

# Glencoe Elementary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### April 9, 2021

#### UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event	Time
4/14/2021	Library Book Bags	1:00 – 4:00 PM

#### NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

Our live instruction is up and running for all of our K-5 classrooms. I appreciate the adaptability and resilience of our students this year. Change is not easy for most people and I know it has not been easy for our students. I am impressed by their ability to dig in once again with a new class, new teacher or new learning format. I'd also like to thank all of you, our families for sticking with us and allowing your child to remain part of our wonderful community this year. In addition, thank you to our Hybrid families and students who are doing a great job with arrival and dismissal procedures. It is going smoothly!

We have a few additions to our staff this spring as a couple of our teachers needed to take a leave for this Spring. We came down to the wire in finding and hiring some of these folks and we are so fortunate to have found such quality people to join us. Ms. Michele Nelson is joining our Kinder team as a Hybrid teacher. Ms. Audrey Lingley is joining our first grade team as the CDL teacher and Ms. Louise Richards is rejoining the 4th grade team as the CDL teacher. I hope you join me in welcoming them to our wonderful school community.

Speaking of hiring, in the midst of all of this, we were also interviewing candidates for staff openings for the 2021-22 school year. Ms. Clarke, one of our third grade teachers is retiring at the end of this year. She has had a long and successful career in PPS, with a short stint teaching in Africa and we will definitely miss her at Glencoe. Mrs. Maestas will be replacing Ms. Clarke in 3rd grade next year which gives us an opening on the Kinder team. In addition, we received an additional teacher for the 4th grade so we will be back to having three teachers at each grade level. Phew! All of this to say, we interviewed for a Kindergarten teacher and a 4th grade teacher for the 2021-22 school year. We had wonderful candidates to choose from and have made our recommendations to HR. Once we have confirmation as to who will be joining us, I will introduce you all to our newest additions.

In closing, I have a few other general announcements:

- **3rd Quarter Report Cards** are being completed by your child's original teacher. They are working on them today and finishing them up next week. We will send report cards out to families on Friday, April 16th.
- **If your child is arriving late** (3-5 minutes after the arrival time) please enter through the front doors. If the door is propped open, then a staff member is still at the screening station just inside the doors. If the door is NOT propped, please ring the buzzer (just to the right of the main doors). An office staff member will come to the door to greet/screen the student.
- **If you child is leaving early** (3-5 minutes or more before dismissal) please ring the buzzer (just to the right of the main doors). An office staff member will connect with you through the intercom system. We will call the student down from class and escort them to the door where you will sign them out for the day.

- **If your child(ren) is leaving early**, you will want to give yourself a few extra minutes to pick them up once you arrive at school. We will NOT be calling students down from class early to wait in the office. Students should remain with their cohorts as long as possible.
- **If your child is in a Hybrid class**, and they are not feeling well please keep them home **AND** contact the school to let us know that they are home ill for the day.
- **If you have safety concerns** about the Standard Operating Procedures at Glencoe (in regards to COVID) you can share your concerns through [this document](#). I, along with our Safety and if necessary, our COVID Response Team will review and address the concerns accordingly.

I hope you have a chance to enjoy this wonderful day of sunshine and I am keeping my fingers crossed for more of the same this weekend.

Best,

Lori Clark  
Glencoe Principal

### **PTA NEWS**

**Meeting:** Join us for the next PTA Meeting on April 19th at 7pm. Hear from Glencoe's representative on redistricting, an update from the Principal, and other school news. Watch for the zoom link to come the week before.

**PTA Board:** Interested in joining the PTA board next year? Reach out to either Mackenzie ([mackenzieweintraub@gmail.com](mailto:mackenzieweintraub@gmail.com)) or Whitney ([whitneystark@me.com](mailto:whitneystark@me.com)) to discuss open board positions and ways you can get involved!

### **PTA RESTAURANT PARTNERS**

DarSalam is the restaurant partner next Wednesday, April 14th. DarSalam is located at 4703 SE Hawthorne.