



Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter – November 21, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS – check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
11/24/2026-11/25/2026	Family/Teacher Conferences Scholastic Book Fair	8:00am - 8:00pm 8:00am - 7:00pm
11/24/2026-11/28-2026	NO SCHOOL - Conferences / Thanksgiving	
Monday, 12/01/2025	After-School - Knights School Chess Class	2:30pm - 3:45pm
Tuesday, 12/02/2025		
Wednesday, 12/03/2025	Sibling Storytime Wednesday Morning Meeting After-School - Circus Cascadia After-School - Coding with Kids After-School - Dungeons & Dragons Club	8:10am - 8:40am 8:20am 2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Thursday, 12/04/2025	PTA Meeting After-School - Adventures in Spanish After-School - Skyhawks Basketball After-School - Imagine This PDX Art	8:15am - 9:15am 2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 3:45pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Friday, 12/05/2025	PICTURE RETAKES After-School - Portland Kelly Cadets Baton After-School - Electronic Music Club	2:30pm - 3:10pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Community,

A BIG thank you to the Green Team for spending last Saturday beautifying our campus. It looks amazing! We appreciate the time you give to care for our grounds to keep Glencoe looking clean and beautiful.

We are excited to meet with you to talk about your student's school year so far. If you are coming to Glencoe for your conference, please take a moment to complete the Successful Schools Survey. You can find QR codes posted in the hallways. We have only had eight families complete the survey so far, and we really appreciate all the feedback we can get to make sure we are serving our families' needs.

There will also be the Scholastic book fair set up in the cafeteria. Thank you to the PTA for hosting it again this year. Please stop by to check it out. A percentage of proceeds will go to staff to purchase books for their classrooms. Thank you in advance for your support!

Have a great week, and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday, December 1!

Warmly,
Katie

Child Care and Social Services Support

We know that these are difficult times for many of our families, and that you may be in need of support. If you need assistance with child care, financial resources, or other support services, you can call [211](#). This [new program](#) is available to those who qualify, and can help with rent and nutrition needs.

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:

Scholastic Book Fair – November 24-25, conferences, 8am-7pm

PTA Morning Meeting – December 4, Thursday, 8:15am
Family Movie Night – December 12, Friday, 6-7:30 (movie TBD)
?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:

[Scholastic Bookfair](#) – Nov 24-25, Monday- Tuesday, 8am-7pm, shifts during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

[Dec Safety 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.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

PTA is hosting the Scholastic Bookfair during Parent-Teacher Conferences - **Monday, November 24 & Tuesday, November 25 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 are above in the volunteer section!

FALL CLEAN UP - THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that came out for the Fall Clean Up! We filled an entire compost dumpster as we raked leaves, cleared pathways, and cleaned up around the school. Special shout out to all the kids that came and helped a ton, this was truly a community effort! See you in the Spring for

the next clean up. In the meantime, if you want to continue helping on grounds or have any questions, please reach out to kristin.prukop@gmail.com

FOOD DRIVE - THANK YOU!

Glencoe families, thank you for your generosity; our Glencoe Food Pantry is fully stocked!! Thanks to you, we can ensure families in our community have food in their homes.

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.

PTA MEETING RECAP

We were thrilled to have PPS Board Member for Zone 6, Stephanie Engelsman, come talk to us about current issues facing the school district, as well as answer questions and hear our suggestions. Here are a few things to note and take action on:

- Stephanie puts out a newsletter after most Board meetings discussing action items, explanations, and pertinent articles to read. You can sign up for her thoughtful and not too frequent newsletter [HERE](#).
- She mentioned that Rep. Mark Gamba is planning a bill to be put forth in the new year about reforming the Kicker to help fund our public school system. Please write to your state rep (Rep. Nosse, Rep. Isadore, etc.) to help build traction for this bill to get our schools fully funded. When doing so, please remind our reps that we cannot afford to require the Oregon Department of Education to forego 5%. Public schools need MORE funding, not less.

Back to Glencoe specifically, we are looking ahead at the PTA's events for the rest of the school year. If you have any interest in taking the lead, with help and support from the board, or helping with any of the following events, please reach out to us at glencoeelementarypta@gmail.com.

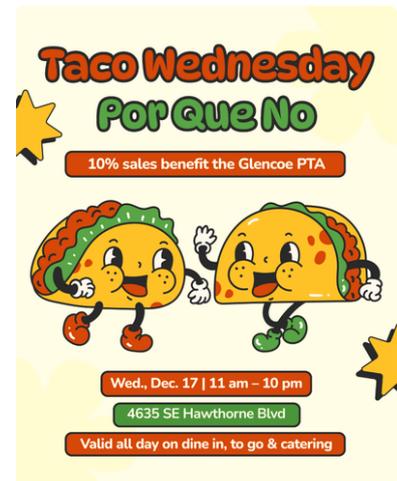
- Glencoe Gear
- Yard signs
- Plant sale
- Family Dance (has lead, needs helpers)
- Talent Show (has lead, needs helpers)
- STEAM Night
- Staff Appreciation

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!

¿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!



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture Retake Day is Friday, December 5

Here is who should go to the photographer on retake day:

- Any student that was absent on the original picture day
- Any new students who have not been photographed
- Students wanting a retake photo. If a student ordered a package and wants a new photo please have them return the original package to the photographer on retake day.

Orders can be placed online at mydorian.com before picture day and up to 2 days afterwards.

Dorian
It's Almost Picture Retake Day at
Glencoe Elementary School
Friday, December 5, 2025



Miss Picture Day? Need a Retake?

If your student missed picture day or you would like a new photo, this is your chance.

Order Online

Scan the QR code or go to mydorian.com, search for your school, and click the green Order button next to your retake day event. You can order up to 2 days after retake day.



Already Ordered?

Return your picture packet to the photographer on retake day for a new photo. If you ordered a digital download and would like a retake please show your receipt to the photographer.



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 (for free!) for non-perishable items. If you are not able to come in, you can complete this [google form](https://bit.ly/3p8m1m), 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 [Samaritan 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://www.dorianschools.org/parents> (registration is open Nov. 3rd-7th) and <https://www.toyismakers.org/> (registration opens Nov. 10th)

General Assistance
211info.org has a wealth of resources from utility assistance, basic need resources and more!

PPS Clothing Closet
If your student need clothing support, we can fill out a referral for you—just let us know!
Have Questions? Reach Out to Sara Gardner: sgardner@pps.net

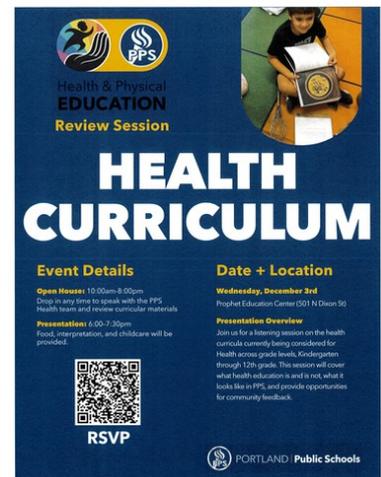
NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE?

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) if you have any questions.

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

HEALTH CURRICULUM ADOPTION: COMMUNITY EVENT

On December 3rd from 10am-8pm at the Prophet Education Center (501 N Dixon St), the Health & PE Team is hosting an all-day drop in community engagement session to share information about our formal curriculum adoptions and get feedback from families and other stakeholders. **The formal presentation will be from 6pm-7:30pm.**



The poster is for a "Health & Physical Education Review Session" for the "HEALTH CURRICULUM". It features the BPS logo and a photo of a student. The event details are as follows:

Event Details	Date + Location
Open House: 10:00am-8:00pm Drop in any time to speak with the PPS Health team and review curricular materials.	Wednesday, December 3rd Prophet Education Center (501 N Dixon St)
Presentation: 6:00-7:30pm Food, interpretation, and childcare will be provided.	Presentation Overview Join us for a listening session on the health curricula currently being considered for Health across grade levels, kindergarten through 12th grade. This session will cover what health education is and is not, what it looks like in PPS, and provide opportunities for community feedback.

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LIBRARY NEWS

In support of Dr. Armstrong's initiative to Lift Literacy, I am working to encourage students to read more books--both for fun and because personal reading is strongly linked to improved student outcomes. We've reached **4,590 checkouts** so far this year!

Since July 2024, and with the help of our fantastic volunteers, we've weeded over *4,500* out of date books, added nearly *1,000* new and popular books, and lowered the average age of our collection by *SIX* years. If you'd like to help continue to improve our collection, please consider making a purchase from our [Amazon wish list](#) (please be sure to delete items once

purchased.)

Thank you for helping make our library a place where all readers can find books they love!

Aubrey Pagenstecher, M.Ed. (she/her)
Teacher Librarian

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:

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PROGRAM FLIERS

Preschool Programs:

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

Camps, Classes, & After School Programs:

- [TeenForce at Southwest Community Center](#)
- VIBE of PDX [No-School Workshops & Camps](#) (Nov. 24-26, Dec. 22-23)
- 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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