

# Glencoe Elementary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### May 12, 2023

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday, 05/12/2023	<b>Popcorn Friday (last one of the year)</b> After-School - Baton	2:15pm - 2:40pm 2:15pm - 3:00pm
Monday, 05/15/2023	After-School - Imagine This PDX Art After-School - Yoga	2:15pm - 3:15pm 2:15pm - 3:15pm
Tuesday, 05/16/2023	After-School - Basketball K-2	2:15 pm - 3:30pm
Wednesday, 05/17/2023	After-School - Circus Arts	2:15pm - 4:00pm
Thursday, 05/18/2023	After-School - Spanish After-School - Basketball 3-5	2:15pm - 3:15pm 2:15pm - 3:30pm
Friday, 05/19/2023	After-School - Baton <b>PTA STEAM Night</b>	2:15pm - 3:00pm 6:30pm - 8:30pm

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Glencoe Community,

Thank you to all those who have contributed to Staff Appreciation Week here at Glencoe! We so appreciate the appreciation.

In honor of Staff Appreciation Week, I'd like to describe **A Morning in the Life of a Teacher.**

The teacher wakes up early, walks their dog, and gets their own children ready for school. They arrive at Glencoe at 6:50 AM.

According to research, the teacher will make an average of 1,500 decisions today. The teacher reviews their plans for social-emotional learning, language arts, math, and science. For each of these content areas, the teacher considers the learning needs in the classroom. What extra support might be needed? What extra challenge might be needed? What will we need copies of? What materials will we need? How will students talk during the activity? What questions will deepen their learning? How will the students be moving about the room? How will the teacher measure their success?

Their students arrive at 7:53 AM. The teacher greets each of them by name with a smile. The teacher remembers that one child's grandparent is in the hospital, and discreetly asks how their family is doing. They ask a second child about their soccer game while they help a third child

organize their belongings. The teacher takes attendance and helps all of the students settle in and understand what the plan is for their learning today.

It's time for math. The teacher poses a question about fractions. One student finishes the entire lesson within three minutes. The teacher has an extension to the lesson prepared and gives it to that student. The teacher notices that most of the class is ready to move forward, but that there is a common error several of them are making. The teacher posts an example of the error and asks students to analyze it.

This move does not shut students down, because the teacher has been teaching and reinforcing a growth mindset all year- the idea that we all make mistakes, and that mistakes are an important part of learning. The students analyze the error, amend their work, and continue learning.

The teacher notices a handful of students are struggling to understand the lesson. The teacher offers some of them a number line and the others manipulatives, drawing from what they know about their learning styles.

The teacher circles back to the student with the learning extension to check their understanding. Meanwhile, two students begin arguing over who had a pencil first. The teacher helps them solve their conflict peacefully before calling the class back together to check for their understanding and decide what to do in their next math lesson.

The teacher drops their students off at P.E. The teacher heads toward the restroom. On their way there, they run into a student crying because she has skinned her knee at recess. Although the student is not in their class, the teacher changes course and gently helps them to the school nurse, telling them a story of a time they fell down when they were a child. The student stops crying and starts giggling.

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Teaching is a complex, ever-evolving profession that requires a huge amount of creativity, dedication, and attention to detail. It would be impossible to describe the depth of energy and passion that the teachers at Glencoe put into their job every day.

The same can be said for every staff member at Glencoe, including our counselors, nurse, secretaries, library assistant, specialists, paraeducators, school psychologists, cafeteria staff, custodians, and tech help. Every person at Glencoe plays an important role in supporting students' success.

From the bottom of my heart, I express my deepest gratitude to the teachers and staff at Glencoe, as well as to the community who supports them.

Sincerely,  
**Sarah Waltrip**  
**Glencoe Principal**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I would like to share some staffing changes for the coming school year. Kindergarten teacher Anna DeVille will be moving to Washington. 2nd grade teacher Thu Truong will be moving to Laurelhurst Elementary School. Casey Crosby will be completing her position as a 5th grade teacher, and we will be welcoming 5th grade teacher Kelly Connolly back from her leave. 3rd grade teacher Mackenzie Roberts will be completing her position in 3rd grade. Speech & language pathologist Chris Vuylsteke will be at a different school in the coming school year. Anna, Thu, Casey, Mackenzie, and Chris, we wish you all the best in your future endeavors and express our gratitude for all you have done to support students at Glencoe!
- We will be welcoming some new staff members, and I look forward to sharing information about them soon as we complete our staffing process. For now, I am excited to share that we will be receiving a 0.5 art teacher for the 2023-24 school year!
- It is the time of year that we begin to create class lists. Prior to 2020, teacher assignments were distributed in August. After the pandemic, teacher assignments were distributed in June. After some consultation with Site Council, we will be returning to the practice of distributing teacher assignments in August. This helps us maintain balanced classes as students often move in and out during the summer. Our goal is to support students in the most effective way that we can.
  - Please note that in accordance with school policy, I will not be taking teacher requests from families. We consider a wide variety of factors during the complex class list creation process, with the goal of meeting student needs. We are all here to support and care for your child and family. Thank you for your understanding.
- We have seen an increase in gum under our tables, during recess, etc. Please do not send gum to school with students. This helps keep our learning environment clean, safe, and focused.
- We have also seen an increase in issues with students using Apple Watches and other smartwatches in the classroom. Please note the following PPS policies about technology at school:
  - Administration, teachers, and staff may require students at any time to turn off their personal electronic device. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action and possible revocation of “bring your own device” privileges.
  - Voice, video, and image capture applications may only be used with prior permission for use during directed classroom instruction.
  - Students should obtain permission from other individuals when using voice, video, and image capture applications outside of direct classroom activities.
- **REMINDER: To make up for lost instructional time during our snow days, the last day of school for students will now be Wednesday, June 14th.**

## PTA NEWS

### Welcome New PTA Board Members!

Congratulations and thank you to our newly elected Glencoe PTA Board members!

President: **Rob Galanakis**  
Secretary: **Tamara Taylor**  
Community Engagement Chair: **Justin Stranzl**  
Membership Chair: **Mitch Ryan**  
Volunteer Chair: **Sarah Nelson**  
Past President: **Mackenzie Weintraub**

Meeting minutes from this past week's PTA meeting are available [here](#).

### STEAM Night Is Next Thursday!

STEAM night is coming on May 19th! Your family is invited to get hands-on with robotics, engineering, art and more! Students have also selected their favorite Art Infusion pieces to display! **We are still in need of volunteers to make this event a success.** Please email Audrie at [babyabernathy@gmail.com](mailto:babyabernathy@gmail.com) to volunteer.



### Glencoe Bike Bus

Students and parents of Glencoe have organized a **WEEKLY Wednesday Bike Bus**, which helps bring our community together in support of healthy, green, sustainable [transportation](#)! There are currently two routes; see [route map](#) with start times. All you need to do is show up Wednesday mornings, and we ride together! Anyone with questions, suggestions, or who would like some help getting started biking (many of us hadn't ridden since childhood!) can email [glencoebikebus@gmail.com](mailto:glencoebikebus@gmail.com).

### Hopscotch for the Playground!

Please join us for a special kid-friendly trivia night and a scavenger hunt at Hopscotch on Hawthorne on May 25. Proceeds from this event will go to our playground project, which plans

to break ground this summer! Trivia starts at 7:30pm, and families are welcome to come earlier as suits your routine!



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

## **FOUNDATION NEWS**

### **Grow Glencoe Jog-A-Thon Update**

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Jog-A-Thon a huge success!

We raised **\$40,724.10**, well above our **\$25,000** goal.

Fun facts:

- Largest amount raised by a student was **\$1,145.00**
- 2 students raised above **\$1,000**, 11 students raised above **\$500**, and 143 students raised above **\$100**.
- Two students tied for the longest distance at **18 laps**! Assuming a 1/4 mile lap, this represents a total distance of **4.5 miles** and a pace of **6m40s per mile**.

**WAY TO GO GLENCOE GULLS!**

## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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.

## Library News!



## **YAS!!! - Youth Advocacy Summit for Queer kiddos/families and allies!**

Check out the poster below to register for an awesome opportunity for learning, celebration and fun to support our Queer kiddos and allies in our district on June 10th! This is for 3rd graders and up, and you will need to be registered. Info on the poster!

■ **3-5 and Adult YAS Reg Flyer.pdf** ■ **YAS Volunteer Flyer.pdf**

Miss Madi will be there!! :)

## **Fun For The Arts Artwork**

Your child's artwork could be on the next Fun for the Arts t-shirt! Want more information? Find it [HERE](#).



## **TAG**

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

## **PK-12 2023-24 MEAL BENEFITS INFORMATION**

Free and reduced-price benefits expire at the end of each school year. Families can apply for benefits on or after July 1, 2023 for the 2023-24 school year online using SchoolCafe at [www.schoolcafe.com/pps](http://www.schoolcafe.com/pps) or download the mobile app. Updated paper meal applications can be downloaded from: <https://www.pps.net/Page/2464> on or after July 1, 2023. Families who do not qualify for free or reduced-price meals can use SchoolCafe to monitor transactions, view balance, set up low balance notifications, transfer funds among students and request a refund check. The system is free to use unless a payment is made with a debit/credit card to pay for school meals which is optional.

Eligible families are encouraged to apply for SNAP benefits. Approved SNAP recipients along with households where all students attend approved Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools do not need to submit meal applications.



Households receiving SNAP benefits, attending a CEP school and approved for free and reduced-price meals may be eligible for other benefits, like low cost internet and educational-related fee reductions or waivers.

For questions about meal benefits, please email [mealbenefits@pps.net](mailto:mealbenefits@pps.net) or call 503.916.3402.

### **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](https://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](mailto:tip@safeoregon.com)
- The mobile app that can be downloaded from your smartphone via [iTunes](#) or [GooglePlay](#)

SafeOregon Brochures:



## **PROGRAM FLYERS**

Portland Rose Festival [Junior Parade Invitation](#)

([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#))

NAYA Family Center [Queer Prom](#) (5/26)

Rec Tennis, [Tennis Afterschool Zone @ Winterhaven](#) (Tuesdays, 4/25-6/13)

CTP Plant Sale [Community Transition Program Spring Plant Sale](#) (Saturdays, 4/22-5/13)

AFS-USA Student Exchange Programs ([Flier 1](#)) ([Flier 2](#))

OSU [4-H Wagon Train Camps](#) (4/28-30, 5/5-7, & 6/24-7/1)

OSU [4-H Camp](#) (Summer)

Cognizart [360 Arts Camp 2023](#) (Summer)

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

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

Portland Metro [Fire Camp \(for young women ages 16-22\)](#) (Summer)

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

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

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

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

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

Multnomah Early Child Program [Preschool Classes](#)

Kaiser Permanente CASCADIA COVID-19 screening study ([English](#))

([Spanish](#)) ([Russian](#)) ([Amharic](#)) ([Chinese](#)) ([Vietnamese](#))

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

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

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

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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](#))