

# Glencoe Elementary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### January 15, 2021

#### UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event	Time
1/18/2021	<b>NO SCHOOL: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</b>	
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

I hope you all had a great week and are ready to enjoy a three day weekend. Monday is a holiday celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This is a great opportunity to reflect on how we are serving all of our students and families with honor and excellence. It is also a strong reminder how important it is to talk to our students about nonviolent philosophy and strategy and the importance of getting involved in nonviolent action for social and economic progress in our communities, states and nation. Our students often know Dr. MLK Jr as a man who fought for civil rights in the black community but we mustn't forget that he also dealt with issues of gendered stereotypes, poverty and privilege. I was able to visit classrooms this week and was privy to lesson plans that involved conversations, read alouds and activities about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and students' personal strengths and hopes for the future. Here are a few good children's books that you might want to explore with your children about MLK Jr and the Civil Rights Movement: [Martin's Big Words](#) by Doreen Rappaport, [A Sweet Smell of Roses](#) by Angela Johnson, [My Uncle Martin's Big Heart](#) by Angela Farris Watkins, & [Let the Children March](#) by Monica Clark-Robinson.

In February, all PPS students in grades 3-8 will be asked to take an online assessment called MAP. The hope is that we will be able to gather valuable insight into our students learning progress and where students are meeting expectations and where we will need to design program supports and make adjustments to our curriculum in order to help students upon our return to school. This could be especially helpful when it comes to designing learning recovery programs for students across the district. We will designate one hour of live classroom time per content area (reading/math) to complete the assessment. If your students need additional time to complete the assessment, we will work with parents to find a time that works for another staff member to meet virtually with students to complete the assessment (only up to one additional hour). We have not yet scheduled the time into our schedule but you can expect it to be in later February. To learn more about this assessment, see the video: [Parent Video](#).

Finally, I know there is a great deal of talk about students returning to school in Oregon and what all the possibilities might look like in PPS. The hope is for some students within the district to receive Limited In Person Instruction (a few hours a week). As of now, with the uncertainty of the vaccine rollout for educators and the increase in cases in Oregon, there is not a concrete plan outlining the next steps. At this moment in time, our primary concern is to continue with our commitment to CDL. What I can tell you is that the district hopes to provide some limited in-person instruction to a few small cohorts in each school community. This would not necessarily mean that some students would receive additional in-person instruction from their classroom teacher, or any teacher that works at Glencoe, since they are still being asked to teach their full workload. As we get more information and have a clear picture of our

next steps, I will work with the staff to create a plan for Glencoe. I appreciate that everyone may want answers now, but please be patient as we await our specific guidance from district and state officials.

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 Restaurant Partner:**

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!**

(503) 764-9656

[darsalamportland.com](http://darsalamportland.com)

4703 SE Hawthorne Blvd

Hours: 12pm-8pm



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