

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

August 23, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Time</u> |
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| Saturday, 08/24/2024 | On My Way To K Event - for Kindergarten families only | 11:00am - 12:00pm |
| Monday, 08/26/2024 | | |
| Tuesday, 08/27/2024 | First day for Grades 1-5 Kinder Appointments | 8:00am - 2:30pm |
| Wednesday, 08/28/2024 | Kinder Appointments | |
| Thursday, 08/29/2024 | Kinder Soft Start - ½ Class | 8:00am - 2:30pm |
| Friday, 08/30/2024 | Kinder Soft Start - ½ Class | 8:00am - 2:30pm |
| Monday, 09/02/2024 | LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL | |
| Tuesday, 09/03/2024 | First day for all Kindergarteners Kinder Parent Coffee - Cafeteria | 8:00am - 2:30pm 8:15am |

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glenoce Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year and Glencoe's 100-year Anniversary! We are so excited to welcome students and families back in only a few short days! Teachers are working hard to have classrooms ready for students, and the building is clean and sparkling in anticipation of their arrival. On the first day of school for 1st - 5th graders, teachers will meet students as a class at 8:00 AM in their ["First Day of School Only Arrival Spot."](#) Please be sure to read the information below as it will help orient you for the first day of school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to the office. We will be here all day Monday for any last-minute information or guidance.

Have a great weekend!

Katie

Dismissal Form

Please fill out a [Dismissal Form](#) for your child **before the first day of school.**

Schedule Changes in 2024-2025

The school day this year will go from **8:00 AM - 2:30 PM**. In addition, we will also have a monthly early release Wednesday. On these days, students will be dismissed at 11:50 AM, with lunch provided at school. Please see the [PPS District Calendar](#) for these and other important dates.

New Parent Communication System

PPS has adopted the parent communication platform "[Remind](#)." Remind will automatically send notifications to the email address or cell phone number you have on file with Glencoe. If you would like to change how you receive information from us, please get the Remind app to manage preferences in your settings.

Free Breakfast/Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are now provided free of charge in all PPS schools! The cafeteria is no longer able to take cash or checks for milk, but children can take a fruit and vegetable from the lunch line if they brought a lunch from home and would like a regular or chocolate milk.

Breakfast begins at 7:45 AM.

Kindergarten/2nd/4th grade lunch is from 11:27 AM - 11:50 AM.

1st/3rd/5th grade lunch is from 11:52 AM - 12:15 PM.

Important Links

[Glencoe Family Reference Guide](#)

[Glencoe Family Handbook](#).

[Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Once again, there are plans to repaint the Morrison Street Rose on Monday, Sept 2nd (Labor Day—it will be a labor of neighborly love!). We'll follow the painting with a celebratory brunch potluck block party. Contact Cathie (cepake9@gmail.com) or Kathy (kzavitz@msn.com) for more information. [Paint The Rose flier](#)

SAFETY PATROL

Please be on the lookout for 5th grade safety patrollers as you drop off and pick up your students. They will be helping students cross at 50th and Belmont and at 49th and Alder.

These students have been trained to help students cross the street safely. If your student walks to or from school and crosses Belmont, please encourage them to cross at 50th. If your student crosses 49th, please show them where Alder is (right where the back opening is to the school yard) so we can make sure they arrive safely. If you drive your student to or from school, please be extra mindful of these two crosswalks.

5th grade families-- if your student is interested and has not yet had the opportunity to sign up for Safety Patrol, an application will be going home soon.

ART INFUSION

Art Infusion is back! We are firing up the kiln, sharpening the pencils, and preparing the paints... the only thing that's missing is you!

Art Infusion is Glencoe's classroom art program taught and run by volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to help and visit your child's classroom! Volunteers are trained to teach each lesson before they head into the classroom. Free childcare and all lesson materials are provided during the evening training sessions. **No art experience is necessary!**

Please volunteer to support visual arts in our school! For more information email: glencoe.art.infusion@gmail.com.

Training Night: Tuesday September 10, 6:00pm - 8:30pm in the cafeteria.

PTA NEWS

On behalf of your Glencoe PTA, welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! Studies show that family involvement is essential to the successful education of our children. Here are a few ways that you can get involved!

- Join the PTA: A first step is [joining the PTA](#) - it's a great place to share ideas, enthusiasm and expertise. You will also find a paper form in the Welcome Packet that goes home with students on the first day of school.
- Attend PTA meetings: Meetings will be every other month. ***Our first meeting will be a potluck on September 12 at 6:00pm.*** Stay tuned for details.
- Join Konstella: You will receive an invitation to join [Konstella](#), our private communication tool for Glencoe families. We encourage every family to join, as it is a valuable communication tool for the PTA, and ALSO a great way to connect with other families in your class! (Playdates, anyone?!)
- Follow us on social media: Follow the PTA on [Facebook](#).
- Bookmark our website: Explore the PTA's website, glencoeelementarypta.com, for information on volunteering, after-school offerings, and more.