

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

December 15, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, 12/18/2023	ADDED SCHOOL DAY After-School - Imagine This PDX Art NO After-School - Drama Club	2:15pm - 3:15pm
Tuesday, 12/19/2023	ADDED SCHOOL DAY OBOB Practice NO After-School - Yoga	10:45am - 12:10pm
Wednesday, 12/20/2023	ADDED SCHOOL DAY OBOB Practice After-School - Circus	10:45am - 12:10pm 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Thursday, 12/21/2023	ADDED SCHOOL DAY After-School - Basketball 3-5 NO After-School - Spanish	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Friday, 12/22/2023	ADDED SCHOOL DAY SPIRIT DAY - "Pajama Day" NO After-School - Lego Robotics NO After-School - Baton	
Monday, 12/25/23 - Monday, 01/01/23	NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

What a fun week at Glencoe! The Portland Drama Club's student production of Annie was so well attended we were at standing room only by curtain time! It was energizing to have so many people back in the building for the first time after the strike, and it was for such a fun event. The students gave heartfelt performances - I laughed and cried - and I was so proud of them! They are much braver than I. We look forward to finding more ways to come back together in community throughout the rest of the year.

Thank you to those families that have already shared planned absences for next week with the office. As we get updated information it helps us plan from both a teaching standpoint and for meal planning purposes. Please let [Chris \(canderson1@pps.net\)](mailto:canderson1@pps.net) in the office know if your student(s) will be absent for any portion of next week. Thank you in advance!

Ending the week on a high note, I am amazed and humbled by the generous donations our community raised to help support our Glencoe families through the Glencoe Gives program. We raised \$6,000 (WOW!) to distribute, which allowed us to help over 30 kids to have a little bit brighter winter! Words cannot express my gratitude. I am so happy to be part of such an inclusive and kind community!

I hope you all have a nice weekend, and you enjoy the break from the rainy weather!

With deepest appreciation,
Katie

Conferences

Conferences have been scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, January 10 and 11 from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM, and Tuesday and Wednesday, January 16 and 17 from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Both in-person and virtual options will be offered. Your students' teacher should reach out by the end of day today with a link to sign-ups. We look forward to seeing you in person and discussing your child's growth.

Graffiti in Bathrooms

There has been an increase in incidences of writing and drawings found on walls and other places in our bathrooms around the building. Teachers will be talking with students in class about this issue, and we would appreciate it if you could reiterate at home that this is unacceptable. Not only does it create unnecessary work for our custodians, but there have also been hurtful things written about specific students. We appreciate your support at home in helping us stop this behavior at school.

PTA NEWS

After-School Enrichment Sign-Ups Open Now!

New this winter, Coding with Kids will be offering a 'Scratch: Video Game Development' class on Wednesday afternoons. Portland Drama Club is also adding a 'Theatre Fun' class for K-2nd, in addition to a production of Winnie the Pooh for 2nd-5th grades. Check out the exciting variety of after-school enrichment offerings this winter at <https://www.glencoeelementarypta.com/after-school>.

Glencoe Bike Bus

Get rolling on our final Bike Bus of 2023 on Wednesday, December 20th! Email glencoebikebus@gmail.com or check out @glencoebikebus on Instagram for route, timetable, and other information.

Glencoe PTA Seeks A New Treasurer

Have you been looking for a way to get involved at our school on your own schedule, supporting our school community behind the scenes? The PTA is looking for a new treasurer for the upcoming school year. Financial experience is a plus, but not required. Interested? Please email glencoeelementarypta@gmail.com. Parents with children in the younger grades are particularly encouraged to reach out!

General PTA Meeting Jan 4—Save the Date!

Our next General PTA Meeting will happen on Thursday, January 4, with pizza at 6pm and the meeting agenda starting at 6:30pm. Childcare will be provided. We hope to see you there!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. We are looking for one or two parents to help with lost and found. Help is needed to keep the racks organized and to reunite tagged items with owners. If interested, please email Isabel Johnson johnson.isabel@gmail.com.

VARSITY TUTORS Offers Free Personalized Support

Portland Public Schools has partnered with Varsity Tutors to provide unlimited, 24 hour live support from highly qualified tutors, self-study resources, and engaging extracurricular classes. Please see flyer for details. [More Information](#)

FAMILY MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Hello Glencoe Families! Below are two resources to support families in navigating and supporting their kid's mental health and behavior.

- **NAMI Basics:** A free, peer-led educational course for parents and caregivers of youth up to age 21 experiencing mental health barriers and/or behavioral challenges. This class meets weekly for six weeks. **Dates:** January 9th-February 13th, 2024 **Schedule:** Tuesdays, 5:00-7:30 PM **Format:** Online via Zoom. See flyer [here](#). Register online [here](#).
- **Parent Support Group:** For parents and caregivers of children/adolescents experiencing symptoms of a mental health condition and/or behavioral challenges. **Schedule:** First & third Wednesdays of every month **Time:** 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM **Format:** Online via Zoom. Join our notification list [here](#) to receive group reminders and meeting links.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

PBOT Safe Routes to Schools October Newsletter: [Safe Routes to School - December](#)

HEALTHY CHOICES BULLETIN

[November/December Health Choices Bulletin](#)

HOSTING EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Would you like to host an Exchange Student? Please see the STS Foundation newsletter or more information: [STS Foundation Newsletter](#)

LET'S STAY HEALTHY

See this helpful info from: [Student Health Services](#)

SIBLING STORY TIME

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

TAG



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](#).

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:

Multnomah County [Parkrose Student Health Center Winter Break Hours](#)

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](#))