

# Glencoe Elementary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### October 29, 2021

#### UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

Date	Event	Time
Monday, 11/01/2021	COVID Test Kits distributed (find in student's backpack)	
Tuesday, 11/02/2021	Return COVID sample (student takes to classroom for morning collection)	Arrival Time
Friday, 11/05/2021	Teacher Planning Day - No School	

#### NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

I hope this Friday finds you well. I apologize ahead of time for the length of this week's newsletter but it does have a lot of important information. I hope you can take the time to read through it.

#### November's Calendar

We are entering the month of November which unfortunately means several interruptions to the school calendar starting with this coming Friday. **There is no school on Friday (11/5)** because it is the end of the grading period and teachers will be working on their Conference Reports. The following week is a three school-day week with Veterans Day (11/11) and a professional development day (11/12) for educators.

The professional development day on 11/12 is newly added to our district calendar since it was just approved at Tuesday's Board Meeting. This means no school for students on that day. As difficult as the interruptions are, the professional development day on 11/12 is desperately needed. Our educators spent their pre-service time learning about all of the COVID Safety Protocols and adjusting their classrooms and practices to fit within the new parameters and procedures. On Friday, 11/12 the Glencoe staff will be able to learn and reflect upon their instructional practices in the areas of math and foundational literacy (both content areas with new curriculum) in order to serve our students best. This additional day off of school may cause some child care worries for families. I do know that our onsite after care program, Kid Zone will be open and is taking new registrations **just for that day**. If you are interested in this opportunity (for a fee), you can find detailed information in the Announcement Section below.

#### COVID Notifications

I want to clarify the timeline we follow when notifying families about positive COVID cases and students who have possibly been exposed to a positive case while on site at Glencoe. We send out a notification letter the same day we have been informed of a positive case on site. That letter states, "If you or your student has been exposed and needs to stay at home (quarantine), a

separate letter will be sent to you.” It is our goal to send the follow up letter within an hour of the “Positive Case Letter”. Due to our relatively small number of cases and size of our student population, we have been able to call most of the families who will soon receive the second notification letter before it is sent.

### **Proposed Enrollment and Balancing in Southeast PPS Schools**

Last night the district shared two draft proposals for boundary changes with the Southeast Guiding Coalition (SEGC) which is a group of parents and district staff in many Southeast schools. The proposals were developed by FLO Analytics, with some input from some PPS staff. These two proposals are the starting point to develop a single recommendation with a final board decision made in February.

Although the majority of proposed changes impact Dual Language schools, focus option schools and K-8s, there could be some boundary changes to Glencoe. If you are interested in learning more I encourage you to visit the [District’s Enrollment and Balancing webpage](#) and/or attend a series of public meetings - held virtually starting November 8th. Each Southeast school has a parent representative who is asked to attend listening sessions and small group discussions in order to ask questions and weigh in on the proposals. Glencoe’s representative is Johathan Horowitz, a parent of two 3rd Graders.

In my experience as a PPS educator who has observed a number of boundary changes, I know the conversations can be difficult, confusing and worrisome. I also know that the first set of proposals often change as more input is given. As we start this process, my hope is that we will be inquisitive, listen to learn (not only about the process but the experiences of others in the larger PPS Community), and treat others with kindness and respect even when we disagree. Our children are watching, listening and learning from us. Although I will be on leave, I will be keeping up with the process and communicating with Sarah Lewins, our guest principal. Ms. Lewins will communicate with you through the newsletter and share any pertinent information about the proposals.

### **Oregon Battle of the Books - Opportunity for Glencoe’s 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders**

Oregon Battle of the Books, a friendly academic reading competition meant to foster a love of reading and build team skills. Interested students create/join a team of peers consisting of four members with the option to add a fifth alternate member. Students work as a team to read a total of 16 books by mid-January. Typically, each member reads four to eight books on the OBOB list. Students will utilize their recess time (two times a week) in January to discuss the books, write practice questions, learn OBOB rules, and participate in practice battles. Students are strongly encouraged to read the books during school and at home. The Library and each 3rd - 5th grade classroom will have one set of the 16 books. Teachers will be sending permission slips home on Thursday 11/4 with a requested return day of 11/10 so that we can get teams together prior to Parent/Teacher Conference week. You can check out the [Annotated Book List here](#).

In closing, I want to remind you that Sarah Lewins’ will be Glencoe’s Guest Principal for the next three months while I am recovering from knee replacement surgery. Although, my secretary Laurie Roberts will be monitoring my email and forwarding information to Ms. Lewins I wanted to give you her direct email address: [slewins@pps.net](mailto:slewins@pps.net).

Best,

Lori Clark, Glencoe Principal

## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **HAVE YOU VERIFIED YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL INFORMATION?**

**The deadline for the online verification process is October 31, 2021.** Please log into ParentVue and complete the yearly Verification of your student's Synergy information. Beginning on November 1, 2021, if you have not submitted the online Verification, you will receive the following message upon login:

o *The Yearly Verification process must be complete to continue*

At this point, you must either **begin the Verification** or **Logout**.

If you are having difficulties with the online Verification process, please contact the Glencoe School office. If you would like to complete the Verification in another offered language, please click on the language preferred in the lower right corner of your screen prior to starting. If you are unable to complete the Verification online, please come into the office to complete and sign a paper Verification Form.

### **School Picture Retake Day is November 10th**

If your student wants to get their picture retaken, please bring back the original package and Dorian will replace it with the same package after the retake. If your student did not get their picture taken and would like to, you can order pictures online at <https://www.dorianstudio.com> or contact the school office before the 10th and we will send home a paper order form.

### **Kidzone - On Site Childcare Program**

Kidzone by PJA is offering childcare from 8:00am - 3:30pm on Monday & Tuesday November 22nd & 23rd. If your child already attends Kidzone, please submit a participation form. If your child is not a member of Kidzone, please submit a participation form and emergency card. All submissions should be sent to [kidzone@pjaproud.org](mailto:kidzone@pjaproud.org)!

- PJA Aftercare November Vacation Care Participation Form.pdf
- PJA Vacation Care Non-Member Emergency Card.pdf

### **PTA News**

#### **Popcorn for Playground**

We have made some changes to the Popcorn for Playground dates due to high demand last week. We will do our best to keep the Glencoe website and Konstella calendars up to date. Our goal is to make more popcorn and add juice and other snack items. All items will be a suggested donation of \$1 each. No student will be turned away due to funds.

#### **Book Drive for the Children's Book Bank**

Get ready for the fall book fair by donating your gently used picture books (no chapter books) to the [Children's Book Bank](#)! Books will be collected at each of the front doors on Nov. 8-10.

#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The online Scholastic Book Fair is back Nov. 15-28! Your family will have access to over 5,000 products, receive free shipping on book orders over \$25, and Glencoe will receive 25% in rewards to purchase books for classrooms. Stay tuned for a link to the online store coming soon!

## **First Friday Glencoe Gardening and Clean-Up**

Let's create a welcoming space for our students and school community!

**What:** volunteers needed to help clean-up the outdoor space at Glencoe and contribute to the school garden

**When:** every first Friday of the month from 8:15am-9:30am. \*Please note that the first will be on 11/5 which is an inservice day

**Where:** parents and caregivers will meet at the bike rack at the front of the school

*Due to district guidelines only parents/caregivers will be permitted to volunteer at this time and will need to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.* The school has limited tools so if you have a rake, trowel, or gardening gloves for yourself please bring them. Thank you for supporting our school community!