

Dear Glencoe Families,

I want to start this week's Newsletter with some great news! Thanks to our students, families and PTA, we reached our "Run for the Playground" goal of \$50,000 this year. With a few more efforts like this, we will have a new playground in no time!

The district is ready to begin the principal hiring process for Glencoe. As part of this process, they would like to gather your input on the skills and characteristics you desire in the next principal. An invitation to participate in a virtual input session was sent to families earlier this week. In case you missed it, the community session will be this Monday, May 16, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Please use [this link](#) to join the meeting, or join by phone calling 1-904-330-1113, and use Meeting PIN 708 594 972#. Your voice is important. If you can't make the meeting, you can share your perspective through the Community Feedback Survey linked [here](#). The survey will be open through Friday, May 20, 2022.

Speaking of community meetings, last week many Glencoe parents participated in a listening session with School Board member, Julia Brim-Edwards to share their concerns over the proposed budget for the 2022-23 school year. Then, this Monday, about twenty Glencoe families came together to discuss ways to further advocate for adequate staffing in schools. In support of Glencoe and other schools who will feel the impact of the proposed budget and staffing cuts next year, I would encourage you to check out their suggested advocacy efforts (mentioned in the PTA message below) and participate if you wish.

This Thursday, May 19th is our Virtual Kindergarten Connect for our incoming Kinder families and students. This is an opportunity for our incoming Kinder students to meet their teachers, albeit virtually, and engage in a few teacher-led activities. If you have an incoming kindergartner, please join me and our three Kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. DeVille, and Dr. Lageson from 4:30 - 5:30pm by using this link: <https://meet.google.com/nmf-pmzy-pqs>.

We've had a few nice, dry days this week and our back field and playground become popular places, especially after school. Fingers crossed we see a few more of those warm sunny days. In the case of sunny days ahead, I want to remind everyone of our dismissal expectations. Students are expected to head home or follow their after school dismissal plan. Students are not to be unattended and on the playground/back field right after school. Our after-care program has permits to use the playground and field after school as well. If you want your child to have "playdates" on campus directly after school, an adult is expected to be with your child(ren).

Last but not least, I am sure many of you are aware that COVID cases, emergency departments and urgent care diagnoses are increasing again. Multnomah County Public Health is strongly recommending that people wear masks for the next few weeks as they go to school, work and other indoor events until cases and hospitalizations drop back down. You may have noticed more COVID notifications coming from schools, including Glencoe recently. In order for us to finish the school year safe and healthy, I strongly encourage our school community to consider following the masking recommendations.

Best,

Lori Clark
Glencoe Principal