

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

September 15, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, 09/18/2023	After-School - Drama Club	2:15pm - 4:45pm
Tuesday, 09/19/2023	After-School Yoga	2:30pm - 3:15pm
Wednesday, 09/20/23	Kinder Principal Coffee After-School - Circus	8:15am - 9:00am 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Thursday, 09/21/2023	After-School Basketball 3-5 After-School Spanish ELL Parent Night Back to School Night	2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:20pm - 3:20pm 5:00pm - 5:30pm 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Friday, 09/22/2023	After-School - Lego Robotics	2:15pm - 4:00pm
Monday, 09/25/2023	After-School - Drama Club After-School - Imagine This PDX Art	2:15pm - 4:45pm 2:15pm - 3:15pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It has been a great full week of school! We continue to enjoy the nice weather, and we hope to make the most out of the final days of summer. It was great to meet so many families at the PTA meeting on Thursday evening. PTA dues are free this year, and we encourage you to come in person or join via Zoom if you are able. There are a lot of exciting events coming up for you to attend or help out with! I wish you all a relaxing and sunny weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all next week!

In appreciation,
Katie

Kindergarten Parent Coffee - Reschedule

I apologize for missing the first Kindergarten parent coffee. I am happy to announce that we have rescheduled it for **Wednesday, September 20 from 8:15 AM - 9:00 AM**. If you are available, please join us for some coffee, information about Kindergarten at Glencoe, and to connect with other Kindergarten parents.

Back to School Night

We are excited to welcome you into our building to meet the staff at this year's Back to School Night! This year we will host an "open house" style event from **5:30 - 7:00 on Thursday**,

September 21. Classroom teachers will welcome you to their spaces and specialists and myself will be in the cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you there!

ELL Parent Night

We will host a presentation with information about our English Language Learner program at PPS from **5:00 - 5:30 on Thursday, September 21**, just before Back to School Night. If your child currently receives ELL services, please come to meet the teacher and hear more about what they will be learning. We look forward to seeing you there!

Walk and Roll to School

On Wednesday, October 4 Glencoe will host a "walk and roll to school" event in collaboration with Safe Routes to Schools. We encourage as many people as possible to come to school that day by foot, bike, or other non-motorized means. Thank you for helping us practice sustainable ways to get to school!

Communicable Disease Information

There have been questions about the PPS Communicable Disease policies and procedures. In addition to the District's [Family Guide to Preventing Illness in School](#), I also wanted to share [this resource](#) from OHA. This site allows you to check the number of Covid cases in the region in real time, which will help in making safe choices about individual mitigation measures. If you have further questions about PPS' Communicable Disease policy as guided by the County, you can reach out to [Betse Thielman](#), Health services program manager, or [Letisia Ayala Guillen](#), Health Services Coordinator.

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](#)

STUDENT JOBS

This week at our first all school assembly, we talked about how running a school takes a lot of people and how many helpful students we have here. Interested students were able to take job applications home to complete, get signed by a family member, and returned to school. Though the application deadline says September 15th, we let all of the students know they had until Tuesday, Sept. 19th to turn in the applications. Please check with your student to see if they were interested in any of the open positions and if they have turned in their application yet. If they need to pick up an application, they will still be available on Monday.

TAG



TAG Information can be found [HERE](#).

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES NEEDED

Art teacher, Kawaji Armitage, has asked for donations of newspapers and magazines for art projects. You can drop them off in the office.

PTA NEWS

Bike Safety Volunteers Needed

Volunteer to help 4th and 5th graders get trained on bikes! Help with bike drills and activities as well as fitting bikes and helmets and fixing bikes! We will be following PBOT's Bike Safety Education Curriculum covering elements of bike safety, traffic rules, and road awareness. Volunteer training is Monday 9/18/23 at 1:45pm in the gym. [Please sign up for a volunteer time slot on Konstella](#). Current PPS [background check](#) required.

Glencoe Cafeteria Volunteers Needed

Volunteers need to wash trays in the cafeteria one day a week at 12:20pm for the 2023-2024 school year! A wonderful opportunity to give back to the Glencoe community! If you can volunteer or if you have questions (yes you can share a day with another volunteer!), please contact Sarah Nelson, Glencoe PTA Volunteer Coordinator at sarahnelson.phd@gmail.com. Thank you!

Hotlips Pizza Restaurant Partnership

Hot Lips will be our partner on Tuesday, September 19. The restaurant will donate 15% of all sales from 4 to 9 p.m. (excluding third-party sales via GrubHub, Uber Eats, Door Dash, etc.). For Glencoe families who can't make it to Hot Lips on September 19 for dine-in or pick-up, the restaurant will graciously offer a 15% donation on all gift cards sold via the Hot Lips website that day at <https://www.hotlipspizza.com/gift-cards>.

Book Club

Glencoe's parent book group is starting up again for the 2023-2024 school year. For our first book of the school year we will be reading [Britt Hawthorne's](#), Raising Antiracist Children: A Practical Parenting Guide. We will be meeting to discuss the book on October 25th from 7pm - 8:30pm. If you are interested in joining the discussion, contact Janet Olsson (janet.olsson@gmail.com) for more information and location details.

Join the PTA

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

Sync the Konstella Calendar to Stay Up-To-Date

[Konstella](#) includes a calendar of Glencoe events which you can sync with your own to stay on top of school events. See how: [Mobile Desktop](#)

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](#), [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

Our first training night was a success! Thanks to all those who stepped up in my absence.

Exciting news, we have a new webpage and a digital calendar, <https://www.glencoeelementarypta.com/art-infusion>.

Some of our classes were light on volunteers - WE NEED YOU. Even if you didn't make it to training you can still help out. No art experience is necessary!

We are still looking for a Kindergarten grade level representative, for more information email: glencoe.art.infusion@gmail.com. Thanks for considering and supporting visual arts in our school!

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.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

International Walk & Roll to School Day - October 4th, 2023

Join Safe Routes to School in celebrating walking and rolling to school with students around the globe on October 4th, 2023. Grab your walking shoes, skateboard, bike or other wheels and kick off the school year by getting outside and exploring a route to your school.

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](#).

COVID-19 Testing Options for the 23-24 School Year

PPS will continue to offer free COVID-19 testing options to students in partnership with the Oregon Health Authority [COVID-19 Testing in Oregon's K-12 Schools Program](#):

- **Onsite Diagnostic (symptom-based) Testing** for staff and students who develop symptoms onsite. Please complete and return a signed 2023-24 Parent/Guardian [consent form](#) to the school if you want your student to receive onsite testing if indicated.
- **iHealth/ BinaxNOW (at-home) Tests**: Students may receive a rapid COVID-19 test for **at home** use if they develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or if they have been exposed to COVID-19 outbreak at school and families request one. OHA has made a limited number of tests available to our school. Test users can check the lot

expiration date using the [iHealth COVID-19 Test Shelf Life Extension Sheet](#) or look up the new expiration date for iHealth tests [here](#).

- **School-Community COVID-19 Testing Resources:** The [MCHD Student Health Centers](#) and the [OHSU Benson Wellness Center](#) are also great resources for students to access primary and mental health care as well as COVID-19 testing, vaccines and boosters.

The **OHSU Weekly Screening Program** that collected student saliva samples to be tested ended as of July 31, 2023.

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

Complete and apply online and create a School ID account: [www.pps.net/nutrition](#)
\$3 convenience, instant and easy to do.

School ID allows families to:

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

Option 2

Paper Application

Contact the school office, school cafeteria, or print on the "I" [www.pps.net/nutrition](#)

Where to find additional information:

[www.pps.net/nutrition](#)

- Meal program policies and procedures
- Breakfast and lunch menus
- Allergen information
- Meal prices

PPS Meal Benefits Office Contact

Need help or need more meal benefits questions? Contact the PPS Meal Benefits Office: phone: 503.555.3822 email: mealbenefits@pps.net

Translation & Interpretation Contact

For translation assistance completing a meal application, call 503.555.3224.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I've 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 for benefits from last year will be automatically re-approved for the current year at the start of the school year if they did not receive a notification letter.

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

A: Review the federal income guidelines, which are updated each 12 months. These can be found on the application or online. Families who qualify for meal benefits in the State of Oregon do not need to file a meal application. However, if families do not receive their PPS Meal Benefits 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 your circumstances change, please keep track of any changes in income. Families who qualify for meal benefits can apply anytime during the school year.

This flyer is an equal opportunity document.

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](#))