

*The Mellon family is our spotlight family this week. Glenn and Julie are the parents of Silver Academy second grader, Elissa, and kindergartener, Abigail.*

**Where do you live?** Harrisburg

**Where else have you lived?** Glenn and Julie have lived in Maryland, North Carolina (2004-2007), and Alabama (2007-2012). Both girls were born in Alabama.

**What do you like about living in central Pennsylvania?** We love being close to family in Maryland. We also love all the family activities available in the Harrisburg area.

**What do you like best about The Silver Academy?** The family atmosphere. It's very friendly and welcoming to everyone.

**What relative lives furthest away, and where do they live?** We have a cousin currently living in South Korea, who we have never visited. We also have family throughout California who Julie has visited.

**How many cousins do your children have? Do they see them often? What do the cousins do when they get together?** Elissa and Abigail have 2 cousins in Maryland who are close to their ages. They see them very often and love playing together. They also have 6 more cousins, 1 in New Hampshire, 1 in Maryland, 1 in Mississippi, and 3 in Florida.

**What is your family's favorite vacation spot?** We love visiting Grandpa and Nana in Pensacola, Florida. The area is beautiful and there are lots of fun things to do.

**What is your family's favorite holiday tradition?** Our family does a big Chanukah Party every year. It's a time to get to see the extended family and is always a lot of fun.

**Do you have any pets?** We have a 10 year old Papillion dog named Max.

**Did you serve in the military?** Glenn served in the U.S. Army as a Paratrooper.

**What does your family like to do on snow days?** We love to go sledding, make snow angels and build a snowman. When we get cold, we like to come inside for some hot chocolate and wrap up in blankets on the couch to warm up.

### *Comments from the Kids...*

*Abigail says she wants to be a “mommy and a ballet teacher” when she grows up.*

*Elissa hopes to someday be a veterinarian. Besides having a dog at home, she says she loves visiting her aunt, who has many animals...horses, a goat, 3 dogs, 5 kittens, and the occasional animals that she rescues. Elissa loves riding the horses!*

