

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

October 30, 2020

UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event	Time
11/6/2020	NO SCHOOL – TEACHER PLANNING DAY	
11/10/2020	Library Check Out: A-L	1:00-3:30
11/11/2020	NO SCHOOL – VETERAN’S DAY	
11/12/2020	Library Check Out: M-Z	1:00-3:30

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

I had the pleasure of spending some time with the newest, youngest members of our school community this week. The kindergarten teachers were kind enough to let me introduce myself again to their students, run one of their morning meetings, teach the SEL lesson, and read one of my favorite children’s books, Bark George by Jules Feiffer. For those that know me well, I absolutely LOVE animals and have two dogs at home that are important members of our family. So, any chance I get to talk to kids about my dogs or do a read aloud, I take it.

As you know, Glencoe is a school community that strives to be inclusive, caring, collaborative and persevering in all that we do. I am sure there are times when we miss the mark but it is my hope that we learn from our mistakes and improve as we go. We are in a very challenging time in our world, country and city with a global pandemic, economic crisis and increase in social divides.

We know that many of our students are feeling isolated and would like more social connections with their peers. At this time we cannot offer in person activities but we will be opening a virtual “lunchroom” one time a week for each grade level. The lunch room will be hosted by a staff member to ensure students feel included in conversations and the chat feature (grades 1-5) is being used appropriately. There is no agenda, just a time for students to come together. If your child would like to participate all they need to do is sign on to Google Meets using their grade level code. The code is Gulllunch (Yes that is three Ls) and their grade level. Please make note of the schedule below:

Grade	Code	Day/Time
Kindergarten	GulllunchK	Wednesday, 11:30 -12
1st Grade	Gulllunch1	Monday, 11:30 -12
2nd Grade	Gulllunch2	Tuesday, 11:30 -12
3rd Grade	Gulllunch3	Wednesday, 11:30 -12
4th Grade	Gulllunch4	Thursday, 11:30 -12
5th Grade	Gulllunch5	Tuesday, 11:30 -12

In addition to supporting our students social-emotional well-being, we acknowledge that it is our responsibility to prepare our students to be compassionate critical thinkers, who are able to collaborate and solve problems, and be ready to lead a more socially just world. As part of this responsibility, we have spent some time in the last few weeks (or will this coming week) having grade level appropriate conversations about voting, voting rights, and the role of the president of the United States. We are implementing lesson plans that align with our graduate portrait, civics content and upcoming election. While doing so, we stay away from sharing our personal and political views in order to have all voices heard and included. The more our students know about our systems of government, and feel safe to discuss current issues, the more prepared they will be to engage in critical civic discourse and participate in the betterment of our community.

With the election on Tuesday, we may see more chaos in our city and country in the coming weeks. I can assure you that we will continue to hold space for students to come together in a safe and caring environment, share concerns or worries and celebrate the wonderful connections we have with each other. If you are interested in holding conversations with your child or are not sure where to start, here are a few articles you may find of interest:

- [How to Talk About the Election with Your Kids](#) - NY Times.com
- [6 Tips for Talking to Kids about the 2020 Election](#) - Healthline.com
- [5 Ways to Talk to Kids about Voting](#) - PBS Social
- [Talking with Young Kids about Elections, Democracy & Justice for All](#) - PBS Social
- [How to Educate Your Kids on Protests & Riots](#) - Red Tricycle

This coming Wednesday is our November, Virtual All School Assembly. Students will be viewing this in their class meeting that day. You can expect an email from us that day as well with a link if you would like to view it with your child. You will notice that our word of the month is collaboration. Feel free to reinforce that word at home as well. I'd love any emails from you (or your child) about how they are collaborating at home this coming month.

Best,

Lori Clark
Glencoe Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

WOW Glencoe Families- What a great job, coming to exchange your book bags every other week: Thank you for your dedication to getting books in the children's hands! I really appreciate your enthusiasm, and your patience! As we look ahead to the next one (TUESDAY October 10th- Veteran's Day holiday is Wednesday, so no school on the 11th- and THURSDAY Nov. 12) I'd like to note the following:

We are encouraging the lines to remain on the upper sidewalks due to COVID precautions; please space yourselves at least 6 ft. apart. Ideally we would have 2 lines, blue tape X marks the spot by both guard rails on the entry steps, so one line facing North, and one facing South. Feel free to park in the parking lot as long as there is room. (If you want to remain in your car, please pull as far ahead as possible, even up to where the buses would be parked- We will find you!)

We know rainy days are ahead, so please be prepared to wait a bit in moisture-friendly outerwear. :) We have a tent to pop up if/when needed, but not sure how that will look- Most likely the books will remain inside the building, and we will meet you at the steps, then run in to grab a dry book bag. That being

said, I am starting to transfer the books into plastic bags that have been donated, to better withstand the winter weather. (The district has provided us with bags, so at this time, no further donations are needed.)

As a reminder, if a student isn't finished with a particular book, it is fine for them to keep it another round, but it is nice to have a note saying such (either verbally or a written note inside the bag) so we know it is not forgotten or lost, and then we can set that bag aside until it is reunited with said book. Also, we expect that the many 'extras' that we've been able to pass out will dwindle a bit as school progresses, so my hope is the lines will go more quickly in the inclement weather.

Here's a link <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-kugDRWGVy0xkzSpsz-dc53OzGP95WvihXRPujrN-qY/edit?usp=sharing> for guiding some discussion if you choose, around all the diverse books. I've heard great feedback from families- some who now can have a conversation about Trinidad and Tobago with their dentist, and others who've discovered Houdini's magic!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me/Diane at dnewtonp@pps.net and I will try to answer/solve them. I am here at your service every other week and really feel fortunate to be a part of this community. Now, Let's Get Reading!

Best,
Diane

MUSIC NEWS

Hopefully your child has their music/PE kit and it's in a safe place. The idea is that this kit will need to be available for LIVE and Seesaw work, when needed. Please encourage your child to keep supplies in the bag and that if something needs to be taken out for an activity that it quickly is returned to its container for next time! If you didn't get a kit these last few days, on Monday, November 2nd, you can come by GLENCOE, ring the buzzer and our wonderful secretary, Ms. Roberts will get you what you need. Past Monday, you will need to call ahead and work out a time to stop by for the kit. A big thank you to all who arranged to pick-up supplies this week!

Kinder Families: The ring of ASK ME cards can be taken out of the Ziploc bag and stored in a safe place where the child can revisit the songs and activities we have worked on so far this year. This is great for practice reading and singing!

Next week we are finishing up our Latinx/Hispanic Heritage focus. After that, we are moving to Indigenous People of North America. In November 3-5 graders will also start learning (3rd) and revisiting (4-5th graders) recorder playing.

Stay Safe,
Lisa Davidson

PPS CHILD-CARE INFORMATION

[Child Care Flyer](#)

[Video](#)

PTA NEWS

Help the PTA Help Glencoe

This year the PTA is focused on fundraising that cost you little or no money. All the funds the PTA raises go directly to support students and staff at Glencoe. Here is how you can help:

Support PTA's restaurant partners! Watch for notices about each of the PTA's restaurant partners and support them whenever you can. You get a delicious meal and the PTA gets a percentage of the profit! Win-win.

Register with Fred Meyer Community Rewards! If you select Glencoe Elementary PTA as your designated non-profit for Fred Meyer's community rewards, Fred Meyer donates directly to the Glencoe Elementary PTA. ***This costs you nothing*** and does not impact any other Fred Meyer rewards. All you need to do is login in to Fred Meyer, go to their community rewards and select "Glencoe Elementary PTA." If you have done this in the past, please do it again because the non-profit must be selected each year.

Shop with Amazon Smile! Amazon donates .5% of the price of AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization you choose. **The donation is at no cost to you.** All you need to do is select "Glencoe Elementary PTA" as your charitable organization, then start all of your amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com.



Use Benefit mobile app! The Benefit app allows you to buy gift cards for national retailers (everything from GrubHub to Bed Bath & Beyond to the Gap). ***You get 100% of the gift card purchased***, but the retailer donates a percentage back to Glencoe. This is free money for Glencoe and can make a huge difference because these donations can really add up. Think of it for holiday shopping, or just treating yourself to Starbucks. Just download the Benefit app, set up your account and payment method, search "Glencoe Elementary PTA" in the Beneficiaries tab, and then buy a gift card through the app.

Become a member! If you haven't already joined the PTA, membership costs just \$15 and directly supports Glencoe Elementary. We encourage you to join at: <http://www.oregonpta.org/membership>



Dear Families:

The Scholastic Book Fair is back! The Fair will be held online this year with a Glencoe online store. Families will be able to browse a large selection of titles by grade level at the right price points, meet popular authors, and enjoy the Fair in the comfort of home.

Every dollar you spend will benefit our school directly (25% back in rewards!).

Save these dates:

Fair Dates: November 16 – November 29

Online Store (you will be able to browse books starting Nov. 16):

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/glencoeelementaryschool2>

We can't wait to "see" you at the Fair!