

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

September 22, 2023

[UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month](#)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, 09/25/2023	After-School - Drama Club After-School - Imagine This PDX Art	2:15pm - 4:45pm 2:15pm - 3:15pm
Tuesday, 09/26/2023	After-School Yoga	2:30pm - 3:15pm
Wednesday, 09/27/23	After-School - Circus	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Thursday, 09/28/2023	After-School Basketball 3-5 After-School Spanish	2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:20pm - 3:20pm
Friday, 09/29/2023	After-School - Lego Robotics	2:15pm - 4:00pm

[MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL](#)

Dear Glencoe Families,

Autumn is officially here and bringing with it that fall weather. We are settling into school routines and enjoying learning together in community. It was great to see those of you who could attend at Back to School Night! If you were unable to make it, please reach out to your child's teacher for more information about what this year will look like in their class. The next opportunity to connect will be during parent/teacher conferences in November. I look forward to more events that allow us to be together and celebrate students and teachers. I wish you all a cooler weekend full of fun and relaxation!

Katie

[ANNOUNCEMENTS](#)

Upcoming Lockdown Drill

Next week we will have our first Lockdown Drill on **Friday, September 29 at 9:00 AM**. We work to make this drill as trauma-informed as possible by telling students and families in advance, talking with students about the exercise by reminding them throughout that "this is a drill", and providing space to talk about it afterward. I know these drills can be difficult on students and families because of the threat they represent. I am sharing the article [Don't Dread the Drill: Support for Talking with Your Child About School Emergency Drills](#) from the Orlando Mom Collective as a resource to help in guiding this conversation with your child(ren).

PPS Integrated Pest Management Plan

Please notification from PPS regarding bait stations being placed around the Glencoe property.

 [Glencoe IPM Notification 9.2023.pdf](#)

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](#)

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.

JOIN US FOR SIBLING STORY TIME

📄 [SiblingStorytime-1up.pdf](#)

PTA NEWS

Bike Safety Volunteers Needed

More volunteers are still needed to help 4th/5th graders get safety trained on bikes! Using PBOT's Bike Safety Education Curriculum, volunteers will help with bike activities as well as fitting bikes/helmets and fixing bikes! Times vary but are roughly 12:40pm to 2:15pm. [Please sign up for a volunteer time slot on Konstella](#). Current PPS [background check](#) required. Thank you!

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

The Glencoe community needs your help! Just **one** more volunteer is needed to wash trays in the cafeteria 12:20pm-1pm one day a week (Mondays) for the school year. This position can be split between two volunteers so even if you are able to volunteer **twice a month** (every other week) please let us know! **Here is a testimonial from a multiple year volunteer:**

"I love washing the dishes after lunch! If you have a 5th/2nd grader, you can see them (and even eat lunch with them if you'd like!), and you're directly reducing waste at Glencoe. Washing the dishes takes under an hour, you get to use the big commercial dishwasher, no meetings...what's not to love!?"

If this sounds like you or if you have questions please contact Sarah Nelson, Glencoe PTA volunteer coordinator at sarahnelson.phd@gmail.com! Current PPS volunteer [background check](#) required. Thank you!

Fall Event Update

Putting together a fun, safe and inclusive all-school event is a big job. Unfortunately, your PTA wasn't able to find a Friday that lined up with non-school days, holidays and the availability of volunteers to make an event happen this fall. We understand that this may be disappointing, and we appreciate your understanding that, as fellow parents and volunteers, we are doing the best we can. We are working to get a fun family event on the calendar in Spring, and we would

love your help. If you'd like to be involved in planning, please reach out to glencoeelementarypta@gmail.com.

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 - 830pm. 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](#).

Thank You, Families!

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the many events over the past few weeks. The CR box building event was a [great success](#), and our HotLips Pizza partnership brought in over \$300 with a fantastic turnout! We appreciate the many ways that Glencoe families contribute to our community.

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.

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.

THANK YOU FROM MISS MADI

Hi All, Miss Madi here! I just wanted to give a heartfelt thank you to all the families who made it to my presentation for 4th and 5th Grade GSA during Back to School Night. Thank you for the safety, curiosity, and support. It really felt like a community 🏡

And to any and all families of Glencoe who may be interested in LGBTQIA+ affirming topics and social justice, but aren't yet a family of a 4th and 5th grader, please reach out to me to connect! I want to support you too 🏳️‍🌈”

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:

Apply Online

- Go to [www.pps.k12.or.us](#) and click on the "Apply Online" button.
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Paper Application

- Contact the school office, school cafeteria, or print center for an application.
- Fill out the application.
- Return the application to the school office.

Where to find additional information:

- [www.pps.k12.or.us](#)
- Meal payment policies and procedures
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PPS Meal Benefits Office Contact

Call or email for more information: mealbenefits@pps.k12.or.us
Phone: 503.919.3482
Email: mealbenefits@pps.k12.or.us

Translation & Interpretation Contact

For translation assistance completing a meal application, call 503.919.3254.

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](#))