

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

March 14, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday, 03/14/2025	Popcorn Friday After-School - Lego Explorers After-School - Portland Kelly Cadets Baton	2:30pm - 2:45pm 2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:10pm
Monday, 03/17/2025		
Tuesday, 03/18/2025	After-School - Yoga Playgrounds After-School - Portland First Film School	2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Wednesday, 03/19/2025	Sibling Storytime EARLY RELEASE After-School - Circus Arts Untalent Show Rehearsal	8:10am - 8:45am 11:50am 12:00pm - 2:00pm 11:50am - 3:30pm
Thursday, 03/20/2025	After-School - Adventures in Spanish After-School - Skyhawks Basketball Untalent Show	2:30-3:30pm/3:45-4:30pm 2:30pm - 3:45pm 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Friday, 03/21/2025	SPIRIT DAY - "A Few of My Favorite Things" After-School - Lego Explorers After-School - Portland Kelly Cadets Baton	2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:10pm
03/24/2025-03/28/2025	SPRING BREAK - No School	
03/31/2025-04/11/2025	Spring After-School Sessions Start	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Community,

We are in the home stretch with only one week between us and Spring Break. It is hard to believe that before we know it, it will be April and we will be headed into our final Quarter of the 2024-2025 school year.

This time of year means we are beginning to look ahead and plan for next year. This week "staffing" for Glencoe was due - meaning that we got our allotted FTE based on the District budget, and how it would be used. The blurb below outlines the changes that will take place at Glencoe based on the staffing we were given. All affected employees have given me permission to share this information with the community. Any loss is felt deeply from a personal standpoint,

and raises questions about lack of resources. I want to reassure you that your students' academic, intellectual, and social emotional safety, growth, and development will remain at the forefront of our priorities and the center of our decision-making. As gulls, we will face these changes with caring, collaboration, and perseverance.

I hope you all have a restful weekend, and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

In appreciation,
Katie

Staffing Update

Despite the number of FTE lost for next year, any loss is a hit to our community and we will miss what our colleagues bring to our school and our students' daily lives.

Here are the changes to next year's staffing and which staff members are affected by the cuts:

- We will go from three sections of 2nd grade to two. Sadly, we will lose Mrs. Murphy, who has become a beloved teacher amongst students, families, and staff over the two years she has been at Glencoe. Thank you for the growth you have fostered in your students not only academically, but in every aspect!

This means that in the 2025-2026 school year, Glencoe will have two Kinder classes, two first grades, two second grades, three third grade sections, and two each in fourth and fifth for a total of 13 homeroom classes.

- We did not receive any equity FTE this year due to our school demographics, which means that I am unable to fund Ms. Madi as our part-time counselor. This is a huge loss not only to every student, but especially those involved in GSA. Ms. Madi has created a culture of inclusivity, belonging and allyship amongst 4th and 5th graders and beyond. Thank you, Ms. Madi, for the passion and love you bring into your work!

Our counseling staff is funded by the district at 1.0 FTE total for the number of students we have.

- Our Academic Interventionist position has been cut from full-time to half-time. Luckily, we will get to have Ms. Chris continue to work with students in need of academic support. Due to the reduction in time, she will prioritize working with students in need of reading intervention. We are thankful that we get to keep Ms. Chris at Glencoe in any capacity!
- After 20 years at Glencoe, Mrs. S will be moving to a different building as 1:1 student paraeducator support. Though she was assigned to work with one student at Glencoe, all students can share stories and wonderful memories they have of their interactions and relationship with her. Many of our staff members can't remember a Glencoe without her, and we will all miss her friendly demeanor and the way she connects with students and colleagues alike.

Despite the changes in our staffing and the adults we have in the building, please know that our commitment remains to educating your children and ensuring their safety and growth. We will do our best with the resources we have to continue programming at the same level and to offer the

best to our students on a daily basis, making Glencoe a place they feel they belong and where they want to be.

Lockdown Drill

We will have our last Lockdown Drill of the year on **Thursday, March 20 around 8:30 AM**. Lockdown Drills can be difficult or upsetting for students if they don't know what to expect. In the fall our counselors presented our safety drill curriculum to students in Kindergarten - 2nd grades. Teachers are aware of the date and let students know to give them a heads up that it is not a real emergency, just practice. If you would like to talk more about what the drill entails with your student(s) at home, [here](#) is an article to help guide that conversation.

Single-Subject Acceleration in Math (SSA-M)

The application window is open for families who wish to apply for Single Subject Acceleration for Math through the District TAG office. It is only open this month, and the assessment needed for acceptance will be given next month. This is a District TAG office process and approval decision, and we here at Glencoe are unable to help once the deadline passes. Please be sure to check out the requirements on the [TAG website](#) before applying.

Added School Days

Due to the inclement weather days we had on February 13 and 14, **the last day of school has been adjusted to two days later to Thursday, June 12.**



PTA NEWS

Volunteer Opportunities @ Glencoe

Volunteers are vital to strengthening our school community. How can you help?

- **Safety Patrol:** Our 5th grade safety patrollers need our help in the coming months. *Thank you so much to everyone who has already signed up to help with Safety Patrol.* A generous group of folks have covered the majority of the shifts for the year so far. We need some fresh energy to help us finish the year strong. Please consider filling a shift for one or more months now if you are able. [Sign up here.](#)

Popcorn Friday – TODAY!

Join us for Popcorn after school! We also want to give a HUGE shoutout to everyone coming together for the library last month! We raised over \$500 for library improvements– yay!! Thank you everyone! If you would like to give a donation toward the PTA for all of our great Spring events, you can do so [HERE](#). We couldn't do any of it without our wonderful community!

(Un)Talent Show – Thursday March 20 at 6pm!

Not sure if you've heard or not, but Glencoe has some TALENTED kiddos! Let's cheer 'em on next Thursday at 6pm.



Parents Night Out- TONIGHT!

The 8th Grade Japanese immersion class at Mt Tabor Middle School class is organizing a Parent’s Night Out, and they’d like to invite Glencoe Elementary Families. This is a fundraiser to support the 8th grade Japanese immersion class trip to Japan, but in essence, is a low cost babysitting opportunity for Glencoe caregivers to have a night out while adults and 8th graders entertain and care for their children. Register your kiddos [HERE](#).



After School Enrichment Activities for Spring

Visit the PTA website for all registration links and more information!

Mondays:

- Imagine This PDX Art!
- Portland Drama Club – Seussical!
- New Program alert! Chess School at Glencoe!

Tuesdays:

- Yoga Playgrounds
- Portland Drama Club – Seussical!

Portland First Film School

Wednesdays:

Circus Cascadia

Coding for Kids

New Program alert! Dungeons & Dragons Club

Thursdays:

Adventures in Spanish

Skyhawks Basketball

Fridays:

LEGO Robotics

Baton

***NEW* Chess School at Glencoe!**

Checkmate! Your kids can figure out what the heck that means on Mondays at Glencoe! There are two age groups to suit every kiddos' needs. Contact Coach Justin to learn more!



Join our high-energy Elementary Chess Team for the new term as we laugh, learn, and play our way to becoming devastatingly good at chess in party-style, super-fun, hilarious classes taught right here at school! Beginners are welcome!

www.TheKnightSchool.com

Text Coach Justin J at (205) 572-5128
jjones@theknightschool.com



***NEW* Dungeons & Dragons Club at Glencoe!**

We have a new D&D club meeting every Wednesday from 2:30-4:00pm that will teach kids the fascinating story game, how to collaborate through narrative and leadership, etc. Please contact Dallas Brown (info below) with questions and registration. Class begins April 2nd!

Collaborative Storytelling & Adventure!

Bring your imagination.

Dungeons & Dragons Glencoe Club

Wednesdays from 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Free

Quests begin in the library and end at the playground with snacks.
Contact Dallas Brown with questions and to sign up. Text preferred.

Phone: 503-956-2564

Email: dallasuptownbrown@gmail.com



Buy Nothing Live HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our big community sharing event! People walked away with great new-to-them items, a little less sitting around in their homes, and we had plenty left to donate to the PPS Clothing Center, Mother & Child Education Center, and Goodwill. Yay for less consumerism and more gift economy!

Runner 2 Runner Track Clinic at Cleveland High

Howard Lao, Track & Field Coach at Cleveland High School is holding a Track & Field clinic. "This is a good way for our high schools to be a role model for the youth, while giving the opportunity for elementary school athletes a chance to run. All skill levels welcomed. We will RUN - JUMP - THROW thru all the track events." [Check out their site](#) for more details.

Runner2Runner

Run Jump Throw with Runner2Runner!

Give Your Child the Opportunity to Run, Jump, and Throw!

Our Run Jump Throw Program is perfect for young athletes looking to develop new skills and have fun! With age-appropriate running, jumping, and throwing activities, your child will be challenged in an encouraging environment while building confidence and new friendships.

Sign up today for a safe, fun, and rewarding experience that will spark your child's lifelong love of fitness and track and field!

Dates: April 1st - May 9th
Days: Tuesday & Friday
Time: 5:30-6:30 PACIFIC
Location: Cleveland High School
3459 SE 31st Ave, Portland, OR 97202



Runner2Runner.org Contact: Howard@Runner2Runner.org

Pedalheads discount for summer camps!

Pedalheads has generously offered Glencoe parents and the PTA an exciting win-win-win with a \$25 discount when you sign up for classes, and \$25 going to the PTA! Use the code **Glencoe25** when you sign up for summer camps and Spring classes. Registration opens February 25th!

VALID FOR ANY PEDALHEADS BIKE PROGRAM IN OREGON UNTIL JUNE 22, 2025.
REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 21 & FEBRUARY 25, 2025.

**\$25 FOR THEM,
\$25 FOR YOU**

FUNDRAISER
PEDALHEADS WILL DONATE \$25 TO YOUR SCHOOL/CHURCH WITH EVERY CODE USED.

**Spring & Summer
Bike Lessons**

FOR FAMILIES OF GLENCOE ELEMENTARY

PEDALHEADS Use code **GLENCOE25** for \$25 off

pedalheads.com/oregon



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE MOVIE AT KENNEDY SCHOOL

Kennedy School is hosting PPS on **Thursday, March 20th**. Doors open at 6pm, movie at 7pm. Join us and tell your families! **The Ride Ahead** is about 21 year old Samuel Habib who is itching to move out, start a career, and find love. But no one tells you how to be an adult, let alone an adult with disability. Can a community of disability activists help him follow his dreams? [Movie Flier](#)

2025 SUNDAY PARKWAYS

Portland Sunday Parkways, Presented by Kaiser Permanente, expands in 2025 with four car-free street events, including a return to Downtown Portland! [Sunday Parkways](#)



*Join your neighbors and celebrate
2025 Sunday Parkways events!*



LOST AND FOUND - SMALL ITEMS

I have an overflowing collection of small lost and found items such as jewelry, small toys, keys, glasses, watches, etc. at my desk in the office. If your child is missing something, please check in with me (Chris Anderson.) I may just have it in my collection!

LATINE STUDENT UNION & MULTIRACIAL STUDENT UNION (4TH & 5TH GRDS)

This week 4th and 4th graders learned about two new racial affinity groups starting at Glencoe: The Multiracial Student Union (MRSU) and the Latine Student Union (LSU). These student groups are open to any 4th or 5th grader that identifies as Biracial/Multiracial and/or Hispanic/Latino. The MRSU will take place on Fridays during lunch. The LSU will occur on Tuesdays during lunch (beginning March 4). Student racial affinity groups can offer a safe space for students to explore and celebrate their racial identities and also increase their sense of belonging. As one 4th grader shared, “Affinity groups can let students know they are not alone.”

Facilitated by Holly Wilson (Latina and Biracial), Instructional Coach at Glencoe. Questions? Please email Holly at hwilson@pps.net.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Exchange students around the world have already been accepted for the 2025-2026 school year, and are anxiously waiting to see their American dream come true. Whether your family loves sports or arts, is always on the move or enjoys quiet time at home, we know there is an exchange student that will fit right into your life, home, and heart. If you are intrigued by the prospect of hosting an exchange student and wish to learn more about this enriching experience, click the link for more info: [Student Exchange Program Info](#).

MUSIC



4th Grade Families: Students may use this [link](#) to access online resources for Link Up: The Orchestra Rocks.

TAG



The Single Subject Acceleration application process opened March 1st. Please visit the district website for more information about the process.

LGBTQ+ SUPPORT

Are you a parent or caregiver wanting to learn more about supporting a young person in your life who is or could be LGBTQ+ identified? If so, this **updated guide** is for you: [LGBTQ+ Caregiver Guide \(English\)](#) [LGBTQ+ Caregiver Guide \(Spanish\)](#)

IMPORTANT HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS FOR WINTER AT PPS

At Portland Public Schools (PPS), the well-being of our students and staff are always our top priority. During the winter months, we often see an increase in illness, and we want to remind you of how we manage illness and work to prevent the spread of contagious diseases to keep everyone safe and healthy. Please see this [PPS Health/Safety Info](#) for current health/safety protocols.

FRANKLIN STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

All Multnomah County K-12 youth (ages 5-18) are welcome at the Franklin Student Health Center no matter where you go to school. We will see you with or without insurance. There is never an out-of-pocket cost for services. Call for Appointments: 503-988-3370.

Your child can receive services at Franklin Student Health Center

We are like having a doctor's office in school. All Multnomah County K-12 youth (ages 5-18) are welcome no matter where you go to school. We will see you with or without insurance. **There is never an out-of-pocket cost for services.**

Open: Monday-Friday during the school year

To make an appointment call: **503-988-3370**
Same day and video/phone appointments available

Franklin High School
5405 SE Woodward St, Portland

- Well-child and sports physical exams
- Illness and injury care
- Immunizations (shots)
- Routine lab tests
- Prescription medications
- Mental & behavioral health counseling
- Vision, dental and blood pressure screening

multco.us/student-health

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

[March Safe Routes to Schools Newsletter](#)

HEALTHY CHOICES BULLETIN

[March Healthy Choices Bulletin](#)

INDIAN EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

[March Talking Circle Newsletter](#)

PROGRAM FLIERS *Highlighted items are new*

Camps, Classes, & After School Programs:

- Portland Parks [Teen Nature Team](#) (Saturdays, then weekdays in summer)
- VIBE PDX [Spring Break & Summer Art & Music Camps](#) (Mar. 3, Mar. 24-28, Jun. 16 - Aug. 29)
- USTA Spring [Tennis Afterschool Zone at Maplewood](#) (Apr. 8 - May 13)
- VIBE PDX [No-School Youth Sewing Classes](#) (Feb. 17, Mar. 3, Mar. 24-28)
- Cognizart [31st Annual Young Artists Debut! Concert & Showcase](#) (apply by Feb. 24 – Deadline extended again)
- VIBE of Portland [Music & Digital Art Classes for Kids](#)
- Portland Parks & Rec: [Teen Force at SW Community Center](#)

Other Opportunities:

- PCC Women's Basketball: [Princess Ball Daddy Daughter Dance](#) (Apr. 5)
- AFS Intercultural Programs: [Host an Exchange Student](#)

Summer Camps:

- PCC [Summer Teen Program](#) (schedule online Apr. 25, registration opens May 28)
- VIBE PDX [East Winds Band Camp](#) (Jul. 21-25, 2025, recorded audition due Jul. 10)
- Cognizart [360Arts Summer Camps](#) (Jul. 7-11, 14-18, & 21-25)
- OSU [Summer Reading Program](#) (Jun. 14 - Aug. 16)

Preschool Programs:

- Multnomah Early Childhood Program [Peer Preschool Classes](#)
([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#)) ([Chinese](#)) ([Russian](#)) ([Somali](#)) ([Korean](#)) ([Arabic](#)) ([Persian](#))
- Portland Parks [Preschool 2024-25](#)

Community Events & Information:

- Multnomah County [Common Application](#)
- City of Portland [311 Non-Emergency Hotline](#)
([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#)) ([Chinese](#)) ([Russian](#)) ([Somali](#))

Vaccinations, Health & Wellness:

- Multnomah County Student Health Center [Immunization Catch-Up Reminder](#)
- [Oregon Health Plan & Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace](#)
- Multnomah County Free Community Vaccination Clinic (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays)
([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#)) ([Chinese](#)) ([Russian](#)) ([Somali](#))
- Multnomah County Student Health Centers (*fliers in English, Russian, Chinese, and Vietnamese*):
 - [Cleveland HS](#)
 - [Franklin HS](#)
 - [Jefferson HS](#)
 - [McDaniel HS](#)
 - [Roosevelt HS](#)