

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

April 14, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday, 04/14/2023	Popcorn Friday After-School - Baton	2:15pm - 2:40pm 2:15pm - 3:00pm
Monday, 04/17/2023	Report cards go home with students After-School - Imagine This PDX Art After-School - Yoga PTA Board Q&A - Zoom	2:15pm - 3:15pm 2:30pm - 3:15pm 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Tuesday, 04/18/2023	After-School - Basketball K-2	2:15 pm - 3:30pm
Wednesday, 04/19/2023	Principal Coffee After-School - Circus Arts	8:00am 2:15pm - 4:00pm
Thursday, 04/20/2023	After-School - Spanish After-School - Basketball 3-5	2:15pm - 3:15pm 2:15 pm - 3:30pm
Friday, 04/21/2023	After-School - Baton	2:15pm - 3:00pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Glencoe Community,

I'd like to thank the wonderful Ms. Naomi Fisher for her many years of service to Glencoe and to Portland Public Schools. It is true what they say: the influence of a good teacher can never be erased. It takes a special person to teach, guide, and love hundreds of children. We wish Ms. Fisher well in her retirement this June and all her future endeavors.

Ms. Rachel Hanes will be moving from 2nd grade to 5th grade for the 2023-24 school year. We are excited to have her passion and energy in our 5th grade team!

I'd also like to take the time to thank Sara Weith, Glencoe Foundation Chair, for the time and energy she put into fundraising for our school. Sara has moved on from running the Foundation as her family moved out of the area, and we are sorry to lose her.

Thank you also to Glencoe parent Richard Raseley, who has agreed to step in as our Glencoe Foundation Chair. As part of this role, Richard will help facilitate our upcoming Foundation Fun Run on May 11.

For the upcoming school year, Foundation funding is allotted to:

- 0.2 P.E. (1 day per week) - This position is needed so that we can meet our required number of P.E. minutes with our added 3rd grade section.
- Part of our 0.5 reading specialist position - This position serves students who need extra support to reach grade level in reading.
- Part of our 0.5 educational assistant position - This position will support small groups of students and classrooms with learning needs.
- Part of our school secretary position - This position supports families in accessing the school, and students with needs throughout the day.

Currently, we have enough raised to fund 0.2 P.E., but not the other 3 partial positions.

Reducing our Reading Specialist and Educational Assistant positions decreases the amount of students served, and also makes these positions more difficult to fill. This will also reduce the amount of time that our main office has staff available.

Community support for the Fun Run would be greatly appreciated, and would have an impact on students' experience in the coming school year. Fundraising will be an optional component of student participation in the Fun Run.

As I shared at Coffee with the Principal last fall, a number of PPS community members have raised equity issues that exist in the current Foundation model. Many are advocating for reform of the Foundation model, as well as for additional state funding for schools. Some PPS community members are in support of maintaining local foundations as conversations about the model continue.

Our Glencoe PTA hosted informational guest speakers from advocacy group Reform PPS Funding on the complexities of funding within PPS. [A recording of this PTA meeting can be found here](#), that explains how the current model works and what challenges exist within the current model.

My goal with sharing this information is to be transparent with the community about where we stand with funding, while also holding space for the many viewpoints that exist on this nuanced topic.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions - my email is swaltrip@pps.net.

Take care,
Sarah Waltrip
Glencoe Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message from teacher, Naomi Matthews-Fisher

Dear Glencoe Community,

After 30+ years with the Portland Public School District, I have decided that I am ready to retire. I plan to complete the current school year officially retiring June 17, 2023.

I came to Glencoe in 2005, and I consider it one of the best choices I have made. The caring, supportive and invested parents, students and teachers have made this school feel like a home. I will miss teaching children more than I can express, but I look forward to what lies ahead. Thank you for being such a wonderful community. I am grateful for you all.

Warmly,
Naomi Matthews-Fisher

Kinder Connect Video

We hosted a virtual Kinder Connect event on April 12 at 7pm. A recording of this video can be found [on the kindergarten section of the Glencoe website](#).

2023/2024 KidZone Enrollment

Next year's enrollment for the Kidzone Afterschool Program begins in late-April! Visit pjaproud.org/afterschool and use the, "Inquire Now," button to be added to the mailing list for program updates and enrollment information.

Summer Acceleration Academy

PPS will be offering Summer Acceleration Academy to rising 1st-6th graders who meet criteria for support in reading and math. Our site will be at Atkinson. Beginning April 10, families will receive an email, call, and text message notifying them that their student has been invited to participate. Families will be able to enroll via email, phone, or paper form.

Glencoe Boundary Changes

Glencoe was impacted by the boundary changes made through the [Southeast Guiding Coalition](#). Specifically, a section of Glencoe's boundary was shifted to Vestal for incoming kindergarteners during the 2023-24 school year.

- Incoming kindergarteners who live in the boundary change area, but have siblings at Glencoe, are guaranteed transfers into Glencoe so long as their sibling will be enrolled here next year. These transfer requests will be approved as I begin to receive them, which I was told will begin in late April.
- Current Glencoe students who live in the impacted area can choose to stay at Glencoe and do not need to submit a transfer request.
- Incoming kindergarteners who live in the boundary change area, but do not have siblings at Glencoe who will be enrolled here next year, may not be approved for transfers in order to maintain the integrity of the enrollment balancing process.

Upcoming Dates:

April 27 - Glencoe Family Night @ 6:00pm

April 28 - Spirit Day "Monochromatic Day" & Popcorn Friday

April 29 - Spring Garden Cleanup @ 9:00am

May 11 - Connect to Kindergarten Kids & Families In-Person Info Session @ 4:30pm

May 19 - PTA STEAM Night

May 24 - Principal Coffee @ 8:00am

May 26 - Storybook Parade

June 13 - 5th Grade Promotion

PTA NEWS

Glencoe Spring Clean Up!

The Glencoe PTA invites your whole family to a Spring Grounds Clean Up on **Saturday, April 29** from 9am to noon. Thank you for helping to take care of our school!



Glencoe STEAM Night--Save the Date!

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. Glencoe's STEAM Night will be held May 19, from 6:30 to 8:30pm, open house style. More information to follow. Thank you to the community volunteers working hard to make this happen!

PTA Board Recruitment for 2023-24

If you think you might be interested in serving on the Glencoe PTA Board, we invite you to join us for an optional board Q&A meeting this Monday, April 17 at 7pm on [Zoom](#).

Quick Links: [Donate to the playground](#), [PTA Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [MemberHub](#), [Email](#)

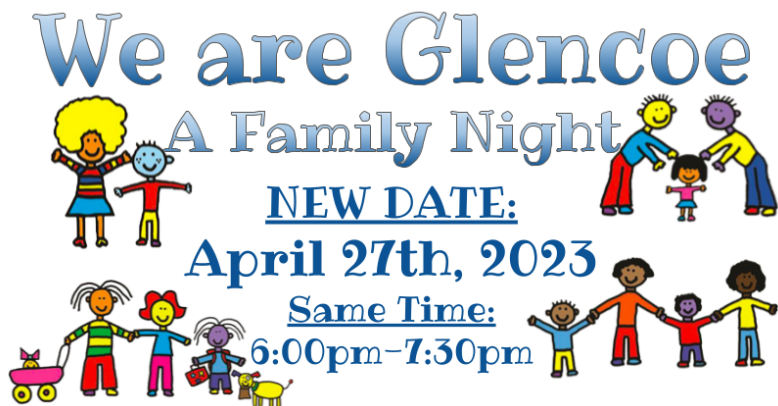
FOUNDATION NEWS

Join us for the Glencoe Jog-A-Thon on May 11, a fun event to raise critical funds for our school's staffing needs. Students will run, jog, or walk, and your support makes a difference. To donate or sponsor a student, visit <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/glencoejogathon2023>.



ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLENCOE FAMILY NIGHT



For more information, see flier: [Glencoe Family Night](#).

Kindergarten Registration

Thank you for helping to spread the word that it's time to register for kindergarten. You can help by sharing [this flier](#) and directing potential incoming families to the [PTA website](#) for more information about kindergarten at Glencoe.

HEALTH ROOM CLOTHING

We are in need of clothing for the health room:

Boys & Girls all sizes (esp small) stretchy bottoms



TAG

There have been updates to our TAG website: [TAG Website](#).



MUSIC

A Big Thank YOU to all who came out to hear and support our 2023 PPS Honor Choir. The venue reached capacity and doors had to be shut! It was an extremely FULL house. THANK YOU TO ALL who pay the PORTLAND ARTS TAX. Our 5th graders, Jett, Parker, Ginny & Frankie put in many hours of practice at home, during their recesses, last Saturday and the night of the performance to be ready with their 4 songs. It was an amazing experience! Congratulations to our Honor Choir for an amazing performance!



Dress Rehearsal 4/11/23
PPS Honor Choir

360 ARTS CAMP

For 29 years, Cognizart by MetroArts Inc. 360 Arts Camp has given kids a chance to be immersed in visual arts, music, theater, and dance Monday through Friday. This is 360 Arts Education! <https://www.metroartsinc.org/kids-camp>. We believe in the vital importance of arts education! No child should be turned away from arts education due to a family's ability to pay. We offer 20-90% scholarships based on camper loads and funds availability. See Flier for more information [360 Arts Camp Flier](#).

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

[Earth Month](#) (April) - Our friends at [ODOT Safe Routes to School](#) have resources and ideas to help you put together an extra special Earth Month Walk + Roll event. Sign up by filling out [this form](#) and use [this toolkit](#) to help you prepare with social media templates, activities, graphics, and flyers.

[National Bike+Roll to School Day](#) (May 3) - What do you have in store for this day? Reach out to us if you want help planning for your event!

- [Adopt-a-Bike event at James John Elementary](#)
- [New bikes and bicycle safety education](#)
- [Fixing Our Streets and Safe Routes to School](#)
- [Adaptive BIKETOWN](#)
- [What we're reading](#)
- [Job and volunteer postings](#)

Glencoe Bike Bus/Bike Train for Earth Day

Glencoe families are organizing a [bike bus](#) to encourage children to bike to school. Studies show that the benefits of active transport are [varied](#) and [significant](#), positively impacting [physical health](#), mental focus, reducing stress, and [improving community safety](#) and [individual and group wellbeing](#).

The inaugural trip will be Friday, April 21, 2023, the day before Earth Day. The goal is to make it at least a weekly event. Riders of all abilities are encouraged to participate. Anyone who doesn't have a bike, or isn't able to ride, can reach out to the bike bus for assistance.

More details about time and location will be provided in April. Please email glencoebikebus@gmail.com to sign up for updates or to help coordinate.

LGBTQ+ SUPPORT

Are you a parent or caregiver wanting to learn more about supporting a young person in your life who is or could be LGBTQ+ identified? If so, this guide is for you: [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Oregon Health Plan (OHP) eligibility renewals

If you or your student get health coverage through the Oregon Health Plan (OHP), it's critical that you update your contact information. Starting April 1, [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\) started reviewing and determining member eligibility for OHP](#). OHP coverage renewed automatically during the last three years, but federally enhanced Medicaid coverage ended at the end of March. While most people will continue to qualify for existing benefits, OHA is required to review eligibility for all OHP members by mid-2024. Oregon has taken steps to keep as many people covered with medical insurance as possible during this transition.

To make sure your family retains access to care, including mental health & chemical dependency treatment, make sure your contact information is up-to-date and review any notices you receive which will tell you what you need to do to keep benefits. The fastest way OHP members can provide an update is by going to benefits.oregon.gov and logging into their ONE account. Other options for updating contact information also can be found on the web [here](#).

If someone is no longer eligible, their OHP benefits will continue for another 60 days. OHA will [help members transition](#) to other coverage by providing information. This may include information about financial help available for Marketplace health plans.

Students can continue to obtain no-cost healthcare at Multnomah County-sponsored [Student Health Centers](#) and the OHSU-sponsored [Benson Wellness Center](#), regardless of insurance status.

Notices for Pandemic EBT food benefits for children are in the mail

By May 31, 2023, each child who is eligible for Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) food benefits will receive a P-EBT card in the mail. The card will have \$391 of food benefits on it. This card is different from a regular electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card. P-EBT is money for children whose access to adequate and quality food may have been impacted by COVID-19.

The food benefit is available to all children who were eligible to receive free or reduced-price National School Lunch Program meals during the 2021-22 school year. The benefits are also available to all children under six who received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits in summer 2022. This includes all students attending Community Eligible Provision (CEP) schools.

Between March and May 2023, each eligible child will receive two pieces of mail addressed to them:

- A letter notifying them they are eligible to receive P-EBT benefits; and
- A separate envelope with their P-EBT card that has \$391 of food benefits on it.

Households with multiple eligible children will receive individual letters and cards for each eligible child.

Contact the P-EBT call center at 844-673-7328 with questions; it is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time. The [P-EBT website](#) also has helpful information in English and Spanish. Families also can contact [211Info](#) for information about food and other resources.

Center for Black Student Excellence

We are in the final phases of the design process for Portland Public Schools' Center for Black Student Excellence (CBSE). To everyone who has joined us at community engagement events, offered their insights, and shared their ideas on ways to plan a stronger future for Portland's Black students, we thank you. Your contributions during this community-led process are helping to create an environment of equity, enhanced opportunities, and positive outcomes for Black children in Portland.

In the coming days we will be holding our final community engagement events. We also have opportunities for virtual input. We need and welcome your participation.

A Collective Conversation: Reclaiming the Black Student Educational Experience

In recognition of Albina's history as Portland's Black cultural hub, join us for a collective conversation to explore the future of the Black educational experience in Portland Public Schools, and the intersection of major capital projects within the area including the Center for Black Student Excellence, Harriet Tubman Relocation, and the Jefferson Modernization.

Event Details:

Monday, April 17, 2023

Alberta House
5131 NE 23rd Ave, Portland, OR 97211
5:00 - 7:30 pm

Center for Black Student Excellence Community Installation

Join us for an evening to review our collective vision for the Center for Black Student Excellence as a Place, an Approach, and a Redesign of the System in support of Black students.

Event Details:

Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Alberta House
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5:00 - 8:00 pm

Harriet Tubman Relocation

As PPS explores shared location options for KairosPDX and the new Harriet Tubman Middle School, you can help shape the discussion by completing this community engagement [survey](#). Your opinions are critical to the success of this process.

Center for Black Student Excellence Brand Identity

You can make your voice heard by helping decide the future visual identity of the CBSE. Check out the mockups and complete the [survey](#) to vote on the design you'd like to see.

No-Cost Health Care for Your Student at Franklin High School!

The Franklin Student Health Center, located at Franklin High School ([5405 SE Woodward St](#)), is open to *all* Franklin K-8 feeder school families, including yours. We're like having a doctor's office in school. Services include well child exams, COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, flu shots and school immunizations, prescription medications and lab tests, as well as mental health counseling. All services are provided with no co-pay or out-of-pocket costs, and we will see you with or without insurance. Your student doesn't have to attend Franklin High School to receive these services. We see all Multnomah County youth ages 5-18, regardless of immigration status. And free interpretation services are available. To schedule an appointment call 503-988-3370.

- Hours: Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 7:45am-3:45pm, Wednesdays, 9:15am-5:15pm
- For more, visit multco.us/student-health
- Download the Student Health Center flier here: [English/Spanish](#)

GET CONNECTED TO HOME INTERNET

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides eligible households with \$30 per month toward high-speed home internet service, making some plans FREE! The ACP benefit can be applied to a new or existing internet plan.

Households are eligible for the ACP benefit when a student within that household qualifies for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or the School Breakfast Program (SBP). If your student participates in one of these programs, contact PPS Nutrition Services nutritionservices@pps.net to obtain an ACP Eligibility Letter.

WHAT IF YOUR STUDENT DOESN'T PARTICIPATE IN A FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEAL

PROGRAM?

There are a number of ways for households to qualify for the ACP benefit, including a household income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or current participation in another government assistance program such as SNAP, Medicaid, or Federal Public Housing Assistance. Visit GetACP.org <https://www.getacp.org> to see if your household qualifies, learn what documents you will need to apply, and connect to home internet plans that are free with the ACP. It takes about 5 minutes and requires you to answer a few simple questions.

SAFEOREGON PROGRAM

Since September 2017, Portland Public Schools has been encouraging its community to utilize the SafeOregon tip line to report unsafe situations including threats of violence, fights, drugs and alcohol, weapons, bullying, harassment, intimidation, or self-harm. All tips reported through SafeOregon are immediately routed to a tip line technician 24/7.

SafeOregon was funded by the Oregon Legislature as part of a statewide effort to improve school safety. The tip line provides a secure means for a person to anonymously report suspicious or imminently unsafe situations.

Anyone, from students to parents to community members, can access the system in a variety of ways, including:

- The “Report unsafe behavior” button found on every PPS school’s website
- The [SafeOregon website](#)
- A live call/text (844-472-3367)
- An email to tip@safeoregon.com
- The mobile app that can be downloaded from your smartphone via [iTunes](#) or [GooglePlay](#)

SafeOregon Brochures:

[SafeOregon – English](#); [SafeOregon – Spanish](#); [SafeOregon – Vietnamese](#);
[SafeOregon – Chinese](#); [SafeOregon – Russian](#); [SafeOregon – Somali](#)

PUBLIC ALERTS ENROLLMENT

Please take a moment to sign up for [PublicAlerts](#). PublicAlerts is an opt-in alerting system for the Portland Metro Region run by Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM). The different types of alerts received could include hazard information relative to wildfire, earthquakes, winter weather, power outages, flooding, infectious disease, and other hazards which may impact our community. Alerts can go out via text message, phone call (cell or landline), and email. Use of this tool can help to empower you to take action and get lifesaving information in emergency situations. Preparedness is everyone's responsibility. [Please enroll](#) in this service today!

PROGRAM FLYERS

Vibe of Portland [East Winds Summer Band Camp](#)

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

Vibe of Portland [Music Classes](#)

Vibe of Portland [Studio Classes](#)

Oregon State University [Summer Reading Program 2023](#)

Kaiser Permanente CASCADIA COVID-19 screening study:

[\(English\)](#) [\(Spanish\)](#) [\(Vietnamese\)](#)

PPS [Supplemental Transportation Plan](#), Phase I Schools Flier

Multnomah County [Free Community Vaccination Clinic](#) [\(Spanish\)](#)

Multnomah County Student Health Centers: Catch up on School Vaccines Now!

[\(English & Spanish\)](#)

City of Portland: [311 Non-Emergency Hotline](#)

[\(Spanish\)](#) [\(Vietnamese\)](#) [\(Somali\)](#)

Multnomah Early Child Program [Preschool Classes](#)

Portland Parks & Recreation [Preschool 2023-2024](#)