Dear School Board,

January was a busy month at Glendale Elementary. Not only did I have to adjust to teaching, but the students had to adjust to having a new teacher. I'm adapting well to the change and planning for multiple grades is definitely something to get used to. The transition wasn't too hard for the students, and they really are an exceptional group of learners. I appreciate their efforts and their dedication to understanding their work and completing it accurately. The parent and community support is very helpful as well.

Students up to 6th grade were able to enter the Montana Ag bumper sticker contest. Most of the students grades 2-6 entered. The entries were delivered to Mr. Omsberg. Last week Mr. Omsberg brought the entries back and announced that our very own Melinda Waldner, 4th grader, won for the 4th grade entries in the county. Melinda was very proud to win. Her entry will be in the state contest and she has a chance of winning a trip to meet the governor and other dignitaries if she wins. This is exciting and we will surely enter the contest again next year.

Melinda Waldner and Darryl Omsberg, Glacier County School Superintendent

All students who were recognized for participating in the contest were awarded a certificate.

We wrapped up the second quarter and began the third. My students are ready for the writing assessment and are anxious to begin.

We are going to begin to use the Accelerated Reader program to monitor student comprehension of text. Students here are avid readers and most of them enjoy reading in their spare time.

Hockey is favorite pastime for students here. They enjoy going to play and follow their favorite teams. Mr. Andreas shares this interest with the students and this gives him a great source of discussion when he does his counseling here.

During P.E. class I've taken my students out sledding a few times. They have a blast on the hills here at Glendale and they are really comfortable on the ice. They even got me to sled a bit.

Thanks,
Natasha Siliezar
Glendale