

Dear Glencoe Families,

Well, we made it to our last day of school. What an interesting year. As we look back, there are a lot of good things that happened this year, even during this last quarter of distance learning. Students continued to enjoy virtual spirit days, the Storybook "Parade", class meetings with discussion topics, games and dance parties. We were even able to pull off a modified 5th Grade Celebration with a promotion video and family parade. And yes, of course, there was a great deal of teaching and learning going on: reading, writing, math, 5th Grade's Wax Museum, 4th grade's Edible Maps of Oregon, science projects, read alouds, Music and PE live classes, as well as Counseling, Library, Music and PE lessons. One of the students' class activities from last week was to brainstorm things they were grateful for and their best memories of this year. The students generated some great lists with items from both in-building and out-of-building school!

It is hard to remember, but the majority of our school year was typical. We were in classrooms, coming and going without masks and gloves, able to have large play dates, and participate in after school activities. It is true that we are ending the school year a little differently. We tried our best to keep some things in place, just adapted for the world we are living in right now.

Typically, during the last week of school we have an end-of-the-year all school assembly where we thank our student helpers (work crews and Safety Patrollers), watch a slide show that recaps the school year and sometimes the staff prepares a skit, dance or video. Even with distance learning, we couldn't go without our June Monthly Assembly.

I want to thank all of the staff and students who participated in making this assembly come to life and a special shout out to our counselor, Sara Gardner, for putting all the pieces together in a wonderful way! Your child may have seen [the assembly video](#) already from their teacher but I invite you to sit with your child(ren) and watch the video. It is a special treat that was clearly a team effort.

This week we are in the process of wrapping up the school year with students, returning student belongings and lastly, closing down our physical classrooms. Teachers are also finishing up report cards to go out next week. As a reminder, according to Oregon Department of Education Guidelines there is one mark for the entire quarter and it is "evidence" or "no evidence" at the elementary level. All students will move to the next grade level and teachers will be making adjustments to their curriculum to address some of the holes that may be in place due to distance learning.

Due to the economic downturn, the state budget for education is not as strong as it was predicted to be back in February. Therefore, districts around the state are having to readjust based on new budget projections. If you are curious how this will directly impact PPS, you can watch the [Town Hall Meeting](#) that was held on Monday, June 8th with the School Board. Next week, all PPS schools will be in the process of redoing their staffing for next year. Once I have a clear picture as to how the budget reductions impact Glencoe, I will let you know.

This morning ODE announced guidance for the 2020-21 school year. PPS has a team working to create a plan for next year based on the [2020-21 guidance from ODE](#). Typically we send out class assignments and school supply information in mid to late July. We will ask for your patience in this area as things may change through the summer. When we have a clear picture of what our staffing and school process will look like next year in PPS (and specifically at Glencoe), we will get class assignments and school supply information out to you.

I'd like to close by acknowledging all the work that went into this last quarter. I have heard from a variety of families about how this experience was for your family and your child specifically. PPS will be surveying families about their experience in the near future. I believe schools will have access to that data as well. Rather than creating another survey for you to complete, I want to strongly encourage you to complete the one from the district. In addition, feel free to email me and share your experience - the ups and downs. We are open to learning from this experience.

I'd like to thank all of you: parents, caregivers, Glencoe staff and students for coming together as best we could as a community. Parents are always important partners in their child's schooling experience and that was even more true this last quarter. Thank you for partnering and supporting us in this most unusual academic journey during these last nine weeks. Some of you have asked about how students can continue to access some of the online resources like Lexia, Dreambox, Khan Academy etc. Most of the learning apps will be live through July 31st. However, things are expanding as contracts get renewed. Here is a [link](#) to the district page that identifies the learning apps and length of service time.

I hope you have a wonderful, healthy and safe summer. I look forward to us coming back together, in whatever way possible, in the fall. I miss US!

Warmly,

Lori Clark
Glencoe Principal