

Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

April 11, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday, 04/11/2025	After-School - Lego Explorers After-School - Portland Kelly Cadets Baton	2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:10pm
Monday, 04/14/2025	After-School - Portland Drama Club After-School - Chess Class	2:30pm - 5:00pm 2:30pm - 3:45pm
Tuesday, 04/15/2025	After-School - Portland Drama Club	2:30pm - 5:00pm
Wednesday, 04/16/2025	Sibling Storytime After-School - Coding After-School - Dungeons & Dragons Club	8:10am - 8:45am 2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Thursday, 04/17/2025	After-School - Adventures in Spanish After-School - Skyhawks Basketball	2:30-3:30pm/3:45-4:30pm 2:30pm - 3:45pm
Friday, 04/18/2025	Popcorn Friday After-School - Lego Explorers After-School - Portland Kelly Kadets Baton	2:30pm - 2:45pm 2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:10pm
Saturday, 04/19/2025	Spring Grounds Cleanup	9:00am - 12:00pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Community,

We have wrapped up our first week of Quarter 4, and our last short week for some time. We have many fun events coming up this spring, so be sure to check out the PTA information below. We also have student events coming up. Our Student Celebrations are outlined below with more information on what our amazing students are up to and how we can celebrate their accomplishments!

Don't forget to put our Centennial Celebration block party on your calendar! It will happen Thursday, May 29 from 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM at Glencoe. We are working on final details and would love our community's help with a few items if possible. Below is a list of things we are hoping to get so we can provide a fun experience for kids and grown-ups alike! If you are able to help or have any leads, please email me at k Gunderson@pps.net. Thank you in advance!

Hopefully we are looking forward to brighter, sunny days soon. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and we will see you on Monday morning!

Katie

Seeking Resources for Community Celebration - Please help!

Our Centennial Celebration is coming up on Thursday, May 29. The goal is to provide a community-wide celebration for our entire community, including neighbors and alum. In an effort to make this block party a success, I am hoping to find families/community members who may be able to help with the following items:

- Food cart/food connection - dinner and dessert/beverages
- Musicians who would like to play a few songs during the event - family friendly 😊
- Donations of any kind to be raffled off throughout the evening
- Activities - games, anything with an interactive component
- Help with/access to a photo booth

If you have ideas, access, or a direct connection to any of the above, please let [Katie](#) know. Thank you in advance! We appreciate it!

Student Celebrations

OBOB

This weekend, Glencoe's 5th grade OBOB team, The Intergalactic Sushi Cats, will represent our school at the state level at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Over the past three years, this team has won the school battle as third, fourth and now fifth graders, making OBOB history at Glencoe! The first two years they made it to the elite eight in the regional competition when they were eliminated.

This year, they were eliminated at the regional level after a battle that resulted in three tiebreaker rounds. The team that defeated them went on to win the entire region (the largest in the state). The Sushi Cats were selected to compete at state as a wildcard team due to their incredible score.

Help me in celebrating Sam, Romy, Luca, and Woodruff from afar for their victories and for all of the reading and preparation they have put into getting to this moment! Congratulations, Intergalactic Sushi Cats!



Golden Key Winners

Frank (5th grade) and Ira (2nd grade) have received certificates from PPS' Superintendent, Dr. Armstrong, for successfully finding golden keys hidden around the city as part of her literacy campaign. Congratulations, Frank and Ira!

2025 HeART of Portland K-12 Arts Showcase

I would like to honor three 5th grade students for being chosen to represent Glencoe in the 2025 HeART of Portland showcase. Both visual and performing art talents are being honored. A painting on canvas, created by Carly from Ms. Hanes' class, will be on display in the gallery. Lou and Nora from Mrs. Connolly's class will be the voices of Glencoe in the district-wide choir performance. Congratulations to our artistically gifted students! A big appreciation to Ms. Davidson and Ms. Simpson for their guidance in cultivating these talents!



Carly's Painting

Come Celebrate Our Student Honorees & Arts Education

Come celebrate the extraordinary work of our student artists and over a decade of funding for public school arts, with arts performances and an exhibition featuring student honorees from our school!

Portland Public Schools is proud to partner with the Portland Art Museum, our host of the 2025 HeART of Portland: A PPS K-12 Arts Showcase. This premier district-wide annual event kicks off with an evening of student dance, music, and theatre performances, plus the opening of a stunning student visual art exhibition featuring over 100+ works.

🎨 Breaking the Grid: This year's student visual arts exhibition also features a citywide collaborative student art project inspired by the Portland Art Museum exhibition *Psychedelic Rock Posters and Fashion of the 1960s*. Guided by visual arts educators, students designed posters in the bold, expressive style of the exhibition, reflecting their hopes and dreams for their communities.

Event Details:

- 📍 Portland Art Museum – Free & open to everyone! [1119 SW Park Avenue](#)
 - 📅 Wednesday, April 16, 2025, Opening Reception
 - 🕒 5 – 7 PM – Free admission to all museum exhibitions (Main Museum)
 - 🖼️ 6 – 8:30 PM – Student Visual Art Exhibition (Miller Gallery, 1st Floor, Mark Building)
 - 👤 6:30 PM – Superintendent's Welcome (Kridel Ballroom, 3rd Floor, Mark Building)
 - 🎤 6:30 – 8 PM – Student Performances (Kridel Ballroom, 3rd Floor, Mark Building)
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PTA NEWS

PTA Plant Sale EXTENDED! Order through the weekend!

Planting season is upon us! Order your garden bed staples and veggie starts from New Leaf Greenhouse, and help Glencoe PTA fundraise at the same time! [Order through Konstella](#) by **Sunday, April 13th** and pick up will be on Tuesday May 6th from 2-3:30. Please email Alex O'Connor at amoconnor38@gmail.com if you have any questions or need a different payment or pick up option.



Earth Day Clean Up — Saturday April 19, 9am to noon!

Spring is here! Let's celebrate all that's green and good at Glencoe! Grab your friends and join us for a morning of community gardening: Saturday April 19, 9am to noon. There will be solar-powered coffee and donuts for all in honor of Earth Day!



After School Enrichment Activities for Spring – last chance!

Many of our amazing after-school enrichment programs are not getting many registrations and are therefore at risk of cancelling classes. Sign your student/s up TODAY for some extra learning and community time! Visit the [PTA website](#) for more information!

Mondays:

~~Imagine This PDX Art!~~ Cancelled due to low enrollment

Portland Drama Club – Seussical! (started 3/31) [Portland Drama Club: Register](#)

Chess Club (started 3/31) [Chess School: Register](#) [KG only Chess School: Register](#)

Tuesdays:

~~Yoga Playgrounds~~ Cancelled due to low enrollment

Portland Drama Club – Seussical! (started 3/31) [Portland Drama Club: Register](#)

Wednesdays:

Coding for Kids (Starts 4/16) [Coding Grades 3-5: Register](#) [Coding Grades KG-2: Register](#)

Low enrollment - may be cancelled

~~Circus Cascadia~~ Cancelled due to low enrollment

Dungeons & Dragons Club Email to register: (starts 4/9) dallasuptownbrown@gmail.com

Thursdays:

Adventures in Spanish (started 4/3) [Adventures in Spanish: Register](#)

Skyhawks Basketball (started 4/10) [Skyhawks Basketball: Register](#)

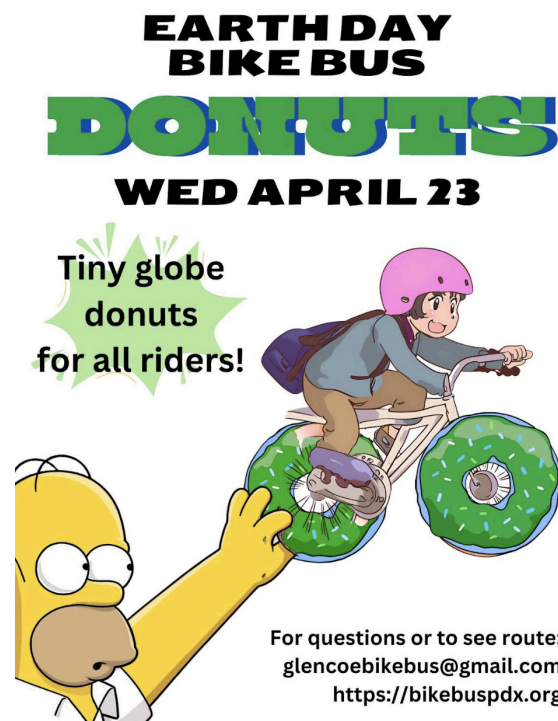
Fridays:

LEGO Robotics (starts 4/11) [Lego Robotics: Register](#)

Baton (starts 4/11) [Kelly Kadets Baton: Register](#)

Earth Day Bike Bus – with donuts! Wed. April 23

Join us for a special Bike Bus – Earth Day Donuts edition! All riders will get a mini Earth donut and the gratification of knowing they helped our Home that day.



Glencoe Bike Fair! Sat. April 26, 10:30-2

Bikes! Bikes! Bikes! Does your kid need one? Do you have an extra lying around to share? Need some bike tune-up or repairs? This event is for you! Plus, what better way to celebrate Earth Day than by joining up with the Sunnyside Parade on the most earth friendly transportation means?! See flier for details, and email glencoebikebus@gmail.com with questions.



Volunteer Opportunities @ Glencoe

Volunteers are vital to strengthening our school community. Join us!

- **Safety Patrol needs a little fresh volunteer energy to finish the year strong!** Great news, Afternoon Safety Patrol is almost filled for April AND May! *Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to help with Safety Patrol.* If you haven't yet, please consider filling a shift for one or more months today. [Sign up here and thank you for helping our kids get to school safely!](#)
- Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up in May! If you have ideas and want to help plan, email volunteerglencoepta@gmail.com.
- Interested in learning more about serving on the Glencoe PTA Board next year? Email glencoeelementarypta@gmail.com.

Introducing Code Race™: A Global Coding Contest Platform!

Calling all young coders! Code Race™ is a free online coding contest platform designed for students ages 8-14. Whether your child wants to test out their Scratch skills or practice with Python, the frequent competitions provide the perfect opportunity to tackle fun coding challenges. Code Race platform features a dynamic ELO ranking system, just like in chess and tennis, allowing Code Racers to track their progress as they compete with peers worldwide and climb an international leaderboard!

Become a CodeRacer today! [Check out the Code Race website](#) — and who knows? You might just be the next contest champion!  

Adventures in Spanish Summer Camps!

Explore Spanish through art, games, outdoors, and fun with friends at [Adventures in Spanish summer camps!](#)



**ADVENTURES
in Spanish**
Learning that lasts a lifetime

Spanish Around the World Summer Camp

Come join our camps, where kids explore the magic of Spanish and its vibrant cultures! With fun language lessons, hands-on cultural activities, and even a bit of cooking, it's an unforgettable adventure packed with learning and excitement!

NE Portland

SW Portland

WEEK ONE: July 7th-11th	WEEK ONE: July 21st-25th
WEEK TWO: July 14th-18th	WEEK TWO: July 28th-Aug. 1st
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	9:00 am – 3:00 pm



"Thanks again for the totally AWESOME camp experience!! Grant has been singing all the songs and asking for "más leche por favor" all summer long! He really loves learning with you.."

"We love you guys!"

"So awesome, she's thinking in Spanish!"

"Olivia is having such a great time. I'm so happy we discovered you this summer!"



**PDX PARENT
WINNER
2025
READER FAVORITES**

Scan for more information!



Winner of BEST Foreign Language Camps

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE COMMUNITY TRANSITION PROGRAM SATURDAY PLANT SALES

The Community Transition Program will be holding plant sales from 10am to 4pm at 6801 SE 60th Avenue on the following Saturdays:

Saturday, April 12

Saturday, April 26

Saturday, May 10

A wide variety of green, growing things will be for sale, including spring veggie and herb starts, perennials, house plants, and succulents.



2025 COMMUNITY
TRANSITION PROGRAM
SPRING PLANT SALE



Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm

**April 12, 2025
April 26, 2025
May 10, 2025**

**Veggie & Herb Starts,
Perennials, Annuals,
Houseplants, Succulents,
Hanging Baskets**

6801 SE 60TH AVE.

COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORED BY THE HANGOUT PDX

What: Eggstravaganza

When: Saturday, April 19th 2025

Time: 11:00am-2:00pm, Egg Hunt: 11:30am

Where: Sunnyside Environmental School 3421 SE Salmon St. Portland, OR

Details: 6000 eggs have been stuffed with prizes and candy. Free Event to families. We will have a hot dog vendor, raffles, games, races, and lots of fun!

SET UP YOUR PARENTVUE ACCOUNT (if you haven't already)

Please set up your ParentVue account and/or complete the Yearly Verification process if you haven't already. With ParentVue you'll have access to your student's real-time information, including attendance, messages from teachers, grades, report cards, assessment scores, course history, Special Education documents, name pronunciation, and much more. [Flier English](#), [Flier Somali](#), [Flier Spanish](#), [Flier Chinese](#)

HEALTH ROOM NEEDS

We are in need of LARGE SIZE boys and girls bottoms and underwear. If you're doing some spring cleaning during the break, please consider donating some unwanted clothing to our health room supply.

VOLLEYBALL OPPORTUNITIES AT FRANKLIN

Franklin High School is hosting **FREE Skills Gyms in June** for **ALL skill levels!** Whether a kid has never touched a volleyball before or just wants to try it out, this is the perfect opportunity to see if volleyball is the right fit in a fun and supportive environment! See flier for dates: [Skills Gym Dates](#)

Franklin High School is also hosting a **Volleyball Camp on July 15-17** from 10am-1pm for 4th - 8th Graders. This is a fundraiser for the Franklin Girls Volleyball Team. See Flier for more details: [Volleyball Camp](#)

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!

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Does your family want to make the world a more empathetic place? Now's your chance! [Why Host?](#) **Open your home- and your heart- to international students visiting Portland for 2-4 weeks this summer.** From 9 to 5 on weekdays, students will attend an English Language and American Culture Program at Portland State University or Pacific International Academy on the University of Portland campus. Students can take public transportation to commute between your home and the school. They are excited to spend evenings and weekends as part of an American family. You can host a high school student from 7/10-7/24 or 7/26-8/8, and/or a university student from 8/3-8/23, 8/10-8/30, or 8/17-9/6. [Learn more here!](#)

Hosting can help teach your children the value of cultural exchange and international friendships. Everyone should do it at least once! Orientation, 24/7 support, and a hosting stipend are provided. [Ready to host? Apply here!](#)

MUSIC



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

HeArt of Portland 2025 - Wednesday, April 16: 5th graders from across PPS will be performing around 6:45 at The Mark Building on the 4th Floor. Doors open at 6 pm for family and friends. Representing Glencoe this year will be Lou and Nora in Ms. Connolly's class. They have been working hard in and out of school as well as a half day on Saturday! We are very proud of all students who tried out for this limited opportunity and for their hard work! Join us to hear the 5 songs they have prepared.




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 \(Spanish\)](#)

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

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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

[April Safe Routes to Schools Newsletter](#)

INDIAN EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

 [April 2025 Talking Circle.pdf](#)

PROGRAM FLIERS *Highlighted items are new*

Camps, Classes, & After School Programs:

- Portland Parks [Teen Nature Team](#) (Saturdays, then weekdays in summer)
- USTA Spring [Tennis Afterschool Zone at Maplewood](#) (Apr. 8 - May 13)
- VIBE of Portland [Music & Digital Art Classes for Kids](#)
- Portland Parks & Rec: [Teen Force at SW Community Center](#)

Other Opportunities:

- City of Portland is recruiting for [Community Board for Police Accountability](#) (apply by Apr. 14)
- AFS Intercultural Programs: [Host an Exchange Student](#)

Summer Camps:

- PCC [Summer Teen Program](#) (schedule online Apr. 25, registration opens May 28)
- VIBE PDX [Summer Art & Music Camps](#) (Jun. 16 - Aug. 29)
- 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*):
 - o [Cleveland HS](#)
 - o [Franklin HS](#)
 - o [Jefferson HS](#)
 - o [McDaniel HS](#)
 - o [Roosevelt HS](#)