



Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

June 9, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, 06/12/2023	Camp Glencoe End of Year Assembly	8:20am
Tuesday, 06/13/2023	5th Grade Promotion	1:15pm
Wednesday, 06/14/2023	★ LAST DAY OF SCHOOL ★ 5th Grade Clap Out	2:10pm
Thursday, 06/15/2023	 SUMMER BREAK 	

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Glencoe Community,

We made it to our final week of school! There is still lots of learning and celebration going on here at Glencoe.

Our 4th graders had the opportunity to visit the Lelooska Cultural Center and learn about the history and culture of the Kwakwaka'wakw (Kwakiutl) people. Our kindergarteners explored nature at Mt. Tabor Park, and our 3rd graders, who have been learning about bridge design, visited a bridge. Our dedicated Safety Patrol students had fun celebrating their commitment to traffic safety at Oaks Park. Our 5th graders have been researching U.S. states and creating presentation boards. Many classes were able to visit and see their hard work displayed. Ms. Hanes's students have been working on creating beautiful still life portraits. We look forward to seeing Mr. Roddis's class Farm Show next week!

I also would like to acknowledge and bring awareness to Pride Month. Glencoe is an inclusive community that cares, collaborates, and perseveres. In line with our commitment to inclusion, we believe that LGBTQ+ students, staff, and families deserve to feel welcome and supported at school. We celebrate and affirm the worth of every child at Glencoe, and actively use strategies to support those within historically marginalized communities.

Many families wonder what it looks like to support LGBTQ+ students at the elementary level. We deliver anti-bullying lessons to our student body, include age-appropriate books in our school library that feature multiple types of families, and provide access to an all-gender restroom to support the basic human needs of all within our building. Our educators also use inclusive language, honor students' identities, and interrupt biased comments.

One of our school counselors, Miss Madi, started a Gender & Sexuality Alliance at Glencoe this year as a voluntary space for LGBTQ+ students and allies. This group has been an important place for students to build community and connection, and I am appreciative of Madi's efforts to provide a safe space and student-driven program at our school. As an LGBT-identified educator myself, I can only imagine how much it would have meant as a child for my school to have had visibly safe adults and spaces for LGBTQ+ students.

As shared in previous communications from Madi and from our Chief of Schools, Madi was the target of threats due to planning a Pride event for her other school site, Atkinson Elementary. I was supportive of Madi's desire to communicate directly with the Glencoe community about this, and I denounce the harassment that occurred.

We believe that schools should be a place where every child feels a sense of belonging. When students feel connected, they are able to learn and grow. We welcome families' participation and collaboration in making our school an even more inclusive and affirming place. Wishing you a joyful Pride Month!

Sincerely,
Sarah Waltrip
Glencoe Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We welcome you to celebrate our 5th graders at our 5th Grade Promotion on June 13 at 1:15 PM in the cafeteria. The doors will open shortly before the event. We look forward to sharing the pride we feel for our 5th grade students.
- Save the date for Community Care Day on August 19. This is a volunteer stewardship day to help care for Glencoe's school grounds. We greatly appreciate the community's support, and it makes a huge difference in creating an inviting and welcoming space for our students.

PTA NEWS

There is a lot this week, but it's good stuff, we promise. **Thank you for reading!**

Glencoe Bike Swap

Monday, June 12, 2:00 to 5:30pm, across from the bike shelter

Help your kid get an appropriate-sized bike, like [hermit crabs sizing up shells](#). We'll take any bikes off your hands your kids have outgrown, help you pick out a new one, and answer any bike questions you have.

If you have any questions, or need to drop off or pick up a bike outside these hours, email glencoebikebus@gmail.com.

Playground Update–We did it!

We would like to share our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated in our "final push" playground fundraising campaign over the past two weeks. **Thank you for responding to the matching challenge opportunity with this final boost of support!** Thanks also to Tomi Lahdesmaki and Katie Freathy for once again contributing the proceeds from sales of Tomi's

beautiful [Mt. Tabor](#) print, and of course thank you to our generous anonymous donor for making this matching campaign possible.

In addition to these efforts, the playground committee received some very exciting news this week! **Glencoe's playground project has been awarded a grant by the Nike Community Impact Fund of Oregon Community Foundation for \$14,000!!!** Thanks to this new influx of support — and thanks especially to the hard work and generosity of this amazing community — **we have officially surpassed our \$100,000 goal!**

We would like to share our special thanks to everyone in the community with Nike connections who stepped forward in support of our application: Rissa Raveaux, Demaree Raveaux, Jason Prentice, Erin Buxton, Emily Lethenstrom, Joe Arndt, Mike Wilson, Antonia Giedwoyn and Tomek Szlagowski. **Our grant proposal began as a long-shot effort, and we have no doubt that our ability to list Nike employee support made a real difference for its success.** Thank you!

Little did we know that the amazing “final push” effort would combine with Nike's grant award to propel us past our goal. **Our final fundraising result is now over \$110,000.** Truly incredible! The sky is the limit for what we can do to improve our playground and every penny will be used to make it as wonderful as possible. Thank you so much! **Now let the celebrations begin! We did it!**

What happens next?

Over the next few months, PPS Facilities will remove the old metal climbing structures and replace them with a new climbing obstacle course structure, purchased by the PTA. PPS Facilities will cover the installation costs for this first phase of improvements, which they estimate will be completed in early fall. We are so excited to see our planning and fundraising efforts become a reality!

Our remaining funds will be used for a second round of improvements to expand our existing playground with new equipment (play mound, spinners, musical instruments, etc) and other natural elements. In the meantime, the Playground Committee continues to pursue environmental grant support from the City of Portland that would help us depave, make stormwater improvements, and plant more trees. We will know if these efforts are successful by early fall, at which point the second phase of improvements will begin.

Lost and Found

At the school's request, items in the lost and found will be available through the last day of school. You are welcome to ask the office for access to come in and look for items, or you can encourage your kids to look as they pass by the racks. If you need help getting an item, let us know at glencoeelementarypta@gmail.com. We are happy to grab it and stick it in your kid's locker.

Adidas Pass

As a perk of PTA membership, Oregon PTA is offering an [Adidas Employee Store pass](#), good through June 22. If you're not already a member, you can become one [here](#). We're excited that next year Glencoe PTA membership, including these perks, will be free to anyone who is interested!

Thank You's

The Glencoe PTA would like to express a heartfelt thank you to **Mackenzie Weintraub** for her steady, competent leadership as Glencoe PTA President throughout the pandemic. As Mackenzie ends her term as President, it is impossible to overstate the quiet yet powerful impact she has had in rebuilding our PTA, cultivating parent-leaders and supporting parent-led initiatives to strengthen our school community. If you know Mackenzie, please join us in expressing our gratitude for all she has helped us to accomplish. Her impact will be long-lasting. We are excited to welcome **Rob Galanakis** as our incoming PTA President! He is already spearheading fresh new projects, like the Bike Bus and the Bike Swap, and we're excited for the influx of ideas he will bring.

We also want to take a moment to thank several school staff who are moving on from Glencoe after this year. **Ms. Fisher, Ms. Truong, Ms. DeVille, Ms. Crosby, Ms. Roberts, Chris W. and Principal Waltrip**, thank you all for your service to our children and our community. We wish you well, wherever life is taking you next.

Have a good summer everyone!

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

FOUNDATION NEWS

This year, the Glencoe community and dedicated staff have come together to raise nearly **\$70,000** in support of our school. Your commitment has made this incredible achievement possible. Our gratitude extends to each member of our community and to the devoted school leadership, teachers, and front-office staff. With such support, we at the Glencoe Foundation look forward to organizing more engaging events next year, including the return of the much-anticipated in-person auction. Your unwavering dedication continues to enhance the educational experience at Glencoe Elementary. Thank you for this remarkable year.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ART INFUSION

Art Infusion needs volunteers!

The program is successful because of our wonderful volunteers. We are still seeking a Communications Coordinator, 3rd/4th grade box builder, 5th grade box builder, kindergarten representative, and 5th grade representative. It is crucial we fill the box builder positions or lesson materials will not be ready to run lessons. Please contact [Michelle Jariabka](#) if you'd like to learn more about any of the available positions. Thanks for your consideration!

Message from the Nurse

Hello Families,

As we near the last day of school we have some important information to help you have a safe summer and be ready for next year!

Please remember to pick up any medications you may have checked in for your student this year. Medications that are not picked up are required to be disposed of at the end of each school year.

If your student has a health condition we can assist with please let us know. The following link has all needed authorization forms for student health conditions and for any medication you might like to check in for your student. <https://www.multnomahesd.org/shs-boy-919413.html>
Please complete the appropriate forms and bring them into the office at the start of next school year.

We are fortunate to have the Student Based Health Centers here in Multnomah County and during the summer the Parkrose location will remain open to serve families in our community. Please see the attached flier for hours and more information.

Be sure to get your student's vaccinations up to date over the summer so you're ready for the new school year.

Lastly, here are a few great resources for your reference that may be useful over the break.

Head Lice-<https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/schools.html>

and <https://www.multnomahesd.org/headliceinformation.html>

Crisis Text Line- free, 24/7 support for those in crisis. Text 741741 from anywhere in the USA to text with a trained Crisis Counselor.

Multnomah County Community

Resources-https://www.multnomahesd.org/uploads/1/2/0/2/120251715/mult_co_community_resources_2019.pdf

Wildfires/smoke-<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/preparedness/prepare/pages/prepareforwildfire.aspx>

Health Assistant Sherry and I hope you all have a SAFE and very fun summer!
Nurse Jenny

Wellness Squad - Free Summer Day Camp

Wellness Squad is a 1-week day camp where students will build positive peer relationships, explore a variety of creative mediums, practice social skills and build confidence. Lunch & Snacks are provided. Squad is limited to 15 students per cohort & Registration is required.

Wellness Squad: Incoming **3rd & 4th Graders** - June 26 - 29, 2023 [Squad 3rd & 4th](#)

Wellness Squad: Incoming **5th & 6th Graders** - July 10 - 23, 2023 [Squad 5th & 6th](#)

PPS Digital Toolkit Summer Use

Students will have access to most [PPS Digital Toolkit applications](#) during the summer. Students who enroll in summer school may notice changes in some applications once summer school begins. Most PPS Digital Toolkit applications will remain active throughout the summer.

Applications may be temporarily unavailable at the beginning of August as PPS shifts to the 2023-2024 school year. Please note that during the summer months, teachers are not active inside the digital tools and applications. Parents should be aware of what students are doing online. Parents may find the [Securly](#) application and [digital and civic literacy](#) resources helpful.

RODENT BAIT STATION APPLICATION

Western Pest Management will be deploying rodent bait stations around the outside of your school. The bait stations will be affixed to the ground, and will contain a rodenticide. Application

will be in place from May 20th through June 30th, 2023. Please see the notification letter at this link: [Bait Station Application](#).

Student Lunch Accounts

Parents, please check your student's lunch account and make sure you are caught up before the end of the school year. Thank you!

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!



CALLING ALL SOFTBALL PLAYERS!

You're invited to

[PLAY SOFTBALL PORTLAND](#)

Sat. June 10

1:00-3:00 pm

McDaniel High School Softball Complex

A day to celebrate Portland's Softball Community

Brought to you by: FRIENDS OF BASEBALL

Sponsored by: MARINERS ON BASE 365

Hosted by: PIL ATHLETICS

Whether you're new to the game or an experienced ballplayer,
IT'S TIME to take the field and [PLAY SOFTBALL!](#)

For youth ages 5 -13 yrs

No experience necessary, all equipment will be provided

NO COST - free to all participants

Featuring:

- Softball Skills Stations for beginning and intermediate players

- Skilled Coach Trainers from FOB's GIRLS LEAD SOFTBALL PROGRAM, SOFTBALL U, USA SOFTBALL, and the MARINERS TRAINING CENTER
- VIP Guest, LAUREN CHAMBERLAIN, MLB Softball Ambassador and Women's Professional Fastpitch Commissioner
- Ballpark Hot Dog Meal for all participants
- Cool Giveaways - Bat & Softball Set, PLAYBALL T-shirt, and NIKE swag for all youth
- Face Painting by [Mystique's Fancy Faces](#)
- Interactive History Lesson, "The Women of Negro Leagues Baseball" presented by [Nikki Brown Clown](#)

REGISTER TODAY

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!! :)

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 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 or call 503.916.3402.

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

PPS Pre-Kindergarten ([Flyer](#)) ([Lawn Sign](#))

[82nd Avenue Community Conversations](#) (Thur June 15)

[Parkrose Health Center Open Summer 2023](#) (Jun 20-Aug 25)

Rec Tennis, [Tennis Afterschool Zone @ Winterhaven](#) (Tuesday 6/13)

Portland Art Intensive [Summer Camp](#) (June 26-July 14)

OSU [4-H Wagon Train Camps](#) (6/24-7/1)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Multnomah Early Childhood Program [Preschool Classes, 2023-24](#)

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

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

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](#))