

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

December 22, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, 12/25/23 - Monday, 01/01/24	NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK	
Monday, 01/01/2024	NO SCHOOL - New Year's Day	
Tuesday, 01/02/2024	OBOB Practice After-School - Yoga	10:45am - 12:10pm 2:30pm - 3:15pm
Wednesday, 01/03/2024	OBOB Practice NO After-School - Circus NO After-School Coding	10:45am - 12:10pm
Thursday, 01/04/2024	NO After-School - Basketball 3-5 NO After-School - Spanish PTA Meeting (Pizza at 6pm)	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Friday, 01/05/2024	After-School - Lego Robotics After-School - Baton	2:15pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:00pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

We had a delightful bonus week here at Glencoe Elementary! Despite the unexpected additional days, students showed their perseverance with good attitudes and winter cheer. We practiced mindfulness with peaceful winter scenes - watching a video of falling snow is absolutely meditative. We wrapped up modules in ELA, and had mini celebrations of learning in math. Of course, the topper of it all - pajama day - was a rousing success!

Thank you, all, for supporting me in my first few months at Glencoe. This fall certainly had unexpected events, challenges, and also so many moments of joy and connection. I look forward to what the winter and 2024 will bring! I wish you a restful and rejuvenating (and well-deserved) winter break. I will see you all at drop-off when school resumes on Tuesday, January 2!

In peace and health,
Katie

BSU Kickoff

BSU is back! Beginning January 5th during all lunches, students of all grades are invited to participate in a space where Black culture is celebrated and community is cultivated. For Black children, especially in predominantly white schools, being in community with people who look like them can increase confidence and help them thrive. All parts of our identity are important, and this is a space where we can shine the light and celebrate Blackness.

Facilitated by Rachael Lucille (mom of 1st grader, Mia Van Klompenberg) we hope to see you January 5th!

PTA NEWS

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!

After-School Enrichment Sign-Ups Open Now

New this winter, Coding with Kids will be offering a [Scratch: Game Development](#) class on Wednesday afternoons. There are still a few spots available! 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 for this winter at <https://www.glencoeelementarypta.com/after-school>.

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 2024/2025 school year. Interested? Please email glencoeelementarypta@gmail.com. Thanks!

Thank You, Glencoe Community

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the Glencoe Gulls Give gift card drive. As Principal Gunderson mentioned last week, the generous response from our community was overwhelming, gathering more than \$6000 to support at least 30 students and their families right here in our Glencoe community. We know the past few months haven't been easy for anyone, and this support really means a lot.

Wishing you all a safe and fun Winter Break. See you in January!

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.

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

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

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

HEALTHY CHOICES BULLETIN

[November/December Health Choices Bulletin](#)

INDIAN EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

[December Talking Circle Newsletter](#)

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](#)

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)

Rec Tennis Maplewood [Tennis Afterschool Zone \(Jan. 16 - Mar. 5\)](#)

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

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](#))