

Friday, September 10, 2021

Dear Glencoe Families,

We are up and running with all of our students! It has been great having all of our kindergarten students with us now. Their first day walking to classes without their adult was this Wednesday and they did a wonderful job. By Thursday many of them didn't need any help finding their classroom and declined help from one of our staff supervising the halls. I am enjoying reconnecting with our returning students and I love getting to meet our new students. My goal is to know every student by name by the end of September. This year is a bit more challenging because of the masks but I think I can do it.

I have popped into classrooms this week and it is great to see our classroom communities coming together. I have enjoyed watching students collectively build their classroom agreements, explore materials during choice time (Kinder classes), test their Sundials throughout the day (4th grade), get familiar with their classroom libraries and just laugh and enjoy each other's company. I am grateful to work in a school community that is full of loving, inclusive, creative and caring people - big and little. I am really looking forward to spending more time in classrooms this coming week.

Speaking of our great community, we are looking for a parent/caregiver who is willing to represent the Glencoe Community during Phase 2 of the Southeast Guiding Coalition(SEGC). The goal of the SEGC is to help create an equitable vision for school enrollment and program balancing in South East Portland with a main focus on PK-5 enrollment in schools. Our previous representative no longer has children that attend Glencoe so we are looking for a new representative. We are hoping for a volunteer who is able to see and understand boundary decisions from multiple perspectives, is willing to attend virtual monthly meetings and gather information that can be shared with our school community. There are varying interests and opinions where school boundaries and decisions are concerned. Our goal is not to have our representative "push an agenda" one way or the other but to be involved in the process so we can communicate clearly with our families and they have a person to reach out to regarding this district process. If you are interested, please contact me at lclark@pps.net.

REMINDERS:

- Amanda Shwetzter, our former school secretary, took a job at Cleveland HS. Her last day was Friday, September 3rd. If you have questions regarding Glencoe, please email lrobert3@pps.net or lclark@pps.net. Once we have a new School Secretary, I will share their contact information with our community.
- Have you turned in a **dismissal form** for your child? You can do it here <https://forms.gle/2iQPYudXEbuQqk779>; or request a hard copy from your child's teacher. Knowing your child's after school plan, helps us to keep them safe and get them where they need to be.

- Please send your child to school with a **full water bottle** every day. It has been really warm so they need their water bottles! We don't want students putting their mouths on/near the fountain. We can refill them so they can always have access to water.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Lori Clark
Glencoe Principal

WEEKLY COVID TESTING at GLENCOE? Not yet!

As many of you have heard, PPS sent out a communication to families that weekly testing will be available to students at their neighborhood school. This is the FUTURE plan and it is not yet in place. Families can expect some communication from PPS in the near future about timelines and opportunities. **For right now, this is what we know: PPS is starting with a one pilot school and then will let other schools know when it's their turn to sign up. The district is in communication with OHSU and the weekly testing will not be available to all schools as of yet. Right now the district is prioritizing onsite rapid testing for symptomatic individuals who are on site only.**

TAG (Talented & Gifted) Questions

If you are interested in knowing more about the district's TAG testing and identification process, you can find information on our TAG Coordinator's Website: <https://ldavids3.wixsite.com/davidson/tag-2020> (currently being updated), or the district website <https://www.pps.net/Domain/196>. Once on the TAG webpage, click on "for parents" in the left column. Any new information will also be included in our weekly school newsletter.

PTA NEWS

Meet your PTA here: <https://youtu.be/SOeKLph6gys>. Since we can't meet you all in person this year, check out this link so we can introduce ourselves.

Join the PTA here: <http://www.oregonpta.org/membership>. The PTA supports our school and teachers in many ways - we fill in the gaps. We hope you can help out by joining. Learn more by contacting Mackenzie Weintraub at mackenzieweintraub@gmail.com

Support the PTA: Set Glencoe Elementary PTA as your recipient for Fred Meyer Community Rewards and Amazon Smile and those companies give back to Glencoe. Win win!

Get involved with the PTA: The PTA is beginning a big undertaking of updating the playground and we need all the help we can get. If you are interested in helping organize those efforts, email: Whitneystark@me.com