

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

March 19, 2021

UPCOMING DATES

| Date | Event | Time |
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| 3/22/2021 – 3/26/2021 | NO SCHOOL: SPRING BREAK | |
| 4/1/2021 – 4/2/2021 | Classes Resume for Kindergarten and First Grade | |
| 4/5/2021 | Classes Resume for 2 nd – 5 th Grade | |

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

It was an emotional week at Glencoe as many students said goodbye to their teachers today and yesterday. As we prepare to open for some in-person instruction, we are having to adjust teacher assignments for some and schedules for all. In some classrooms there were tears and feelings of loss as students learned that their classroom community will be changing. There was also excitement for many, anxiousness, happiness and all of the other emotions as well. When LIVE instruction starts again, whether it be virtual or hybrid, our staff will be building a new classroom community and welcoming everyone back. We will spend time getting acquainted (or reacquainted for some) with community building activities. This is something teachers know how to do and did it well so far this year. We will do it again with our new cohorts of students.

Information Coming:

Cohort Assignments will be communicated to families no later than Monday, 3/22. A cohort assignment will confirm the time of day your child will receive their LIVE instruction. It also includes what you chose in the way of a learning model and what schedule your child has been assigned AM or PM. For example, your student may be assigned an AM Hybrid Cohort, a PM Hybrid Cohort, an AM CDL cohort or a PM CDL cohort. As a reminder CDL and Hybrid are defined as:

- **CDL** (comprehensive distance learning) is Live instruction provided virtually for 2 hours and 15 minutes of the day. The other half of the day students will be completing lessons assigned to them in Seesaw and practicing skills using learning applications found in their Clever portal (i.e. Lexia, Dreambox, Book Creator)
- **Hybrid** (In person instruction + Online learning) is when the student receives in-person instruction for 2 hours and 15 minutes in either the morning or afternoon. The other half of the day students will be completing lessons assigned to them in Seesaw and practicing skills using learning applications found in their Clever portal (i.e. Lexia, Dreambox, Book Creator)

Teacher Assignments will be communicated to families the week after spring break. I am hoping to be able to provide that information during spring break but we are waiting for a few other things to fall into place. I apologize for the wait as I know students and families are anxiously awaiting this information.

A video message to share with your child is being prepared for viewing before we resume LIVE instruction. You can expect this to arrive soon after we return from Spring Break.

Changes in Seesaw: Once the class assignments are communicated to families, many of you will notice a change in Seesaw. Students switching to a new cohort or teacher will similarly be switched to a new Seesaw class. If there is anything you want to keep in your students' portfolio, now would be a good

time to download it before the switches happen on March 30th. [Linked here](#) is a helpful guide that will show you how to do this

Virtual community meetings: I will be hosting a few virtual meetings for families regarding the changes. Here is a list of the meeting dates/times and links to join the meeting. Please try to attend the one that aligns with your child's grade level.

- **Kinder/First:** meet.google.com/qhb-gqph-vdn
 - Tuesday, March 29th at 6:00 pm:
 - Wednesday, March 31st at 10:00 am

- **2nd - 5th Grades -** meet.google.com/nyj-uoqg-ipc
 - Wednesday, March 31st at 6:00 pm
 - Thursday, April 1st 6:00 pm

Some Glencoe Families are asking about Child Care. We do not have on-campus childcare at Glencoe. There are various childcare sites already in place and others being added within the district. If you are interested in childcare sites, you can find the information at this [link](#). Unfortunately, the YMCA's Tabor Heights near Glencoe closed and has not yet reopened. IPPS is working with them in hopes they can reopen this spring.

Finally, in a time of racial reckoning, I was crushed to hear of the shooting in Atlanta that killed six Asian-American women. The news shook me out of my hybrid-planning mind and I could not help but think of all of our Asian families, students, staff, community members and friends. My heart and mind are with you as we move into this coming week. When I think about all that has happened this year I often return to one of my favorite Rumi quotes, "When we practice loving kindness and compassion we are the first ones to profit." I hope you all can give your loved ones an extra squeeze, whether it be in person or virtual tonight.

Take care everyone, and I hope you all have a wonderful spring break.

Best,
Lori

MUSIC NEWS – March Music Battle Bracket Round 3 Ends Today!

Round 3 ends today! Use [this link](#) to vote for your favorite "Lift Every Voice And Sing" arrangement/artist. It's between Merry Clayton and Alicia Keyes. Voting will close tonight!

BOOK AUTHOR VISIT

All Steinke books ordered by today, March 19, will be available for up at Glencoe on March 31 & April 1st during the Library book exchange times. (If these dates/times change, we will let you know.) If your child will be Hybrid, we might be able to send them home with your child. If that's what you would prefer, please email Lisa Davidson at ldavidso@pps.net and let me know the name of the person who ordered the books, the child's name, grade and Hybrid teacher. (Obviously, you will need to wait for this information since you do not know Hybrid teacher names yet.) See the Glencoe TAG website for more information about ordering books.

Our next author visit will be Friday, April 30th @ 6pm. Dr. Arlyne Simon will be joining us to talk about her biomedical engineering career, her inventions and her book series. [Go here](#) to learn about Dr. Simon and her books. As part of the presentation, Dr. Simon would like to give 1-2 young inventors the opportunity to show and talk through their invention ideas and get feedback. Start talking to your

child(ren) now about this opportunity. There will be a form to fill out after spring break for anyone interested in being considered. We will also randomly choose inventors who participate to receive prizes. Those chosen to present and who do present will also receive a prize.



TAG NEWS

There is a lot of new information on the [Glencoe TAG website](#) regarding ACCESS and testing. We will continue to post when we get more information. All author information is available on the Glencoe TAG website. Please encourage your child to work on an invention idea to share with Dr. Simon during her virtual presentation. (See book author visit above).

PTA NEWS



Get Your Glencoe Gear: Don't miss out on the opportunity to show off your school spirit with Glencoe Gear! Hoodies and t-shirts with our Glencoe Gull logo available for youth or adults. Check out the store for details and size options: <https://glencoe.memberhub.store/store>. If you add a donation to your check-out, the PTA will use the donation towards our awesome Glencoe Gear for a family in need or to support other PTA program.

Plant sale: Check out the great selection of flowers, hanging baskets, and vegetable starts here: <https://glencoe.memberhub.store/store>. A great way to support the PTA and freshen up your garden at the same time. Pick up will be end of April.

PTA Board: Interested in joining the PTA board next year? Reach out to either Mackenzie (mackenzieweintraub@gmail.com) or Whitney (whitneystark@me.com) to discuss open board positions and ways you can get involved!

FOUNDATION NEWS

THANK YOU!!! The Flop & Read was an incredible event for our Glencoe community. We had over 152 students and staffers register and we raised over \$12,000. Please remember that you need to register in order to earn your Flop & Read Patch. Didn't register? Not to worry- the registration is still open- <https://tinyurl.com/yd2xns16>

If you had fun at the Flop & Read- let's get ready for our NEXT event....The Walk / Run. This event is going to be April 9-16, register here: <https://tinyurl.com/4f9brx4v> .

Foundation FAQ's

- Why are we registering again? -The Foundation team tracks registration in order to distribute patches to the students and staff.
- Do we need to donate again? - No. The donation of \$35 is suggested. We really want to encourage students and staff to ALL participate. If you are unable to or not interested in donating- we want you to still register and participate. Also- if you would like to donate a second, third, fourth, etc time - feel free... Foundation funds go directly to STAFFING.
- What if we forgot to register for an event? No worries. The registration links are still active for the Flop and the Walk.
- What are the prizes the students and staff earn? Students and staff that register will earn a custom patch for each event. After completing all three events they earn a custom GLENCOE Beanie to iron their patches onto.
- What happened to the Auction? This year we decided that an auction wasn't the best use of our efforts and time. Our focus has shifted to a major emphasis on building community and inclusivity at Glencoe. Our hope is that all students and staff feel encouraged and supported to participate in these events.
- Why should we participate in the Flop, Walk & Roll?- Could you do these activities at home and on your own? YES- but being part of something bigger helps to support an end goal. Glencoe is where we send our children to learn, to grow, and to become better versions of themselves. We rely on incredible staff there to make their school experience excellent and special. By participating in these events it allows students and staff to continue to feel connected to Glencoe even when they may not be able to see one another in person or in the Glencoe building.
- How can I help?- Participating and encouraging others to participate is the number 1 way. Then of course we need funds. Donations & Sponsorships all add up; no matter the size. Our goal is to net \$80,000 for the upcoming school year. Without donations and sponsorships we run the risk of not having the funds for critical staff. If you can't donate monetarily- donate time. Reach out about how you can volunteer.

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

Donate Here

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