

Dear Glenoce Families,

Sunday marks the first day of Hispanic Heritage Month! Please see below for information on the history of the observation, and for ways to get involved in celebrating in the Portland-Metro area. At Glencoe, students will learn more about this important month, the people that paved the way for change in our country, and Latine culture. Through lessons in class and projects in art, students will engage in various ways with the history and perseverance of Hispanic people in the US. Please be sure to check out our Hispanic Heritage Month display at Back to School Night where we have highlighted just a few of the numerous historical Latine figures who cared, collaborated and persevered to make change in our country.

We look forward to welcoming you at Back to School night next Thursday, September 19! Our event runs from 5:30pm to 7:00pm and is Open House-style to try and accommodate as many families' schedules as possible during that time frame. At the door you will receive a "passport" to help ensure you see all the spaces your student frequents during the school day. Our Art and Library teachers will have their spaces open for families to see the changes. Our Music and PE teachers will be in the cafeteria with photos, videos, and other artifacts of learning. This is one of our most important family events of the year, as it sets the stage for the home-school communication and collaboration that our students need to thrive. Please join us Thursday evening and experience a mini "day in the life" of your child!

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Katie

### **Hispanic Heritage Month 2024/El Mes de la Herencia Hispana 2024**

September 15 marks the first day of [Hispanic Heritage Month](#). This year's theme is "*Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together*." The Portland-Metro area offers many ways to celebrate and recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success. Check out [this article](#) that highlights events coming up this month to celebrate with our Latine community members. There is everything from theater performances and food to art exhibits and cultural observances. Happy celebrating!

**En Español:** El 15 de septiembre es el primer día del [Mes de la Herencia Hispana](#). El tema de este año es "*Pioneros del Cambio: Juntos Forjamos el Futuro*." El área Portland-Metro ofrece muchas maneras de celebrar y reconocer los logros y contribuciones de los campeones hispanoamericanos que han inspirado a otros a alcanzar el éxito. Eche un vistazo a [este artículo](#) que destaca los eventos que tendrán lugar este mes para celebrar con los miembros de nuestra comunidad latine. Hay de todo, desde representaciones teatrales y comida hasta exposiciones de arte y celebraciones culturales. ¡Feliz celebración!

### **Sibling Storytime with Ms. Diane!**

Please join Ms. Diane in the library Wednesday, September 18 after drop-off at 8:00 AM!

## Rainbow Run!

Our first ever Rainbow Run is coming up on **Thursday, October 10!**

This run will serve as our biggest annual fundraiser. Please help us make this 100th year the best yet by [donating today!](#)

**QR codes are posted on the sandwich boards at drop-off and dismissal**, and on posters around the school, or you can donate at the link above! **Your student(s) came home with a flier on Wednesday with all the information as well.** Thank you in advance for your support!

## Safety Drills

We will have our first Lockdown Drill on **September 24 around 10:20 AM**. Lockdown Drills can be difficult or upsetting for students if they don't know what to expect - especially given the recent tragic event in Georgia. If you would like to talk more about what the drill entails with your student(s) at home, [here](#) is an article to help guide that conversation.

## 100-year Celebration Committee

Would you like to help us plan our 100-year celebration? We are forming a committee of community members, and would like to include your voices! The time commitment would include three-four meetings of around 1-1.5 hours, as well as possible time outside of those to coordinate and organize the event. If you are interested in getting involved, please let Laurie know at [lrobert3@pps.net](mailto:lrobert3@pps.net). Thank you in advance for your help!

## Reminder - Student Illness Protocol

With the new school year comes exposure to new germs. If your child is ill, please use [these guidelines](#) to keep them and those at Glencoe safe and healthy.

## Student Absences and Work Policy

From our Glencoe Family Handbook: Please try to schedule family vacations during school breaks (found on the [PPS calendar](#)). If your family elects to go on vacation during the school year, **teachers will not be required to provide school work/homework before or during the vacation**. When you return from vacation, your student will get any work they missed that can be completed at home.