

Dear Glencoe Families,

I cannot believe I am sitting down to write our last newsletter of this school year, and what a year it has been. I am forever grateful that our school community was able to come back and enjoy learning in person this year. I know it wasn't a "normal" school year (whatever normal is!) but we made it - together!

This week was a busy one with "Camp Glencoe" being one of the highlights. I have to admit, I was so excited when our students earned "Camp Glencoe" as their last school-wide reward. It was definitely one of my favorite school-wide activities. I am still a kid at heart! On Thursday, our students watched our end of the year video with their class. Feel free to watch it as well - linked [here](#). We also celebrated our oldest Glencoe Gulls at their 5th Grade Promotion on Thursday. We heard from Hazel C, Penny P and Beatrice H as they eloquently reflected on their time at Glencoe before each 5th grade class and individual student was acknowledged on stage.

Along with other end of year activities, our students cleaned out their desks and lockers. If anything was left behind, please reach out to their teacher before Tuesday morning. As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, Glencoe will be closed starting the week of June 20th due to construction. We closed the day with an end-of-year tradition; our "Clap Out". All students and staff lined the halls and clapped out our 5th graders (and retiring staff), as they passed by all of the classrooms and left the building for the last time.

My time at Glencoe is marked by so many wonderful memories and experiences, I am grateful for my time here. Our students wrote retirement wishes for me which were bound into two large volumes as a retirement gift. I read them this morning and know I will return to them many more times. Now, fingers crossed these wishes come true: going to Hawaii, Costa Rica, Mexico, the mountains, the beach, camping, hiking, snuggling with my dog, having more rainbows than rain, sleeping in whenever I want, doing projects, enjoying musicals, getting massages, spending more time with my family and walking through big dandelion meadows so I can make a thousand more wishes!

In closing, I want you to know that I have enjoyed working alongside such caring, hardworking and dedicated staff who value education, serve as models of professionalism in their work with students and strive for a just and equitable community. I also want to extend my appreciation to our families, who have supported and promoted Glencoe, especially through the last couple of years when many schools felt unsupported. Your generosity of spirit, grace, honesty and care over the last seven years has been invaluable. It has been a pleasure and an honor to be your principal. Although I will be enjoying retirement, if you or your children ever need me, the school will know how to reach me.

Warmly,

Lori Clark
Glencoe Principal

Last day of school with Ms. Clark. We will miss her!

Time to fly off to her next adventure!



I'm the luckiest principal in the world! Thank you!

Students captured their memories of Ms. Clark in a jar (like in the book *Memory Jars* by Vera Brosgol). They also wrote her retirement wishes. She now has 2 volumes of wishes to read during retirement!

Happy Retirement and Happy Reading!



One happy GULL. Thousands of lucky kids!



Thank you Ms. Schiada!



Happy Retirement!
Thank you for sharing your craft and love for teaching!
36 years

