

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

September 1, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday,09/04/2023	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday, 09/05/2023	First day for all Kindergarteners Kinder Parent Coffee - Cafeteria	8:00am - 2:15pm 8:15am
Wednesday, 09/06/2023	Wednesday Morning Meeting	8:20am
Thursday, 09/07/2023		
Friday, 09/08/2023	After-School - Lego Robotics	2:15pm - 4:00pm
Monday,09/11/2023	After-School - Drama Club	2:15pm - 4:45pm
Tuesday, 09/12/2023	Art Infusion Parent Training	6:30pm
Wednesday, 09/13/23	After-School - Circus	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Thursday, 09/14/2023	PTA Meeting	6:30pm
Friday, 09/15/2023	After-School - Lego Robotics	2:15pm - 4:00pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe families,

What a wonderful first week back to school! We kept students busy by learning classroom routines, spending time at recess, meeting new friends, and revisiting expectations on the playground and in the cafeteria. It was a pleasure to have so much joy back in the hallways and in classrooms! I have seen lots of smiles, heard lots of laughter, and seen so many connections - old and new - this week. A huge thank you goes out to our amazing Glencoe staff for the welcoming spaces they have provided for our students to come back to. I feel lucky to work with such a caring and intentional group of educators. I look forward to a wonderful year ahead, and to getting to know you all as it progresses. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Have a wonderful three-day weekend,

Katie Gunderson
Glencoe Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELPFUL REFERENCES

- [Glencoe Arrival/Dismissal Doors 2023-2024 - For Families](#)
- [Glencoe Online Dismissal Form](#) (If you haven't, please fill out ASAP)
- [Glencoe Family Reference Guide for the 2023-24 School Year](#)
- [Glencoe Family Handbook](#)

REMINDER

To help keep classroom disruption minimal, please have your student double check that they have everything they need for the day before leaving for school. Consider making a checklist and hanging it by the door to check before leaving (this allows your child to start building independence). Things to include on the checklist would be water bottle, chromebook (3-5 students), homework, lunch, jacket, glasses, etc.

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! ❤️

Community Care Day Thank You

Thank you to all the families that came out for Community Care Day last Sunday! Your efforts to help beautify our school grounds are so appreciated. We would love to keep up the momentum. If you are interested in continuing to help, email us at glencoeelementarypta@gmail.com.

Help Clean the Air at Glencoe

Cleaner air keeps kids healthier, in school and better able to learn. Glencoe is fortunate to have the leadership of parent Laura Mertens in ensuring that our classroom air is as healthy as possible. [Learn more about CR boxes and why these efforts are needed.](#)

- First, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who purchased supplies for CR boxes in the past day. EVERYTHING has been purchased. Glencoe community, you are amazing!
- By attending a community CR box-building event on Friday September 8, at 9:30am.
- By getting involved in Glencoe's clean air advocacy and efforts. Email emmerston.laura@gmail.com for more info and to sign up for the box building event.



One example of Laura's adorable and effective CR box creatures. This penguin will clean the air in a Glencoe first grade classroom!

Volunteers Needed for the 2023-2024 School Year

The Glencoe cafeteria needs your help during this year! Can you help out by washing dishes at 12:20pm one day a week (Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday?) If you are interested or have any questions please contact Sarah Nelson, the Glencoe PTA volunteer coordinator at sarahnelson.phd@gmail.com. Thank you!

Glencoe Bike Bus

Our Glencoe [Bike Bus](#) rolls every Wednesday morning, bringing our community together in support of healthy, green, sustainable, and FUN transportation. All you need to do is show up, and we ride together! You can find the route map and schedule on Instagram [@glencoebikebus](#). Email glencoebikebus@gmail.com with any questions, if your family needs help learning to ride or finding a bike, and to receive weekly announcements.

After School Enrichment Activities

Sign-ups are open for most on-site after school enrichment activities. [See the options here.](#) Please note that while most activities charge a fee, Friday baton classes are free!

Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)

More info will be coming soon but in the meantime, here's a link to the [2023-24 OBOB book titles](#). If your 3rd/4th/5th grader might want to participate, encourage them to start reading!

Join the PTA

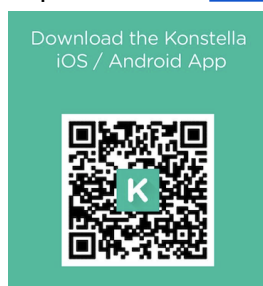
The Glencoe PTA strives to strengthen the family-school-community partnership by providing opportunities to be involved in the education, health, and well being of children in our community. **New this year, membership is FREE to all.** We made this change to ensure that anyone who attends a PTA meeting can vote on school issues that matter to them. [Join today!](#)

First PTA Meeting

Glencoe's first PTA meeting of the year will be **Thursday, September 14th at 6:30pm**. Stay tuned for details.

Konstella

Konstella is the communication app used by Glencoe parent organizations, including the Glencoe PTA. It includes a searchable school directory, classroom lists, school activity calendar and more. You can adjust your notifications to meet your preferences. If you haven't yet joined, request access [here](#). And if you haven't already, be sure to download the Konstella app today.



VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS

With the start of the new school year, it's a good time to make sure your PPS Volunteer Background Check [here](#) is current. Volunteer registration and background check are required before you can volunteer. Volunteer registrations are good for 3 years.

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 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!**

Please volunteer to support visual arts in our school!

We are still looking to fill some assistant grade level representative positions. Thanks for considering! Michelle Jariabka

For more information email: glencoe.art.infusion@gmail.com.

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

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

September Lessons:

Kindergarten: 5 Basic Elements (pen and color pencils)

First/Second Grade: Impressionism (acrylic paint)

Third/Fourth Grade: Self Portraits (colored pencils)

Fifth Grade: Bookbinding (DIY Sketchbooks)

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

GLENCOE GSA

Hi Glencoe Community! Miss Madi here! I want to introduce a Halloween themed event being thrown on October 7th by Dye Dye Hair Salon from 1pm-6pm. This event is being promoted because the owners of Dye Dye Salon have graciously offered to donate 100% of the proceeds of the raffle earnings to Glencoe's 4th and 5th grade GSA! All ages are welcome to this event, which will include karaoke, the raffle, a costume contest, and prizes. Dye Dye Salon is a Queer affirming business, and we are so excited to be partnering with them! [Halloween Party Flyer](#)



The earnings from the raffle will be used for Glencoe GSA in the following ways:

- To purchase GSA t-shirts for each GSA'er
- To purchase craft supplies
- To *hopefully* throw a Pride event at the end of the year

FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL BENEFITS

If students are enrolled in a non-CEP school, families must reapply for free/reduced price meal benefits for the new school year. Eligibility from last year will carry over only until Oct 10th; if a new application is not received, the free/reduced benefits will end and students would need to pay for their meals. Did you know? In Oregon, a family of 4 may be eligible if they make \$90,000 gross per year or less? [Free-Reduced Flyer](#)

Portland Public Schools Nutrition Services

Free and Reduced Price Meal Benefits

To apply for Free and Reduced Price meal benefits, please choose from one of the following options:


Option 1:

Apply Online

Go paperless and apply online — just create a SchoolCafé account: www.schoolcafe.com. It's convenient, secure and easy to do.

SchoolCafé allows families to:

- Check meal application status
- Print out notification letters
- Use the mobile app on Android, iOS devices



Option 2:

Paper Application

Contact the school office, school cafeteria, or print online* at: www.pps.net/nutrition.

*Translations available online

Where to find additional information:
www.pps.net/nutrition

- Meal payment policies and procedures
- Breakfast and lunch menus
- Allergen information
- Meal prices

PPS Meal Benefits Office Contact
Have free or reduced meal benefits questions? Contact the PPS Meal Benefits Office
phone: 503.916.3402
email: mealbenefits@pps.net

Translation & Interpretation Contact
For translation assistance completing a meal application, call 503.916.3254.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I was approved last school year. Do I have to apply this school year?

A: Yes! Meal benefits expire at the end of each school year. Families approved the prior school year have a 30 day grace period to apply for meal benefits at the start of the school year if they still meet federal income guidelines.

Q: How do I know if I qualify for meal benefits?

A: Review the federal income guidelines which are updated each school year. These can be found on the application or online. Families who qualify for assistance such as SNAP, TANF, FDIRP do not need to fill out a meal application. However, if families do not receive a Direct Certification approval letter, please contact the PPS Meal Benefits office to verify benefits for the current school year.

Q: If I don't qualify now, can I apply later?

A: Yes! If circumstances change (example: larger household size, decrease in income) families can apply anytime during the school year.

This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The 2023-2024 PPS Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook is now available online.

[Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook](#)

[Video: Presentation of Handbook](#)

PROGRAM FLYERS

Camps, Classes, After School:

Vibe of Portland [Art Camps & Classes](#)

AFS-USA Student Exchange Programs ([Flier 1](#)) ([Flier 2](#))

Preschool Programs:

PPS Pre-Kindergarten ([Flyer](#)) ([Lawn Sign](#))

Multnomah Early Childhood Program [Preschool Classes, 2023-24](#)

Portland Parks & Recreation [Preschool 2023-2024](#)

Community Events & Information:

PPS [Supplemental Transportation Plan](#), Phase I Schools Flier

City of Portland [311 Non-Emergency Hotline](#)

([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#)) ([Chinese](#)) ([Russian](#)) ([Somali](#))

Vaccinations, Health & Wellness:

Multnomah County Student Health Centers

[Cleveland HS](#)

[Franklin HS](#)

[Jefferson HS](#)

[McDaniel HS](#)

[Roosevelt HS](#)

Multnomah County [Free Community Vaccination Clinic](#) ([Spanish](#))

Kaiser Permanente CASCADIA COVID-19 screening study ([English](#))
([Spanish](#)) ([Somali](#)) ([Vietnamese](#))