

Dear Glencoe Families,

Wow, what a week. There is so much going on in the world right now, much of which is sad and anger-producing for me. I am trying to limit my news and social media intake as I can get a bit carried away “surfing” and lose many hours of my evening. I finally realized last night that I needed to step away and just sit with my emotions. I woke up this morning excited to see teachers and kids during their Storybook Parade meetings today. Nothing makes me feel better than seeing our students.

This week all of the classes took some time to celebrate their favorite Storybooks and between the two of us, Ms. Gardner and I managed to attend all of the meetings and capture some great pictures. Thankfully, the classroom teachers helped us out by taking pictures too. It was great to see so many kids sharing their books and some dressed in costumes or had props with them. Obviously, it was not the same as walking in the neighborhood but I did enjoy hearing from kids why they chose the book they brought to the class meeting. This is something I am not typically able to do during the parade.

There were great books and characters this year. Some traditional stand bys of course, and some new titles too. Here are a few we had the pleasure of seeing this year: Harry Potter, Elephant and Piggy, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Six of Crows, Katniss from Hunger Games, Sunnyside Up, Dog Man, The Hungry Caterpillar, The Giving Tree, A Boy Called Bat, The Hobbit, The Ballad of Song Birds and Snakes, Lumber Janes, Ralph S. Mouse, Robin Hood, Mia Mayhem, and Narwhal. Some of the upper grade students even decided to write their own books to share.

My most favorite moment was during Mrs. De Ville’s class when she shared her book, We Belong Together, a book about adoption. After reading, she surprised her students by introducing Etienne Moon De Ville, the son that she and her husband had the pleasure of adopting earlier this week. He was born May 30th and came home on Sunday the 31st. Watching the expressions of her students and their families, who soon joined on screen, was priceless. A wonderful thing to celebrate in the world right now!

Next week is the last week of school. Students are still in school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Teachers will be bagging up student materials and items left in lockers at some point on Monday/Tuesday. You should have received an email earlier today informing you how and when to pick up your child’s items on Wednesday, June 10th. If you cannot come during that time, feel free to have a friend/neighbor pick up items for you. They just need to give us your child’s name and classroom teacher.

We still have a lot of unanswered questions about next year. At this time the district is working to create and approve a budget. The new budget will require some adjustments to staffing in

many schools for next year. We are expected to receive our staffing allocations within the next two weeks. At that point, I will see what Glencoe is allocated, make any adjustments necessary, communicate those to staff and then share them with each of you. Due to the timeline, this will not happen before the end of the school year but I will communicate by email once I have the information prepared.

Have a wonderful weekend. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday when you pick up your child's personal belongings.

Best,

Lori Clark