

# Glencoe Elementary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### January 22 2021

#### UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event	Time
1/29/2021	<b>NO SCHOOL: TEACHER PLANNING DAY</b>	
2/3/2021	Library Book Bags: A-L	1:00-3:30 PM
2/4/2021	Library Book Bags: M-Z	1:00-3:30 PM

#### NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

I hope you have had a chance to get outside and enjoy some of the sunshine this week. It looks like we have one more good day of sun and then the temperatures might be dropping. It's been a mild winter and we haven't really seen any snowflakes in Portland which is a little unusual by this time in the year. I was in a classroom this week and the kids were keeping their fingers crossed for some snow this weekend, which is a slim possibility early Sunday morning. Whether we are in school or not, most kids love some kind of snow day! I have to admit, so do I.

We had a peaceful inauguration on Wednesday in Washington, D.C. which I know was a relief to so many. Regardless of what political party you belong to, or how you voted, it was pretty amazing to see the first woman and first woman of color being sworn in as the Vice President of the United States. I was also impressed by Amanda Gorman, the youngest inaugural poet in U.S. history. Knowing that she has an auditory processing disorder, is hypersensitive to sound and had a speech impediment during her childhood, made her performance even more impactful for me. I was moved as an adult, especially thinking of the messages sent to our children during this inauguration, even more so our female children of color in this country.

There is a virtual workshop for parents on Wednesday, January 27th, "Racism in Oregon History" being offered by the PPS Humanities Department. This is a collaborative effort with the Oregon Historical Society. The workshop is designed to help parents understand how both racism and justice are at the heart of Oregon's history and are crucial to our ability to build a better future. For more information including a flyer and the registration, click [here](#). If you have any questions, feel free to email Jennifer Hernandez, Assistant Director, Humanities, [jhernandez1@pps.net](mailto:jhernandez1@pps.net).

Great things continued to happen in our classrooms this week and we had another successful book exchange. I want to give a shout out to the staff that continues to prepare materials for their students and those that also help distribute during this time. I know the kids love to see their teachers and teachers love to see their kids!

We are slowly getting information about the Governor's recommendations and changes to ODE's Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance. Educators are eagerly waiting to hear how Multnomah County will roll out a large scale vaccination program for this next phase of vaccines. Our hope is for the first dose of vaccines to be available to us at the beginning of February. As schools get closer to offering LIMITED in-person instruction and hopefully some type of hybrid model in PPS before the year is out, I thought parents might be looking for guidance themselves on whether they would send their child back to school. The CDC website has helpful information and just recently updated information under the

tab, "Deciding How to Go Back to School". The article has information to help parents, guardians and caregivers make decisions about sending their child/children back to school. The article can be found [here](#).

Warmly,

Lori Clark  
Glencoe Principal

### **PTA NEWS**

Hello Glencoe families!

The PTA board is very excited to be hosting Katrina Thatcher, MS LPC Intern, at our Feb. 8 PTA meeting. Katrina is a child and family counselor who came highly recommended. Please complete a brief survey so Katrina can tailor her presentation for our school community. Here is a link to the survey: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnSY8X8Jq0fez7NoogquRKtTkWA\\_DzLyPRrDbRP2QadHu8Ug/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnSY8X8Jq0fez7NoogquRKtTkWA_DzLyPRrDbRP2QadHu8Ug/viewform?usp=sf_link). We hope you will join us at the Feb. meeting!

### **RESTAURANT PARTNERS**

Thank you to all the families that supported Glencoe at the DarSalam fundraiser, we raised \$420.87.

The next restaurant partners that are coming up are Valentine's Day at Dairy Hill Ice Cream as well as Por Que No on Wednesday, February 17.