

# Glencoe Elementary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### September 9, 2022

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

| <u>Date</u>           | <u>Event</u>   | <u>Time</u>   |
|-----------------------|--|---------------|
| Monday, 09/12/2022    | <b>PTA Meeting - Cafeteria &amp; Zoom</b><br><a href="#">Zoom</a>              | 7:00pm-8:00pm |
| Tuesday, 09/13/2022   | <b>Art Infusion Parent Training - Cafeteria</b>                                | 6:30pm-8:00pm |
| Wednesday, 09/14/2022 | <b>Principal Coffee – Community conversation about class sizes - Cafeteria</b> | 8:10am        |
| Thursday, 09/15/2022  |  |               |
| Friday, 09/16/2022    | <b>POPCORN FRIDAY</b>  | 2:15pm-2:40pm |

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been another wonderful week at Glencoe. Our staff and students have been excited to welcome our full kindergarten classes for the first time. It was especially heartwarming to see our 3rd graders escort the kindergarteners to lunch and show them how to find their tables.

I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to be able to read books to several classrooms. While visiting these classes, I could see that our teachers have been working hard to create positive classroom communities, where every child feels seen and cared for.

I know that class sizes are an important topic on many families' minds. I want to invite you to my Community Conversation right after drop off on Wednesday, September 14, in the cafeteria. I plan to give a status update on class size and discuss what strategies we use to support larger classes.

Sincerely,

*Sarah Waltrip*

Glencoe Principal

#### **INFORMATION & LINKS**

- **Reminder:** 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.

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## **REMINDER**

To help keep the classroom disruption minimal, please have your student double check that they have everything they need for the day before leaving for school. Consider making a checklist and hanging it by the door to check before leaving (this allows your child to start building independence). Things to include on the checklist would be water bottle, chromebook (3-5 students), homework, lunch, jacket, glasses, etc.

## **SAFETY PATROL**

Safety Patrol started this week. 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– an application for Safety Patrol has gone home with your students. If they are interested, please fill out and return the form as soon as possible.

## **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!

## **NUTRITION SERVICES**

### **Speed of the Lunch Line:**

With the start of school and kindergartners starting school for the first time, the Nutrition Services department appreciates everyone's patience as students learn about the cafeteria and remember their student IDs and the procedures. Lunch lines may appear longer and slower during these weeks, but as students recall and practice the procedures, the lines should become more efficient.

### **Free + Reduced Price Meals Eligibility:**

All PPS families are being notified of the opportunity to apply for free and reduced price meal benefits. Already, the Nutrition Services team has determined that over 9,000 students directly certified for free meals (through SNAP, Foster, etc) and have processed over 1100 applications. Please encourage families to use the online application for secure, confidential and quicker processing. Paper applications with translated copies are available for download on the [Nutrition Services website](#) as well. For questions or inquiries, please contact [mealbenefits@pps.net](mailto:mealbenefits@pps.net).

### **Meal Payments:**

Families have the following options to pay for school meals:

1. Pay as you go: Bring cash or check (payable to Portland Public Schools) directly to the cafeteria\*
2. Prepay for meals with cash or check (payable to Portland Public Schools) in the cafeteria\*. Funds will be deposited into the student meal account. Purchases will be deducted from the account balance.
3. Pay with a debit/credit card using [SchoolCafe](#), a secure online meal payment system.  
NOTE: There is a minimum payment of \$15 and a 5% fee per online transaction.

\*Payments can be dropped off at the school office. Please put the payment in an envelope labeled 'cafeteria'. Checks can also be mailed to PPS Nutrition Services, 501 N Dixon St, Portland, OR 97227.



## **TAG**

Parent Information Night (Virtual): Thursday, October 13, 2022 @ 5 pm. We will publish the Google Meet code at the beginning of October. This meeting is for any parent/guardian who wants to learn more about TAG in PPS and at Glencoe.

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

## MUSIC

Thanks to all who sent in their permission slips for Recorders. Recorder dates are: **9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31**. *If your child has lunch duty or some other duty one of those days, they will need to get a sub. Of course, if your child is sick, please keep them home to get better and not spread illness.*

## PTA NEWS

### PTA Meeting

**Our first PTA meeting is next Monday, Sept. 12 at 7pm**, and everyone is welcome to attend. We will share PTA updates and event info and Principal Waltrip will provide an update. Based on your survey responses, meetings will be available as a hybrid model (thank you for your patience as we offer this new format this year). In-person, we will meet in the Glencoe cafeteria and virtually you can join us on [Zoom](#). We hope to see you there!

### Playground Update-We need your help!

The PTA and community members are spearheading an effort to [refresh and improve Glencoe's playground](#), and we need your help. Our main fundraiser for this fall will be a raffle in late October. **We are seeking three community members willing to serve on our raffle committee for the next month and a half.** This is a great way to get involved and make a huge difference for all Glencoe students, now and in the future. We'd love to see some new families get involved! If you would like more information, email Whitney Stark at [whitneystark@me.com](mailto:whitneystark@me.com). **Sign up to volunteer on [Konstella](#).**

### Restaurant Partnership

Grand Central Bowl is partnering with Glencoe for a fundraiser on weekdays during the whole month of September! They will donate 15% of sales **if** you mention Glencoe. See [flier](#) for details.

### After-School Options

Remember to check out the new [After-School](#) page on the PTA website for childcare and enrichment opportunities. New offerings have been added and space may still be available for programs that haven't yet begun.

### Join the PTA

Our goal is 100 members this year, and we're off to a great start with about 60 so far. Join [here](#), or find a paper membership form in your welcome packet or across from the office. Thank you for supporting your PTA.

**Quick Links:** [PTA Website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).