

# Glencoe Elementary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### January 8, 2021

#### UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event	Time
<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>		
1/15/2021	Spirit Day: Wild Hair Day	
1/20/2021	Restaurant Partner: Dar Salam 4703 SE Hawthorne	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
1/20/2021	Library Book Bags: A-L	1:00-3:30 PM
1/21/2021	Library Book Bags: M-Z	1:00-3:30 PM

#### NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

Welcome to the New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful break and were able to set aside technology and enjoy more personal time with your family. I did set aside my computer for most of the break to tackle a few home projects (decluttering, organizing etc.), complete a puzzle and enjoy time with my family and grandchildren (who are in our small bubble). Although I enjoyed my break it was great to have our community back together again on Monday. I was energized by seeing students and staff learning together again!

I was able to take part and/or observe some great lessons this week. One of the best parts of my job! I started my week joining Ms. Button's class where students talked about points of view and the importance of understanding another person's perspective. Mr. O & Ms. Schiada's first graders read "How to Catch a Snowman" in preparation for writing how they would catch a snowman, using the 'how to' format they learned before the break. During music the 3rd graders started a unit on music influenced and created by Black Composers and Artists. Not only did they analyze and sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing", they practiced reading the notes and playing hand percussion to the music. Later in the week Ms. Deville's class was working on identifying even and odd numbers by using a Ten Frame as their visual model and I got to spend time with some 5th graders working to solidify their use of mathematical strategies to solve multiplication and repeated addition problems with help from Ms. Schacker.

We had another library book pick-up/drop off this week and quite a few families were able to get a new set of books to read at home. We also had about 75 gulls painted over break and returned this week. We are hoping to get all the gulls and paint kits back (we need 55 back). If you are still painting your gull, no worries. We are happy to collect them anytime between now and our next book/materials pick-up in two weeks.

Although the week was full of great things happening at Glencoe, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the riots and political unrest that occurred on Wednesday in our Nation's Capital. It was upsetting on so many levels. As an adult, I struggled to make sense of what I was seeing on the news and in social media. I could only imagine what our students were thinking and feeling if they were privy to the events as they unfolded. I was in Ms. Bernt's classroom on Thursday morning as students discussed what they had heard and how they felt. As I watched Ms. Bernt facilitate a discussion, and I listened to the students - it gave me hope for our future as a nation and global society.

As adults, we are often tasked to find a balance between the amount of information we provide our children about current, global events. As educators, we are faced with this challenge and we know that our students come into our classrooms with varying amounts of understanding and knowledge already. This is not an easy task. I am impressed with all of the Glencoe Staff who provided a safe space this week for students to share what they know about the events and ask questions. If you are someone who is looking for ways to talk to your own children about the breach at the capitol, feel free to check out [this article](#). The author's 'PEARLS' of wisdom provide a great structure to prepare and discuss difficult topics with children.

Warmly,

Lori Clark  
Glencoe Principal

### [PTA NEWS](#)

Dear Glencoe Families,

Please join us January 20 and 21 for a book drive to support the [Children's Book Bank](#)!

The Children's Book bank fills homes and lives with engaging, culturally diverse books because all children deserve to have books of their own. When they do, magical things happen - books ignite curiosity, spark the imagination, and open young minds to limitless possibilities.

**How can you help? Please bring gently used picture books or board books to the Glencoe book exchange on Jan. 20 or 21 and place them into the collection boxes.** *Chapter books are not being accepted at this time.* PTA volunteers will take the books to the Children's Book Bank where they will be cleaned, restored, and distributed to local homes.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Mackenzie ([mackenzieweintraub@gmail.com](mailto:mackenzieweintraub@gmail.com)).

Thank you!  
Glencoe PTA

#### **Next Restuarnt Parnter:**

Dar Salam is in for donating 25% on Wednesday, January 20 for all day (12pm-8:00pm) at their Hawthorne location. You can place your order online or call it in and pick it up.

<https://darsalamportland.com/>

Dine out and support Glencoe Elementary!

# Wednesday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>



**Order online or by phone and pick up!**

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Hours: 12pm-8pm



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