

Dear Glencoe Families,

I cannot believe we will be starting our sixth official week of distance learning. Teachers are into a groove and settling into this new way of delivering lessons. I can assure you, each and every one of the staff would much prefer teaching in their classrooms but they are doing what they can to make the best of this situation. We all miss the students and the personal connections of a school community and we want you to know you can still count on us. Check out this week's staff video that Mrs. Davidson put together - <https://safeYouTube.net/w/WX4E>.

Some of our students and staff have participated in our LIVE PE classes - they really do get your heart pumping. **We now want to see how LIVE MUSIC classes work online!** Mrs. Davidson hopes to see your child at their grade level music class this week. We'll see how it goes this next week and make revisions as needed moving forward.

**K-1:** 1-1:25 Tuesdays

**2-3:** 1:30-1:55 Tuesdays

**4-5:** 2-2:30 Tuesdays

The class code in Google Meets is: glencoemusic

I hope you all saw the announcement of the change to the district calendar. The updated school calendar for this year is posted on the district website. You can find it [here](#). The school year has been extended slightly to make up for some of the lost instruction in March. Our last day of school is now June 10th. That leaves us with three and a half weeks left of school for the year.

We are tracking students' level of engagement to help us determine who may need additional support as we move forward in these next three and a half weeks (and into the fall if this continues).

We have three and a half weeks left of this school year and maintaining some sort of routine and schedule may be even more challenging the closer we get to summer, but it is still important. I have even found myself struggling to stay focused at times or energized to knock down my To Do List. I keep reminding myself that this may be my new-normal for a while and I need to work on my mental and physical health so having routines and perseverance is necessary. We will continue to reach out to students who are not engaging with their teacher and classmates. If your family and/or your child is struggling to maintain some level of structure and engagement, feel free to reach out to the teacher, their case manager if they have one, me or Mrs. Gardner, our school counselor. We are here to help, problem solve, do additional personal check-ins etc. As Geroge Eliot (Mary Ann Evans) said, "What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?"

We received official notification that teachers in grades K-8 are being asked to record their students' progress toward the standard(s) during this last quarter on a modified report card. We have not yet seen the report card but I wanted to share this information and the two different marks your child could receive for their time enrolled in distance learning. Students will either receive a "pass" indicating they participated enough to show progress of learning in their grade level or a "no evidence" indicating there was not enough participation/work completed for a teacher to make an adequate judgement of a child's progress of learning. Recording a mark for each student is required by the Oregon Department of Education and the marks will not have negative ramifications or impact their promotion to the next grade.

Many questions about the end of this school year and next school year still remain. Our teachers will continue to deliver lessons, activities and hold class meetings until the end of this school year. We are planning for parents to pick up items in early - mid June. You can expect to hear our plan for picking-up your child's personal items later this month. I cannot yet predict what next school year will look like and we will be taking our guidance from the Governor and the Oregon Department of Education. If I had to guess, I would say there is a strong possibility that we may be asked to continue with distance learning or a mixture thereof. So, my recommendation is to keep your child engaged in the learning process as best you can through the end of the year, reach out to us if you need help and hold to the message that engaging with the teachers, students and learning activities is important.

Our Library Assistant, Diane Newton-Prior wanted to share this resource, [Children Stories Podcast](#), you will find some great story podcasts, organized by age.

If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, please register for kindergarten! To register, go to [pps.net/kinderenroll](https://pps.net/kinderenroll). The process takes 20-30 minutes and school staff will follow up with you later in the summer. With schools closed, online registration is the easiest option, but paper options will be available soon. You don't need to register if your child attends a PPS Head Start or Pre-Kindergarten program.

Warm Regards,

Lori Clark  
Glencoe Principal