

September 17, 2021

Dear Glencoe Families,

Happy Friday! We have completed our first full week of the school year and everyone is really settling into the routines and structures. One of my favorite things each day is greeting students and families as they arrive in the mornings. I never realized **how much** I missed that daily ritual last year. It is so great to have our building buzzing again with chatter and laughter of students and staff.

Did you know that this Wednesday was the first day of Latinx Heritage Month and that 10% of our students identify as Latinx? Each year, Americans observe National Latinx Heritage Month from September 15th to October 15th. This celebration was created to recognize the positive impact and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central & South America have left on the country. Our students will be learning about some of these contributions at school this month. If you are interested in celebrating and supporting the Latinx community with your family this month, here are a few ideas: [Latino Network](#).

Below you will find some **important announcements** that I want to make sure don't get overlooked this week:

- **PLEASE DO NOT BRING DOGS ONTO CAMPUS.** If you are dropping off or picking up your child and you have a dog with you, you must wait in one of two places: on the small grassy hill just north of Morrison OR on the back field. You will need to communicate with your child's teacher to release your child so they can walk to find you. Otherwise, please leave your dogs at home. There are safety reasons we cannot have dogs on campus during these busy times.
  - As a staff we have been reminding folks that dogs are not allowed on campus during arrival/dismissal times. Unfortunately, our reminders have not always been well received. Please understand, we are doing this for the safety of our students and families.
- **Back to School Nights** will be Virtual this year. Each teacher/grade level is scheduling and holding their own Back to School Night. You can expect your child's teacher to provide you with a Google Meeting Link for the event. Here is the [scheduled BTSN](#) dates.
- **Glencoe Picture Day** is on September 28th. All students will have their picture taken. You should receive something from Dorian by email but your child should also be bringing home a hard copy of an order form today..
- Here is a link to our [Family Handbook](#), which can also be found on Glencoe's Website.. This is where you can find basic information about Glencoe's policies and procedures.
- **OHSU COVID-19 Screening Testing available to all K-5 students and families:** Beginning next week, families will receive a consent form to **opt-in** to participate in our free COVID-19 screening testing program. Screening testing provides early detection of COVID-19, even when individuals have no apparent COVID-19-like symptoms. [This detailed message](#) went out to all PPS families Thursday night. Please read it for further information.

Best,

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