

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

December 18, 2020

UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event	Time
12/21/2020 – 1/1/2021	NO SCHOOL: WINTER BREAK	
1/6/2021	Library Book Exchange	1:00-3:30 PM
1/7/2021	Library Book Exchange	1:00-3:30 PM

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy Friday! You and your children have survived four months of comprehensive distance learning. I am guessing that in your new role as parent/CDL teacher, you are happy to have a couple weeks away from screens, timers and virtual schedules. I know I am looking forward to doing some kind of hands-on project that doesn't involve any technology - except maybe to look up helpful hints on YouTube!

We had busy days at the Library/Materials pick up stations at Glencoe this week. We even ran out of some library book bags this time around. Please remember to bring back your book bags each time you come to get another bag. We want to make sure we are trading one bag for another each time so that all families can enjoy a different bag of books to read. We also passed out 130 wooden gulls and paint kits (65 each day). If you picked up a Gull kit, please take time to paint it over the winter break so it can come back during the next book distribution on January 6th or 7th (the entire kit).

There were some families who agreed to patiently wait until our next distribution because the Gulls were limited. If your family did not get a wooden gull to paint, don't worry, another distribution will be scheduled some time after the New Year. We will need another round of volunteers (or maybe some of our original volunteers) to cut more gulls before we can do another distribution however. If you are able to help us out please let Mackenzie Weintraub, our PTA Co-president know and we will contact you in the New Year. Mackenzie can be reached at mackenzieweintraub@gmail.com.

Today was also pajama & hot chocolate day. As a wonderful 5th grader told his first grade teacher yesterday, "Every day can be pajama day during on-line school." This is true but it is even better when we do it surrounded by our classmates with hot chocolate in hand. This morning I had the pleasure of joining Ms. Hanes' and Mr. Oster's classrooms for Pajama and Hot Chocolate Day. Mr. O's students were playing a hot chocolate game filled with silly questions and activities. Did you know most of Mr. O's students would rather eat a grasshopper than a worm?

I was also able to enjoy a sweet video that Ms. Hanes' students (families) put together for her as a surprise before winter break. The video had handwritten messages to Ms. Hanes along with pictures of the students hard at work 'in school.' As I watched, I was reminded of how many school opportunities we are not able to capture with our cameras this year since students are not in the building. We usually have a collection of pictures by the month of May that we can use to create an end of the year slideshow. We would LOVE it if you, or their daytime care givers are able to take quick snapshots of your children every once in a while as they are "toiling away" during school hours. We'd love to have pictures of students reading, doing math, writing a book using Book Creator, participating in a class meeting, drinking hot chocolate on pajama day... you get the idea. Feel free to send the pictures to me or Sara Gardner any time!

From the entire Glencoe Family to yours, we hope you have a fantastic winter break. We will see you all back in 2021, with devices, batteries and hopeful hearts fully charged.

Warmly,

Lori Clark
Glencoe Principal

PTA NEWS

Support PTA's partners that give back to Glencoe!

Dairy Hill Ice Cream. Purchase a gift certificate (either in person or by phone) from now until Sunday, January 3rd and Dairy Hill will contribute 10% of the purchase to Glencoe PTA. Must mention Glencoe. <https://dairyhillicecream.com/>

Teote House Cafe Family Meals. Order a delicious family meal kit from <https://www.teotepdx.com/family-meal/> and they will give \$5 to the Glencoe PTA! Pick up is at 1615 SE 12th Avenue.

Face Masks that give back. Destira, a PPS parent-owned company with a new line of fun and comfortable face masks. Their masks are made with active youth in mind, come in four family-friendly sizes, and are especially great for children who feel sensitive about the ear-loop style masks. They are donating 20% of purchases for Glencoe to the PTA, shop at: https://destira.com/collections/glencoe-gulls/?ref=glencoe_gulls

Use your holiday shopping to support Glencoe!

Shop with Amazon Smile. Designate Glencoe Elementary PTA as your charitable organization and start all of your amazon shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/> .

Register Glencoe for Fred Meyer Community Rewards. Fred Meyer donates directly to the Glencoe. Just log in to Fred Meyer <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/rewards/fred-meyer-rewards>, select community reward, and select Glencoe Elementary PTA.

Try the Benefit app. Do your shopping through Benefit <https://www.benefit-mobile.com/> . Download Benefit to your phone through the app store. Benefit allows you to buy gift cards for national retailers (Starbucks, Home Depot, The Gap, Target, Amazon). *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. Download the Benefit app, set up your account and payment method, search "Glencoe Elementary PTA" in the Beneficiaries tab, and then can purchase electronic gift cards anytime.

PTA meeting minutes from Dec. 14 can be [found here](#). We are looking for a volunteer or two to help with Glencoe gear in the New Year. If you are interested in helping out please email Mackenzie (mackenzieweintraub@gmail.com). You can also see the slides from Abby Houston and Kelly Fisher's presentation on [PPS Program Balancing](#). Thanks to those who were able to join us! The next PTA meeting is on Feb. 8.