



# Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter – November 7, 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS – check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, 11/10/2025	After-School - <a href="#">Knight School Chess Class</a>	2:30pm - 3:45pm
Tuesday, 11/11/2025	<b>NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day</b>	
Wednesday, 11/12/2025	<b>Sibling Storytime</b> After-School - <a href="#">Circus Cascadia</a> After-School - <a href="#">Coding with Kids</a> After-School - <a href="#">Dungeons &amp; Dragons Club</a> <b>PTA Meeting</b>	8:10am 2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 4:00pm 6:30pm - 7:45pm
Thursday, 11/13/2025	After-School - <a href="#">Adventures in Spanish</a> After-School - <a href="#">Skyhawks Basketball</a> After-School - <a href="#">Imagine This PDX Art</a>	2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 3:45pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Friday, 11/14/2025	<b>Popcorn Friday</b> After-School - <a href="#">Portland Kelly Cadets Baton</a> After-School - <a href="#">Electronic Music Club</a>	2:30pm - 2:45pm 2:30pm - 3:10pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Saturday, 11/15/2025	<b>Fall Grounds Clean-up</b>	10:00am - 12:00pm

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Community,

What a wonderful celebration on Thursday night! A HUGE thank you to the parents and community members that helped make our 2025 Fall Festival a success! Through time planning, organizing, setting up and all the donations we created a great event for families. I look forward to the Fall Festivals to come.

Due to the loss of SNAP benefits, many families reached out to us to ask how they could help support. Thus was born the Glencoe Food Bank. Please see the blurb below for more information about how to access the food bank if needed, or how to donate or volunteer. I want to appreciate the parents that reached out and spearheaded the beginning of this important resource, as well as counselor Sara Gardner for bringing everyone together to make this vision come to life. I love the way we collaborate to support all our Gulls in persevering, even during the hardest of times. That is what community is all about.

In November we celebrate [Native American Heritage Month](#). This month is an opportunity to celebrate the history, traditions, and contributions of Native Americans in the United States. It allows us to honor Tribes and to educate people about the challenges faced by Native American people historically, as well as today. We observe Native American Heritage Month in many ways at Glencoe - from the curriculum in 5th grade to read-alouds across grade levels, art projects and more, both in classrooms and Specials classes.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Warmly,  
Katie

### **Native American Heritage Month at Glencoe**

Glencoe Elementary is currently located on land that once belonged to the Clackamas, Cascades and Multnomah Tribes. Of our student population, 3% identify as American Indian or Alaskan Native. There will be a display up near the cafeteria to honor the Native American Tribes from this area. Check it out when you are here for Fall Fest or Conferences! If you would like to [celebrate](#) Native American Heritage Month or learn more, here are some [local events](#) throughout the month of November.

### **Scheduling Family-Teacher Conferences**

Conferences will be your opportunity to hear about your student's progress during Quarter 1. They will be held Monday, November 24 and Tuesday, November 25. Report cards do not include comments this quarter since teachers are preparing to share more information at conferences.

Teachers of grades K-3 will accommodate **one 20-minute conference slot per student**. Fourth and fifth grade teachers will be able to accommodate **one 15-minute conference slot per student** due to the larger class sizes and increased teacher workload. Both virtual and in-person conferences will be available.

### **Successful Schools Survey**

Please make sure you complete this survey! I use that data to gauge the climate in the building and do aim to make changes in response to the feedback. I appreciate you helping me be the most

effective leader I can be for our team!

**Quick Links:**

[Family Handbook](#)

[School Climate Plan](#)

[Dismissal Map](#)

[Dismissal Form](#)

[Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook](#)

[District Calendar](#)

[November Breakfast Menu](#)

[November Lunch Menu](#)

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## PTA NEWS

### SAVE THE DATE:

**Crema Restaurant Partnership – November 11, Tuesday (no school day) 7am-5pm**

**PTA General Meeting – November 12, Wednesday, 6:30-7:45pm**

**Fall Clean Up – November 15, Saturday, 10-12 Noon**

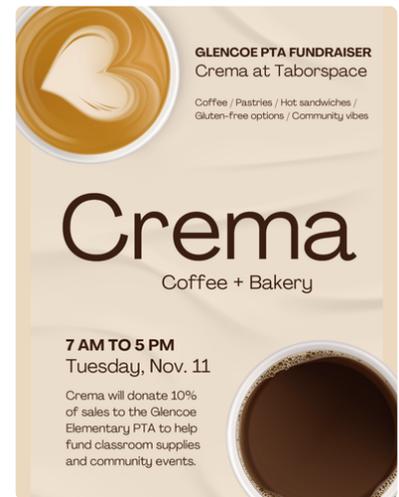
**Scholastic Book Fair – November 23-25, Monday & Tuesday (conference days), 8am-7pm**



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### CREMA PARTNERSHIP FUNDRAISER

Join us on **Tuesday, November 11 (no school day)** at Crema for pastries, sandwiches, and of course, coffee from **7am through 5pm!** Crema will donate 10% of sales from their **Taborspace location** to the Glencoe PTA.



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### FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who brought food and grocery gift cards to the Fall Festival! **Our goal is to bring in more than 1,000 food items by November 14.** Can you help by bringing in a few extra food items before or after school next week?



If you'd like to help sort the food pantry items or keep the pantry open for families to access during conferences, please email Jenny Smith [smith.jennym@gmail.com](mailto:smith.jennym@gmail.com).

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### VOLUNTEERING AT GLENCOE

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS. Your individual actions add up to make a huge impact. More opportunities to get involved are coming soon!



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



### FALL CLEAN UP

Rake leaves, eat donuts, see friends! Join us for Fall Clean-Up next Saturday, November 15, 10am to noon. The Glencoe Green Team needs volunteers to help clear debris and tidy up our school grounds for winter. Hope to see you there!

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### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The PTA is hosting the Scholastic Bookfair during Parent-Teacher Conferences - Monday **November 24th & Tuesday November 25th from 8:00am - 7:00pm** (and available online.) Bring home some great books and help the PTA raise funds for our school at the same time. Stop by with your kids - or by yourself - before or after your parent-teacher conference. Check [Glencoe's book fair website](#) to see some of the books we'll have available.

**Simplify your book fair shopping by creating an eWallet for the fair.** You or your child can use the eWallet to shop in-person at the fair or use it at The Scholastic Store Online. Anyone can contribute to an eWallet - it's as easy as sharing your eWallet link with friends and family. Learn more about [how to make a eWallet here](#).



We are also looking for volunteers to help during the fair - sign ups will be available on Konstella.



### JOIN THE PTA

The Glencoe PTA strives to strengthen the family-school-community partnership by providing opportunities to be involved in the education, health, and well being of children in our community. **Membership is FREE to all, but you must rejoin every year.** [Join here today!](#)

Please participate in our survey [HERE](#) so that we can accurately gauge preferences, interests, and make this year together a great one! And thank you to everyone who has already done the survey, we are working to implement your suggestions!

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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, November 12 from 8:10am - 8:30am.**

Please join us for  
**Sibling Storytime!**



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

### GLENCOE FOOD PANTRY

We are starting a Glencoe Food Pantry and we need your donations! **Our goal is to bring in 1000 non-perishable food items in order to have a fully stocked Food Pantry by Nov. 14th.** If you want to help but don't want to send food, we are also collecting gift cards in \$10-\$25 increments so

### Are you a Glencoe Gull who can Give?

#### Please consider participating in our Glencoe Food Drive

If you are able to help other Glencoe community members in need, please consider donating to our **Glencoe Food Drive**. If you want to help, but don't have time to grocery shop, please feel free to drop off **grocery store gift cards in \$10-\$25 increments**.

#### Non-Perishable Food Donation Drop off Locations and Times

- At the Fall Festival on November 6th.
- From Nov. 7th to Nov. 14th at Glencoe during school hours (7:45-2:45)
  - Boxes will be available at each entry door during arrival times
    - You can bring your donations to the main entry other times during the day

#### Please prioritize the following non-perishable food items:

- Boxed meals, pasta, pasta sauce, ramen, rice
- Peanut or other nut butters
- Canned beans, vegetables or fruits
- Canned or carton soup, chili, stew, etc
- Cereal, oatmeal, just-add-water pancake mix
- Shelf stable milk
- Vegetable or olive oil
- Canned chicken or fish
- Granola bars or other grab and go snacks



Grab a shopping list [here](#) or [here](#)



#### To ensure food safety

- We are unable to take the following items:
- Rusty or unlabeled cans
  - Perishable or homemade items
  - Noncommercial canned or packaged items
  - Alcohol, mixes or soda, open or used items

Have Questions? Reach Out to [Jenny Smith: smith.jennym@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.smith@pps.net)

families can purchase fresh fruits, veggies and other perishable items. We will start collecting donations at this week's Fall Festival.

## NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE?

If you are a family who would like support from the Glencoe Food Pantry, please see the flyer below that was sent home earlier this week for how to access the Glencoe Food Pantry. Attached you will also find a list of Food Resources that you can access prior to us getting our Food Pantry up and running. Please reach out to Sara Gardner ([sgardner@pps.net](mailto:sgardner@pps.net)) if you have any questions.

Here is a list of other [Food Resources in Multnomah County](#).



Our Winter Assistance program will look a little different this year. With all of the Federal budget cuts, Government shutdown and rent prices going up, families need support sooner than later.

This year we will be offering our own **Glencoe Food Pantry** where Glencoe families who are in need can come in and shop ([see flyer](#)) for non-perishable items. If you are not able to come in, you can complete this [google form](#) and we can do the shopping for you and have a bag ready to for you to pick up or we can send them home in your student's backpack.

The **Glencoe Food Pantry** will be open during conferences as well as during the month of December. Open hours will be posted by Wednesday, Nov. 12th.

[Glencoe Food Pantry Request Form](#)



#### Food Assistance

Looking for more food resources? Check out this [list of available support](#)

If it is difficult for you to leave your home, you can sign up with the [Sunshine Division](#) and they deliver food boxes to your home (spots are extremely limited so you have to check back often for availability)

#### Holiday Assistance

With the change of our Glencoe Gulls Give program, we want to make sure you still have access to available community resources. Here are a couple of resources you might find helpful: <https://tinyurl.com/2salvation-army-giving> (registration is open Nov. 3rd-7th) and <https://www.toytrucks.com/> (registration opens Nov. 10th)

#### General Assistance

[211.or.gov](https://211.or.gov/) has a wealth of resources from utility assistance, basic need resources and more!

#### PPS Clothing Closet

If your student needs clothing support, we can fill out a referral for you—just let us know!  
Have Questions? Reach Out to [Sara Gardner: sgardner@pps.net](mailto:Sara.Gardner@pps.net)

## 5TH GRADE MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION

Hey 5th Grade families, in case you missed this from your 5th Grade teachers, here is some information on the 5th Grade to Middle School Transition: [Middle School Options](#).

## UPCOMING WEBINAR: HELPING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WITH SCREEN TIME

This fall PPS and districts around the state implemented the new state-wide law on phones off and away for the duration of the school day. This change in policy has created opportunities for deeper conversations with students and their families about what healthy relationships with screens look like. For our first Lunch and Learn of the year, we will focus on what healthy boundaries with children, teens and screens looks like and how families and staff can support this. Michael will also touch on some of the data around the negative impacts of excessive screen time.

<https://app.smore.com/n/bm49p>

Portland Public Schools Department of Student Success & Health is kicking off the 25-26 Lunch and Learn Series on **Thursday, Nov. 13th at 12:00pm** with **Helping Students and Families with Screen Time Boundaries**.

## LOST AND FOUND

**Our lost and found is getting full!** Items like jackets, sweaters, water bottles, lunch bags, etc. are located in the southeast corner of the main hall. Please stop by to check and see if anything belongs to your student(s). Small lost and found items like jewelry, small toys, watches, etc. are



located in the office. If your student is missing something, have them check in the office to see if it was turned in.

### TITLE III COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & FEEDBACK

Portland Public Schools (PPS) receives Title III grant funding from the federal government to support Multilingual Learners (MLs) – students whose first language is not English – and immigrant students.

PPS plans to use Title III funds for activities that strengthen instruction, provide extended learning, and increase family engagement

We need help from families and community members to gather their input on how we should spend the funds. Fliers: [English & Spanish Fliers](#)

For more information about Title III funds and our plan for the funds review and share these slides.

[English](#)  
[Spanish](#)

### DA VINCI ARTS MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Interested in an Arts Middle School for your student? Check out Da Vinci on **Wednesday, November 11 from 5:30-7:00pm.**



English Flier



Spanish Flier

### ICE / IMMIGRATION POLICIES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

[FAQ - English](#)  
[FAQ - Spanish](#)  
[FAQ - Somali](#)  
[FAQ - Chinese](#)

### SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

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## PBOT Safe Routes to School November 2025 Newsletter

We're keeping the momentum going this fall! There's a lot happening across our schools and neighborhoods from events and opportunities to resources and more:

[content.govdelivery.com](https://content.govdelivery.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 [Maplewood Tennis After-School Zone](#) (Oct 8 - Nov 19)
- VIBE of PDX [No-School Workshops, Camps, and Fall Classes](#) (Nov. 11, 26-28)
- Cognizart + Orchestra Nova NW: [Discounted tickets for concert at Roosevelt HS](#) (Sun. Nov. 15)
- Cognizart [Young Artists Debut! Student Showcase](#) Apr. 24, 2026 (apply by Jan. 16, 2026)

#### 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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