

# Glencoe Elementary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### September 16, 2022

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, 09/19/2022		
Tuesday, 09/20/2022		
Wednesday, 09/21/2022	<b>Principal Coffee – Community conversation about class sizes - Cafeteria</b>	8:10am
Thursday, 09/22/2022	<b>Back to School Night</b>	5:30pm - 7:00pm
Friday, 09/23/2022	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am feeling very optimistic and grateful to be receiving a new 3rd grade teacher soon! A number of teachers shared this quote with students to start the school year, and I feel it applies here - "And suddenly you know: It's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings."

I want to express thanks to many community members who have supported our transition to the new school year:

- Thank you to **Michelle Jariabka** and all parents volunteering to support Art Infusion
- Thank you to **Sarah Vanbuskirk** and all who repainted the Morrison Street Rose
- Thank you to our Glencoe PTA for all of your efforts, including our board - **Mackenzie Weintraub, Whitney Stark, Casady Monroe, Betsy Greenberg, Amber Hollister, Tamara Taylor, Isabel Johnson, Ellen Perez, Susannah Reese, and Audrie Abernathy**. The PTA has done so much for us already this year, including fundraising, volunteering, and more.

Sincerely,

*Sarah Waltrip*

Glencoe Principal

#### ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you for attending to our dropoff and pickup procedures to keep our processes running safely and smoothly.
  - **Please note that we request that you walk bikes, scooters, etc. upon reaching campus.**
  - Although our principal loves dogs, they are not allowed on campus.

- Please stay behind the wheel at all times while dropping off at the curb.
  - At Glencoe, we value family involvement. **We are currently recruiting 3 parents/guardians to join our Site Council, and applications close September 22.** 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.
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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.

## ART INFUSION

**THANK YOU** to all that came out for our kickoff Art Infusion Volunteer Training! Even if you couldn't make it to the training you can help in the classroom! Email your child's grade and teacher to [glencoe.art.infusion@gmail.com](mailto:glencoe.art.infusion@gmail.com). We will add you to the class list. The next training night is **Tuesday Oct. 11th at 6:30pm**. We hope to see you there!

## OHSU WEEKLY COVID TESTING

PPS is partnering with OHSU again this year to offer free weekly COVID-19 testing for students. Participation in this program is completely optional, but encouraged, and is offered regardless of vaccination status. Participating students will drop off spit samples in pre-labeled tubes at school [on their designated day](#) each week, whether they have symptoms or not. **Schools will begin collecting spit samples starting September 27th-29th.**

### What's new?

- **Registration:** Beginning today Parents/Guardians can start enrolling their students through [OHSU's NEW Online Portal](#). If you are unable to enroll for any reason, please call OHSU support at (503) 418-8500.
- **Test Tubes:** New, pre-labeled test tubes with a scannable barcode will be mailed directly to your mailing address and should arrive within a week of enrollment. **Test kits from last year cannot be used, so please throw them away.**
- **Spit Samples:** Spit tests can be collected either the night before or the morning of their school's testing day. Please use this [spreadsheet](#) to know what day to drop off your student's spit sample.
- **Test Results:** When the test results are available, you will receive an email telling you to log into the online portal [www.labfinder.com/ohsu](http://www.labfinder.com/ohsu) to view the results.
- **Additional drop-off locations:** If you miss your weekly testing day, OHSU has added 3 drop-off sites around the Portland metro area.
  - Doernbecher Child Development Rehabilitation Center - 707 S Gaines Street, Portland, OR 97239
  - Primary Care Clinic at Gabriel Park - 4411 S Vermont Street, Portland, OR 97219
  - Richmond Family Health Center - 3930 SE Division Street, Portland, OR 97202

## What stays the same?

- There is no cost to families to participate.
- OHSU uses highly accurate molecular testing, known as [PCR](#).
- Students will continue to bring their spit samples to school on the designated testing day.
- OHSU nurses will call parents of all students who test positive or whose tests are inconclusive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19.

For more information about OHSU's K-12 Screening Program, visit their website at <http://www.ohsu.edu/k12testing> or contact the OHSU support team at [k12covidtesting@ohsu.edu](mailto:k12covidtesting@ohsu.edu) or (503) 418-8500.

## **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**

TAG Nominations are now referred to as TAG Referrals. This process will open mid-October. Check [our website](#) for more information. Questions about TAG? Attend our virtual TAG Information Night on October 13 at 5 pm (more information in October).



**Energy Bikes** YAY! The guy who supplied us with this technology through a grant I wrote about 8 years ago (Adam B.) replaced the back wheel of the downstairs bike (for FREE) and Scott Lieuallen (former parent and sub) transported the bike to the expert! These bikes will be going out into the hall next week for teachers to use with students. Students use bikes with teacher permission.

A BIG thank you to parents and former parents who spread the word to help us with these incredible student tools. Wondering about the bike(s)? Ask a Glencoe student!

## **PROGRAM FLYERS**

**Vibe of Portland** [Fall Classes](#)

**Vibe of Portland** [2022-23 Art Camps & Classes](#)

**Multnomah Early Childhood Program 2022-23** ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

**Portland Parks & Recreation Preschool** [2022-2023 Registration](#)

## **PTA NEWS**

### **PTA Meeting**

Thanks to all who attended the PTA meeting this week either in-person or virtually. If you missed it, you can see the [meeting notes here](#). The next PTA meeting will be on Nov. 14.

### **Class Size**

THANK YOU to the Glencoe community for your heartfelt advocacy on behalf of our students. We appreciate the district for being consistent with their staffing thresholds and for allocating an additional 3rd grade teacher at Glencoe.

### **Playground Update**

We're well on our way, **AND** we **really** need your help to raise the funds to make this happen. We have two requests right now:

1. **Raffle Items and Contributions:** Calling all Glencoe community members! Can you contribute something to our fall raffle to raise funds for the playground? **Can you offer your professional or personal services, vacation home, event tickets or other items of value?** Contact [whitneystark@me.com](mailto:whitneystark@me.com) to donate and see [here](#) for more

specific ideas. ALL funds raised from the raffle will go to the Glencoe Playground update. Thank you!

2. **Raffle Committee:** We are seeking **two more community members** willing to serve on our raffle committee for the next month and a half. **Please sign up to volunteer on [Konstella](#)**, and email Whitney (above) for more info. Thank you!

### Get Your Glencoe Gear

You can now order Glencoe gear! Orders for t-shirts (\$15) and hooded sweatshirts (\$25) will be accepted between 9/16/22-9/30/22. T-shirts and sweatshirts are available in blue or gray and in youth and adult sizes. Order yours [here](#)! Gear will arrive in late Oct./early Nov. If you add a donation to your check-out, the PTA will use the donation towards our awesome Glencoe gear for a family in our community.

### 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 dine-in food and bowling sales (including parties) if you mention Glencoe. See [flier](#) for details.

### OHSU COVID testing

OHSU will be in touch soon about registering for COVID testing this year. Families can also register directly on the [OHSU website](#) (the registration process is a little different this year).

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

## FOUNDATION NEWS

### Grow Glencoe Foundation

Happy School Year 2022-2023! It is that time of year. We are all settling into the new routine and schedules of school.

There are 2 major areas of support for our school. The PTA and The Foundation. At the start of school each group sent home information about the specifics of each group. In the past the Foundation has hosted INCREDIBLE auctions and nights out for parents and staff. The last couple of years have been very challenging for the Foundation and we need more parents than ever.

The Foundation is a TRICKY subject- and the Foundation team (a VERY small group) is very aware of this situation. BUT- there is always a BUT- Our school still needs funding for staffing, we all know this. The way we can do that right now is through the Foundation.

The Foundation needs the following roles filled:

Chair: Sara Weith will continue to guide this new role but is ready to step down

Co-Chair:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Teams:

If you are interested in joining this team- please reach out directly to  
[glencoe.elementary.auction@gmail.com](mailto:glencoe.elementary.auction@gmail.com)