LOVE" print. Inspired by current circumstances, students created four-letter feel-good words that helped thank our Essential Workers and Moms for Mother's Day.

In lieu of Coleman's highly anticipated Spring Art Show on May 7, students took advantage of the spring weather to showcase their artwork in driveways around the neighborhood! If you missed the neighborhood art show, visit Coleman's Virtual Art Gallery on Mrs. Roche's [Schoology page](#) with over a hundred artworks made from Coleman students at home.



● **Summer Camp Update:** All Community School outdoor camps have been canceled. Various indoor camps have become virtual. [See the full list of camps offered this summer.](#) [Register](#) or [email](#) with questions.

● **Glen Rock Board of Education Meeting:** On Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 5:00 PM, the Glen Rock Board of Education will hold a virtual meeting in the Dario Valcarcel, Jr. Media Center, 400 Hamilton Avenue, Glen Rock, N.J. for the purpose of holding a Regular Board Meeting. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: General, Business and Personnel. Action will be taken. It is anticipated that a closed executive session will be convened towards the end of the Regular Board Meeting. In light of the COVID-19 virus, the public will be able to view the meeting on line and participate in the public comment section of the agenda in accordance with the procedures prescribed by Board policy. [The following link will enable the public to access the virtual board meeting.](#) Given the current pandemic and the safety of our community and staff, members of the public can only attend the public meeting virtually.

**As a reminder, school property is closed at all times. There is to be no use of the fields, playgrounds, parking lots, etc. We are Glen Rock Schools!**

Sincerely,

*Allison De Meulder*

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