

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

January 17, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday, 01/17/2025	After-School - Lego Explorers After-School - Portland Kelly Cadets Baton PTA Movie Night	2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:10pm 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Monday, 01/20/2025	NO SCHOOL - MLK Jr. Day	
Tuesday, 01/21/2025	After-School - Yoga Playgrounds After-School - Portland First Film School	2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday, 01/22/2025	Sibling Storytime After-School - Circus Arts After-School - Coding	8:10am - 8:45am 2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Thursday, 01/23/2025	After-School - Adventures in Spanish After-School - Skyhawks Basketball PTA Meeting	2:30-3:30pm/3:45-4:30pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Friday, 01/24/2025	End of Quarter SPIRIT DAY - "Flannel, Fleece, Flare" After-School - Lego Explorers After-School - Portland Kelly Cadets Baton	2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:10pm
Monday, 01/27/2025 Tuesday, 01/28/2025	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Grading Day NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Community,

We are almost at the end of Quarter 2, which marks the halfway point of the school year. Below you will find more information on viewing report cards at the end of this month. To give teachers time to complete grading and enter student scores, we will not have school on Monday, January 27 or Tuesday, January 28.

Monday, January 20 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and we will not have school in observance of the myriad contributions Dr. King made to the Civil Rights movement in the United States. For the past 30 years this day has been celebrated as a National Day of Service. For more information on MLK Day, this [article](#) uses kid-friendly language to discuss Dr. King's contributions to the fight for equity and inclusion in this country and the history of the holiday. If you are looking for ways to serve our community on Monday, here is a list of [activities](#) going on around the Portland area this weekend.

I wish you all a restful three-day weekend, and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday!

Katie

Holidays at School

Over the past few years the Glencoe Climate Team has spent some time discussing the celebration of holidays at school. Valentine's Day is the only holiday that was still celebrated by some teachers up until last year, though it is not a holiday recognized or observed by all families in our community. We know the inconsistency of some classes celebrating and some not was understandably frustrating for students and families last year. It has come to our attention that having celebrations like this at school excludes some members of our community from being able to access their education on those days. As an inclusive community, we have decided not to celebrate Valentine's Day at school this year.

As a school leader I am always considering what is best for the whole community and working to ensure that each student feels valued and seen at school. There is a difference between educating students about different holidays/traditions and celebrating the cultural or religious beliefs of the majority of the students in class. School should not be a place where any student feels excluded for not ascribing to the majority's practices.

If you would like to take a deeper look into the topic of celebrating holidays at school, [this](#) blog post is a good resource to provide a perspective you might not have considered before. I felt this quote in particular echoed Glencoe's approach to making education inclusive to all: "We as educational leaders have a responsibility to ensure all children are included and feel a sense of value while obtaining their education and not placed into rooms or excused from class while others celebrate."

This year Friday, February 14 happens to coincide with our 100th day of our 100th year of school in this Glencoe building. We will have a "Glencoe Cares" day where students can participate in activities and create something together that will be showcased at our 100-year celebration in May. We want to celebrate and have fun events as a school community, and this is a way for everyone to participate in a community-centered day where we all share the same context and can contribute to its success. I look forward to sharing more information with you about it as the date approaches.

Report Cards

Report cards will be available to view online at 3:00 PM on Friday, January 31. To see Quarter 2 report cards, just log in to your ParentVue account. If both parents have opted for a paper report card, they will be sent home in student's backpacks the first week of February.

Glencoe Kindergarten Info Session

We will hold our annual Kindergarten Info Session for the incoming 2025-2026 kindergarten parents on Tuesday, February 4 from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM. This event will be for adults only, and is an opportunity to see the K classrooms, meet the teachers, and learn about why Glencoe is the best fit for their child. If you have an upcoming kindergarten student, please join! If not, please share this information with anyone in our neighborhood looking at kindergarten options for next year. Thanks for helping us keep enrollment strong at Glencoe!

PTA NEWS

Family Movie Night - TONIGHT!

Join us for a family movie night as we watch Paddington in the cafeteria from 6:30-9pm. We'll have some snacks; bring a friend, chairs and blankets!



PTA Meeting, January 23rd – *rescheduled date!*

Join us in the cafeteria from 6-7:30pm on Thursday, January 23rd to meet other parents, learn about how to be involved at Glencoe, and share some food provided by the PTA! Kiddos are welcome to join in the playcourt with provided childcare. PTA membership is FREE and all are welcome!

Safety Patrol

School staff are working to get Glencoe's Safety Patrol program back up and running. In order to be able to have the crosswalks covered on Belmont and Alder, we need 2 adult volunteers during each shift. [All months have been added to this sign-up document: please consider filling a shift for multiple months if you are able.](#)

There's still space open, register for an afterschool program today!!

Check out all the amazing winter activities happening afterschool at Glencoe! From Yoga to Baton, there's something for everyone. Sign up for your kiddo's favorite activity, or try something new. Please see the [Afterschool Activities page on the PTA Website](#) to browse all the options and find registration links. They're a blast for kids and a great way to help them gain new experiences and skills, plus a little extra childcare for you.

Quick Links: [PTA Website](#), [Facebook](#), [MemberHub](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMPUS REMINDERS

Campus Safety Information: You may have noticed that there are now chains limiting the campus entrances on 49th and near the bike shelter. These chains will only be closed between 8:15 AM and 2:15 PM while students are in school, and are a safety measure. The chain will be open during drop-off, pick-up, and after school on evenings and weekends. If it is ever closed during one of these times, please alert the office and we will open it.

No Animals on Campus: Families who bring their dogs during dismissal time will need to establish a meeting spot away from the dismissal areas on campus. We want families to enjoy an afternoon walk with their family pet, but according to PPS policy, animals are not allowed on any school campus during school hours, including small dogs and pets that can be carried. Dogs must not be left unattended or tied up while outside the school building. The lawn just north of the staff parking lot is not considered “on campus”, so we recommend identifying that as a family gathering spot if you bring your dog at the end of the day. If your child’s class exits out the back, you may want to arrange for your child to walk alone to meet you out front. If you do bring your pet, please keep him/her leashed at all times in accordance with Multnomah County Leash Compliance Law and pick up after them for sanitary purposes.

Automobiles at drop off/pick up: To avoid traffic hazards around the building, students arriving by car should be dropped off from a parking space along Morrison Street or curbside, directly in front of Glencoe, not in the middle of the street or in the school parking lot. Keeping drop off quick helps us keep congestion to a minimum. The driver must remain at the wheel in front of the school at ALL times. Please help keep all of our students and families safe by observing the traffic signs and using the designated crosswalks. Please adhere to the NO PARKING signs and be respectful of the School Bus Zone. Individuals who park in this area will be asked to move so that we have room for our buses. Please follow these guidelines for pick up as well. If spots are available, drivers may park in the parking lot for afternoon pick up. Please do not block other vehicles.

LOST AND FOUND - SMALL ITEMS

I have a growing collection of small lost and found items such as jewelry, small toys, keys, glasses, watches, etc. at my desk in the office. If your child is missing something, please check in with me. I may just have it in my collection!

OREGON BURN CENTER SAFETY FAIR

The Oregon Burn Center is hosting a regional safety fair to kick off National Burn Awareness Week at the Portland Expo Center on February 2nd, 2025. This is a family friendly, free event to educate the community on in-home safety. There will be visits from special characters, face painting and emergency vehicles on site to entertain the kids. [Safety Fair Flier](#)



AUTOMATED ATTENDANCE CALLS CHANGE

Please note an important change to our attendance process. To enhance our focus on student safety, automated attendance calls through Remind will now begin at 9:30am instead of 10:30am. To avoid receiving a call, please report the reason for your child's absence to the school before 9:15am.

WINTER WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY - FEBRUARY 5, 2025

We encourage students to bundle up and join Safe Routes to School as we walk and roll to school on National Winter Walk & Roll to School Day, February 5th, 2025. On this day, students all over the country put on their cold weather gear and brave the elements as a community.

I-READY CLASSROOM MATHEMATICS FAMILY CENTER

By establishing a strong connection between students' home lives and school, their learning experiences can become more vibrant and engaging. The I-Ready Mathematics Family Center is an impactful way to support teachers and families in order to strengthen the bridge between school and home:

- *Purpose:* Provides resources for families to support and encourage their child's mathematical success
- *When to Use It:* Families can access the website at any time throughout the year.
- *Where to Find It:* ReadyClassroomCentral.com/FamilyCenter

MUSIC



4th grade students will be participating in the Carnegie Hall Link Up Event in May. We will start recorder pieces this winter. If you wish to purchase a recorder for your child to practice at home, please send \$5 with your child in January. I have a limited number of recorders to sell. ALL students will have access to clean recorders to borrow during music class. - Ms. Davidson

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY DONATION OPTION

Still want to contribute to our "100 Year Anniversary" events? Our great Glencoe students had a successful Rainbow Run and really outdid themselves as they ran to fundraise for Glencoe's 100 year anniversary. The QR code is closed but you can still donate anytime this year by signing into your School Pay account <https://pps.schoolpay.com/> and going to Payment Items and 100 Year Anniversary. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Stay tuned for upcoming celebration events!

ARE YOUR STUDENT'S VACCINES UP TO DATE?

Vaccines play a crucial role in protecting our students from serious illnesses and help keep our community safe. Parents/Guardians of students who are due to receive vaccines should receive a letter in the mail. Please check if your child's [vaccinations are current](#), including their recommended flu shot, and contact your medical provider or any of the resources listed below.

[Multnomah County Student Health Centers](#)

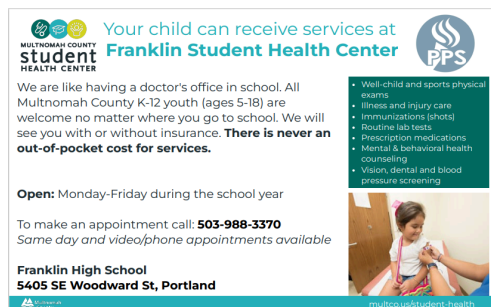
[OHSU Wellness Center](#)

[Multnomah County Vaccination Clinic](#) (English)

[Clínica Comunitaria de Vacunación Gratuita](#) (Spanish)

FRANKLIN STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

All Multnomah County K-12 youth (ages 5-18) are welcome at the Franklin Student Health Center no matter where you go to school. We will see you with or without insurance. There is never an out-of-pocket cost for services. Call for Appointments: 503-988-3370.



The flyer for the Franklin Student Health Center features the Multnomah County Student Health Center logo and the PPS logo. It states that children can receive services at the center, which is located at Franklin High School. The flyer lists services such as well-child and sports physical exams, illness and injury care, immunizations, routine lab tests, prescription medications, mental and behavioral health counseling, and vision, dental, and blood pressure screening. It also mentions that the center is open Monday-Friday during the school year and provides the phone number 503-988-3370 for appointments. A photo of a child being examined is included.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY student HEALTH CENTER Your child can receive services at **Franklin Student Health Center** **PPS**

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Same day and video/phone appointments available

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5405 SE Woodward St, Portland

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Immunizations (shots)
Routine lab tests
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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

[Safe Routes to Schools January Newsletter](#)

HEALTHY CHOICES BULLETIN

[Healthy Choices January Bulletin](#)

PROGRAM FLIERS *Highlighted items are new*

Camps, Classes, & After School Programs:

- Cognizart [31st Annual Young Artists Debut! Concert & Showcase](#) (apply by Feb. 3 – [Deadline extended](#))
- USTA [Tennis Afterschool Zone at Maplewood](#) (Jan. 14 - Feb. 25)
- VIBE of Portland [Music & Digital Art Classes for Kids](#)
- Portland Parks & Rec: [Teen Force at SW Community Center](#)

Summer Camps:

- Cognizart [360Arts Summer Camps](#) (Jul. 7-11, 14-18, & 21-25)
- OSU [Summer Reading Program](#) (Jun. 14 - Aug. 16)

Preschool Programs:

- Multnomah Early Childhood Program [Peer Preschool Classes](#)
([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#)) ([Chinese](#)) ([Russian](#)) ([Somali](#)) ([Korean](#)) ([Arabic](#)) ([Persian](#))
- Portland Parks [Preschool 2024-25](#)

Community Events & Information:

- Multnomah County [Common Application](#)
- City of Portland [311 Non-Emergency Hotline](#)
([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#)) ([Chinese](#)) ([Russian](#)) ([Somali](#))

Vaccinations, Health & Wellness:

- Multnomah County Student Health Center [Immunization Catch-Up Reminder](#)
- [Oregon Health Plan & Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace](#)
- Multnomah County Free Community Vaccination Clinic (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays)
([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#)) ([Chinese](#)) ([Russian](#)) ([Somali](#))

- Multnomah County Student Health Centers (*fliers in English, Russian, Chinese, and Vietnamese*):
 - [Cleveland HS](#)
 - [Franklin HS](#)
 - [Jefferson HS](#)
 - [McDaniel HS](#)
 - [Roosevelt HS](#)