

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

February 12, 2021

UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event	Time
2/15/2021	NO SCHOOL: PRESIDENT'S DAY	
2/17/2021	RESTAURANT PARTNER: POR QUE NO	
2/17/2021	Library Book Exchange: A-L	1:00-3:30 PM
2/18/2021	Library Book Exchange: M-Z	1:00-3:30 PM

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

One of my favorite things, since I was a child, was the anticipation of a snow day. Even now, I love the idea of waking up to the ground blanketed with snow. I know Portland isn't really a snow town and it causes some chaos but I sure do love a good snow storm and I know many of our students do too. I spent the morning meeting with Dr. Lageson's Kindergarten class and I have to say, there is nothing better than listening to what 5 and 6 year olds say. At the very end of the meeting one of the students asked Dr. Lageson if she could tell Joe Biden to call his grandma and tell her it is ok for him to go play in the snow. It would be great if getting what we wanted was that easy!

As you know the district has emerging plans for a partial reopening of K-5 classrooms beginning in April. In preparation they will ask families with students in kindergarten through 5th grade what their preferences are for their students' learning options for April, May and June of 2021. The proposed plan includes a "hybrid" learning option which means students would attend in person, four days a week for a little over 2 hours a day (am or pm). The plan would be to keep siblings on the same am/pm schedule. Families who are not comfortable with a hybrid option can remain in CDL full time. As part of the planning process, schools need to hear from ALL families about each one of your students.

You can expect to receive a survey today that will ask you to share your learning model preference: a hybrid option or continuing Comprehensive Distance Learning. The survey will also ask you about your child's learning and support needs. We appreciate your attention to this survey. We are asking all families to complete the survey no later than February 22nd. If you are having difficulty completing the survey, please reach out to me, the front office or your child's teacher. The sooner we get the results, the sooner we will be able to understand and plan for our school community's needs.

There are still some unknowns in regards to the Hybrid Model and many of the details are being negotiated with the teachers' union. However, I am happy to try and answer any questions you have about the proposed model. If you missed the initial communication from PPS about the proposed model, I am attaching it [here](#).

I hope this winter storm does not inconvenience you or your family and you are able to take some time to enjoy the snow! CDL or not - kids love a snow day!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Lori Clark
Glencoe Principal

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

Please see [this link](#) for vaccination clinics coming up.

BOOK AUTHOR VISIT

MARCH 11th: Author Scheduled "To Visit" Glencoe Students...find out more [here](#) (including how to order books).

TAG NEWS

Please see the [Glencoe TAG website](#) for information as it becomes available to us.

PTA NEWS

Thanks to those who attended the PTA meeting this week! If you missed the meeting and want to see the slides from Katrina Thatcher's presentation on COVID stress and parenting, you can find them here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WoAqVc-vMlp26xaqnDqGgqWdcwOOqcfn/view?usp=sharing>.

PTA RESTAURANT PARTNERS

Please see [this link for the Por Que No flyer](#) (Wed., Feb. 17).

FOUNDATION NEWS

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