

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

December 8, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, 12/11/2023	After-School - Drama Club After-School - Imagine This PDX Art Drama Club Performance	2:15pm - 4:45pm 2:15pm - 3:15pm 6pm
Tuesday, 12/12/2023	OBOB Practice Picture Retake Day After-School - Yoga	10:45am - 12:10pm 12pm - 2pm 2:30pm - 3:15pm
Wednesday, 12/13/2023	OBOB Practice After-School - Circus	10:45am - 12:10pm 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Thursday, 12/14/2023	After-School - Basketball 3-5 NO After-School - Spanish	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Friday, 12/15/2023	After-School - Lego Robotics After-School - Baton	2:15pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:00pm
Monday, 12/18/2023	ADDED SCHOOL DAY After-School - Imagine This PDX Art NO After-School - Drama Club	2:15pm - 3:15pm
Tuesday, 12/19/2023	ADDED SCHOOL DAY OBOB Practice NO After-School - Yoga	10:45am - 12:10pm
Wednesday, 12/20/2023	ADDED SCHOOL DAY OBOB Practice After-School - Circus	10:45am - 12:10pm 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Thursday, 12/21/2023	ADDED SCHOOL DAY After-School - Basketball 3-5 NO After-School - Spanish	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Friday, 12/22/2023	ADDED SCHOOL DAY SPIRIT DAY - "Pajama Day" NO After-School - Lego Robotics NO After-School - Baton	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

December's "word of the month" is collaboration. I have seen this in action throughout the building already this month as we settle back into our school routines, and rebuild trust through community. We have jumped right back into learning, and classrooms and hallways are filled with student work and activity. Ask your student(s) how they have collaborated or seen others collaborate this week.

Conferences will be held Wednesday and Thursday, January 10 and 11, and the following week Tuesday and Wednesday, January 16 and 17 from 3:00 - 6:00 PM. Because the hours to provide conferences have been shortened, teachers will be available for 15-minute time slots to accommodate as many families as possible. They will also be offering both in-person and virtual options. Sign-ups will be sent out by Friday, December 15. We look forward to this opportunity for connection and to update you on your child(ren)'s progress so far this year. I look forward to seeing some of you then. I wish you a restful and relaxing weekend!

In appreciation,
Katie

December 18 - 22

Now that the school year has been extended to include December 18-22, we plan to run instruction that whole week (including some fun, pre-break activities, of course!). We understand that some families may have travel plans that they cannot change. If your child will be absent on those days, please let our office staff know about the absence as soon as you can. And while teachers will not be creating packets or alternate work for students who are gone that week, you can reach out to your child's teacher to learn more about the content they will miss.

Report Cards

Report Cards will come home with your student(s) in their backpack **today**, so be on the lookout for them.

Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day is Tuesday, December 12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST AND FOUND

All four clothing racks are full! If you come to movie night tonight, the racks will be by the cafeteria to look through. If you won't be there tonight, you are welcome to come into the building and take a look as well and/or please encourage your student to take a look. We are looking for one or two parents to help with lost and found. Help is needed to keep the racks organized and to reunite tagged items with owners. If interested, please email Isabel Johnson johnson.isabel@gmail.com.

GLENCOE AFTER-SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PERFORMANCE

Annie, the Musical, will be performed by Glencoe students on **Monday, December 11th at 6pm** in the cafeteria. Spectators are welcomed and encouraged. Entrance is free. Performance duration is around 45 minutes.



Glencoe Gulls Give

Winter Break Assistance



Have Financial Support to Offer?

If you are able to help other Glencoe community members in need, please consider dropping off **Fred Meyer, Target, Amazon or Walmart** gift cards (\$25 or \$50 increments) to the Glencoe office by **Friday, December 15th**.

- Gift cards purchased online can also be emailed to sgardner@pps.net for printing and distribution.
- Have questions? Email Susannah Reese: reese.susannah@gmail.com.

Glencoe families are looking to help other Glencoe families that need extra support this winter break. If you are needing that extra support (in the form of gift cards), please reach out to us. Your name will be kept confidential.

You can request assistance by:

- Calling Glencoe and leaving a voicemail: 503-916-6207
- Emailing Sara Gardner: sgardner@pps.net
- Texting Sara Gardner: (971) 231-9369

Our goal is to help all families that request financial support, but if we are unable to meet the need, family names will be put into a lottery.

In order to be considered for the winter break assistance lottery, we need your request by **Thursday, December 14th**.

ART INFUSION

Next Training Night: Tuesday January 9th, 6:30pm in the cafeteria.

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

Art Infusion volunteers are trained to teach each lesson before they head into the classroom. Free childcare, light snacks, and all lesson materials are provided during the evening training sessions. **No art experience is necessary!**

For more information check out our [webpage](#) or email: glencoe.art.infusion@gmail.com.

PTA NEWS

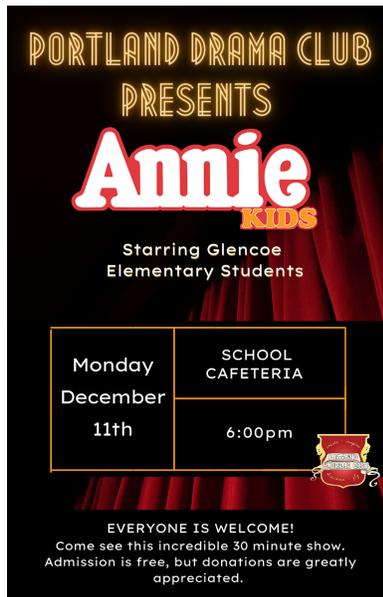
Movie Night TONIGHT

Your family is invited to a fun, free MOVIE NIGHT at Glencoe this evening, December 8. Come watch 'Smallfoot' (PG) and eat free popcorn in the cafeteria! **Doors open at 5:30pm and the movie starts at 6pm**. All you need to bring is a water bottle, though you're welcome to bring a picnic dinner to eat. Thank you for helping our custodians by tidying up after your family. Special thanks to Kidzone for their flexibility in sharing the space so we can start earlier.



Glencoe Onstage

You are invited to watch Glencoe students perform Annie (a 30 minute version) on the Glencoe school stage! The performance is next Monday, December 11, starting at 6pm. Admission is free.



Glencoe Gulls Give

The [Glencoe Gulls Give](#) gift card drive offers support **to** members of our school community **from** members of our community, and is completely confidential. If your family needs support this year, please reach out to Ms. Gardner by December 14.

If your family has the means, please consider contributing to this year's gift card drive to support fellow Glencoe families by December 15. Want a quick and easy way to contribute? Purchase e-cards (\$25/\$50) and send them to Ms. Gardner at sgardner@pps.net. Thank you!
E-Gift Card Links: [Fred Meyer](#) [Amazon](#) [Target](#) [WalMart](#)

After-School Classes

Winter sign-ups for after-school enrichment classes are here! The PTA website has been updated for most winter offerings; all links are current. ***New* this winter is a [Scratch: Game Development](#) class by Coding with Kids on Wednesday afternoons!** See all enrichment offerings at www.glencoeelementarypta.com/after-school. Email glencoeelementarypta@gmail.com with questions.

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

FOUNDATION NEWS

Read-A-Thon

We extend our deepest gratitude to the Glencoe community for your enthusiastic participation in our November Read-a-Thon. Your generous support helped us raise nearly \$1000 towards staffing at Glencoe Elementary. This achievement not only highlights our collective commitment to literacy but also strengthens our educational resources. Thank you for turning every page read into a step towards enriching our students' learning journey"

We'll start working on the next event!

FAMILY MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Hello Glencoe Families! Below are two resources to support families in navigating and supporting their kid's mental health and behavior.

- **NAMI Basics:** A free, peer-led educational course for parents and caregivers of youth up to age 21 experiencing mental health barriers and/or behavioral challenges. This class meets weekly for six weeks. **Dates:** January 9th-February 13th, 2024 **Schedule:** Tuesdays, 5:00-7:30 PM **Format:** Online via Zoom. See flyer [here](#). Register online [here](#).
- **Parent Support Group:** For parents and caregivers of children/adolescents experiencing symptoms of a mental health condition and/or behavioral challenges. **Schedule:** First & third Wednesdays of every month **Time:** 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM **Format:** Online via Zoom. Join our notification list [here](#) to receive group reminders and meeting links.

CALLING ALL 5TH GRADE FAMILIES!

Hi 5th Grade Families, Glencoe Counseling team here! It's already time to start thinking about what options you have for your current 5th grader for their upcoming Middle School transition! The 2024-25 Middle Lottery window is from November 15, 2023 - December 15, 2023. This is the time when you can apply for the lottery for focus middle school options in PPS. [Here is a slidedeck to learn more about each middle school that requires a lottery application](#) and each school's focus. You will be receiving an email or physical mail in the coming weeks from the Enrollment and Transfer Department to lay out any and all information regarding the upcoming middle school transition. [PPS Lottery and Transfer Info Page](#)

SIBLING STORY TIME IS BACK!

December 13th & January 10th - Adults and littles are welcome to come and check in at the office at 8:00am: We will begin storytime in the library around 8:10am until 8:30am with a quick check-out. Please remember to return your child's previously checked-out book if they can locate it.

Please join us for
Sibling Storytime!



On the library Story Steps

**Every other Wednesday
from 8:10-8:30**

Starting: Oct. 4, 18 • Nov. 1, 15, 29 • Dec. 13
Starting up again Jan 10th

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

PBOT Safe Routes to Schools October Newsletter: [Safe Routes to School - December](#)

HEALTHY CHOICES BULLETIN

[November/December Health Choices Bulletin](#)

HOSTING EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Would you like to host an Exchange Student? Please see the STS Foundation newsletter or more information: [STS Foundation Newsletter](#)

TAG



The Data-driven Fall Referral cycle starts TODAY, December 1.

District Referral email: Families of students who scored in the top 10% of their grade in the district on OSAS reading and math will receive an email (from the district) letting them know and **asking for approval to evaluate**. The email will explain how to "opt-in" for evaluation.

TAG Information can be found [HERE](#).

FAMILIES CAN NOW ENROLL IN 2024 HEALTH COVERAGE

Individuals and families have a time-limited opportunity to enroll in, renew, or change their health insurance plan for 2024. Oregon's health insurance open enrollment period is Nov. 1, 2023 through Jan. 15, 2024. Open enrollment is the only time when anyone who is not offered coverage from a job or a public program like the Oregon Health Plan or Medicare can enroll in health coverage through OregonHealthCare.gov, often with financial help. [Health Coverage Enrollment](#).

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LET'S STAY HEALTHY

See this helpful info from: [Student Health Services](#)

Where Families Can Find COVID-19 and Flu Vaccines for Students

Please see the attached letter about where families can find 2023-2024 COVID-19 and flu vaccines for their students. [More Information](#)

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

REMINDER Franklin High School has a Student Health Center that is available to all K-12 PPS students. Student Health Centers are like having a doctor's office at school. Students can get regular or sports physicals, school immunizations, mental health services, COVID-19 vaccinations and testing, prescription medication refills, and lots of other health services. There are no out-of-pocket costs. The following links describe how students can access their closest [MCHD Student Health Center](#) and the [Benson Wellness Center at Marshall](#).

PROGRAM FLYERS

Camps, Classes, After School: (New items highlighted)

OSU [Summer Reading Program](#)

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 [Parkrose Student Health Center Winter Break Hours](#)

Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace [Open Enrollment begins Nov. 1](#)

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](#))