

# Glencoe Elementary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### January 31, 2025

#### UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday, 01/31/2025	After-School - Lego Explorers After-School - Portland Kelly Cadets Baton	2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:10pm
<b>Monday, 02/03/25 - Friday, 02/07/25</b>	<b>School Counselor Appreciation Week</b>	
Monday, 02/03/2025		
Tuesday, 02/04/2025	After-School - Yoga Playgrounds After-School - Portland First Film School <b>Kinder Connect</b>	2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 4:00pm 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday, 02/05/2025	<b>Sibling Storytime</b> After-School - Circus Arts After-School - Coding	8:10am - 8:45am 2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Thursday, 02/06/2025	After-School - Adventures in Spanish After-School - Skyhawks Basketball	2:30-3:30pm/3:45-4:30pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Friday, 02/07/2025	<b>Popcorn Friday</b> After-School - Lego Explorers After-School - Portland Kelly Cadets Baton	2:30pm - 2:45pm 2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:10pm

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Community,

Quarter 3 started with a very short week. When we return on Monday it will be February, and that means the beginning of Black History Month! Please see the blurb below for more information on this year's theme, African Americans and Labor, how we honor Black history at Glencoe all year-round, and community events throughout the month in and around Portland.

At next week's Wednesday Morning Meeting we will share information with students about our Glencoe Cares and 100 Days of Learning celebration on Friday, February 14! I will be sure to include the information in next week's family newsletter as well. We are very excited to unveil our Glencoe Centennial t-shirts that arrived this week. Each student will receive their shirt on the 14. Thank you to our wonderful families for supporting the Rainbow Run in October and making it possible for us to provide a t-shirt to each student!

During these turbulent times in our country, community celebrations like Glencoe Cares Day remind us what we love about our community, how we feel cared for, and how we show care for others. Below, please read the message from PPS and Glencoe about how we can support our

community members who might be feeling unsure about their immigration status given the recent decisions made by our current presidential administration. Now our ability to affirm our students' gender identity has also come into question with the latest executive order. I encourage us all to show care for each other and remember that we never know what someone else is going through. Let's be strong and united - inclusive, caring, and persevering. If you or your family need help, know that we are here for you, and please do not hesitate to reach out to the school.

I hope you all have a nice weekend, and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

In solidarity,  
Katie

### **Supporting our Immigrant Community Members**

It is important to PPS that immigrant families feel safe and supported. A number of families have expressed to me and other members of our staff that they are concerned about possible immigration actions under the new presidential administration.

I want to reassure you that our top priority is ensuring the safety and well-being of all students and staff. We continue to work closely with PPS leadership and our community partners to uphold Oregon law prohibiting state and local law enforcement from arresting or detaining people based solely on immigration status. Additionally, Oregon law protects student educational records from use for immigration actions.

In times of uncertainty, it is always beneficial to be proactive and prepared, and it's crucial that we have up-to-date contact information for you and your student. **If you have not done so already, please complete [the yearly student verification form](#) to ensure we're reaching you via the right information and in the right language.**

I also wanted to provide the following resources:

- [This FAQ](#) and [this webpage](#) answer many questions about the steps Portland Public Schools will be taking to safeguard staff and students going forward.
- [This page from the Multnomah Education Service District \(MESD\)](#) includes a family resource hub and culturally specific information for families in the Portland area.
- [The Immigrant Legal Resource Center Little Red Card](#) is meant to help people assert their rights and defend themselves in many situations. The cards can be printed out in your preferred language and carried on your person.
- [Know Your Rights for Families/Students](#) (Oregon ACLU)
- [Immigrant Rights Resources One Pager](#)
- PPS's [Office for Civil Rights](#) offers support addressing discrimination, harassment, and bias-related concerns.

Please contact me at [kgunderson@pps.net](mailto:kgunderson@pps.net) if you have any questions or concerns. I am here for you and our students, and you have my word that, at Glencoe, we will always stand together to champion our diversity and support the most vulnerable among us.

### **Black History Month**

This year's [Black History Month](#) theme is "African Americans and Labor," and is a powerful reflection on the pivotal role that the hard work of African Americans has had in shaping our

country's history. If you are looking for ways to honor Black History Month locally, here is a [calendar](#) and more [events](#) that are going on around Portland in February.

Here at Glencoe we are intentional about including Black history in our classrooms year-round to affirm the identity of nearly 10% of our students. In curriculum at every grade level students dig into important questions such as "Whose stories are told throughout history? Whose stories are missing?" In February, particular attention is given to include different aspects of Black history in the curriculum. In second grade students are researching the biographies of influential figures in the Civil Rights Movement. In music, all classes will be working on "Lift Every Voice and Sing", the Black National Anthem. They will experience it sung by Black Americans over the past century (since the opening of Glencoe!). The focus will be on the first verse of the song. They will also learn about many amazing Black American musicians. In PE, students are learning about the cultural and historical context of the jump rope and its ties to early African-American culture. Next time you are in the building, please come and see our display case outside of the cafeteria honoring Black History Month!



### **National School Counseling Week**

February 3 - 7 is National School Counseling and Counselor Appreciation Week! Our amazing school counselors are even more critical to our students' success during these uncertain political times. For more information on the ways our school counselors support our students every day, please check out this [blurb](#).



### **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

### Thank You From The Office

Thank you to our wonderful "Garden Fairies" who continue to surprise us with their seasonal decor of the front entry pots at the school. The new winter flowers & plants have added some cheer to our building for the staff, students & families. Thank you Garden Club Volunteers!

### Winter Walk & Roll – February 5th! Bus Bus Edition

Join us for Winter Walk & Roll on February 5th! You've heard of the Bike Bus. Now it's time to try the Bus Bus!

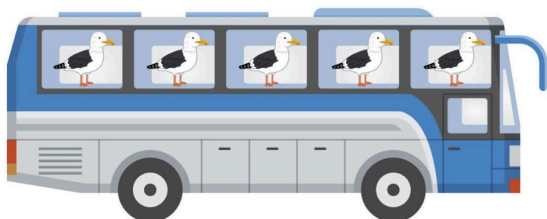
If you live on Mount Tabor and normally drive to school, please join us for a fun community bus ride. Meet at the bus stop on Belmont & 68th at 7:42am to take the TriMet 15 bus to school. Jump on at an earlier or later stop if that works better for you. Rob will be on the bus so kids will have the option to bus to school themselves.

There will be TriMet swag for kids taking the city bus and donuts for everyone who buses or bikes to school! Email Laura with any questions. [emmerson.laura@gmail.com](mailto:emmerson.laura@gmail.com)

## **WINTER WALK+ROLL**

# **GLENCOE BUS BUS**

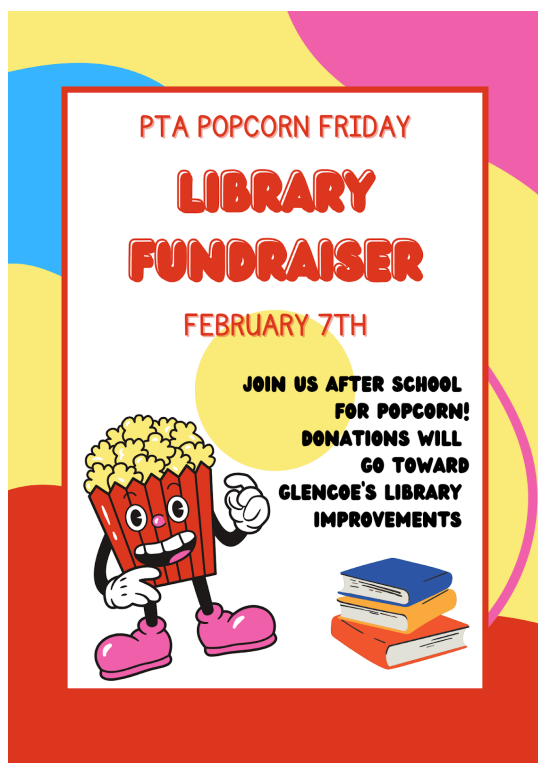
**WED, FEBRUARY 5TH  
BELMONT & 68TH @7:42**



**Swag and treats  
for everyone who bikes or  
rides a TriMet or yellow bus to school!**

### Glencoe Library Popcorn Friday Fundraiser – February 7!

Our wonderful librarian, Ms. Aubrey, has already made exciting progress and changes to our kids' library. There is plenty more to do and she needs our help! We are dedicating all funds raised at our next Popcorn Friday on February 7th, to the library in hopes that Ms. Aubrey can continue making it an inviting, inclusive, organized space where our kids' imaginations and minds can grow.



### Winterfest at Taborspace – Saturday 2/1

Tomorrow is Winterfest at Taborspace from 10-1. Grab a warm drink, meet community groups, swap puzzles and games, enjoy the live music, and have a good time.



## **Family Dance – February 21st**

Save the date! We're excited to host a fun dance event for the whole family. Stay tuned for more details!

## **Volunteer Opportunities @ Glencoe**

Interested in volunteering to support our community? There are several needs to be met!

- [Safety Patrol](#) is still looking for a few parent helpers in February, especially on Wednesday mornings!
- Glencoe's Family Dance will be on February 21--[help make it happen!](#)
- [Glencoe's spring PPS/PTA Clothing Center shift](#) is coming up on February 26. We did not fulfill our fall expectation, so it would be great to have a good showing this spring!
- [Adopt the lost & found](#) at Glencoe for the month of March!

## **Advocacy Opportunities**

Townhall with Senator Frederick, Rep Sanchez

Alberta Abbey, Saturday February 8 at 10am

Registration required (Information TBD)

SE Portland Public School Funding

Duniway Elementary, February 10 at 6pm

The goal of the forum is to provide an informative space for the community to understand the funding challenges we are facing and convey how essential it is that our legislators make school funding a priority during their budgetary session. To make the best use of our time, we will be soliciting questions from attendees in advance of the forum and will provide these to our invited guests (Superintendent Armstrong, Director Eddie Wang, Senator Taylor, Representative Gamba and hopefully Representative Nosse.)

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE GLENCOE ART TEACHER**

Art classes have just finished units on color and value. Hopefully your student has come home excited to tell you about what we've created, shown you their art or sung you one of our art songs!

Coming up classes will be learning about the element of art: form. All classes will be creating a clay piece. Most will also have the opportunity to work on a fiber arts piece through weaving or hand sewing. To ensure that we are able to accomplish this, please consider donating items from [my Glencoe wishlist](#).

If you would like to volunteer in the classroom or help hang artwork in the halls, please reach out via email.

Crystal Simpson - Visual Arts Educator

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### **VISITING AUTHOR COMING TO GLENCOE!**

Glencoe is excited to welcome Trudy Ludwig, an acclaimed speaker and award-winning author of numerous children's books on February 11th. During her time here, Trudy will be leading two assemblies focused on helping our students to connect and engage with their peers in kind, caring, and inclusive ways. These assemblies give students tools to continue working on our February word of the month, "Cares."

On **Tuesday evening, February 11th**, parents and caregivers are invited to attend Trudy's adult presentation, "Understanding Our Kids' Social World: Friendships, Cliques & Power Plays." This talk will be from **6:00-7:30pm** in the Glencoe cafeteria. Although this is an **adult-only event**, our generous PTA has agreed to provide childcare for adults that want to attend but are unable to secure their own childcare.

Here is a flyer with more details about the evening event. For more information about Trudy and her work, visit [trudyludwig.com](http://trudyludwig.com).



### **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!

### **IMPORTANT HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS FOR WINTER AT PPS**

At Portland Public Schools (PPS), the well-being of our students and staff are always our top priority. During the winter months, we often see an increase in illness, and we want to remind you of how we manage illness and work to prevent the spread of contagious diseases to keep everyone safe and healthy. Please see this [PPS Health/Safety Info](#) for current health/safety protocols.

### **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](#)



## 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!

## 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.

**Your child can receive services at Franklin Student Health Center**

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**Open:** Monday-Friday during the school year

To make an appointment call: **503-988-3370**  
Same day and video/phone appointments available

**Franklin High School**  
5405 SE Woodward St, Portland

multnomahcounty.gov/student-health

- Well-child and sports physical exams
- Illness and injury care
- Immunizations (shots)
- Routine lab tests
- Prescription medications
- Mental & behavioral health counseling
- Vision, dental and blood pressure screening

## 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:**

- VIBE PDX [No-School Youth Sewing Classes](#) (Jan. 27-28, Feb. 17, Mar. 3, Mar. 24-28)
- 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:**



- VIBE PDX [East Winds Band Camp](#) (Jul. 21-25, 2025, recorded audition due Jul. 10)
- 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](#)