

# Glencoe Elementary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### September 2, 2022

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday,09/05/2022	<b>LABOR DAY - No School for Students</b>	
Tuesday, 09/06/2022	First day for all Kindergarteners Kinder Parent Coffee - Cafeteria	8:05am-8:30am
Wednesday, 09/07/2022		
Thursday, 09/08/2022		
Friday, 09/9/2022		

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a wonderful week we've had at Glencoe! As always, welcoming our students back brings joy to us all. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone in the community for your positivity and grace as we transition to the new school year.

It was great to meet many of you in the park and throughout this week. [Here is a link to an introduction to myself, my experience in education, and some of my values.](#)

Sincerely,

*Sarah Waltrip*

Glencoe Principal

#### **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- We greatly appreciate families following our arrival procedures in the mornings, to keep dropoff running smoothly.
  - To avoid traffic hazards around the building, students arriving by car should be dropped off from a parking space along Morrison Street or curbside, directly in front of Glencoe, not in the middle of the street or in the school parking lot. Keeping drop off quick helps us keep congestion to a minimum. **The driver must remain at the wheel in front of the school at ALL times.** Please help keep all of our students and families safe by observing the traffic signs and using the designated crosswalks. Please adhere to the NO PARKING signs and be respectful of the School Bus Zone. Individuals who park in this area will be asked to move so

that we have room for our buses.

- At Glencoe, we value family involvement. **We are currently recruiting 2-3 parents/guardians to join our Site Council.** Site Council is a group of parents/guardians, teachers, and community members who help develop and give input on school improvement plans. [If you are interested in joining, please fill out this form.](#) The time commitment is one virtual meeting per month, days/times to be determined based on the needs of the council members.
  - **Glencoe will be participating in various types of emergency drills throughout the school year.** Drills are necessary for us to practice preparedness to be as ready as possible for actual emergency situations.
    - It may be helpful to talk with your family about your own preparedness plan in case of emergencies. There are several resources available to help you prepare at home. [Ready.gov/kids](https://www.ready.gov/kids) is an example of just one resource that has activities for families, in addition to resources for [making your own family plan](#) and building a kit.
    - One important way that your family can be prepared is to have all of your contact information, and emergency contact information, updated in our school's system.
  - [PPS is recruiting community members for the PPS Community Budget Review Committee - click for details.](#)
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## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

We are planning to repaint the Morrison Street Rose on Monday Sept 5th (Labor Day—it will be a labor of neighborly love!). We'll follow the painting with a celebratory potluck block party." Contact Sarah Vanbuskirk for more information: [slvanbuskirk@gmail.com](mailto:slvanbuskirk@gmail.com)

## **SAFETY PATROL**

Please be on the lookout for 5th grade safety patrollers as you drop off and pick up your students. They will be helping students cross at 50th and Belmont and at 49th and Alder.

These students have been trained to help students cross the street safely. If your student walks to or from school and crosses Belmont, please encourage them to cross at 50th. If your student crosses 49th, please show them where Alder is (right where the back opening is to the school yard) so we can make sure they arrive safely. If you drive your student to or from school, please be extra mindful of these two crosswalks.

5th grade families-- if your student is interested and has not yet had the opportunity to sign up for Safety Patrol, an application will be going home soon.

## **ART INFUSION**

[Art Infusion is back!](#) We are firing up the kiln, sharpening the pencils, and preparing the paints... the only thing that's missing is you!

**Art Infusion** is Glencoe's classroom art program taught and run by volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to help and visit your child's classroom! The program is especially important because, while we do have music, Glencoe does not have a visual arts curriculum. Volunteers are trained to teach each lesson before they head into the classroom. Free childcare and all lesson materials are provided during the evening training sessions. **No art experience is necessary!** Please volunteer to support visual arts in our school! We are still looking to fill some assistant coordinator positions. Thanks for considering! Michelle Jariabka  
For more information email: [glencoe.art.infusion@gmail.com](mailto:glencoe.art.infusion@gmail.com).

**Training Night: Tuesday September 13th, 6:30pm** in the cafeteria.

Our fabulous 5th grade families will be providing snacks this month.

**September Lessons:**

*Kindergarten: 5 Basic Elements (pen and color pencils)*

*First/Second Grade: N-Debele Houses (oil pastels)*

*Third/Fourth Grade: Mehndi Hands (gel pens)*

*Fifth Grade: Bookbinding (DIY Sketchbooks)*

Remember, if you can't make the lesson, you can still help out in the class!



**TAG**

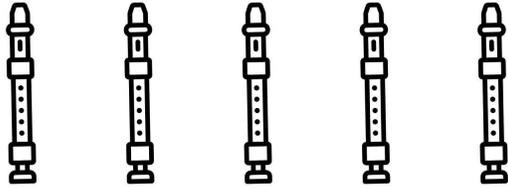
Please visit our website for TAG updates: <https://ldavids3.wixsite.com/davidson>

**MUSIC**

OPTIONAL Music Opportunity for 4th and 5th graders on Mondays during their recess times. See flier attached. Extra permission slips available in the office. Students need to return the slip by next Wednesday! (Students may bring their own recorder OR use a school recorder which they will be encouraged to take home and practice!)

# Recorders

Calling all 4th & 5th Graders



Starting Monday, September 12th

Join other  
4th graders  
&

5th graders

for 8 weeks of recorder focused learning  
during your recess time.

You will need to commit to all 8 weeks of  
recorder focused learning:

**9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3,  
10/10, 10/17, 10/24, & 10/31**



HELP! (Someone with bike tools and knowledge)

We are working to get our energy bikes back into the hallways for student use (one upstairs and one down). We need someone to give the bikes a quick lookover and to troubleshoot one bike which has locked pedals (could have something to do with the kickstand which could be removed with the right tools). Does this sound like something you could help with? Please contact Lisa Davidson ([ldavidso@pps.net](mailto:ldavidso@pps.net)) if you are able to set up a time to work on the bikes at school. (They are stationary bikes and heavy to move.). THANK YOU! The students are really looking forward to using these again this year!

## PTA NEWS

On behalf of your Glencoe PTA, welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We'd like to thank everyone for completing our Fall Survey. We will be discussing your valuable feedback at our next board meeting, and we are invested in making the PTA as welcoming and inclusive a space as possible. Your ideas, questions and feedback are always [welcome](#).

Studies show that family involvement is essential to the successful education of our children. Here are a few ways that you can get involved!

- Join the PTA: A first step is [joining the PTA](#) - it's a great place to share ideas, enthusiasm and expertise. You can also find a paper form on the back of the PTA's yellow [Welcome Letter](#) in your Welcome Packet.

- Attend PTA meetings: Based on your feedback, meetings will be every other month on the second Monday of the month. *Our first meeting will be Sept. 12, 7-8pm.* Stay tuned for details.
- Join Konstella: You should have received an invitation to join [Konstella](#), our private communication tool for Glencoe families. We encourage every family to join, as it is a valuable communication tool for the PTA, and ALSO a great way to connect with other families in your class! (Playdates, anyone?!)
- Follow us on social media: Follow the PTA on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Bookmark our website: Explore the PTA's website, [glencoeelementarypta.com](http://glencoeelementarypta.com), for information on volunteering, after-school offerings, our campaign for a new playground and more.