



# Glencoe Elementary School

## Final Newsletter of 2022-2023

### June 16, 2023

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday, 06/20/2023	<b>Report cards mailed home</b>	
Thursday, 06/22/2023	 <b>Office closed for the summer</b> 	
Tuesday, 08/08/2023	<b>Office staff return</b>	
Saturday, 08/19/2023	<b>Community Cares Day (tentative date)</b>	9:00am - 12:00pm
Tuesday, 08/29/23	<b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 1st - 5th</b>	8:00am - 2:15pm
Tuesday, 09/05/23	<b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Kindergarten</b>	8:00am - 12:00pm

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Glencoe Community,

It's hard to believe that our school year has come to an end! We celebrated Camp Glencoe on Monday with an exciting assembly that included teachers eating gummy worms out of tins of whipped cream and using brooms to race rolling chairs across the stage.

We also honored our 5th graders with a promotion ceremony including wonderful student speakers Lincoln and Itzel. Mr. Roddis's 1st graders presented their impressive farm projects in the cafeteria Wednesday morning. We closed school with the tradition of the "Clap Out": all students and staff lined the hall and clapped for our 5th graders and retiring staff as they passed by the classrooms and left the building one last time.

As we close the school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our time together and bid you farewell as your principal.

First and foremost, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Glencoe's principal this year. While my time here has been shorter than anticipated, I am proud of what we accomplished together. Our students' growth is a testament to their hard work, and to a joint effort between our supportive community and dedicated staff.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to our incredible team of educators and staff. Your compassion and care for students means the world.

To our students, I want to say thank you for being the heart and soul of our school. You have brought joy to our lives every day, simply by existing. I am confident you will continue to achieve great things.

Finally, I want to thank our families. Your partnership and involvement have been integral to the success of our school community. Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children.

Wishing you a safe and restful summer.

Warmest regards,  
Sarah Waltrip  
Glencoe Principal

## **INTRODUCING INCOMING STAFF**

- **Carmen Beals, 2nd Grade:** Hi, I'm Carmen Beals and I am so excited to teach 2nd grade at Glencoe in the fall. I've been a teacher at Atkinson Elementary for the past 4 years. Prior to that, I taught preschool for several years in SE Portland. One of my favorite things about working with children is the endless creativity that is built into the job. I love doing art projects with students, teaching reading, and getting kids excited about math. I look forward to meeting you in August.
- **Ryan Winterbower, 3rd Grade:** I am thrilled to be joining the Glencoe Elementary School community as a 3rd grade teacher. Previously I have taught 3rd, 2nd, 1st, and Kindergarten, and worked at Atkinson, Vestal, Marysville, and Chief Joseph. I love this job, especially 3rd grade, and look forward to meeting you all.
- **Kawaji Armitage, Art:** I'm thrilled to be coming to your school in the fall and am looking forward to getting to know you all. A little about me: I got my Master of Fine Arts from Mills College in Oakland, and my Bachelor of Arts with an emphasis in photography from Evergreen State in Olympia, WA. Prior to teaching, I worked as a job coach and life skills coach for differently abled adults. I started my teaching career later in life in San Francisco and San Mateo. Down there, I worked at what were called continuation high schools for at-risk teens. I moved to Portland 16 years ago and started out as a substitute teacher. It was through the art tax that I landed my first teaching assignment at Kelly Elementary. I will forever be grateful to Portlanders for supporting the art tax.
- **Holly Wilson, Instructional Coach:** My name is Holly Wilson and I will be joining the Glencoe community as an Instructional Coach. To share a little about myself, I began teaching in Las Vegas, Nevada in 2005 and moved to Portland in 2008. In PPS I have taught the 5th and 6th grades, worked as a New Teacher Mentor, and most recently was a TOSA (teacher on special assignment). I am so excited to be at Glencoe and to partner with you in creating a community where everyone experiences joy and belonging. I live in the Montavilla neighborhood and have two children (Ramona and Julian), two cats (Brivido and Tasha), and one husband (Alessio). 😊 I am looking forward to getting to know you!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- PPS is working through the principal hiring process for Glencoe for the coming school year. There will be a community meeting to gather input about qualities that the

community would value in the next principal, as well as a staff meeting for the same purpose. After this, a committee will complete interviews. It is likely that a principal announcement will be made over the summer.

- As previously communicated, you can expect to receive teacher assignments in August.
- The wonderful Ms. Chris Wulferdingen is moving on from Glencoe. We anticipate filling our reading specialist position and our vacant 2nd grade position over the summer, and look forward to introducing the community to our new hires.

### **WITH GRATITUDE (this is far from an exhaustive list!)**

- Thank you to Rachael Van Klompenberg for facilitating our inaugural Black Student Union. This space meant so much to our students!
- Thank you to Glencoe's PTA Board: Mackenzie Weintraub, Whitney Stark, Casady Monroe, Betsy Greenberg, Amber Hollister, Tamara Taylor, Isabel Johnson, Ellen Lynch-Perez, Susannah Reese, Audrie Abernathy, Sarah Mongue, and Fathia Sheikh. The PTA has helped us in countless ways this year: helping coordinate volunteers, supporting our playground renewal, coordinating grounds clean ups, holding family events, distributing information on after school programs, and more.
- Thank you to Site Council community members Nanci Day, Amanda Bird, and Fathia Sheikh for helping guide our school's decision-making process.
- Thank you to Isabel Johnson for creating opportunities for our students to participate in Oregon Battle of the Books.
- Thank you to Michelle Jariabka for spending many hours facilitating our beautiful Art Infusion program.
- Thank you to Susannah Reese for coordinating grounds cleanups that beautify our school.
- Thank you to the Foundation and all of its supporters, including Foundation Chairs Sara Weith and Richard Raseley, for helping close the gap on crucial staffing for Glencoe.
- Thank you to Rob Galanakis for coordinating our bike bus that helps students get to school safely in a way that protects our environment.
- Thank you to our dedicated community members who have been working on our playground project: Abe Cambier, Kristin Prukop, Mackenzie Weintraub, Whitney Stark, and all who have participated and given input!
- Thank you to our many volunteers who have given countless hours to our school. A special shout-out to those who have spent 24 hours or more with us this year - thank you for giving us a day+ of your life! Our school is better for it!: Michelle Jariabka, Isabel Johnson, Madeline O'Brien, Susannah Reese, Audrie Abernathy (who also became our employee 😊), Jane Williams, Amy Jones, Sonja Gallagher, Julianna Machell, Patrick Stein, Laura Mertens, Linh Trieu, Ellen Lynch Perez, Janet Olsson, Lynette Dohrt, Abe Cambier, Louisa Roberts, Cori Roach, Robyn Harris, Ariel Bench, Amy Harshfield, Richard Ring, Laurel Bates, Maria Peterson, David Schmaltz, Shaina Zeiger, Catherine Machell, Eva Yousfi, Jeff Abbott, Angie Parkison, Sara Weith, Amanda Bird, Kathryn Freathy, Susan Plack, Lauren Weir, Natasha Irvine, Destini Kauble, Jessica Trippe, and Kristin Prukop.

### **PTA NEWS**

#### **Congratulations, Rising 6th Graders!**

Congratulations to our amazing 5th grade students, who were promoted to middle school this week, and to their families!! We wish you well on your next adventures! Parents, if you are on

Facebook and your kid is headed to Mt. Tabor Middle School, you may want to join the [Mt. Tabor Middle School Facebook group](#) to stay in the loop. Go Gulls!

### Successful Bike Swap!

This past Monday, Glencoe held a very successful bike swap! Families dropped off outgrown bikes, and students found newer, larger bikes to carry them into summer. Some Mt. Tabor Middle School families even brought bikes for donation! Nearly 25 kids went home with new-to-them bikes, and there was a great selection left over to be donated. Thank you to incoming PTA President Rob Galanakis for organizing, to Mika Vinci for the idea, and to all kids and families who [stepped out of their shells and found new ones](#). (Seriously, if you haven't watched the clip of the hermit crabs yet, you're in for a treat!)

### Thank You to Our Teacher Liaison, Mr Webster!

The Glencoe PTA Board is very fortunate to have an experienced member of the Glencoe staff among our ranks, offering valuable perspective and ideas from a teacher's perspective. Thank you, Mr. Webster! He offers Glencoe families this encouragement for the coming summer months—do a little reading, a little writing and a little math to stay sharp for the upcoming year!

### Free and Low Cost Ideas for Summer

Multnomah County Library has collected a list of ideas for free and reasonably priced activities to keep kids busy and families happy this summer. There's info on free summer lunches in the parks, splash pads, movies in the park, the Summer Reading program, Sunday Parkways, and more. [Check out all of the options here!](#)

### Save the Date: Community Cares Day

Our fall Community Care Day, during which we prepare our school grounds to welcome back students and staff, is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, August 19**. As summer plans fill up, we hope you can **hold that morning open!** More info to follow, and we look forward to seeing your whole family there!

### Thank You, Community!

We would like to offer a huge heartfelt thank you to everyone who has volunteered or supported our school in some capacity this year. Throughout the year, Glencoe family members have led art lessons, pruned trees, popped popcorn, drafted architectural plans for the playground, run field day activities, created original artwork, dined at restaurant partners, written grant proposals, scrubbed graffiti, chaperoned field trips, washed lunch trays, organized supplies, donated bikes, prepped teaching materials, spearheaded fundraisers, donated to fundraisers, and **so, so much more**.

It is inspiring to witness community members using their time, energy, resources and unique talents to support our students and school. **Your efforts make a huge difference, and we look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together next school year.** The sky's the limit for the creative ways that families can get involved, and if you have an idea or want to make something happen, we encourage you to reach out at [glencoeelementarypta@gmail.com](mailto:glencoeelementarypta@gmail.com).

**Thank you, families!!!**

**Have a great summer, Glencoe Gulls!**

## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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](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

### **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.

### **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](#).

### **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.

### **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:

[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)

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](#))