

# Glencoe Elementary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### October 7, 2021

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

| Date          | Event  | Time |
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| Monday, 10/11 | Indigenous People's Day - <b>yes, it is a school day</b> |      |
| Friday, 10/22 | Chromebook Distribution for 3rd - 5th Grades             | AM   |

#### NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

Happy Glencoe Rainbow Day! This was our first in-person spirit day since 2019 and the energy was high. Soooo many staff and students came dressed in their grade level colors and/or full rainbow gear. Thanks to a couple parent volunteers, Sara Lowing and Linh Trieu we were able to capture pictures of all of the students with their classmates, socially distanced. The pictures will then be photoshopped into a whole school picture. Thank you parents! We will share on our website, once it is complete.

This week our students experienced our second Virtual Wednesday Morning Meeting as a video. Even though we are in person this year we cannot hold all-school assemblies so our typical monthly assemblies (known as a Wednesday Morning Meeting) are being held virtually. If you are interested in watching, here is a link: [October WMM Video](#). Our students watched the video during their morning Social Emotional Learning block. The SEL block is a time built into each teacher's schedule so they can start the day with a calm brain break and a lesson that focuses on developing social-emotional skills. Currently our students are learning or reviewing (depending on their grade level) some of our Toolbox Tools: Taking Time Tool, Empathy Tool and Listening Tool along with the Zones of Regulation. If you want to reinforce these skills and use similar language at home, here is some information to support your child at home:

Already Taught:

- [Breathing Tool](#)
- [Quiet Safe Space](#)

Being Taught this month:

- [Listening Tool](#)
- [Taking Time Tool](#)
- [Empathy Tool](#)
- [Zones of Regulation](#)

The weather has been cooperating this week so we had our second, official fire drill of the year and everyone did a wonderful job. We have also spent most days eating outside this week. We will do our best to maintain outdoor lunches until the rain becomes more consistent and/or the temperature is a bit too cool to eat enjoyably outside. On cooler or damp days, some students are beginning to ask if they can eat inside. We are doing our best to balance this for the safety and

comfort of everyone involved. We will be looking for some essential volunteers to help clean the lunch mats periodically. Keep on the lookout next week for an announcement in our newsletter and on Konstella.

Along the lines of safety protocols, I want to let families know that students can no longer wear gaiters or bandanas as a face covering. Everyone on campus must wear a well-fitted mask. Most of our students wear a mask so this has not been much of an issue at Glencoe but wanted to mention it just in case your child wants to utilize a different type of face covering in the future.

We have submitted our second batch of authorization forms for the weekly COVID testing. This is an optional opportunity for families and it has “open enrollment” which means you can register your child at any time if you have not already. We are not waiting for our first delivery of test kits. If you turned in your form AFTER Wednesday, 10/6 there is a possibility that you won't receive the test kit the first week we begin but will most likely start the second week. Everyone can expect to receive a schoolwide message on the first Monday we send home the test kits for Glencoe students.

Best,

Lori Clark, Glencoe Principal

## **BELOW YOU WILL FIND ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **PTA NEWS**

Support our first restaurant partner of the year - Tabor Bread on October 8. Eat delicious bread and support the PTA at the same time. Don't miss out.

Check out the meeting Minutes from the PTA's Nov. 4 meeting:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-z7dENyKNZRjo3oU2dQtvjuyPzWca9iL/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108138875057480258288&rtpof=true&sd=true>

