

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

September 22, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thursday, 09/22/2022	Back To School Night	5:30-7:00pm (drop in anytime)
Friday, 09/23/2022	NO SCHOOL	
Monday, 09/26/2022	Imagine This PDX after-school Art - starts today!	2:15pm - 3:15pm
Tuesday, 09/27/2022	After School - Basketball K-2	2:30pm - 3:45pm
Wednesday, 09/28/2022		
Thursday, 09/29/2022	Spanish - starts today! After School - Basketball 3-5	2:15pm - 3:15pm 2:30pm - 3:45pm
Friday, 09/30/2022		

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are so looking forward to hosting families at Back To School Night this evening! Families are an essential part of the educational process and community. The last few years, it has truly felt like schools had a “missing piece” with our limitations on family visits and involvement.

Tonight, our goal is to build community and connection. Families will receive passports with locations to visit in the school with their children. Teachers will not be giving formal presentations on curriculum, but will have exciting parts of their classroom to share.

Masks are strongly recommended due to the amount of people who will be present.

Please come anytime between 5:30-7:00 - I will give a brief address in the cafeteria at 5:30, but attendance is optional.

As an update to the community on where we stand with our exciting hiring process (*note - this information has already been shared with 3rd grade families*):

- Our 3rd graders will begin their new classes on Monday. We are supporting them with closure activities and unity activities. Our new class is beginning with a substitute temporarily. The substitute we have is wonderful, and knows many of our students already.

- We are in the process of bringing a new teacher on board for the remainder of the year, and look forward to sharing more with the community once the process is complete.

Warmly,
Sarah Waltrip

SITE COUNCIL

At Glencoe, we value family involvement. We are currently in the process of re-establishing our Site Council. The Site Council (SC) is a group of elected people with the responsibility for developing, monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP).

- Site council may advise the principal on:
 - Matters related to the educational needs and goals of the school community
 - Opinions and attitudes of parents, teachers, and students on significant issues
 - Methods to improve communication between the school and the family
- Parents/families elect parent/family Site Council representatives. We are fortunate to have several family members interested. [Please vote for 3 family member representatives by clicking this link.](#)

UPCOMING DRILL

Glencoe will be participating in a lockdown drill on September 27. This is only a drill. We will let students know of the drill in advance, and remind them that it is a drill before beginning.

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

Our first lessons are rolling out into the classrooms over the next couple of weeks. **Our next training is Tuesday Oct 11th, at 6:30 in the cafeteria.** 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 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 or (503) 418-8500.



TAG

NEW GLENCOE TAG Website: <https://sites.google.com/ppps.net/glencoetag/home>

You will find our most recent information regarding TAG at Glencoe at the site above.

NEW! Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department

Ask questions and receive information related to TAG identification, services, processes, etc.

We will meet on Zoom, 6:00-7:00 PM on **9/28/22**, 10/26/22, 11/30/22, 1/25/23, 2/22/23, 3/22/23, 4/26/23, and 5/31/23.

Our first meeting will be **Wednesday, September 28** 6:00-7:00 PM

[Zoom link](#) for Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department

We look forward to seeing you!

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](#)

Playground Update

We're well on our way, AND we **really** need your help to raise the funds to make this happen. **Right now, we're looking for raffle items and contributions.** 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 to donate and see [here](#) for more specific ideas. ALL funds raised from the raffle will go to the Glencoe Playground update. 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.

This Week's Featured Fundraiser

The next few weeks we'll feature easy ways to fundraise for the PTA **without spending more money.** Funds raised in these ways go to our PTA general budget, most of which goes to provide our teachers with allowances to use in their classrooms.

Collect Cans for Bottle Drop

Do you recycle? You can raise funds for Glencoe simply by recycling your cans! You can pick up blue bags and drop off your full ones after school at the PTA table on popcorn Fridays. If you need an alternative pick up time please contact Tamara (tamara.hart.taylor@gmail.com).

What is Konstella and why should you use it?

Konstella functions as both a school directory and a communications platform. If you want to send a message to all the families in your child's class, Konstella is where you go. Participation in Konstella is voluntary but in order to work effectively as a school directory, parents need to sign up. Once you sign up, you can limit the info you receive from Konstella. You will need to place your child in their classroom. See the [Konstella Cheat Sheet](#) for how to join a classroom if you need help. The website is more functional than the app.

Harvest Fest

Glencoe's beloved Harvest Fest is back this year! It will be on the evening of Friday, October 28. Stay tuned for more details on this fun Glencoe tradition.

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

[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