

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

March 13, 2020

UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event
3/13/2020	Variety Show - CANCELLED
3/17/2020	Principal Coffee - CANCELLED
3/17/2020	Art Infusion Training - CANCELLED
3/23/2020 – 3/27/2020	SPRING BREAK

LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

I am hoping you have had a chance to read the communication that went out to all families late last night from PPS regarding large school gatherings and field trips. Governor Kate Brown has said all non-essential school associated gatherings and group activities should be cancelled. Suspending these events is consistent with guidance from health authorities, and the district believes it is a prudent and responsible step to take at this time.

Obviously, these guidelines affect Glencoe's school and community in a variety of ways. This past Saturday, we held our Glencoe-based Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) Competition between the top eight teams at Glencoe. The winning team, "The Autobiographies of Homer Simpson", was going to represent Glencoe at the Regional Competition this coming weekend. Unfortunately, the OBOB Board has taken the unprecedented steps of canceling both the regional and state competitions. Due to the constraints of scheduling facilities, vendors, authors, geographic logistics and sheer numbers of OBOB participants, rescheduling these competitions for this year will not be possible. I want to congratulate our Glencoe OBOB Team, for winning the Glencoe-based competition and all the other students who had the perseverance and courage to participate in this event.



In addition to OBOB, Glencoe's Variety Show, the 3rd grade field trips to downtown Portland (next week), the Principal's Coffee and Art Infusion Parent Training on Tuesday the 17th. At this time, all after-school activities that occur right after dismissal will continue as planned. We will wait for additional guidance and look to reschedule some of these events later in the school year.

Our office staff are receiving calls asking for advice on whether to send your child to school if s/he is sick. At this time, we are following the recommendation of public health organizations - "those experiencing symptoms of the cold or flu should stay at home, only returning to school or work when symptom-free for 24 hours. If you are concerned about symptoms, please consult with a doctor." I also want to thank all of you who have emailed me directly, expressing concern and offering ideas to support our students, families and staff during this time. I will do my best to respond in a timely manner.

We are continuing to receive daily communication and guidance from PPS officials. I know many of you receive district emails as well. I would encourage you to continue reading those as they come to you for the most up-to-date information regarding school district activities and events. We are happy to answer any questions you may have as well.

Warmly,

Lori Clark

Glencoe Principal

CORONAVIRUS

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) for PPS SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES](#)

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K-1 families: 4 ASK ME cards are going home this week. Look for them in backpacks to add to your ring packs at home!

LOST AND FOUND

The spring weather has arrived! But it still feels like WINTER in the mornings...so...outer layers come to school and get shed on the playground. Please come look at Lost & Found to see if one of the 18 water bottles, 24 hats, 50 hoodies/sweatshirts, 24 coats, a bike helmet, basketful of gloves, a backpack, lunch boxes, napkins/containers, 2 pairs of pants or various other items belong to your household. Spring assignment: Get a Sharpie, Go to Your Closets, Mark Each Outer Layer with Your Child's First and Last Name. Thank you for doing your part!

PTA

Our 3rd annual plant sale is approaching soon. Orders forms and an information letter will be going home in backpacks this week.

If you would like to order plants, please fill out the form and return it with payment to the office no later than Tuesday, March 31st. Cash or checks are accepted. Checks need to be made out to Glencoe PTA.

Plants will be delivered to our school on Friday, April 24th for you to pick up.

GLENCOE FOUNDATION

Thank you Glencoe! We pulled together as a community to make this year's event a smashing success. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. Results are still coming in, but so far we've grossed just over \$95,000! With expenses projected to come in around \$15k and online auction, buy-in parties and general donations still coming in, looks like we are very close to achieving our goal of netting \$80,000.

Help us hit it out of the park by bidding on the online auction, attending buy-in parties, and adding a general donation if you haven't already. Susie, Sara and Andy are so proud to be members of this wonderful and generous community! Thank you.

Online Auction

Couldn't join us at the auction? Want to buy more cool stuff to help support the school? No worries, the online auction is here! Bid on items beginning March 11th-21st! Bid now, bid often! There are many excellent items including:

[*¿Por Qué No? \\$100 Gift Certificate*](#)

[*Eb and Bean Gift Card*](#)

[*Wine Tasting for 4 at Argyle*](#)

[*Basketball Summer Camp – 50% Off*](#)

[\\$500 Off Complete Home Seismic Upgrade*](#)

[*1/2 Case of Frontera Wine – only \\$25*](#)

There is also fun art from the first and fourth grade students – check it out in the school display cases. Don't have space at home? Consider purchasing to donate to the school!

Don't forget, it's not too late to submit a general donations to help staffing needs at Glencoe. [Donate](#) directly to the Glencoe Foundation.

Buy-in Parties!

There's still time to participate in some great community parties and activities. These 'buy-in' parties go on throughout the year. Some are wonderful opportunities for kids to interact with their teachers outside of the school day. Others are community gathering events. Activities are selling out, so make sure you get a spot now [here](#)!

SOME of the activities remaining include:

Night of Wonder for 5th Graders

Snugglies and Storytime with Ms. Diane

Buttons and Sundaes with 2nd Grade Teachers

Family Campout

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