

Dear Glencoe Families,

This was a very short week but teachers and students were still able to connect and teaching and learning continued. Teachers are planning to hold class meetings and develop lessons all the way up to the last day of school, June 10th. We have noticed that some students' engagement is starting to fade the closer we get to the end of the year; just as we tend to see during a regular school year. Try to hang in there with us. We only have 8 instructional days left and we want to make the most of them.

This coming week your child's class will have a class meeting to celebrate a favorite storybook in lieu of our annual Storybook Parade. Hopefully your child will participate, share their favorite book and enjoy hearing about other books and characters from their classmates.

We are also working on a few end of the year celebrations - our end of the year assembly (being held virtually of course) and the 5th grade Celebration on June 9th for our 5th graders and their families only (parade style this year). We heard that Franklin HS is also holding their graduation festivities on June 9th so we are waiting to hear from them before finalizing our time and communicating our details to families.

If you are wondering about your child's personal items, don't worry. Families will be able to swing by Glencoe and pick up their child's personal belongings between June 9th and June 11th. You can expect to receive an email next week outlining the process and the window of time assigned to your child(ren). All student materials will be bagged up, labeled and handed off to families outside of the building.

Even as I type this, I can't believe we have not been together for seven weeks and counting. We are definitely in the home stretch and we will be winding down this school year within two weeks. There are still many unanswered questions about next year: How will the decrease in funding from the state impact schools? What will school look like in the fall? Will my child be going TO SCHOOL or learning AT HOME or a hybrid of both? When will we hear a plan for next fall?

I am right there with you. I am anxiously waiting to have the answers but I am doing my best to just focus on the present. The truth is, we may not have answers and clear details until July or August. One of the things I have learned through all of this is that even when we have a plan, we need to be flexible because things can change. Regardless of the plan for the fall, know that we will be here for you and your child(ren). We know more now, have learned from our mistakes and held onto the successes. We will continue giving our best so that students can continue to learn and grow no matter where their "desk" may be.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best,

Lori Clark
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