Glencoe Elementary School Weekly Newsletter August 30, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

Date	Event	Time
Monday, 09/02/2024	LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday, 09/03/2024	First day for all Kindergarteners Kinder Parent Coffee - Cafeteria	8:00am - 2:30pm 8:15am
Wednesday, 09/04/2024		
Thursday, 09/05/2024		
Friday, 09/06/2024		

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glenoce Families,

What a great first week! Students arrived each day with giant smiles and so much excitement to be back at school. We spent time learning or reviewing routines and getting to know each other. We look forward to welcoming all of our Kindergartners on Tuesday morning, and our community will be complete! Next week we will have our first Wednesday Morning Meeting, which is our monthly assembly time. We take time to build community, talk about our school values, and students will learn the first "Word of the Month." On Wednesday afternoon you can check in with your student(s) about which value we are focusing on for the month of September, and how they have seen that value play out at Glencoe.

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved three-day weekend. We look forward to welcoming all of the smiling faces back to school on Tuesday morning!

Thank you, Katie

New Community Members

We welcome several new staff members to our community this year! Please help us make them feel welcome at Glencoe when you see them!

- Crystal Simpson (Mrs. Simpson) Art Teacher
- Aubrey Pagenstecher (Ms. Aubrey) Teacher Librarian
- Chris Wulferdingen (Ms. Chris) Academic Interventionist
- Sarah-Beth Censoni (Mrs. Censoni) 3rd Grade Intern (Mrs. Maestas' class)
- Jonathan Fleming (Mr. Fleming) Learning Resource Center Intern (Ms. Orchard's groups)

• **David Jaynes** (Mr. Jaynes) - Principal Intern (completing his elementary-level practicum with Katie)

Request From Our Art Teacher

Hi, my name is Mrs. Simpson and I'm the new art teacher! I am excited to be able to teach at Glencoe this year. I have many fun lessons planned for each grade level; including ceramics, collage, painting, glasswork and sewing. If you are able, please consider donating supplies from this <u>wish list</u>, which will be sent directly to the school.

I look forward to creating some amazing art with Glencoe students and to meeting families/guardians over the coming weeks.

Mrs. Simpson, Art Teacher

Lunchtime

With the change this year to instructional and Specials minutes, we have switched to two lunch times to accommodate it all. We have spent this week working out the kinks and seeing if there are adjustments to be made as we fall into the rhythm of the school year. If needed we will shift things to address a time crunch. Thank you for your patience as we practice our new routines. Please rest assured that all students have been given the time they need to eat without missing any class time. I appreciate our students' and staff's flexibility this first week!

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

September 15 marks the first day of <u>Hispanic Heritage Month</u>. 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 <u>this article</u> 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 <u>Mes de la Herencia Hispana</u>. 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 <u>este</u> <u>artículo</u> 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!

Rainbow Run!

In honor of our 100-year-anniversary, we will combine two of our favorite Glencoe celebrations - Rainbow Day and The Fun Run - for our first ever Rainbow Run!

Thursday, October 10 students will dress in their grade-level color (K = purple, 1st grade = blue, 2nd grade = green, 3rd grade = yellow, 4th grade = orange, 5th grade = red) and run with their friends! This run will serve as our biggest annual fundraiser. Donations will go to our Student Body Funds account to provide commemorative swag for our centennial anniversary. **The goal** is to provide each student with a 2024-2025 Glencoe Elementary Yearbook, and a 100-year celebration t-shirt! A portion will go to our consolidated budget to fund a celebration at Glencoe this spring. The whole community is invited! Please help us make this 100th year the best yet by <u>donating today</u>!

QR codes will be available on the sandwich boards at drop-off and dismissal, and on posters around the school, or you can donate at the link above! Thank you for your support!

Back to School Night!

Back-to-School Night will be **Thursday**, **September 19 from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**. It will be open house style, so feel free to come and stay as long as you can. This is your opportunity to meet teachers, see classroom spaces, and learn more about the curricular scope and sequence for the year. We look forward to seeing you there!

Reminder - Student Illness Protocol

With the new school year comes exposure to new germs. If your child is ill, please use <u>these</u> <u>guidelines</u> to keep them and those at Glencoe safe and healthy.

Safety Drills

We will hold a Fire Drill each month, along with other safety drills throughout the year. This month we have a 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. If you would like to talk more about what the drill entails with your student(s) at home, <u>here</u> is an article to help guide that conversation.

Dismissal Form

If you have not already, please fill out a **Dismissal Form** for your child.

Important Links

<u>Glencoe Family Reference Guide</u> <u>Glencoe Family Handbook</u> <u>Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook</u>

PTA NEWS

There's lots of important information to share in these early days and we know it can be overwhelming. Take what you need and leave the rest. Happy weekend!

Join the PTA

The Glencoe PTA strives to strengthen the family-school-community partnership by providing opportunities to be involved in the education, health, and well being of children in our community. **Membership is FREE to all, but you must rejoin every year.** Join here today!

First PTA Meeting

Glencoe's first PTA meeting of the year will be a potluck on Thursday, September 12th from 6-7:30pm. Stay tuned for more details.

Volunteers Needed

*Glencoe's new librarian, Ms. Aubrey, is seeking volunteers for a range of tasks in the library, including shifts that coincide with your kiddo's library visits! If you are interested, please <u>complete her brief survey</u>.

*The Glencoe cafeteria is seeking volunteers to help wash trays after lunch one day a week throughout the year. This starts at 12:15pm and lasts about 20 minutes. Timeslots can be

shared with another volunteer if that works better for you. If you're interested, email glencoeelementarypta@gmail.com.

*If you haven't yet completed your <u>PPS volunteer background check application</u>, please do it now! It takes just a few moments to complete and lasts for 3 years. (You'll get an email 30 days before it expires reminding you to reapply.)

Konstella

Konstella is an app that serves as our school directory and is used by the Glencoe PTA and Art Infusion to communicate with families. You should have received an invitation--please take a moment to download the app, adjust your settings to meet your preferences and add your child to your profile so you can connect with their class. If you have not received an invitation, click here to join Konstella today!

Afterschool Enrichment Programs

Office staff and parent volunteers have been working hard to organize this year's onsite after-school enrichment programs. We're still finalizing a few options, but many are ready for sign-ups. See <u>glencoeelementarypta.com</u> for details.

Ride in the Bike Bus! Every Wednesday, Glencoe has a Bike Bus, where families ride to school together along fixed routes. Anyone in the school can join, but for a weekly reminder and updates, email glencoebikebus@gmail.com, or follow @glencoebikebus on Instagram. And if you need help with your bike, equipment, knowledge/skills, or have any questions at all, email glencoebikebus@gmail.com.

Quick Links: PTA Website, Facebook, MemberHub

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIBRARY NEWS

Check out the Library Newsletter from our new Librarian, Ms. Aubrey: library newsletter.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Once again, there are plans to repaint the Morrison Street Rose on Monday, Sept 2nd (Labor Day—it will be a labor of neighborly love!). We'll follow the painting with a celebratory brunch potluck block party. Contact Cathie (<u>cepake9@gmail.com</u>) or Kathy (<u>kzavitz@msn.com</u>) for more information. <u>Paint The Rose flier</u>

ART INFUSION

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 helps balance out their 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!

The program is successful because of our volunteers. We still need **box builders** and **grade level representatives**. Thanks for considering! Michelle Jariabka For more information <u>https://www.glencoeelementarypta.com/art-infusion</u> email: glencoe.art.infusion@gmail.com.

Training Night: Tuesday September 10th, 6:30pm in the cafeteria.

Our fabulous 5th grade families will be providing snacks this month.

<u>September Lessons:</u> Kindergarten: 5 Basic Elements (pen and color pencils) First/Second Grade: N-Debele Houses (oil pastels) Third/Fourth Grade: Mehndi Hands (gel pens) Fifth Grade: Bookbinding (DIY Sketchbooks)

Remember, if you can't make the lesson, you can still help out in the class!

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.



PBOT NEWS RELEASE Back to School Traffic Safety

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Safe Routes To School August Newsletter

DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS LINK