

# Glencoe Elementary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### August 25, 2023

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, 08/28/2023		
Tuesday, 08/29/2023	<b>First day of school for 1-5</b> Kinder Appointments	8:00am - 2:15pm
Wednesday, 08/30/2023	Kinder Appointments	
Thursday, 08/31/2023	Kinder Gentle Start	8:00am - 2:15pm
Friday, 09/01/2023	Kinder Gentle Start	8:00am - 2:15pm
Monday, 09/04/2023	<b>LABOR DAY - No School for Students</b>	
Tuesday, 09/05/2023	<b>First day for all Kindergarteners</b> Kinder Parent Coffee - Cafeteria	8:00am - 2:15pm 8:15am

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is an honor to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Whether you are new to Glencoe, or a returning Gull, we can't wait to see you! We are excited to have students back in our classrooms and filling our hallways with joy and energy. It is our mission for your child to be part of an inclusive community that cares, collaborates, and perseveres.

To ensure a smooth start to the year, I have included links with important Back to School information below. You will find answers to questions about drop-off and pick-up procedures and locations, as well as required forms. Please review the following before the first day of school so you have everything you need:

- [Glencoe Arrival/Dismissal Doors 2023-2024 - For Families](#)
- [Glencoe Online Dismissal Form](#) (Please fill out before the first day of school)
- [Glencoe Family Reference Guide for the 2023-24 School Year](#)
- [Glencoe Family Handbook](#)

**School hours this year are 8:00 am - 2:15 pm.** All students in **1st - 5th** grade start school on **Tuesday, August 29**. Our kindergarteners have been assigned a small cohort start date on either August 31 or September 1. **All kindergarteners** will come to school together beginning **September 5**.

We would love to see you at these opportunities to connect before school starts:

- **Community Care Day, August 27**, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, at Glencoe
- **Kindergarten Playdate, August 27**, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, at Glencoe (*kinders only*)

I look forward to having the chance to connect with you all, either at one of these events or throughout the year. Please reach out to me at any time at [kgunderson@pps.net](mailto:kgunderson@pps.net) or at 503-916-6207.

Sincerely,

***Katie Gunderson***

Glencoe Principal

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## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

Once again, there are plans to repaint the Morrison Street Rose on Monday Sept 4th (Labor Day—it will be a labor of neighborly love!). We'll follow the painting with a celebratory brunch potluck block party. Contact Sue ([sakass@icloud.com](mailto:sakass@icloud.com)) or Kathy ([kzavitz@msn.com](mailto:kzavitz@msn.com)) for more information. ■ [Repaint the Rose.jpg](#)

## **SAFETY PATROL**

Please be on the lookout for 5th grade safety patrollers as you drop off and pick up your students. They will be helping students cross at 50th and Belmont and at 49th and Alder.

These students have been trained to help students cross the street safely. If your student walks to or from school and crosses Belmont, please encourage them to cross at 50th. If your student crosses 49th, please show them where Alder is (right where the back opening is to the school yard) so we can make sure they arrive safely. If you drive your student to or from school, please be extra mindful of these two crosswalks.

5th grade families-- if your student is interested and has not yet had the opportunity to sign up for Safety Patrol, an application will be going home soon.

## **ART INFUSION**

**Art Infusion is back!** We are firing up the kiln, sharpening the pencils, and preparing the paints... the only thing that's missing is you!

**Art Infusion** is Glencoe's classroom art program taught and run by volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to help and visit your child's classroom! The program is especially important because, while we do have music, Glencoe does not have a visual arts curriculum. Volunteers are trained to teach each lesson before they head into the classroom. Free childcare and all lesson materials are provided during the evening training sessions. **No art experience is necessary!** Please volunteer to support visual arts in our school! We are still looking to fill some assistant coordinator positions. Thanks for considering! Michelle Jariabka  
For more information email: [glencoe.art.infusion@gmail.com](mailto:glencoe.art.infusion@gmail.com).

**Training Night: Tuesday September 12, 6:30pm** in the cafeteria.

## [PTA NEWS](#)

On behalf of your Glencoe PTA, welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Studies show that family involvement is essential to the successful education of our children. Here are a few ways that you can get involved!

- Join the PTA: A first step is [joining the PTA](#) - it's a great place to share ideas, enthusiasm and expertise. You will also find a paper form in the Welcome Packet that goes home with students on the first day of school.
- Attend PTA meetings: Meetings will be every other month. ***Our first meeting will be September 14 at 6:30pm.*** Stay tuned for details.
- Join Konstella: You should have received an invitation to join [Konstella](#), our private communication tool for Glencoe families. We encourage every family to join, as it is a valuable communication tool for the PTA, and ALSO a great way to connect with other families in your class! (Playdates, anyone?!)
- Follow us on social media: Follow the PTA on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Bookmark our website: Explore the PTA's website, [glencoeelementarypta.com](http://glencoeelementarypta.com), for information on volunteering, after-school offerings, and more.