

# Glencoe Elementary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### October 2, 2020

#### UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event	Time
10/1	PTA Meeting	7:30 PM
10/5 – 10/8	Back to School Nights	See Schedule Below
10/8/2020	<b>RAINBOW DAY</b>	
10/9/2020	NO SCHOOL – INSERVICE DAY	

#### NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

Welcome to the month of October. We have made it through our first full month of virtual learning and students are really getting the hang of things. I am impressed by their technology skills, kindness toward each other and willingness to engage in this new way of school.

We are trying to rectify some technology glitches that occur during our music and PE classes. In our attempt to find solutions we are changing the meeting codes for PE and Music classes. This will allow each teacher to be the “host” of the class and have control over a variety of applications. As of Monday, October 5th your child should use the following codes for PE and Music. This will also be communicated to them by their classroom teacher. **When K/1 students switch from Music to PE within their specials block, they will need to hang up and join the next class with a new code: Our 2nd - 5th graders will also use the NEW codes below.**

	<b>FOR LIVE CLASSES - only Found in Google Meet (synchronous)</b>
<b>Music</b>	Google Meet Code: <b>mg</b>
<b>PE</b>	Google Meet Code: <b>peg</b>

This coming week is our Virtual Back to School Night *Week*. To kick the week off, I have created a video presentation for families with some general information about Glencoe. You can find that here: [Glencoe Virtual Back to School Night](#). In addition, if you want to connect with me and/or ask general school questions you can find me in our “Virtual Main Hallway”. The hallway will be open during each grade level session. You can join me at: <https://meet.google.com/emr-mtrh-tne>

Our grade level teachers are hosting two Virtual Back to School Night sessions one day next week. You only need to attend one of the sessions to receive grade/classroom specific information. Below are the grade level schedules. You can expect to find an email from your child’s teacher with the specific meeting link(s).

Grade	Day	Session 1	Session 2
Kindergarten	Wednesday, 10/7	5:30 - 6:00 pm	6:10 - 6:40pm
1st Grade	Tuesday, 10/6	5:30 - 6:00 pm	6:10 - 6:40pm
2nd Grade:	Monday, 10/5	3:30 -4:00	5:30 - 6:00
3rd Grade	Thursday, 10/8	3:30 -4:00	5:30 - 6:00
4th Grade	Wednesday, 10/7	3:30-4:00	5:30-6:00
5th Grade	Tuesday, 10/6	3:30-4:00	5:30-6:00

We will be hosting our annual TAG Parent Night on Wednesday, October 14th at 6:00 pm. We will send a slide deck to parents of our TAG students next week so you have a chance to view it before our question/answer session on the 14th. You can also find updated TAG info on our TAG Coordinator's Website: <https://ldavids3.wixsite.com/davidson/tag-2020>

Another important announcement I want to make sure you know about is regarding Food Distribution and Free/Reduced Lunch Status. Please read [this message](#) from PPS about meal benefits even during this virtual setting. All families in the community are still encouraged to visit one of our 38 school sites for free meals for all PPS students and children ages 1-18 years every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3-5pm. Please note that meal services will not be open on the statewide inservice date, Friday, October 9th.

By the end of next week, PPS is committed to share the status of any possibility to reopen this fall or winter. I do not have any additional information other than to say, most surrounding districts have postponed any decisions for a return until January 2021.

I want to remind you that next week is a four-day school week. That's right - no school on Friday, October 9th. I hope the weather cooperates and gives us another great day of warmth and sunshine to enjoy!

Warmly,

Lori Clark  
Glencoe Principal

## **NEWS FROM MUSIC AND PE**

### **WMM 5th grade performance:**

Traditionally 5th graders perform at the November Wednesday Morning Meeting to show collaboration (the word of the month). We want this group of 5th graders to continue this tradition in a new virtual way. We will be asking students to video tape themselves performing the movement we are teaching in MUSIC and PE through the month of October. We have scheduled extra times for students who want extra practice (see the schedule below).

Extra practices for students who want more opportunities to learn the activity are on **Wednesdays from 2-2:20 google meet code: mpg**

October 7th

October 14th  
October 21st  
October 28th

### **NEWS FROM MS. DIANE**

WOW GLENCOE! It was so great to see you out in force, smiling behind those masks and picking up your book bags for Week 1! I appreciate your enthusiasm for books and reading, as well as your patience while we worked out some kinks. Your next day to come to Glencoe to return your bookbags and exchange for a new set will be October 14th and 15th, according to your last names. Unfortunately, there can be no pick up on the 'off' week: The district guidelines have the book bags quarantining for at least 72 hours, plus I am only here every-other week, so please remember to mark your calendars. Amanda will send out email reminders for your days, pick-up being from 1:00 - 3:30 both Wednesday and Thursday. If you can't make it on your day, you are sure welcome to ask a friend or neighbor to make the exchange for you.

These next book bags will look a bit different, both in the number of books inside (fewer) and that the bags will be recycled plastic, thanks to a generous donation from Safeway. PPS gave all libraries the paper bags to get started with, and I realize they are not ideal, but please do your best to take care of them and return them with the visual book reminder on the side so that we can re-use those as need be. My hope is that you'll more easily be able to see what belongs inside before you come to make your exchange. Of course any book with a Glencoe barcode is welcome back at any time! ; )

### **CHESS CLUB OPEN REGISTRATION**

Hi folks, Dave from Chess Club here. We are continuing to register students for this year's group. The club is open to students in grades 3-5, of all ability levels including complete beginners! My focus is teaching in a fun way that will not be overwhelming, and we'll be using a curriculum designed specifically for kids by Chess for Success. Chess has been shown to boost both verbal and math learning, develop creativity, and teach players how to plan ahead to achieve their goals.

The cost is \$60 and classes will be held remotely on Friday afternoons. I'm targeting a soft starting date of 10/9 assuming we have enough interest to move forward and registrations proceed smoothly. A quick reminder: even if you have registered electronically, your child will not be formally enrolled until payment is received. The **deadline for registration & payment will be this Wednesday 10/7.**

REGISTRATION: We have developed an "Online Permission Slip" that will supply us with the information we'll need to get students registered in the club for your school. This is a [Google Form](#) to register. Here is the [Google Form](#) in Spanish. Here is the Spanish version of the form:

PAYMENT: drop off cash or check to 644 SE 52nd Ave (small blue house). Make checks payable to Chess for Success and write the student's name in the notes field. I apologize for the lack of electronic payment options this year

If you have any questions please feel free to email me: [bigdave@gmail.com](mailto:bigdave@gmail.com)

### **PTA NEWS**

The PTA would like to hear from families to plan for this unusual year. We would love to have *all families complete a very short survey*. Thank you!!