

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

December 1, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, 12/04/2023	After-School - Drama Club After-School - Imagine This PDX Art	2:15pm - 4:45pm 2:15pm - 3:15pm
Tuesday, 12/05/2023	After-School - Yoga	2:30pm - 3:15pm
Wednesday, 12/06/2023	After-School - Circus	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Thursday, 12/07/2023	After-School - Basketball 3-5 After-School - Spanish	2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:20pm - 3:20pm
Friday, 12/08/2023	Report Cards Go Home After-School - Lego Robotics After-School - Baton PTA Family Movie Night	2:15pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:00pm 5:30pm
Monday, 12/11/2023	After-School - Drama Club After-School - Imagine This PDX Art Drama Club Performance	2:15pm - 4:45pm 2:15pm - 3:15pm 6pm
Tuesday, 12/12/2023	Picture Retake Day	12:00pm - 2:00pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

What a joy to be back together this week! As with any change, there were mixed emotions, but by the end of the week we were getting back into the routine. We focused this week on what it means to be back together in community. Teachers began Monday's late start morning with a focus on what feelings were coming up for students as they returned to school. We came together as a whole school on Wednesday at our November/December Wednesday Morning Meeting. The cafeteria was abuzz with excitement as we reviewed our community's values and expectations, and we celebrated being together in one space. Wednesday afternoon we unveiled phase I of our new playground with an "after-school recess." The turnout was amazing! It was moving to see so many kids and families on the playground enjoying what has been a lot of hard work from our playground committee and PTA over the past two years. Thank you for everything you've done to make this happen, the Glencoe community appreciates you!

Over the next three weeks we will continue to focus on the social emotional wellness of both grown-ups and students alike. We plan on including a few fun school-wide activities throughout the last week of school before winter break. As always, we appreciate the support of our

families so much! Please know that we all feel it here in the building. I wish you a wonderful weekend and Happy December!

In appreciation,
Katie

School Devices

Thank you to families whose devices and chargers have already been returned. We are still missing a few in each class, so please make sure to return them as soon as possible. Teachers and students rely on these devices during the school day for learning. Thank you for helping us collect them all!

Report Cards

Teachers have been working hard to get report cards to you. They will come home with your student(s) in their backpack on Friday, December 8, so be on the lookout for them. Please note that due to the loss of instructional time in November, report card grades will be based on data and observations from September and October. Comments would not be as accurate as possible, so they will be saved for conference time when there has been more time to assess student work. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions before then.

Attendance December 18 - 22

As you hopefully already know, the last week before Winter Break has shifted to Monday, December 18 - Friday, December 22. We understand that this change may affect your student's attendance that week. If your child(ren) will be out, please let the office know as soon as you are able to help us best plan for nutrition services and classroom coverage. Thank you!

Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day has been rescheduled to Tuesday, December 12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLENCOE GULLS GIVE



Glencoe Gulls Give Winter Break Assistance



Have Financial Support to Offer?

If you are able to help other Glencoe community members in need, please consider dropping off **Fred Meyer, Target, Amazon or Walmart** gift cards (\$25 or \$50 increments) to the Glencoe office by **Friday, December 15th**.

- Gift cards purchased online can also be emailed to sgardner@pps.net for printing and distribution.
- Have questions? Email Susannah Reese: reese.susannah@gmail.com.

Glencoe families are looking to help other Glencoe families that need extra support this winter break. If you are needing that extra support (in the form of gift cards), please reach out to us. Your name will be kept confidential.

You can request assistance by:

- Calling Glencoe and leaving a voicemail: 503-916-6207
- Emailing Sara Gardner: sgardner@pps.net
- Texting Sara Gardner: (971) 231-9369

Our goal is to help all families that request financial support, but if we are unable to meet the need, family names will be put into a lottery.

In order to be considered for the winter break assistance lottery, we need your request by **Thursday, December 14th**.

GLENCOE AFTER-SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PERFORMS

Annie, the Musical, will be performed by Glencoe students on **Monday, December 11th at 6pm** in the cafeteria. Spectators are welcomed and encouraged. Entrance is free. Performance duration is around 45 minutes.

OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books)

Next week starts our 2x weekly recess practices on Tuesdays and Wednesdays! We will meet in Room 103 during lunch recess. For those parents interested in volunteering, a separate email with a sign up sheet will be sent to those that checked yes on the registration form. We still have a number of teams that need additional members. If your student is interested, sign up [here](#). Any questions, please email volunteer parent coordinator, Isabel Johnson, at johnson.isabel@gmail.com.

ART INFUSION - Schedule Update!

Due to time constraints, the November session of Art Infusion will be skipped. We'll resume after the new year with three more lessons. There will be some shifting so the 3rd-5th grades will keep their clay and upcycle projects. Additionally, if your October lesson was missed your class point person will be in touch with an updated schedule.

Next Training Night: Tuesday January 9th, 6:30pm in the cafeteria.

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

Art Infusion volunteers are trained to teach each lesson before they head into the classroom. Free childcare, light snacks, and all lesson materials are provided during the evening training sessions. [No art experience is necessary!](#)

For more information check out our [webpage](#) or email: glencoe.art.infusion@gmail.com.

PTA NEWS

Welcome Back!

On behalf of the Glencoe PTA, welcome back to school! We hope the transition back is going smoothly for your family.

Movie Night

Your family is invited to a fun, free MOVIE NIGHT at Glencoe next Friday evening, December 8. Doors open at 5:30pm and the movie starts at 6pm. Come watch a family-friendly movie and eat free popcorn in the cafeteria! All you need to bring is a water bottle. Hope to see you there!

Glencoe Gulls Give-Online!

Want a quick and easy way to contribute gift cards for families during Glencoe Gulls Give? Purchase e-gift cards (\$25/\$50) and send them to Ms. Gardner at sgardner@pps.net. Have a minute? Why not do it right now? Thank you!

[Fred Meyer](#)

[Amazon](#)

[Target](#)

[WalMart](#)

After-School Classes

Winter sessions for after-school enrichment classes are coming up! The PTA website will be updated soon with winter offerings. Stay tuned! www.glencoeelementarypta.com/after-school

Thank You's

- Thank you to our teachers for jumping back into teaching enthusiastically and to the school staff who made sure the school was ready for our children's return!
- Thank you to everyone who came to the After-School Recess to celebrate our new playground structure and the chance to be together.
- Thank you to our many volunteers, new and old, for the energy you share with our community.
- Thank you to all of our Glencoe families for the endless gifts you bring to our community, like coaching, hosting wild playdates and feeding all those kids, making event posters, advocacy work, offering resources or expertise, picking up litter and so much more.

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

SIBLING STORY TIME IS BACK!

December 13th & January 10th - Adults and littles are welcome to come and check in at the office at 8:00am: We will begin storytime in the library around 8:10am until 8:30am with a quick check-out. Please remember to return your child's previously checked-out book if they can locate it.

Please join us for
Sibling Storytime!



On the library Story Steps

**Every other Wednesday
from 8:10-8:30**

Starting: Oct. 4, 18 • Nov. 1, 15, 29 • Dec. 13
Starting up again Jan 10th

LOST AND FOUND

The four lost & found racks are full! We would love to reunite items with owners. Labels help a lot with this. If your student's item is labeled, we return them to their classrooms periodically. Please encourage your student to look at the racks for missing items. You are welcome to come into the building and take a look as well. If you can't make it, please email and we will take a look. Items left over 4 months may be donated to the PPS PTA Clothing Center.

TAG



The Data-driven Fall Referral cycle starts TODAY, December 1.

District Referral email: Families of students who scored in the top 10% of their grade in the district on OSAS reading and math will receive an email (from the district) letting them know and **asking for approval to evaluate**. The email will explain how to "opt-in" for evaluation.

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

FAMILIES CAN NOW ENROLL IN 2024 HEALTH COVERAGE

Individuals and families have a time-limited opportunity to enroll in, renew, or change their health insurance plan for 2024. Oregon's health insurance open enrollment period is Nov. 1, 2023 through Jan. 15, 2024. Open enrollment is the only time when anyone who is not offered coverage from a job or a public program like the Oregon Health Plan or Medicare can enroll in health coverage through OregonHealthCare.gov, often with financial help. [Health Coverage Enrollment](#).

CALLING ALL 5TH GRADE FAMILIES!

Hi 5th Grade Families, Glencoe Counseling team here! It's already time to start thinking about what options you have for your current 5th grader for their upcoming Middle School transition! The 2024-25 Middle Lottery window is from November 15, 2023 - December 15, 2023. This is the time when you can apply for the lottery for focus middle school options in PPS. [Here is a slidedeck to learn more about each middle school that requires a lottery application](#) and each school's focus. You will be receiving an email or physical mail in the coming weeks from the Enrollment and Transfer Department to lay out any and all information regarding the upcoming middle school transition. [PPS Lottery and Transfer Info Page](#)

Where Families Can Find COVID-19 and Flu Vaccines for Students

Please see the attached letter about where families can find 2023-2024 COVID-19 and flu vaccines for their students. [More Information](#)

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](#).

PROGRAM FLYERS

Camps, Classes, After School: (New items highlighted)

OSU [Summer Reading Program](#)

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:

Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace [Open Enrollment begins Nov. 1](#)

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](#))