

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

April 2, 2021

UPCOMING DATES

Date	Event	Time
4/9/2021	NO SCHOOL – TEACHER PLANNING DAY	

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

What a whirlwind week here at Glencoe School. Our Kindergarten and First Grade Classes started back up on Thursday (AM kiddos) or Friday (PM kiddos). It was a nice, less crowded start for our youngest students who came to the building. Although some were a bit nervous coming in for the first time without their family with them, they did wonderfully. We had staff and teachers in the older grades escorting the kids to their classrooms. Whether in CDL or Hybrid I hope your K/1 child finished their day as happy as we were to be with them.

Wednesday was transgender day of visibility. The day is dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of transgender and gender nonconforming people while raising awareness of the work that still needs to be done to achieve trans justice. If you want to learn more, click on this [link](#).

We are excited for everyone to start their live instruction again on Monday. We are so ready to start meeting with all our students again on a regular basis. Here is a quick reminder of the schedule:

- **AM Cohorts** start at **8:00 Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri.**
- **PM Cohorts** start at **12:15 Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri.**
- **ALL Students** have a **VIRTUAL LIVE meeting** every **Wednesday at 8:45** with their class (this is both cohorts combined)
- **Dismissal is at 10:15am and 2:30pm sharp.** Students and families are asked to leave campus right after pick up to prevent congestion and additional risk of exposure. This also allows our staff enough time to prepare for the next cohort. Thank you for your help with this!

Now that our school building is open to students again, our school grounds (including play structure, playground, basketball courts, back field and rain garden) are closed from 7:30-3:30 daily. We have some temporary signs to help with this communication. We would appreciate your help in getting this message to other families and community members. If you were not able to make the informational parent meetings this week and are curious as to the information shared, I am including the [slide deck](#) for your reference. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Our students have experienced many changes this year and they are all experiencing some kind of change again this spring, some more than others. We recognize that change isn't easy for many and we are here to support our students in every way we can. We know children can be, or can learn to be resilient and we as adults often have an impact on how our children/students perceive and react to change. If your child is feeling the impacts of these changes and you are wondering what might be the best way to support them, I invite you to read this article. It was written a few years before the Pandemic but all the helpful tips still apply. [Supporting Kids Through Times of Change](#)

There are changes happening and we want to make sure everyone still feels a connection to the Glencoe Community, their teacher(s), their grade level peers and their classmates. In honor of this, students will

continue to have their live PE and Music classes with their grade level classmates. We will also continue with Grade Level Gull lunches where students can get together with their peers for some virtual social interactions. **GULL LUNCHESES are from 11:00 - 11:30** and the codes are the same (no space between words).

The New days are listed below.

- Monday: 1st (gull lunch1) and 5th grade (gull lunch5)
- Tuesday: 2nd grade (gull lunch2)
- Wednesday: 3rd grade (gull lunch3)
- Thursday: 4th grade (gull lunch4)
- Friday: Kindergarten (gull lunchK)

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best,

Lori Clark
Glencoe Principal

COUNSELOR NEWS

Hello Glencoe Families,

One of our counselors, Ms. Madi, created a “book” to be shared with students around the possibility of nerves around coming back to in-person school. It is in a video format and voiced-over by Miss Madi herself. We are so excited to see those students coming back into the school for hybrid and to continue to support those students staying in distance learning.

Go ahead and click this [link](#) to watch!

MUSIC NEWS

The winner of the "Lift Every Voice And Sing" Battle was ALICIA KEYES! A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated! - Ms. Davidson

BOOK AUTHOR VISIT

Our next author visit will be Friday, April 30th @ 6pm. More information next week for student participation. [Go here](#) to learn about the author and her books. Questions can be submitted [here](#) as well as invention ideas. There will be randomly selected individuals for prizes the night of April 30th for attending AND Dr. Simon will choose 1-2 students to share their invention ideas. Invention ideas can be submitted on the same form as questions but the student needs to email a diagram of the invention to ldavidson@pps.net.

TAG NEWS

There is lots of TAG updates on the [Glencoe TAG website](#).

FOUNDATION NEWS

Part 2 of Flop, Walk and Roll

Walk/Run for Glencoe Foundation April 9-16

This year has been hard and our kiddos have missed out on so many Glencoe staples, like the "Run for the Arts".

For part two of our three part series they get to do just that!

Glencoe Students (and families) are encouraged to participate in this event. We are challenging you to Run or Walk. Maybe a mile, maybe more? Maybe you head down to Glencoe and run around the field... It is up to you! Registration is at <https://tinyurl.com/4f9brx4v>

One day during April 9-16 grab your family and head outside! Plan out a route and get moving. Fun Idea: Reach out to family and friends to sponsor you for this event – they can pledge per lap, mile or flat rate. Use this pledge sheet to keep track of any pledges your child receives: [Pledge Sheet](#)

This year more than ever we are in need of critical staffing funds. This three part Community Event Series is for EVERYONE! We are asking for a suggested (one time) \$35 donation for a family to participate in all three events. If you can't donate- no worries- we want EVERYONE to be part of this! If you would like to donate for each of the three events, that's fantastic!

Each Glencoe STUDENT / STAFF that participates will be gifted a collectable patch (one for each part in the series) and after completing ALL THREE- they will get a unique Glencoe Beanie to put them all on!

We would love to see every student involved in this series- as we are trying to bring back the community feeling at Glencoe! If you would like to sponsor another family or a teacher- we have that option as well.

To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/4f9brx4v>

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