

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

February 19, 2021

UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event	Time
2/23/2021	Deadline for Steinke Books for pick-up	Mar 3 rd -4 th
2/25/2021	Hybrid Survey Deadline	
3/3/2021	Library Book Exchange: A-L	1:00-3:30 PM
3/4/2021	Library Book Exchange: M-Z	1:00-3:30 PM
3/11/2021	Book Author Visit: Google Meet	4:00 PM
3/19/2021	Deadline for Steinke Books for pick-up	Mar 31 st and Apr 1 st

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

What an interesting week we have had. As I said last week, I love the snow. I am not a big fan of no heat, power outages and winter chaos however. I am just thankful we are back on track and some of our families and staff with internet issues were able to access a hotspot to help them reconnect. If your child was unable to access class on Wednesday (or later) due to the internet/power outage, please make sure you notify your child's teacher or Amanda in the office so we can correct attendance records. Those weather related absences are excused. If you are still struggling with internet issues and need a hotspot please reach out to our district IT department at: support@pps.net

Hopefully you have seen the district survey asking you to choose a learning model for your child(ren) for the 4th quarter. The survey was sent to only one parent via email and it is called the "Hybrid Learning Choice" survey. The district sent out the initial communication last Friday and then another one today. We really need to hear from all families - ONE SURVEY PER CHILD. So far, we have 190 surveys completed by our Glencoe Families. We have 199 left to go. If you have difficulty accessing the survey please reach out to Amanda in our office: ashwetzner@pps.net and she will assist you.

Launching of the survey has brought forth a great deal of questions. There are many details that still need to be fleshed out at this time. District Leadership is negotiating with the Teachers' Union on some of the details. The Facilities Department is focused on getting buildings ready for our students' return. Principals are fielding a number of questions and requests from their school communities. Many families are weighing their options, wondering if they can manage an am/pm schedule and have questions they want answered before they complete the survey. Please know your response is not binding but we do ask you make your best choice with the information you have at this time.

I understand the added stress that a learning model change can cause for families whether you are ready for your child to participate in the Hybrid model or not. I have received a variety of questions (i.e. benefits, safety measures, actual direct teacher time, and amount of movement/activity) and requests (i.e. schedules, teacher assignments, students together). Schools will not be able to guarantee schedules (am/pm), teacher placements or keeping certain students together (i.e. neighbors, friends, those who have been learning in "pods"). Some of these decisions are based on the number of students and staff able to

return at each grade level and in each classroom so it will be very important to get a survey result back for every Glencoe Student. We could also be impacted by families who withdrew at the beginning of the school year and want to return to Hybrid.

The district has put together this [FAQ for families](#). I encourage you to read through this page. Of course, I am happy to answer your questions. You can email me at any time and I will find the answers if I do not have them myself. I will do my best to get back to you in a timely manner.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Lori Clark
Glencoe Principal

BOOK AUTHOR VISIT

MARCH 11th at 4PM. Google Meet link will be in next week's newsletter.

TAG NEWS

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

FOUNDATION NEWS

GLENCOE FOUNDATION PRESENTS: FLOP, WALK AND ROLL

Join the Glencoe community for this fun three part event! We are looking forward to this inclusive way to bring our community together virtually. Participate in each event, and students and staff will earn fun patches that can be sewn onto book bags or t-shirts. Or, participate in all three events, earn three patches, and get the awesome Glencoe Beanie to display your Flop, Walk and Roll patches.

The events are:

Flop and Read, March 5-12

Walk/Run, April 9-16

Roll, May 7-14

Details regarding the Walk/Run and Roll will come out later (or read about on the Glencoe website under Foundation)

Flop and Read, March 5-12

A time-honored Glencoe Tradition, during school on Flop and Read days, kids bring blankets, stuffies and other cozy items to school. Kids and classes flop all over the school (hallways, other classrooms, with reading buddies, etc.) and spend a fun afternoon reading together.

For this Flop, we are encouraging families to get cozy together for an afternoon, or an hour, and enjoy some time reading together. Build a fort, a nest, or just cozy up on the couch.

Register Today!

Our goal is to have **100% participation** from families and staff. We're asking for a suggested donation of \$35 per family, but again, it's up to you. We also encourage families that can, to sponsor a teacher or other family, and to add an additional donation to the Foundation.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

GLENCOE SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Help raise funds for critical staffing at Glencoe Elementary School. Funds pay for a reading specialist, increased hours for our valuable school secretary, a part time math teacher and other much needed school and teaching staff.

Support Glencoe School Foundation today with a onetime financial gift, or consider becoming a monthly sustainer.

[Donate Here](#)

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