

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

April 28, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday, 04/28/2023	SPIRIT DAY “Monochromatic Day” Popcorn Friday After-School - Baton	2:15pm - 2:40pm 2:15pm - 3:00pm
Saturday, 04/29/2023	Spring Garden Cleanup	9:00am - 12:00pm
Monday, 05/01/2023	After-School - Imagine This PDX Art After-School - Yoga	2:15pm - 3:15pm 2:15pm - 3:15pm
Tuesday, 05/02/2023	After-School - Basketball K-2	2:15 pm - 3:30pm
Wednesday, 05/03/2023	After-School - Circus Arts	2:15pm - 4:00pm
Thursday, 05/04/2023	After-School - Spanish After-School - Basketball 3-5	2:15pm - 3:15pm 2:15 pm - 3:30pm
Friday, 05/05/2023	After-School - Baton	2:15pm - 3:00pm

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Glencoe Community,

We're close to the time of year where we will begin to wind down, but our community connections are still going strong!

Glencoe's Family Night on Thursday night was an amazing experience. It was great to see staff and families share delicious food and art, and represent their families' values, interests, and experiences. There were so many people who put so much heart and time into making this event a success: Sara Gardner, Naomi Fisher, Marlena Maestas, Ann Button, Fathia Sheikh, the Glencoe PTA, and more. Thank you for bringing us together. Photos to come soon!

We look forward to our **Jog-a-thon on May 11!** As I mentioned in our previous bulletin and at Coffee with the Principal, **our staffing plan for next year, including our reading specialist position, is dependent on fundraising for this event.** We are so grateful for the community's support.

Also on May 11, we will welcome incoming kindergarten families for an in-person **Connect to Kinder event** at 4:30.

Our PTA is planning a wonderful **STEAM Night** on May 19, including components of art, engineering, and more!

On May 24, we will host **Coffee with the Principal** from 8:00-8:30 and then will host a **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** in the cafeteria beginning at 8:30 AM. We are so appreciative of our community volunteers, and truly could not make Glencoe the special place that it is without you.

Storybook Parade is planned for May 26, with a schedule to come soon. For those who may not have experienced this before, Storybook Parade is an event where students dress up as their favorite literary characters and parade around the neighborhood to cheers and fanfare.

Field Day is happening during the school day on Thursday, June 1. Field Day is an event that occurs during school, where family volunteers and staff facilitate fun, outdoor activities that encourage students to get moving and play.

We will finish out the year by celebrating our 5th graders. **5th Grade Promotion** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13. The tradition of the **5th Grade Clap Out** will continue on June 14 at the end of the school day- the school will gather together to applaud the 5th graders as they move onto their next step.

We hope to see you at these events and continue to find time and space to be together!

Sincerely,

Sarah Waltrip

Glencoe Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A number of community members have brought up concerns about traffic safety around school during pickup and dropoff. Here are some action steps we have taken:
 - We have moved a staff member to the front curb in the morning to encourage safe and efficient dropoff practices. I have asked these staff members not to open car doors, to keep everyone feeling comfortable with this practice. However, if you would like to request help unloading students when you pull up, we are happy to help.
 - A representative from Portland Bureau of Transportation will be tabling at dropoff time on Wednesday, May 3. Their goal is to gain feedback from Glencoe families on your experiences with Glencoe's Primary Investment Routes. PBOT Staff will have a Glencoe boundary map showing school routes and be available for questions. They look forward to chatting with you! They will also be coming to our May PTA meeting.
 - *What are Primary Investment Routes?:* Primary Investment Routes were created in 2017 together with school communities as part of a larger school-focused planning and investment project. There are approximately 4-6 routes for every public PK-8 school in Portland, and they are meant to be routes that have the most amount of students using them to walk to school. PBOT prioritizes safety investments, like marking crosswalks, on these routes.

- PPS boundary changes and the passing of time have sparked the need to revisit those routes and confirm whether they still make sense for each school community. You can read more about the planning process from 2017 and see a map of routes and identified safety projects at SafeRoutesProjects.com.
- May 3 is also Walk and Roll to School Day. We will have fun stickers and pencils available that morning that encourage walking/biking to school.
 - Glencoe parent Rob Galanakis is coordinating another Bike Bus on this date. Riders of all abilities are encouraged to participate. Please email glencoebikebus@gmail.com to sign up for updates or to help coordinate.

PTA NEWS

It is a busy time of year, and your PTA has lots of important information to share, including many ways for you to get involved. Thank you for reading!

Tomorrow is the Glencoe Community Clean Up!

Bring your family anytime between 9 and noon this Saturday to show your love for our school!



PTA General Meeting, Monday May 8

Join us in person for pizza and community at our final PTA meeting of the year. On the [agenda](#): [Elections](#) for next year's PTA board, plans to make [Glencoe PTA membership free](#) starting next year, and a conversation with a representative from [Safe Routes to School](#), which works to improve conditions for walking, biking and rolling around schools. Pizza starts at 6:30; meeting at 7pm. All are welcome, childcare provided.



PTA Leadership Opportunity

Do you have strong project manager skills? A desire to use your skills for your child's school? Your Glencoe PTA board is full of committed and experienced parent volunteers, but one critical role MUST be filled for next year—PTA President. You will have lots of support in this position, but our PTA can't function without a president! Interested folks, please email mackenzieweintraub@gmail.com. Thank you!

Staff Appreciation Week Coming Up!

Staff appreciation week is just around the corner, May 8th-12th. Volunteer sign-ups will be sent out on Konstella this Sunday. No matter how big or small, there is a way for everyone to contribute and show our amazing staff how much we appreciate them!



Tuesday Bluesday for Teachers

Our children's teachers are in ongoing contract negotiations with Portland Public Schools. Show your solidarity with PAT (Portland Association of Teachers) educators as they bargain for safe, sustainable and equitable schools. Wear blue on Tuesdays this spring!



STEAM Night Volunteers Needed

STEAM night is coming on May 19th! We are in need of volunteers. If anyone has any special skills in engineering, technology, art or math please reach out! We will have an origami table, robotics table, and art show, just to name a few ways to get involved. Please email Audrie at babyabernathy@gmail.com to volunteer.



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

FOUNDATION NEWS

We're excited about our school **Jog-A-Thon on May 11**, rain or shine, and we're making great progress toward our goal! So far, we've raised \$10,000 of our \$25,000 target, with just 13 days remaining. Most classes will participate during their PE time, and spectators are welcome (please leave dogs at home.) Students should wear closed-toed shoes and bring a water bottle to school. To donate or sponsor a student, visit:

<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/glencoejogathon2023>.

Let's come together and reach our goal for the benefit of our school community.



ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ART INFUSION

Hello Community! The Art Infusion Program is looking to fill the 2023-2024 Leadership Team. Specifically we need volunteers for the **Communications Coordinator**, **Bulletin Board**

Coordinator, Box Builders: kindergarten, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grades, Grade Level

Representatives: kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 4th grades. Email

glencoe.art.infusion@gmail.com for position descriptions and responsibilities. Thanks to the 2022-2023 Leadership Team and all our wonderful volunteers - we had a very successful year! Thanks again for your support in providing access to visual arts at Glencoe.

LGBTQIA+ Support Event Happening at Franklin HS

Hi All, it's Miss Madi, one of the school counselors at Glencoe and GSA leader for 4th and 5th grade! There is a super cool event happening at **Franklin HS on May 3rd** for Queer kids, and their caregivers hosted by Franklin and Elliott Hinkle, the owner of Unicorn Solutions.

It is open to caregivers and their kiddos, but this event is definitely geared towards HS students, and I received permission if any parents from Glencoe are open to coming to be a part of it, to highly encourage that!

I would leave your student at home for this one, as the content may not be applicable/appropriate yet for them to partake in, but the info will be applicable for caregivers in preparation of knowing some solid info on how to support your kiddo now and in the future!! I already saw the presentation and I promise it's worth attending!!

Please take a look at the poster below **AND** register by scanning the QR code at the bottom so the planners of the event know how many people to prepare for food wise and room wise.

I will be there, and hope to see you there too! Especially for parents who already have a kiddo who identifies within the Queer community, this is HUGE!



The poster has a rainbow gradient background. At the top, it says 'Supporting our LGBTQ+ Kids to Thrive' in white, followed by 'WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023: 6-830 PM' in smaller white text. Below this, it says 'QUEER AND TRANS STUDENT/FAMILY EVENT:' in white. To the right of this text, 'Allies Welcome!' is written in a white, handwritten-style font. A bulleted list in white text follows: '• 6-6:45pm Meet, eat and mingle at a Resource Fair with Community Partners', '• 7-830: Presentation with the aim of increasing understanding and creating capacity to support and affirm our LGBTQ plus youth.', '• Consider ways to provide mental health and wellness care that support our youth', and '• Activities for LGBTQ+ students and families to connect and have fun with each other!'. At the bottom left, it says 'PRESENTER: ELIOTT HINKLE: UNICORN SOLUTIONS' in white. At the bottom right, there is a QR code with the text 'Please Scan the QR code to RSVP' above it.

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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.

PK-12 ADAPTED PHYSICAL EDUCATION FIELD DAY IS 05/10 & 05/11!

The Adapted Physical Education team needs your help! We are hosting our annual Field Day at Jefferson High School this year on May 10th & 11th. We have volunteer time slots of 2 hours each available, but would love to see you for longer. Please fill out [this form](#) to let us know when you're coming, and we'll be sure to follow up with more details. We look forward to seeing you in May, and know our students will be excited to see you there too! If you have any questions please contact Elena Beeck at ebeeck@pps.net.

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](#).



TAG

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

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. [Somali](#); [Spanish](#).

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. [Somali](#); [Spanish](#).

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.

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

5131 NE 23rd Ave, Portland, OR 97211

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Student Health Center Appointments Available! Call today!

Parents, if you are having trouble getting your student in to see their pediatrician, consider the Student Health Center. It's just like having a doctor's office at school. Available services include preventative care, cold and flu treatment, non-emergency injuries, reproductive health, immunizations, basic lab services, and more. Student Health Centers will see students with or without insurance and there are no co-pays and no out-of-pocket costs. To find a Student Health Center near you, click [here](#) and [here](#).

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 – Somali](#)

PROGRAM FLYERS

360 Arts Camp [360 Arts Camp Flier](#)

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](#)