
GRDIA QUARTERLY

Welcome to the fall edition of the GRDIA quarterly newsletter! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and that you and your families have adjusted to all that comes along with the start of the new school year.

Who we are

The GRDIA is made up of community members across a spectrum of backgrounds and experiences who strive to create and foster an environment where all feel welcome and included in Glen Ridge. We seek to engage, educate, and equip our community with knowledge and understanding of diverse and multicultural experiences to create an environment in which all children can thrive. Learn more at [GRDIA.org](https://www.grdia.org).

Inclusive Education

- Encourage increased diversity among teachers, administrators, and community leaders
- Foster a culture of multi-faceted teaching and learning approaches with diverse curricula
- Inspire acceptance, appreciation, and fellowship among students

Supportive Community

- Promote inclusiveness and allyship within the entire community through events, education, and activities
- Create a safe space for all students and families to connect and relate to one another

All are welcome!

- Whether you're new to our community or have been in town for some time, the GRDIA is always open to new members and ideas. Contact us at info@grdia.org if you'd like to get involved.
- **Calling all volunteers!** We are looking for volunteers to participate in the filming of the short documentary "Humans of Glen Ridge," which will showcase our diverse, inclusive, and welcoming community.
- Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest news and events!





GRDIA Annual Picnic

Community at its Best!



Thank you to all our GRDIA volunteers, GR Town Council, GR Police Department, GR BOE, GR Public Works, GR Parks Department, and GR Environmental Advisory Committee for helping to make the GRDIA picnic a success! It was a day filled with food, music, games, entertainment, and sunshine as we celebrated all the wonderful cultures in our community.



Halloween in Glen Ridge

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Halloween in Glen Ridge is something looked forward to all year. From the extravagant decorations set up at almost every house, unique costumes and overall Halloween spirit, it couldn't get any better. As you walk through the blocks of GR you are able to admire the amazing effort put into each and every house. Ranging from spooky to festive, it is something fun not only for kids but for families as a whole. On Halloween night, kids from towns far and near come to enjoy a special Halloween in Glen Ridge. Being able to run through streets collecting candy in my favorite costume is a memory I will never forget. Halloween in Glen Ridge is a time of year that anyone can enjoy at any age.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

(Sept. 15 - Oct. 15)

Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to recognize and pay tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society. In our district, we celebrated the month with activities in Spanish classes at RAS, including: the famous Hispanics project where students delved into the Hispanic figure of their choice and presented slideshows, dioramas, and dressed the part; and Fun Fiesta Fridays to celebrate Hispanic Americans with crafts, projects, and presentations. In the High School, there were demonstrations, hands-on projects, and crafts to showcase artifacts, costumes, and celebrations of Spain and Latin America.

Diversity Calendar

[Find out more](#) about the variety of holidays and observances that are important to Glen Ridge families.