

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

April 16, 2021

UPCOMING DATES

| Date | Event | Time |
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| 4/19/2021 | PTA Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| 4/28/2021 | Library Book Bags | 1:00 – 4:00 PM |
| 4/28/2021 | Virtual Connect to Kindergarten | 6:00 PM (Meeting link) |
| 4/30/2021 | Author Visit | 6:00 PM |

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

What a wonderful week we have had. The sunshine and warm weather were a perfect addition to this week. Another great addition to this week - I learned that we have a PBS Kids TV Star in our midst. Sia Saturn one of our fabulous First Grade students, plays a role in an episode of Mega Wow by helping watchers learn some incredible balloon magic tricks through the power of science! Check out the brief episode at [Mega Wow: Amazing Magic Tricks with Balloons!](#) Also, if you have some time this weekend, come by Glencoe and check out the newly installed gulls along the 49th street fence line. They will be up and ready for viewing on Saturday morning.

I don't know about you but I am still getting used to our new schedule. Having two learning models happening at the same time and having two cohorts (AM and PM) with two sets of start and end times is something for me to get used to. Even though the changes take some getting used to, I am seeing the benefits for many of our students as they learn how to navigate the two hours and 15 minutes of consecutive class time. This spring we are definitely working on stamina for learning in both our CDL and Hybrid classrooms. For some of our Hybrid students we have had to remind them that they still have asynchronous lessons and assignments to complete when they are not physically in the building. For some of our CDL students the schedule change of having their live instruction occur only in the AM or PM (as opposed to being spread out) is an adjustment. No matter what the circumstances, we will continue to work through the challenges to have a successful learning experience this spring. We can do this!

This spring term will most likely fly by, as the spring term usually does. We have a few activities happening this month that I want to tell you about. We have a virtual PTA meeting this coming Monday, April 19th at 6:00 pm. The following week we have our first of two Virtual Kindergarten informational sessions for our incoming Kindergarten Families. If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1st, 2021 I invite you to join us on Wednesday, April 28th at 6:00 pm. A meeting link can be found on our school website. We are also hosting another virtual Author's Visit. Dr. Arlyne Simon, the author of [Abby Invents](#) Picture Book Series will be joining us on Friday, April 30th at 6:00 pm and all Glencoe students and families are invited.

In last week's Newsletter I mentioned the two open teaching positions we have for next school year and I am happy to report we found two wonderful candidates to fill those positions. Jen Loveland, a teacher

from Richmond Elementary will be joining our 4th grade team putting us back at three sections of 4th grade. Jen has been a reading teacher at Marysville Elementary and a 4th and 5th grade teacher at Richmond Elementary for the past 9 years. We also have Stephanie Davis, a teacher of a K-2 Social Emotional Focus Classroom joining us from Marysville Elementary where she has been for the past 5 years. We found both Jen and Stephanie to be knowledgeable, effective and highly recommended teachers who will make wonderful additions to our Glencoe Community.

Report cards are finished and are being mailed this weekend. You can expect to receive your child's report card in the mail by early next week. If you have any questions about your child's report card, I want to remind you that they were completed by your child's original classroom teacher so any questions should be directed to those individuals. Your child's 4th quarter marks will be completed by their 4th quarter teacher.

I wanted to give you all a quick reminder about our Grade Level Gull Lunches. The Gull Lunches are still happening but the days/times have been adjusted to accommodate our new cohorts and schedules. Please make note of the dates and times as we've had a few students showing up at the old day/time assigned to their grade level. We'd hate for them to miss a social time with their grade level peers.

All Gull Lunches happen from 11:00 - 11:30. Days and Grade Level Meeting Codes are below.

Kindergarten - Friday "Gull lunch K" is the meeting code
First Grade - Monday "Gull lunch 1" is the meeting code
Second Grade - Tuesday "Gull lunch 2" is the meeting code
Third Grade - Wednesday "Gull lunch 3" is the meeting code
Fourth Grade - Thursday "Gull lunch 4" is the meeting code
Fifth Grade - Monday "Gull lunch 5" is the meeting code

Best,

Lori Clark
Glencoe Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

It's Spring Cleaning time at your School Library!

Do you have library books at home you are not using? Please check your shelves, under the bed, behind the couch, everywhere, for books to return to the library. If you are a CDL Learner, please bring them back during school hours: ring the buzzer and someone will meet you at the front door, or slip them through the mail slot at the front entry door. If you are a Hybrid Learner, please bring them to school and drop them off in the "Library Basket" that will be in the hall by the cafeteria doors. Contact me at dnewtonp@pps.net if you have any questions. Help us keep our library stocked for all to use and enjoy.

Thank you,
Ms. Diane

MUSIC NEWS

We are now 1 week into our Asian Music Unit. It's going to be hard to get through our lessons because there's so much to cover. (Of course, we are just briefly touching the surface of possibilities.) Music grades for 4th quarter will be given based on LIVE class attendance/participation. Seesaw Bitmoji Classroom links can be found in the NOTIFICATIONS section (of Seesaw) each week and will be focused on exploration and review.

TAG NEWS

There is lots of TAG updates on the [Glencoe TAG website](#).

BOOK AUTHOR VISIT

Our next author visit will be Friday, April 30th @ 6pm. [Go here](#) to learn about the author and her books. Questions can be submitted [here](#) as well as invention ideas. There will be randomly selected individuals for prizes the night of April 30th for attending AND Dr. Simon will choose 1-2 students to share their invention ideas. Invention ideas can be submitted on the same form as questions but the student needs to email a diagram of the invention to ldavidson@pps.net.

PTA NEWS

Interested in being an officer on the PTA next year? Please reach out to Mackenzie Weintraub, mackenzieweintraub@gmail.com, or Whitney Stark, whitneystark@me.com. We need your involvement to keep a strong PTA!

PTA Meeting NEXT MONDAY, April 19 at 7pm. Please join us.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88181139113?pwd=REV4RnlmYkRTdnVpWS9pK0xlOTV4UT09> Meeting ID: 881 8113 9113 Passcode: 403101

April 19 PTA meeting agenda - 7-8pm:

- 7-7:05pm welcome and review/approve Feb. minutes
- 7:05-7:10pm PTA updates (Mackenzie)
- 7:10-7:30pm Representative Rob Nosse
- 7:30-7:40pm SE Guiding Coalition update (Kelly)
- **7:40-8pm Principal updates**