

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

September 8, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, 09/11/2023	After-school - Drama Club	2:15pm - 4:45pm
Tuesday, 09/12/2023	Art Infusion Parent Training	6:30pm
Wednesday, 09/13/2023	Wednesday Morning Meeting After-School - Circus	8:20am 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Thursday, 09/14/2023	PTA Meeting	6:30pm
Friday, 09/15/2023	After-School - Lego Robotics	2:15pm - 4:00pm
Monday, 09/18/2023	After-School - Drama Club	2:15pm - 4:45pm
Tuesday, 09/19/2023	After-School Basketball K-2 After-School Yoga	2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 3:15pm
Wednesday, 09/20/23	After-School - Circus	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Thursday, 09/21/2023	After-School Basketball 3-5 After-School Spanish Back to School Night	2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:20pm - 3:20pm 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Friday, 09/22/2023	After-School - Lego Robotics	2:15pm - 4:00pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

(Same message that went out yesterday)

Update: District Protocol for Masking and Other Preventative Measures

Dear Families,

As a follow-up to my earlier email, here is a link to the [PPS Family Guide to Preventing Illness in School](#). This resource provides more comprehensive information about preventing the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses, as well as what to do if exposed or in the case that an individual testing positive.

You will notice specific recommendations for masking on slide 5, most importantly this bullet point: **It is recommended that individuals who test positive for COVID-19 wear a mask for**

10 days after they develop symptoms or test positive. If your child needs a mask, please contact the office.

Thank you, families, for your partnership and diligence in keeping our community safe, happy and healthy.

In appreciation,
Katie Gunderson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELPFUL REFERENCES

- [Glencoe Online Dismissal Form](#) (If you haven't, please fill out ASAP)
- [Glencoe Family Reference Guide for the 2023-24 School Year](#)
- [Glencoe Family Handbook](#)

REMINDER

To help keep classroom disruption minimal, please have your student double check that they have everything they need for the day before leaving for school. Consider making a checklist and hanging it by the door to check before leaving (this allows your child to start building independence). Things to include on the checklist would be water bottle, chromebook (3-5 students), homework, lunch, jacket, glasses, etc.

PTA NEWS

First PTA Meeting, Thursday Sept 14 @ 6:30pm

Join us for our first PTA General meeting of the 2023-2024 school year on Thursday, September 14th, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Glencoe cafeteria and remotely via Zoom. We'll go over the events and volunteer opportunities for the school year, approve the budget, discuss recent events, and more. Childcare and snacks will be provided.

Join the PTA!

Glencoe PTA membership is now *free*. You can sign up online at [the PTA Memberhub](#).

Volunteers Needed in Glencoe Cafeteria for the 2023-2024 School Year

Can you help by washing dishes at 12:20pm one day/week, Monday or Tuesday? If you are interested or have questions please contact Sarah Nelson, Glencoe PTA volunteer coordinator at sarahnelson.phd@gmail.com. Thank you!

Help Clean the Air at Glencoe

Cleaner air keeps kids healthier, in school and better able to learn. CR boxes can help with that!

- **The community CR box-building event has been *moved* to next Friday, September 15 at 9:30am.** Email emmerson.laura@gmail.com for more info and to sign up.
- [Learn more about CR boxes and why these efforts are needed.](#)

PPS Community Budget Review Committee (CBRC)

PPS is currently seeking new members for the CBRC, which “reviews and makes recommendations on how the district spends its dollars towards student achievement.” Interested? Learn more [here](#).

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

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS

With the start of the new school year, it's a good time to make sure your PPS Volunteer Background Check [here](#) is current. Volunteer registration and background check are required before you can volunteer. Volunteer registrations are good for 3 years.

ART INFUSION

[Art Infusion is back!](#)

We are firing up the kiln, sharpening the pencils, and preparing the paints... the only thing that's missing is you!

[Art Infusion](#) is Glencoe's classroom art program taught and run by volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to help and visit your child's classroom! The program helps balance out their visual arts curriculum. Volunteers are trained to teach each lesson before they head into the classroom. Free childcare and all lesson materials are provided during the evening training sessions. [No art experience is necessary!](#)

Please volunteer to support visual arts in our school!

We are still looking to fill some assistant grade level representative positions. Thanks for considering! Michelle Jariabka

For more information email: glencoe.art.infusion@gmail.com.

[Training Night](#): **Tuesday September 12th, 6:30pm** in the cafeteria.

Our fabulous 5th grade families will be providing snacks this month.

September Lessons:

Kindergarten: 5 Basic Elements (pen and color pencils)

First/Second Grade: Impressionism (acrylic paint)

Third/Fourth Grade: Self Portraits (colored pencils)

Fifth Grade: Bookbinding (DIY Sketchbooks)

Remember, if you can't make the lesson, you can still help out in the class!

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

PBOT Safe Routes to Schools September Newsletter: [Safe Routes to Schools - September](#)

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

REMINDER Franklin High School has a Student Health Center that is available to all K-12 PPS students. Student Health Centers are like having a doctor's office at school. Students can get regular or sports physicals, school immunizations, mental health services, COVID-19 vaccinations and testing, prescription medication refills, and lots of other health services. There are no out-of-pocket costs. The following links describe how students can access their closest [MCHD Student Health Center](#) and the [Benson Wellness Center at Marshall](#).

GLENCOE GSA

Hi Glencoe Community! Miss Madi here! I want to introduce a Halloween themed event being thrown on October 7th by Dye Dye Hair Salon from 1pm-6pm. This event is being promoted because the owners of Dye Dye Salon have graciously offered to donate 100% of the proceeds of the raffle earnings to Glencoe's 4th and 5th grade GSA! All ages are welcome to this event, which will include karaoke, the raffle, a costume contest, and prizes. Dye Dye Salon is a Queer affirming business, and we are so excited to be partnering with them! [Halloween Party Flyer](#)



The earnings from the raffle will be used for Glencoe GSA in the following ways:

- To purchase GSA t-shirts for each GSA'er
- To purchase craft supplies
- To *hopefully* throw a Pride event at the end of the year

FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL BENEFITS

If students are enrolled in a non-CEP school, families must reapply for free/reduced price meal benefits for the new school year. Eligibility from last year will carry over only until Oct 10th; if a new application is not received, the free/reduced benefits will end and students would need to pay for their meals. Did you know? In Oregon, a family of 4 may be eligible if they make \$90,000 gross per year or less? [Free-Reduced Flyer](#)

Portland Public Schools Nutrition Services Free and Reduced Price Meal Benefits

To apply for Free and Reduced Price meal benefits, please choose from one of the following options:

Option 1:

Apply Online

Go paperless and apply online – just create a SchoolCafé account www.schoolcafe.com. It's convenient, secure and easy to do.

SchoolCafé allows families to:

- Check meal application status
- Print out notification letters
- Use the mobile app on Android, iOS devices

Option 2:

Paper Application

Contact the school office, school cafeteria, or print online* at: www.pps.net/nutrition

*Available available online

Where to find additional information:

- www.pps.net/nutrition
- Meal payment policies and procedures
- Breakfast and lunch menus
- Allergen information
- Meal prices

PPS Meal Benefits Office Contact

Have free or reduced meal benefits questions? Contact the PPS Meal Benefits Office
phone: 503.916.3402
email: mealbenefits@pps.net

Translation & Interpretation Contact
For translation assistance completing a meal application, call 503.916.3254.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I was approved last school year. Do I have to apply this school year?

A: Yes! Meal benefits expire at the end of each school year. Families approved the prior school year have a 30-day grace period to apply for meal benefits at the start of the school year if they still meet federal income guidelines.

Q: How do I know if I qualify for meal benefits?

A: Review the federal income guidelines which are updated each school year. These can be found on the application or online. Families who qualify for assistance such as SNAP, TANF, EBT or do not need to fill out a meal application. However, if families do not receive a Direct Certification approval letter, please contact the PPS meal benefits office to verify benefits for the current school year.

Q: If I don't qualify now, can I apply later?

A: Yes! If circumstances change (example: larger household size, decrease in income) families can apply anytime during the school year.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The 2023-2024 PPS Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook is now available online.

[Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook](#)

[Video: Presentation of Handbook](#)

PROGRAM FLYERS

Camps, Classes, After School:

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

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

Preschool Programs:

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

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

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

Community Events & Information:

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

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

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

Vaccinations, Health & Wellness:

Multnomah County Student Health Centers

[Cleveland HS](#)

[Franklin HS](#)

[Jefferson HS](#)

[McDaniel HS](#)

[Roosevelt HS](#)

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

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

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