

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

March 5, 2021

UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event	Time
3/11/2021	Book Author Visit: Google Meet	4:00 PM
3/17/2021	Library Book Exchange: A-L	1:00-3:30 PM
3/18/2021	Library Book Exchange: M-Z	1:00-3:30 PM
3/19/2021	Deadline for Steinke Books for pick-up Mar 31 st and Apr 1 st	
3/22/2021 – 3/26/2021	NO SCHOOL: SPRING BREAK	

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

It was so nice to get some warm weather and sunshine this week. It is amazing how that little bit of sunshine can really make a difference on my mood and desire to get outside. As we start to experience bouts of nicer weather, I know it will be even more challenging for students to stay connected to school, through a screen. I can totally relate!

We continue to plan and schedule some fun activities, experiences for our whole school. This month students earned “joke day” and were able to submit jokes if they wanted. Ms. Gardner, one of our school counselors put together a compilation of the jokes submitted. I have to admit, there were some good ones that made me laugh out loud. Your child watched it today in the class meeting. If you are interested in watching it with your child, here is the link: [Joke Day](#). When they reach their next goal, they earn the power to choose one of three “out of the ordinary” experiences for me to complete. Ask them what the options are, what choice they are leaning towards and wish me luck!

We have an [author’s visit](#) next week with Aron Steinke. He is a Glencoe Community member, teacher and author of the Mr. Wolf’s Class Graphic Novel series. All students are invited. We’d love to have you join us as well: **Thursday, April 11th from 4 - 5:00 at this [link](#)**. Aron will introduce students to his book series and his love of drawing. We’d like students to have a pencil and paper with them! If you fall in love with his books, we will have information on how to purchase one or more. We have also purchased more for our school library.

My greatest concern for our students is, and has always been, their safety and social-emotional wellness. If you are noticing a change in your child’s demeanor, willingness to engage, daily moods, ability to handle difficult situations, please reach out to your child’s teacher, one of our counselors, [Ms. Gardner](#) or [Ms. Madi](#) or [me](#). At the end of next week, we will have been operating in CDL for a year. As the time grows, it is becoming even more difficult for many students and families to remain patient and find the staying power to keep going in our current school model. I want you to know, we understand! This is not an easy situation and we are getting closer to being able to open our doors for a Hybrid Model. We will continue to serve our students the best we can whether in Hybrid or CDL.

I appreciate your due diligence in completing the learning model survey. We have heard from over 92% of our families - only 13 more responses to go. At this point 61% of our families are interested in a Hybrid model given the information they had at the time the survey was presented. Using those numbers along with our designated room capacity I am able to look at possible scenarios for us. Although there are still some unknowns, here are some things you can count on:

- I will prioritize children/siblings in the same household stay in the same cohort.
- Efforts will be made to keep as many students with their current teacher as possible. 97% of our families indicated that as a somewhat important to very important factor for their child. Please know that no scenario that I am able to plan places 100% of students with their current teacher and/or current classmates whether they are in the Hybrid or CDL model.
- Students who have been enrolled with us this year will have priority of cohort placements with our current teachers and their classmates to maintain those relationships (as best we can).
- Unfortunately, we will not be able to honor requests for AM/PM assignments or for students to remain with a specific peer, peer group, or teacher.
- Your survey response was not binding and I know we will need to confirm your choice once you have more information (i.e. schedules, times of day). Once we have more information, we will work with families to confirm decisions.
- 39% of our families have indicated that they prefer to remain in comprehensive distance learning. For the remaining 61%, I understand that every student has a unique situation and that their hybrid assignment (once assigned) may not work. In those situations, CDL will remain an option.
- Our results may adjust, when families receive more details and/or families who chose to withdraw this fall want to return when we begin Hybrid. Therefore the scenarios may need to be modified.

I am hopeful that we will have more information soon. Please hang in there with us and I will do my best to provide you any new information once I get it.

Best,

Lori Clark
Glencoe Principal

MUSIC NEWS – March Music Battle Bracket Round 1 Ends Today!

As we wind up our focus and our look at the hymn/anthem, "Lift Every Voice And Sing," we are choosing our school's favorite arrangement of this song. Use [this link](#) to access the songs and understand the process of our Battle Bracket. Use [this link](#) to vote for Round 1 (which closes today, 3/5/21). The link for Round 2 voting will be in your child's Music Seesaw lesson next week. Voting will open on Monday, 3/8/21 for Round 2. We will listen to the 6 remaining songs and narrow them down to 2 songs by Friday of next week.

BOOK AUTHOR VISIT

Use [this link](#) to access the Author Visit at 4 pm on the 11th of March (next Thursday). If you ordered Steinke books, the next pickup time will be March 17 & 18 during the book exchange hours. If you still want to order, see information on the Glencoe TAG website.

TAG NEWS



There is a lot of new information on the [Glencoe TAG website](#) regarding ACCESS and testing. We will continue to post more when we get more information.

PTA NEWS

PTA Spring Sale - Plants and Glencoe Gear!

Get ready for spring and support the PTA by purchasing plants and Glencoe gear! You can purchase flowers, veggie starts, Glencoe t-shirts and hoodies for the whole family from Monday, March 8 through Friday, April 2 on our online store: <https://glencoe.memberhub.store/store>.

Please consider adding a donation in the amount of your choosing to help pay for Glencoe gear for families in need of assistance. Any extra donations will be used for future PTA programing.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Flop and Read for Glencoe Foundation starts NOW

Today is the first day to participate in the Glencoe Foundation Flop and Read (the first in a three part series). Definitely NOT too late to register. You can register any time throughout the event. Read online with your class, or your own with family or on zoom with Glencoe Friends!

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 participation is open to everyone regardless of payment. We also encourage families that can, to sponsor a teacher or other family, and to add an additional donation to the Foundation.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

[Learn more about Flop and Read, and the Flop, Walk and Roll HERE](#)

Want to donate directly to the Glencoe School Foundation to help raise funds for critical staffing at Glencoe Elementary School

[Donate Here](#)

Please choose Glencoe Elementary in the Purpose field.

Did you know many employers match your gift? Check here if you think your employer might match: <https://doublethedonation.com/thefundforpps>

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