

Park Glen Elementary

September 2010

If you have questions or comments about PAWS, please contact Lisa Casillas at paws@parkglenpta.org



Positively *Awesome* *Writing* *Stars*

Dear Cheetah Families,

We are very excited about our PAWS Publishing program this year. Park Glen students have been participating in this program for many years now, and it has been great for everyone involved.

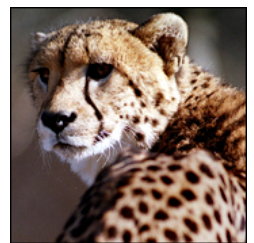
This year, we plan to have the PAWS Publishing Gazette come home two times each semester. It is fun to read all of the different ideas that our students have. Every submission for every question gets printed in the Gazette!

Questions are meant to be kid-friendly, but younger students may need help, and that's OK! There is no wrong answer! Just have fun with it!

Each issue (4 times total), students' names will be entered into a drawing for a \$5 gift card, and one student from each grade will win! Students who participate in all 4 issues will be awarded a certificate for Awards Day. Then, at the end of the year, a GRAND PRIZE will be awarded. Every time you write about one of the prompts, your name is entered for the GRAND PRIZE. So, the more you write, the more chances you have to win! The GRAND PRIZE item will be revealed in an upcoming PAWS issue!

The first Due Date is Tuesday, September 28th.

The first issue of Gazette will be published in October.



How to Participate

Twice a semester, a new Gazette will go out with 3 questions or prompts for the kids to write about. They can range from "What did you do this summer?" to "Write a poem about your favorite pet." Write about all of them or just about the ones you like.

Electronic submissions are preferred. Please email your PAWS submission to the PAWS email address paws@parkglenpta.org. Please put "PAWS Submission" in the subject line. Or, if you prefer, you can turn in your papers to the PAWS box near the front of the office.

Publishing Rules

- Include your **first** and **last name**.
- Include your **teacher's name** and **grade**.
- Email your answers to **paws@parkglenpta.org** (or submit a paper to the box by the office) by the deadline date. Answers to all 3 questions should be sent in ONE email per student.
- Entries submitted after the deadline date will not be published. Emails will be accepted up to 9pm on the deadline date. Paper submissions will be accepted up to 3pm in the box near the front office on the deadline date.
- Use your imagination! It is okay to get help, but be sure to use your ideas!

PAWS Writing Prompts!

- 1. If something besides rain, sleet, or snow could occasionally fall from the sky, what would you want it to be? Why?**
- 2. If you could shrink down to one inch tall for a day, what do you think would be the most exciting place to explore? Why?**
- 3. What particular quality above all others do you look for when choosing your friends? Why?**

Fall seven times, stand up eight. ~Japanese saying

Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do. ~John Wooden, the first person ever enshrined as the Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player (1961) and as a coach (1973).