

# Glencoe Elementary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### December 11, 2020

#### UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event	Time
12/14/2020	PTA Meeting	7:00-8:00 PM
12/16/2020	Library Book Pick-Up: Last Name A-L	1:00-3:30 PM
12/17/2020	Library Book Pick-Up: Last Name M-Z	1:00-3:30 PM
12/18/2020	PAJAMA DAY	
12/21/2020 – 1/1/2021	NO SCHOOL: WINTER BREAK	

#### NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

We have one more week until winter break, which will be much needed for many (families, students and staff). We continue to be in this together and I am amazed at the work EVERYONE has done to support our students. When I reflect on where we were as an online learning community in September, to where we are now, I am amazed at the learning and growth that has happened for everyone. Things may not be perfect (perfection is really a hustle), but we have a lot to celebrate!

This week I had the privilege of partner reading with some of our emergent readers in Kindergarten. It was so fun to not only, watch them practice their “pointer” and “partner” powers but to also be invited in as a participant. Being able to observe AND participate in classroom learning is one of my favorite things as an elementary principal. I also enjoyed practicing my recorder skills (still not great with notes that need my left hand) with our 3rd graders and singing True Colors while signing the words with our 1st graders today. Earlier in the week I was challenged in Mrs. Connolly’s 5th grade math class as students deconstructed decimals to write them in expanded notation in addition to making a visual representation of the decimal on graph paper. Wow!

#### **We have a few things coming up this week that I want to make you aware:**

- PTA Meeting, 12/14 from 7 - 8:00 pm (to include update on SE Guiding Coalition Meeting)
- Library Book Exchange: Wednesday & Thursday from 1-3:30
- Pick up Hot Chocolate Packet (for our schoolwide hot chocolate day, 12/18) at the Book Exchange mentioned above
- Wooden Gull distribution (family project for winter break) - at book distribution - see project details below
- Pajama Day for all students, Friday 12/18

**Our Glencoe Gull Project is ready to go for winter break.** We have a little over 100 gulls (& materials) ready for families to paint. This would not be possible without generous donations of supplies, time and elbow grease. Mr. Plywood donated sheets of plywood, Sherwin Williams and Miller Paint donated gallons of paint, families & staff donated jars and some of our families cut out the gulls in preparation for the project. Randy & Refik helped cut down the sheets of plywood & Mr. Webster drilled holes so they will be ready to hang once completed.

We will distribute the gulls, along with paint supplies to families at Book Bag Pick Up this coming week. We will give out the first 50+ gulls (1 per family) on Wednesday and another 50+ on Thursday along with paint and brushes. Our plan is to cut more gulls and repeat this process later in the year so we can include all the families interested in participating.

- Here is a Glencoe Gull tutorial put together by Violet H and her mom Abby so you can see what is expected. [TUTORIAL](#)
- If you don't get one this first round, not to worry! More will be cut and distributed later in the year. No one will be left out!
- If your family would really like to participate and cannot make it to Glencoe due to transportation/work schedules please let me know.

Last but not least, I want to give one last shout out to the generosity our community showed to accomplish our goal of "Glencoe Gulls Give". Thanks to so many who were able to give, I did not need to use a lottery system to identify which of our families we could assist. I also want to thank our families who were willing to step out and ask for assistance. It is not easy to do so and I feel honored that you would trust me with such a request.

Warmly,

Lori Clark  
Glencoe Principal



5th Grade Kai L (& his dad Jess) hard at work cutting out the Glencoe Gulls!

Thank you also to:

Eric Kearney, Tom Wells, Paul Smith, Eric Brockmeyer, Jennie & Abe Cambier, Brad Canada, Gabriel Watson, Mike Nielson, Maria & Michael Peterson, Anna & Peter David, Jonathan Legare and Tara Cobalt Coy for your generous time in cutting out the Glencoe Gulls!

### **DECEMBER MEAL SERVICES**

The Nutrition Services department will be providing extra meals each service day to help keep our students with access to food as we head into the winter break. Each service day through December 16, we will be providing 3 days worth of meals for each child. On Friday, December 18, we will provide each child with a food box that will contain enough food for 7 days. We will not be serving or delivering meals on Monday, Dec 21 through Friday, January 1. Meal services will resume Monday, January 4.

Please feel free to visit our [website](#) where you can find resources such as our menu to help guide families with what we plan to serve for each day and enrichment activities, or contact us at [nutritionservices@pps.net](mailto:nutritionservices@pps.net) with any questions and requests for home meal delivery.

### TAG NEWS

The district has extended the TAG Nomination deadline to Friday, December 18th. Go [here](#) to learn more.

### PTA NEWS

Here is the agenda for the upcoming Zoom PTA Meeting on December 14, 2020 from 7-8PM:

- Welcome and approve previous meeting minutes (Mackenzie) (7-7:05)
- Overview of the PTA and updates from this year (Whitney) (7:05-7:10)
- Treasurer's report (Isabel) (7:10-7:15)
- Update from Principal Clark (7:15-7:30)
- PPS Enrollment and Program Balancing information share from Abby and Kelly, Glencoe parent representatives (7:30-8)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86363037341?pwd=RFBBbnZkZnZORC9FQlIwL1I4NUFsQT09>

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