

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

February 23, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday, 02/25/2024	OBOB Final Battle	12:00pm - 2:00pm
Monday, 02/26/2024	After-School - Imagine This PDX Art After-School - Theater Fun K-2 After-School - Drama Club - STARTS TODAY	2:15pm - 3:15pm 2:15pm - 3:30pm 2:15pm - 4:45pm
Tuesday, 02/27/2024	After-School - Yoga	2:30pm - 3:15pm
Wednesday, 02/28/2024	After-School - Circus After-School Coding	2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:20pm - 3:20pm
Thursday, 02/29/2024	After-School - Basketball 3-5 After-School - Spanish	2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:20pm - 3:20pm
Friday, 03/01/2024	Kindergarten Registration Opens After-School - Baton After-School - Lego Robotics	2:30pm - 3:00pm 2:15pm - 4:00pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Families,

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, it is the time of year where principals have been provided staffing allocations for next year. Staffing allocation is the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions we are given by the district to build our program based on expected enrollment for the fall. As shared in the letter to PPS families from the Superintendent, enrollment is dropping, and our overall budget for next year has been cut district-wide. Unfortunately, we will feel the effects of those cuts here at Glencoe.

Staffing is based on enrollment: we are projected for 364 students in the fall, down 21 students from this year's projected enrollment of 385. We currently have 371 students. To create projections for each school, PPS works with the PSU Population Research Center, making adjustments for how students have progressed grade by grade in the recent past. Kindergarten forecasts are informed by birth data collected by health agencies.

Glencoe Specifics (to the degree possible at this point):

- Based on our projected enrollment, we have unfortunately been cut two classroom sections. Specifically, we've been staffed for just two classrooms at both 1st and 4th grades.

Here are what class sections and class size projections are for 2024-2025:

- K** - 2 sections (24.5 average class size)
- 1st** - 2 sections (24.0 average class size)
- 2nd** - 3 sections (23.7 average class size)
- 3rd** - 3 sections (23.3 average class size)

4th - 2 sections (30.5 average class size)

5th - 2 sections (32.5 average class size)

- We have lost allocation of funding for our Academic Specialist
- We have lost allocation of funding for our Library Assistant
- FTE has been reduced and reallocated for Core Enrichment Specialists (PE, Music, Art, Library) and ELD

There are some ways everyone in our community can support our situation! Listen and look out for families who live within our boundary but don't (yet) attend Glencoe and encourage them to enroll, or to give me a call to talk through any questions and hear about all the reasons we're a great school!

If you are in a position to do so, you can also donate to or share information about how to donate to the Glencoe Foundation. This is a fundraising organization run through the Funds for PPS that helps provide FTE support mainly at Glencoe, and also at neighboring schools in need. The link is : <https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/TheFundforPortlandPublicSchools/donate>. When donating, you will need to select "Glencoe Elementary School" from the purpose drop down. Any amount helps, and we are so grateful to our community for their support!

I've been working to utilize our allocations in the most strategic and beneficial ways possible on behalf of our students. Despite the loss of funding for some FTE in our building, I assure you that our first priority is to maintain to the best of our ability the quality programming our students deserve. The entire Glencoe staff remain committed to and engaged in doing our very best to create meaningful learning and a safe climate and culture for your kids, our wonderful Glencoe students!

With appreciation,
Katie

Message From Mr. Webster

Dear Glencoe Community,

All books have an ending, and this chapter of my life as an educator is coming to a close at this school year's end. I have delighted in writing the pages of being a Glencoe 4th grade teacher for quite some time now, bringing a slice of my educational experiences in both Africa and Central America into the classroom. I've been blessed with page after page of excellent colleagues, whose wealth of wit, knowledge and love of children helped me in innumerable ways, especially when the tale grew lonely, or grim at times. Also, my chapter here at school is filled with wonderful families who have shared laughter, tears, and incredible child-growth as the pages ran into seasons, which ran into years, which ran into decades. But all great stories come to an end, and in June, I'll be bidding a fond (and quite possibly teary-eyed) adieu to this amazing experience just before THE END is stamped into the last page. And for it all, I thank you.

Sincerely,
Mr. Webster

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration opens Friday, March 1! If you or someone you know needs to register, here is [the link](#).

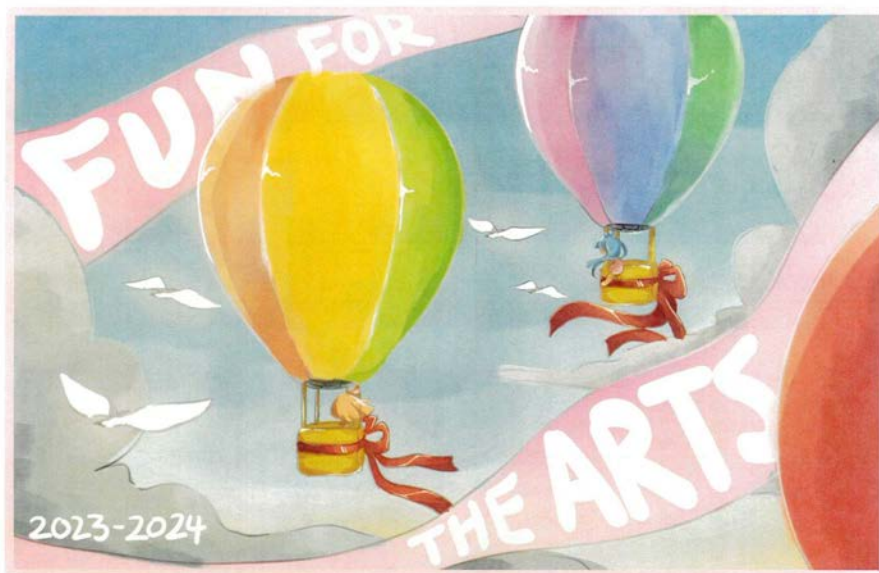
For 5th Grade Parents - MTMS Open House

Mt. Tabor Middle School will hold an open house for current 5th grade families on Thursday, March 7 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Come and see the building, meet some staff members, and get answers to your questions!

Fifth graders received an electives form during their visit to Mt. Tabor on Tuesday, and they were due back to teachers today. If you have not yet had a chance to look it over with your student, please do so this weekend, and return it to class with their elective preferences on Monday. Thank you!

Dance-A-Thon

Friday, March 15 marks our annual Fun for the Arts Dance-A-Thon! The event takes place during the school day, during music class. All students will participate, and they love the whole-grade dance party! If you would like to contribute to Arts for Learning and Fun for the Arts, you will find a QR code with a link to more information on the promotional flier on the message boards at pick-up and drop-off. Volunteer opportunities will be communicated through PTA, so be on the lookout if you're able and would like to help out!



artwork: Zixin Fang, 8th Grade, Lane Middle School



SUPPORT OUR
DANCE-A-THON!
March 15, 2024



PTA NEWS

Family Dance TONIGHT!

Join fellow Glencoe families for the return of a Glencoe tradition, the Family Dance!

Admission is FREE. From 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, DJ Golden Gull will be playing tunes the whole family will love! It will be a chance to dance (or not!) and connect with friends. We'll also have a few simple games like Connect Four available! **If your family is able, please consider bringing a snack to share.** We hope to see you there!



GLENCOE'S
FAMILY DANCE

Friday, February 23
6:30-8:30pm
Glencoe Cafeteria

Clothing Center Volunteers Needed for Monday

We need **three more volunteers** for Glencoe's shift at the PPS/PTA Clothing Center **this coming Monday**, Feb. 26 from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Last school year the Clothing Center was able to assist 1,060 PPS Students. Without clothing center volunteers, PPS students are not able to go to the center. Sign up to volunteer on [Konstella!](#)

School Funding in Oregon

School funding in Oregon can feel very complicated. Last night, Portland Council PTA met at Glencoe, and we heard from representatives of the Portland Association of Teachers (teacher Tiffany Koyama Lane), Portland Public Schools (Government Liaison Lisa Merrick) and the PPS School Board (Julia Brim-Edwards), as well as Oregon PTA.

Their message was consistent--we need to stand up for fully funded schools at the state level, and it's going to be a long haul, aimed at the January 2025 long session of the Oregon Legislature, when the next 2-year (2025-2027) state budget will be approved. They also emphasized that parent advocacy is crucial because we can tell our stories and hold leaders accountable.

Here is the [slide deck](#) from last night's meeting.

If you'd like to learn more about how schools are funded in Oregon:

- A great [OPB article](#) that breaks down Oregon's approach to education funding.
- A [flow chart of Oregon education funding](#).

For the **legislative priorities for Oregon PTA** and ways that you can **join the advocacy work**, scan the QR code below or follow [this link](#).



Movie Night and PTA Meeting, March 8

On Friday, March 8, the PTA will host a brief PTA general meeting at 6pm, followed by a family movie night! Stay tuned for details; we hope you can join us!

Glencoe Buy Nothing Live, March 19

Join us on March 19 for [Glencoe Buy Nothing Live](#), an evening of giving and receiving clothes, books, toys, and small household items! Items can be for any age. Please bring items that are clean and in good condition. No need to bring anything to participate. Non-perishable foods can also be brought for the Oregon Food Project. If you are interested in helping at the event, [sign up here to volunteer!](#)

Cal Ripken Baseball

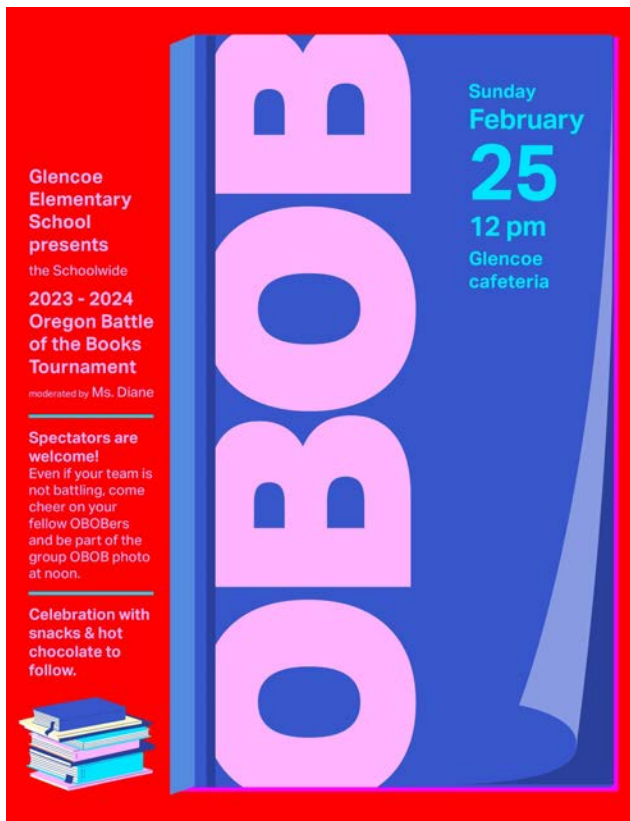
Glencoe Elementary is fortunate to have our own baseball/kickball fields for school and community use, and many Glencoe families are part of a team that maintains them and helps keep them clean. [Registration](#) is open for Cal Ripken baseball teams for 8 & under and 10 & under age groups, and if there is sufficient interest, there could be a younger t-ball team too. The league is co-ed and students from other Portland schools are welcome as well. All practices and home games are played on Glencoe Elementary fields! Questions? Email Glencoe parent Thomas Riley: thomas.c.riley@gmail.com.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OBOB Tournament

OBOB: Sunday is the day! The [Glencoe school wide battle](#) will take place in the Glencoe cafeteria from noon to 2:30pm. Spectators welcome and encouraged! Snacks and hot drinks for all after.



RAISING READERS: A FAMILY WORKSHOP COMING MARCH 2ND!

The Office of Teaching and Learning, in partnership with the Office of Student Learning and Family Engagement, is excited to host Raising Readers: A Family Workshop on **Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 9:00am-12:30pm!** This dynamic event is geared toward PPS families with pre-K through fifth grade students and will feature Indigenous author, poet, storyteller and performer Ed Edmo and will take place at Roosevelt High School. This workshop brings together parents, guardians, and children in a collaborative learning environment focused on enhancing literacy skills and nurturing a lifelong passion for books. Please see the attached flier for more info and RSVP to reserve your space!

[Raising Readers: A Family Workshop: English](#)
[English Registration](#)

[Raising Readers: A Family Workshop: Spanish](#)
[Spanish Registration](#)

FRANKLIN CLUSTER BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Is your child interested in registering for a youth baseball or softball team this Spring? **Now is the time to get your child registered for Spring ball!**

The attached handout was created by Friends of Baseball/Girls Lead Softball to help families:

- 1. Identify which league(s) their child is eligible to register for.** Leagues usually require that players either live or attend school within their league boundaries.
- 2. Locate youth league websites.** This is where parents will find links to register their child(ren).
- 3. Understand how to access financial assistance.** Most leagues will provide fee assistance/scholarships for families for whom cost would be a barrier.

We hope to see you soon to **PLAY BALL!**

[Franklin Cluster-2024.pdf.pdf](#)

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 Programs](#)

- **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.

[PPS ART EVENT CALENDAR LINK](#)

[PIL SPORTING EVENT CALENDAR LINK](#)

[BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS CALENDAR LINK](#)

[CENTER FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE](#)

[February Newsletter](#)

[SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS](#)

[February Safe Routes to Schools Newsletter](#)

[INDIAN EDUCATION NEWSLETTER](#)

[February Talking Circle Newsletter](#)

[LET'S STAY HEALTHY](#)

See this helpful info from: [Managing Illness](#)

[TAG](#)



TAG Information can be found [HERE](#). Here are some fun activities to try: [February Choice Board](#)

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](#)

PROGRAM FLYERS

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

[Portland Metro Fire Camp for Women](#) (Portland Jun 21-23, Sherwood Jul 12-14)

City of Portland / Rose City Self-Defense Workshop Series:

[Foster / Powell](#) neighborhood, April 10 & 17

[Lower Albina](#) neighborhood, Saturdays, March 16, 23, & 30

VIBE of Portland [Spring Break Camp \(Mar 25-29\)](#)

VIBE of Portland [East Winds Band Camp \(July 22-26\)](#) ([Spanish](#)) ([Russian](#))

VIBE of Portland [Music & Digital Art Classes for Kids](#)

Cognizart [360 Arts Camp](#) (July 8-12, 15-19, & 22-26)

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

OSU [Summer Reading Program](#)

AFS-USA Student Exchange Programs ([Flier 1](#)) ([Flier 2](#))

U of P Summer Learning Program [Summer Learning Program 2024.pdf](#)

Preschool Programs:

Portland Parks [Preschool 2024-25](#)

“Portland Parks & Recreation is holding a registration lottery for our Educational Preschool program for the 2024-25 school year. Interested families can apply now through February 21 to be included in the lottery.”

Multnomah Early Childhood Program [Free Preschool Classes](#) ([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#))

Community Events & Information:

Oregon State University Summer [Dog-training Research Program for Children with Developmental Differences](#)

City of Portland [311 Non-Emergency Hotline](#) ([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#)) ([Somali](#))

Vaccinations, Health & Wellness:

Multnomah County Free Community Vaccination Clinic (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays)
([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#)) ([Chinese](#)) ([Russian](#)) ([Somali](#))

Multnomah County Student Health Centers

[Cleveland HS](#)

[Franklin HS](#)

[Jefferson HS](#)

[McDaniel HS](#)

[Roosevelt HS](#)