

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

October 15, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time
Monday, 10/18	COVID Test Kits distributed (find in student's backpack)	
Tuesday, 10/19	Return COVID sample (student takes to classroom for morning collection)	Arrival time
Thursday, 10/21	"The Great Shake Out" - National Earthquake Preparedness Drill	10:21 am
Friday, 10/22	Chromebook Distribution for 3rd - 5th Grades Popcorn Friday	AM 2:20 - 2:30 pm

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

Can you believe we have been in school, full time and in person for 6 weeks? We are a little over halfway through our first quarter of school. In the next couple of weeks you can expect to receive communication from your child's teacher about Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences. They will share with you a schedule and their process for signing up for a VIRTUAL conference time. The district has set aside time the week of November 22nd for conferences.

The OHSU Test Kits have finally arrived and will be distributed to participating students on Monday. Students will receive a packet with directions and the kit. They will be directed to place it in their backpack on Monday. Please check your child's backpack on Monday afternoon and read the directions carefully. **Collect the sample and return it with your child on Tuesday morning.** Each Monday you will receive another test kit and we will repeat the process. Please keep the directions for future weeks.

If you have submitted all of the authorization forms but do not receive a test kit, it means OHSU has not processed your forms yet. Once this has happened, we will receive the materials for your child and they will be added to the next week's distribution process. Glencoe will NOT receive any results from OHSU. If you do receive a positive test result, you are expected to keep your child home and notify the office immediately so we can support your child during their absence.

Thursday is “The Great Shakeout” which is a national earthquake drill that schools are encouraged to participate in. Since an earthquake drill is required to be held this month, we will hold ours on that day at the suggested time. Teachers will be teaching the drill procedures to students and practicing before the actual drill. We know that most injuries from earthquakes are caused by heavy items falling, this is why we duck, cover and [hold on](#). As an October activity we are being encouraged to scan our rooms and look for hazards. You can also have your child conduct a hazard hunt at home if you wish. Encourage them to look for objects that could fall and injure themselves or others, identifying and moving bookshelves or furniture that could block the egress out of their home and any other potential hazards.

This coming Friday our PTA is kicking off a Glencoe tradition of “Popcorn Friday”. In the past our PTA has recruited parent volunteers to pop and sell bags of popcorn afterschool on specified Fridays. It has been many months since we have been able to do this and are looking forward to our first sale on Friday, 10/22. Volunteers have an approved background check, have shown proof of their vaccination status and will follow all COVID protocols. The popcorn is packaged in sealed bags and will be sold for \$1.00 in the front of Glencoe at Dismissal time. The money will go toward a playground addition at Glencoe. **Families and students who purchase the popcorn will be expected to keep the bags sealed while on campus. Food cannot be consumed while on campus during arrival and dismissal times.**

In closing, I wanted to let you know that I will be out on medical leave **starting November 1st** with a return date of late January. Right before the pandemic I injured my knee which led to the realization that I am in need of a full knee replacement. At this point, it is time for me to move forward with surgery. Thankfully, I have reserved Sarah Lewins, a very experienced, retired administrator to cover Glencoe in my absence. Ms. Lewins retired from PPS where she last served as principal of Markham Elementary. She is very familiar with PPS and has been subbing and supporting schools since her retirement.

Best,

Lori Clark, Glencoe Principal

BELOW YOU WILL FIND ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTA NEWS

Thank you to those who have joined the PTA! The PTA is currently 51 members strong and counting. You can become a member online at glencoe.memberhub.com/store.

POPCORN IS BACK! Popcorn for Playgrounds will start at pick up on Friday, Oct. 22. Bags are \$1 each (please bring cash) and will be sold outside for to-go eating. The next couple of popcorn sales will be on 10/22, 11/12, 12/3, and 12/17. Proceeds will go toward updating the Glencoe playground.

Support the PTA while doing your holiday shopping!

- Shop with Amazon Smile. Designate Glencoe Elementary PTA as your charitable organization and start all of your amazon shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/> .
- Fred Meyer Community Rewards. Fred Meyer donates directly to the Glencoe. Just log in to Fred Meyer <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/rewards/fred-meyer-rewards>, select community reward, and select Glencoe Elementary PTA.
- Benefit Mobile app. Do your shopping through Benefit <https://www.benefit-mobile.com/>. Download Benefit to your phone through the app store. Benefit allows you to buy gift cards for national retailers (Starbucks, Home Depot, The Gap, Target, Amazon). *You get 100% of the gift card purchased*, but the retailer donates a percentage back to Glencoe. This is free money for Glencoe and can make a huge difference because these donations can really add up. Download the Benefit app, set up your account and payment method, search "Glencoe Elementary PTA" in the Beneficiaries tab, and then can purchase electronic gift cards anytime.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Why Should I Volunteer for the Foundation Team?

Staffing. Plain and simple. The Foundation raises funds that are used for critical staffing needs. Without staff- we don't have a school.

Why Join Now?

The Foundation is trying to effect real change. Efforts to make all events and functions attainable and equitable for all students, staff, and families.

Can I ask questions?

Of course! In the past 2 years 99% of the Foundation Team has graduated and moved on from Glencoe. It is time to re-build our team and make it stronger than ever. Questions challenge the status quo- and that is what we are trying to do.

We need you!

What is this year's Goal?

We are hoping to raise 100K. That seems like a large number....and it is. With those funds our school has the flexibility to bring in more critical staffing to help our kiddos through some tough years. If there are 300 families at Glencoe- that is \$333 each- but that isn't reasonable for most families....So this is why we try to organize events to bring in funding. Sponsorships, in kind donations, etc.

What is the commitment level?

I understand that people don't have extreme amounts of time. I am asking for 1-2 hours a month. That is all. Most likely the first month would be October as we gather more volunteers. This will be fun and hopefully something new and exciting for all who join in.



JOIN THE 2021-2022

GLENCOE FOUNDATION TEAM

RAISING FUNDS THROUGH FUN FOR
CRITICAL STAFFING NEEDS.
WE NEED YOU!



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