



Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter - December 12, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, 12/15/2025		
Tuesday, 12/16/2025		
Wednesday, 12/17/2025	Sibling Storytime Principal Coffee After-School - Coding with Kids	8:10am 8:15am 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Thursday, 12/18/2025	After-School - Adventures in Spanish After-School - Skyhawks Basketball After-School - Imagine This PDX Art	2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 3:45pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Friday, 12/19/2025	SPIRIT DAY - Pajama Day After-School - Portland Kelly Cadets Baton	2:30pm - 3:10pm
Monday, 12/22/2025 - Friday, 01/02/2026	NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Community,

It's hard to believe there is only one week until Winter Break. December always seems to fly by more quickly than January. This rainy weather has thrown us for a loop, and the kids have done a great job of staying in good spirits. We do recess outside rain or shine, so please help your student remember to bring or wear clothing that is good for these wet days. If you're missing anything, please stop by our lost and found next time you're at school. We have lots of items that could be put to good use this winter.

We have some fun and exciting things happening the last week before break! Students have been working hard at earning an all-school reward of "sit where you want at lunch day," and are hoping to have enough Gull Tickets in the Gull Gallery by next Friday. It will also be pajama day on Friday, December 19, as well as our second "Glencoe Values Day" of the year - Collaboration Station. Classes will participate in fun activities where they work together at collaborative games and activities throughout the day. A BIG thanks to Ms. Gardner for planning these days where we celebrate and live out our shared community values of inclusivity, caring, collaborating and persevering.

Please don't forget that our Glencoe food pantry is still stocked and available for anyone who needs it. You can stop by the office, or contact them or Sara Gardner to make an appointment to come and shop.

I wish you and your family a nice, dry weekend. I look forward to seeing you all on the last "school" Monday of 2025.

Warmly,
Katie

Quick Links:

[Family Handbook](#)

[School Climate Plan](#)

[Dismissal Map](#)

[Dismissal Form](#)

[Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook](#)

[District Calendar](#)

[December Breakfast Menu](#)

[December Lunch Menu](#)

PTA NEWS

SAVE THE DATE:

Family Movie Night, Ice Age – December 12, TONIGHT, 6-7:30pm

?Por qué no? Partnership Fundraiser – December 17, Wednesday,

11am-10pm





VOLUNTEERING AT GLENCOE

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS. Your individual actions add up to make a huge impact.

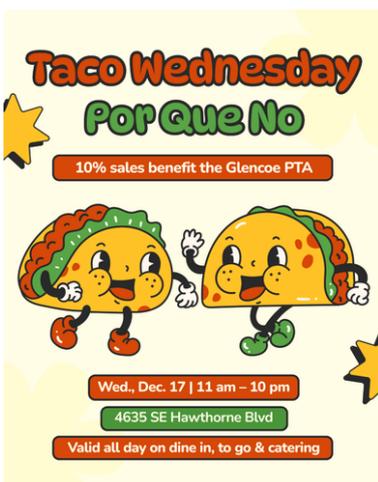
Here are some ways you can get involved right now:

[Dec-January Patrol](#) – We're still looking for people to help our 5th graders be able to safely guide people across streets to and from school. If you can help, click the link!

Remember, [volunteer background checks](#) are required to volunteer at Glencoe.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT GLENCOE!

Join us on Friday, December 12th (TONIGHT!) for a family movie night at 6pm! Kids have voted on *Ice Age*, and there will be free popcorn.



¿POR QUÉ NO? PARTNERSHIP FUNDRAISER

On December 17 from 11am to 10pm, head over to get some delicious menu items from ¿Por qué no? and Glencoe PTA will receive 10% of sales, all day, take out, and even catering!

WINTER AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS!

We have plenty of great options for afterschool activities this winter, and we'd love for your kiddo to take part! Here are some programs that are open for registration now:

Mondays:

Elementary Chess Party
Your Official Chess Party
Join our upcoming Elementary Chess Party for the fun from our chess club! Chess is a fun, strategic game that helps improve critical thinking, problem-solving, and social skills. Register now to reserve your spot!
www.knightchessschool.com
info@knightchessschool.com

[Knight Chess School](#)

Glencoe 2nd-5th Graders
Join Portland Drama Club's production of *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*
Mondays
January 5 - June 8
2:30-5:00
Come learn to put on a show! All kids will sing, dance and act in this wonderful show complete with costumes and sets!
Register at:
<https://www.portlanddramaclub.org/glencoe>

[Portland Drama Club](#)

ADVANCED LEGO ROBOTICS AFTER SCHOOL
GRADES 4 & 5
WINTER 2024
PROVIDED BY LEOPOLDO PUE
ONSTAGE AT
GLENCOE SCHOOL
MONDAYS, JAN 5 - MARCH 13
NO CLASS JAN 15, FEB 12, MARCH 2
CLASS SERIES: 8:00
Based on the national FIRST LEGO League (FLL) program, this class provides an advanced level of exposure and training in robotics. Through an emphasis on problem-solving, it is appropriate for older elementary students, regardless of whether they've taken before or not. LEGO Robotics course.
Teams of students build robots that include a wireless hub, then using a computer interface on the LEGO Mindstorms kit and the coding language Scratch to make the robot perform a series of tasks. The tasks are designed to be challenging and fun. The students learn to work together and solve problems. There are challenges to overcome that require teamwork and creativity.

[Lego Robotics](#)

Tuesdays:

Kids Yoga after school at Glencoe
Winter 2024
yoga playgrounds
In their fun and active classes kids will stretch and engage their bodies and minds through individual and group poses, mindfulness games and creative yoga techniques.
"Develop focus and concentration"
"Develop strength and coordination"
"Increase confidence and self-esteem"
"Learn self-liking techniques"
"Get a healthy body and mind"
"Have fun!"
WHO: Grades K-5
WHERE: Glencoe Elementary
DATES: Jan 8 - May 17 (no class Jan 27)
DAY/TIME: Tuesdays 2:30-3:30
COST: \$240 (50 classes)
INFO: info@yogaplaygrounds.com / 503-807-9720
REGISTER ONLINE → yogaplaygrounds.com

[Yoga Playgrounds](#)

Wednesdays:

Dungeons & Dragons Glencoe Club
Collaboration and creative adventures.
Bring your imagination.
2025-2026 Dates: October 15 - November 19
January 14 - May 11
When: Wednesdays Even 2:30-4:00 pm
Where: Open registration in the library and held at the playground with snacks.
Cost: \$15 (members) to cover materials and snacks!
Contact: Julia Brown
Email: JuliaBrown@evhschools@gmail.com
*Minimum: Calling all parents and guardians to help us. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact Julia Brown.

[Dungeons & Dragons](#)

PLAY A JAZZ SHOW
Come learn circus skills for all levels and ages!
Learn new (and) Gen skills!
This workshop includes drumming, all walking, juggling, acrobatics, juggling, and more.
Circus show at the end of term for family & friends!
Thursday, January 11, 2024
3:00-4:00 PM
Glencoe Gym
Grades 1st-5th
\$1 Session \$3.00
Registration online
www.circuscascadia.org

[Circus Cascadia](#)

Thursdays:

Adventures in Spanish
Spanish Classes @ Glencoe
Adventures in Spanish provides students and parents in Spanish language classes through the year of study. The program is designed to provide students with a strong foundation in Spanish language and culture. The program is designed to provide students with a strong foundation in Spanish language and culture. The program is designed to provide students with a strong foundation in Spanish language and culture.
Thursday
September 14th - May 1st
Times: 2:30-3:30
Adventuresinspanish.org

[Adventures in Spanish](#)

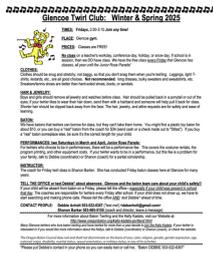
Skyhawks Basketball at Glencoe Elementary School
Skyhawks Sports Academy provides sports programs where children discover and develop talents, skills and abilities through fun, challenging, and competitive activities. Skyhawks offers a variety of sports programs for children and youth. The program is designed to provide students with a strong foundation in Spanish language and culture.
SPORT DATE DAY TIME BRASS LOCATION
Basketball 2024-2025 Thursday 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM 5th-6th Glencoe Elementary School
REGISTER NOW!
www.skyhawksports.com

[Skyhawks Basketball](#)

Imagine This
Glencoe Elementary School
Grades K-5
Thursday - January 8 - March 13, 2025
Times: 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Students will be experimenting with a variety of mediums from metal looking to parents to watercolor techniques and to much more. Each of the projects they create helps them nurture their creativity, improve motor skills, and foster critical thinking.
Price: \$385
Visit www.imagethisarts.com to register or email us at info@imagethisarts.com
space limited

[Imagine This PDX Art](#)

Fridays:



[Portland Kelly Cadets Baton](#)

[Electronic Music Club](#)

QUICK LINKS: [PTA Website](#), [Facebook](#), [MemberHub](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RAINY SEASON

It's wet out there! Please be sure to send your student to school with a rain jacket and rain boots/shoes and label them with your student's name. Also an extra set of clothes to keep in their lockers is a good idea. We're outside for recess rain or shine so help them be prepared.

HEALTH ROOM CLOTHING

We are in need of large size pull-on pants, sweats, leggings, athletic pants, etc. for both boys and girls. If you have any that you are willing to donate, please bring them to the Glencoe office.

Please join us for
Sibling Storytime!



On the library Story Steps
Every other Wednesday
from 8:10-8:30

SIBLING STORYTIME

Bring your student's younger siblings for a fun storytime in the Glencoe Library with Library Assistant extraordinaire, Diane Newton Prior on **Wednesday, December 17 from 8:10am - 8:30am.**

Sibling Storytime dates in January have been rescheduled to **January 14 & January 28.**

STUDENT & ADULT REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED FOR PAC FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF DONATIONS FOR STAFFING

The PAC is a committee that reports to the PPS Board of Education, and makes a recommendation on how to spend privately fundraised dollars from [The Fund for PPS's Champion PPS Schools](#). Learn More at [Strategic Partnerships / Parent Advisory Committee \(PAC\): Distribution of Donations for Staffing](#). Meetings will be online/virtual.

Here is the proposed meeting schedule:

2026 PAC Meeting Schedule (Proposed)		
Day	Date	Time
Wednesday	January 14	5:00-6:00 PM
Wednesday	February 11	5:00-6:00 PM
Wednesday	March 11	5:00-6:00 PM
Wednesday	April 8	5:00-6:00 PM
Wednesday	May 13	5:00-6:00 PM
Wednesday	June 10	5:00-6:00 PM

Thank you to those who have already applied, and you will hear from us soon; however, we still need more representatives. Please click on the appropriate link below and complete the brief application if you are interested in serving on this committee:

[ADULT APPLICATION](#) - Seeking one parent/caregiver from each of the following schools or the feeder schools to: **Franklin, Lincoln, McDaniel and Roosevelt.**

[STUDENT APPLICATION](#) - Seeking two high school student representatives.

Get Involved! Become a School Liaison

The nonprofit organization [The Fund for PPS](#) has launched a campaign called [Champion PPS Schools](#) to make collective impact with fundraised dollars. In the 2025-26 school year Champion donated \$930,000 across the district for high impact tutoring in grades K-3, math supports for grade 9, and food pantries in 20 PPS community schools.

Learn More in our 2024-2025 Annual Report posted at fundforpps.org!

We need people from each school community to act as liaisons -- points of contact -- to The Fund for PPS. We want to hear what's going on at your school and how to engage your school community. Join us to expand the network of "Champions" and help us build a districtwide community focused on improving the academic experience for our kids and expanding fundraising so Champion PPS Schools can continue to invest in our schools and students! Thank You!

[Express Your Interest Here](#)

GLENCOE GULLS GIVE

Winter Break Assistance

ICE / IMMIGRATION POLICIES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

[FAQ - English](#)

[FAQ - Spanish](#)

[FAQ - Somali](#)

[FAQ - Chinese](#)

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

December 2025 Newsletter



PBOT Safe Routes to School December 2025 Newsletter

As we close out the year, we're grateful for the many people in our Safe Routes to School community who help make Portland streets safer for students every day. It's no simple task. It takes maintenance crews, traffic engineers, parent volunteers, educators, school and district administrators, partner organization staff, students, neighbors, and so many more. We often highlight the big projects and major wins, but this season is also a good time to recognize the small, steady acts of care that keep our work morning.

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HEALTHY CHOICES BULLETIN

November/December 2025 Bulletin



Healthy Choices Bulletin

app.smore.com

PROGRAM FLIERS

Preschool Programs:

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

Camps, Classes, & After School Programs:

- USTA Tennis Afterschool Zone: [Beach School Gym](#) (Jan 16 - Feb. 20)
- USTA Tennis Afterschool Zone: [Chief Joseph School Gym](#) (Jan. 21 - Feb. 25)
- [TeenForce at Southwest Community Center](#)
- VIBE of PDX [Winter Wonderland Camp](#) (Dec. 22 & 23)
- Cognizart [Young Artists Debut! Student Showcase](#) Apr. 24, 2026 (apply by Jan. 16, 2026)
- Cognizart [360 Arts Camp](#) (Jul. 6-10, Jul. 13-17, Jul. 20-24)

Vaccinations, Health & Wellness:

- [OHP, OHP Bridge, and Oregon Healthcare Marketplace Enrollment](#) (Nov. 1 - Jan. 15)
- Free Community Vaccination Clinics ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))
- Multnomah County: Student Health Centers (*fliers in English, Russian, Chinese, and Vietnamese*):
 - [Cleveland HS](#)
 - [Franklin HS](#)
 - [Jefferson HS](#)
 - [McDaniel HS](#)
 - [Roosevelt HS](#)
- Multnomah County Student Health Center [Immunization Catch-Up Reminder](#)

Community Events & Information:

- AFS Intercultural Programs: [Host an Exchange Student](#)
- Multnomah County: [Common Application](#)
- City of Portland: [311 Non-Emergency Hotline](#)
([Spanish](#)) ([Vietnamese](#)) ([Chinese](#)) ([Russian](#)) ([Somali](#))

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