

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

February 7, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday, 02/07/2025	Popcorn Friday After-School - Lego Explorers After-School - Portland Kelly Cadets Baton	2:30pm - 2:45pm 2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:10pm
Monday, 02/10/2025		
Tuesday, 02/11/2025	Author Assembly - K-2 Author Assembly - 3-5 After-School - Yoga Playgrounds After-School - Portland First Film School Author Assembly - Parents	10:00am -10:50am 1:30pm - 2:20pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 4:00pm 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Wednesday, 02/12/2025	After-School - Circus Arts After-School - Coding	2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Thursday, 02/13/2025	After-School - Adventures in Spanish After-School - Skyhawks Basketball	2:30-3:30pm/3:45-4:30pm 2:30pm - 3:45pm
Friday, 02/14/2025	Glencoe Cares Day Spirit Day - "Blue & Gold" After-School - Lego Explorers After-School - Portland Kelly Cadets Baton	2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:10pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Community,

We narrowly avoided a snow day this week, though it was nice to watch some flakes fall on Wednesday. At our Wednesday Morning Meeting we introduced and discussed the "word of the month," Cares, and unveiled our Glencoe Centennial t-shirt. Students were excited to see it and to hear about the fun activities we have planned for next Friday's "Glencoe Cares Day!" On that day, as a community we will take a whole-school photo (showing off our newest swag), find ways to show care and appreciation for others and our school, as well as reflecting on what we love most about being a Glencoe gull! We will round out the day with our earned incentive, "flop 'n read" where students are invited to bring a book and stuffy from home and read in the hallway with their friends. Please make sure that stuffies fit in backpacks.

I want to share an appreciation for the PTA Board and their commitment to serving Glencoe families. At Wednesday night's meeting we discussed ways to support our families in the community most affected by recent Executive Orders. As these plans firm up we will share them with you all in the newsletter so that you can participate in any way you are able or willing. As

always, I appreciate the care and desire of this community to uplift and support each other, especially in hard times. Thank you for persevering together! Please do not hesitate to reach out to either of our counselors, [Ms. Gardner](#), [Ms. Madi](#), or [myself](#) if your family needs support of any kind.

I wish you all a peaceful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you Monday morning!

In appreciation,
Katie

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.

At Glencoe we are intentional about including Black history and representation in the curriculum taught in our classrooms year-round to affirm the identity of nearly 10% of our student population. The display case next to the cafeteria currently houses a beautiful installment on inspirational Black figures throughout history, and includes student work from our 5th graders. Come check it out next time you are in the building!

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.

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 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.



PTA NEWS

Statement from the Glencoe PTA Board

While some choose hate and division, your Glencoe PTA Board strives to create a caring, inclusive community where all are welcome and celebrated. Our mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging with and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. The National PTA has shared position statements and resolutions on many issues which are being impacted by current events, including:

On the [Rights and Services for Undocumented Children](#):

The National PTA recognizes that the United States began as a country of immigrants and that the resulting blend of cultures enriches our nation. The National PTA also believes that all children residing in the United States, regardless of their immigration status, have the right of access to a quality public education, adequate food and shelter, and basic health care services.

On the [Protection of and Support for LGBTQ+ Individuals](#):

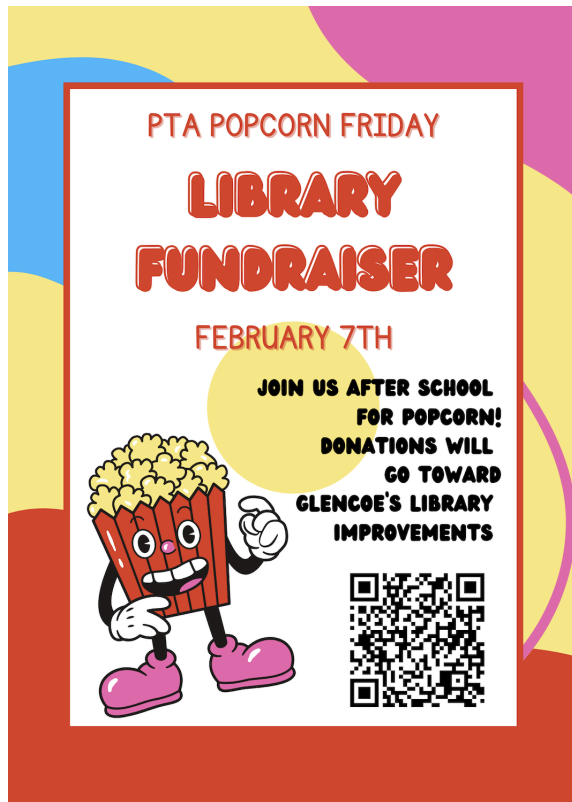
National PTA supports civil rights legislation, Department of Education guidance, and Department of Justice guidance that provides for the protection of all children and youth, and ensures equitable access to education, safe school environments, and affirming health care.

Your Glencoe PTA stands behind these statements and is in active conversation about ways to support our community in this moment. If you have ideas or requests for ways that PTA can offer support, please reach out to glencoeelementarypta@gmail.com.

Glencoe Library Popcorn Friday Fundraiser – February 7!

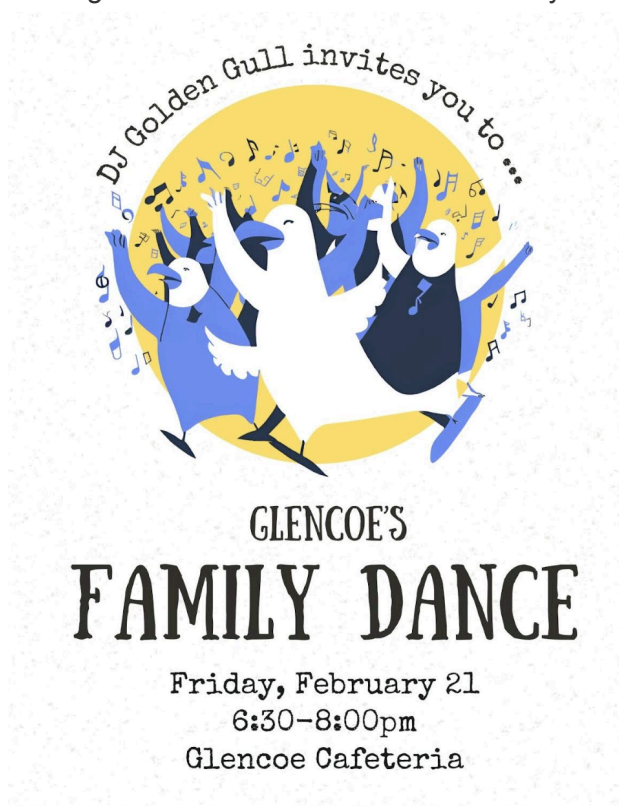
Our wonderful librarian, Ms. Aubrey, has already made exciting progress and changes to our kids' library. There is plenty more to do and she needs our help! We are dedicating all funds raised at our next Popcorn Friday on February 7th, to the library in hopes that Ms. Aubrey can continue making it an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

Here is a link to [Ms. Aubrey's Amazon wishlist](#) for those who would like to donate that way. And to give funds directly to the library upgrades, please donate [HERE](#). This is the PTA's donation link and we are sending all funds received around this fundraiser to the library, even if it's not directly at Popcorn Friday.



Family Dance! – February 21st

We're havin' a DANNNNNCE PARTYYYYYY! Meet us in the cafeteria for some tunes by DJ Golden Gull, fun decor, and light snacks on Friday, February 21st from 6:30-8pm. This event is FREE and the whole family is invited! Dancing is an important and helpful way to release stress and gain endorphins, which we're sure we could all use right now. 🧐 There will also be some board games out for a more mellow activity.



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! This is a very tangible, hands-on way to help families in need and has been a rewarding, inspiring experience for past volunteers.*
- [Adopt the lost & found](#) at Glencoe for the month of March!

Drama Club at Glencoe – Spring Registration now open!

Join Portland Drama Club for their Spring production and drama class! This program is open to any student at Glencoe in grades 2-5. Rehearsals are Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:30-5pm from March 31-June 2, with an evening musical production at Glencoe on June 2. You can find more information and register [HERE](#).

Advocacy Opportunities

Town Hall with Senator Frederick, Rep Sanchez, Rep Nelson

Alberta Abbey, Saturday February 8, 10am - 12pm

Registration required: Register [HERE](#).

SE Portland Public School Funding

Duniway Elementary, February 10 at 6pm-7:30pm

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 LIBRARIAN

Happy Weekend Everyone!

The Glencoe library is thrilled to welcome the author of the Mr. Wolf's Class series (and former Glencoe teacher), Aron Nels Steinke, on March 7th for an interactive presentation with several of our 3rd-5th grade classes. We'll engage in an author study to prepare and there's bound to be plenty of enthusiasm for reading his new middle grade graphic novel, Speechless. You can help us bring this inspiring opportunity to our community by [pre-ordering](#) an autographed copy for your student (or the library)! Follow these links to [learn more about the visit](#) and [watch the book trailer for Speechless](#).

Aubrey Pagenstecher

Teacher Librarian

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.



PPS INVITES YOU TO A MOVIE SCREENING OF "CHAMPIONS"

PPS is excited to welcome you to a screening of "Champions" on **Saturday, February 8th at 2:00pm at Lincoln High School**. This event will also include first-hand experience from PPS students. This movie highlights the journey of a basketball coach who leads a team of players with intellectual disabilities. Through humor and heartfelt moments, the movie emphasizes the strengths, individuality, and value each player brings and how inclusion enriches communities and creates positive, supportive environments.

[Champions Flier \(English\)](#) [Champions Flier \(Spanish\)](#)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH OPPORTUNITIES

The Student Affinity Group Support Team shares these opportunities:

Black-serving organizations across the city are celebrating a "**Black, Black History Month**" this year by hosting a pop-up museum at The Horizon Enterprise Building in Old Town (**433 NW 4th Ave.**)

Old Town is one of the first neighborhoods where Black folks settled in Portland—the railroad brought families from out east in the late 1800s. It'll be a pleasure to hold space in that same neighborhood as we celebrate Black life today. This is an everyday practice in our community, but we double-down in February.

We've curated a host of galleries, events and film screenings—**free and open to the public every Wednesday through Sunday this February, from 10am to 4pm.**

“Soul Conversation” is a panel discussion with members of Albina’s historic music community: Ken Berry, Mel Brown, JW Friday, Paul Knauls, Norman Sylvester, and Calvin Walker; it’ll be a fitting snapshot of the spirit of Black Portland—the same spirit we’re honoring, all month long.

Visit “[News and Events](#)” at 1803fund.com for more information (including how to volunteer in the space yourself!)

This event is sponsored by 1803 Fund, in partnership with:

- Albina Music Trust
- Alisa Wilbon
- Black Bald Films
- Center for Black Excellence
- Creative Homies
- The BLACK Gallery, curated by Don’t Shoot PDX
- Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon - MESO
- Oregon Black Pioneers
- Word is Bond
- North East Production
- Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church

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!

LGBTQ+ SUPPORT


Are you a parent or caregiver wanting to learn more about supporting a young person in your life who is or could be LGBTQ+ identified? If so, this **updated guide** is for you: [LGBTQ+ Caregiver Guide \(English\)](#) [LGBTQ+ Caregiver Guide \(Spanish\)](#)

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.


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.



student health center

Your child can receive services at
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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





multco.us/student-health

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

[Safe Routes to Schools February Newsletter](#)

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. 24 – [Deadline extended again](#))
- 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*):
 - o [Cleveland HS](#)
 - o [Franklin HS](#)
 - o [Jefferson HS](#)
 - o [McDaniel HS](#)
 - o [Roosevelt HS](#)