



# Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter – November 14, 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS – check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>Saturday, 11/15/2025</b>	<b>Fall Grounds Clean-up</b>	10:00am - 12:00pm
<b>Monday, 11/17/2025</b>	After-School - <b>Knight School Chess Class</b>	2:30pm - 3:45pm
<b>Tuesday, 11/18/2025</b>		
<b>Wednesday, 11/19/2025</b>	After-School - <b>Circus Cascadia</b> After-School - <b>Coding with Kids</b> After-School - <b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons Club</b>	2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 4:00pm
<b>Thursday, 11/20/2025</b>	After-School - <b>Adventures in Spanish</b> After-School - <b>Skyhawks Basketball</b> After-School - <b>Imagine This PDX Art</b>	2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 3:45pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm
<b>Friday, 11/21/2025</b>	<b>SPIRIT DAY - Fall Favorites</b> After-School - <b>Portland Kelly Cadets Baton</b> After-School - <b>Electronic Music Club</b>	2:30pm - 3:10pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm
<b>11/24/2026-11/25/2026</b>	<b>Family/Teacher Conferences</b> <b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>	8:00am - 8:00pm 8:00am - 7:00pm
<b>11/24/2026-11/28-2026</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - Conferences / Thanksgiving</b>	

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Community,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been involved in the Glencoe food pantry! Showing up in community is one of the things I love most about Glencoe, and how quickly this support came together for our families, from our families, is another example. Huge appreciation from all of us, thank you!

Teachers have been working hard to prepare for family-teacher conferences. If you haven't yet signed up, please do as soon as possible! This is our favorite time of year because we have the opportunity to sit with individual families to learn more about how we can support them and their student at Glencoe. We all value a collaborative home-school relationship and conferences are an important part of cultivating that. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Next Friday, November 21 we will have this month's Spirit Day. The theme is "Fall Favorites", so start collecting the elements you need now!

Don't forget to fill out the Successful Schools Survey (more information below). We appreciate having the feedback on how effectively we are meeting the needs of our students and families at Glencoe so we can work on any necessary changes. Thank you in advance for participating!

I wish you all a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you to start a five-day week 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. We have flags representing each Native American Tribes from this area hanging year-round in the hallway on the way to the Library. Check them out when you are here for Conferences! If you would like to [celebrate](#) Native American Heritage Month or learn more, here are some [local events](#) happening throughout the month of November.

## **Family-Teacher Conferences**

Conferences are coming up on Monday, November 24 and Tuesday, November 25. If you have not already signed up, please do so asap. If you can't find the sign-up link, please reach out to teachers directly. Both virtual and in-person conferences will be available. If you will be out of town during conferences, please sign up for a virtual conference so you have the chance to connect with your child's teacher and hear about their growth so far this year.

## **Successful Schools Survey**

Hopefully by now you will have received an email from PPS requesting you fill out a parent survey. Please make sure you complete it. As a school we use the data to gauge the climate in the

building and we aim to make changes in response to the feedback. I appreciate you helping us be as effective for our families as possible!

**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:

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

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

PTA Morning Meeting – December 4, Thursday, 8:15am

Family Movie Night – December 12, Friday, 6-7:30pm

?Por que no? Partnership Fundraiser – December 17, Wednesday, more info TBD



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### THANK YOU!

You all deserve a big round of applause for how you have shown up and supported our school and the PTA recently. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, attended a restaurant partnership, contributed to one of our fundraisers, and who came together at the Fall Festival. We couldn't do any of this without you!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Fall Festival raffle or purchased tickets! Congrats to the 14 lucky winners who get to take home a gift basket. Winners include: Hoke family, Jason H., Ora F., Norah S., Cox family, Andrew B., Adam, Renae C., Cindy Y., Natasha I., Leah P., Liz H., Mary Ann, and Ethan M. All winners have been contacted.

We're also sending a huge thank you to everyone that ordered bulbs from our fundraiser with Dutch Mill bulbs! We raised a significant sum, which will fund over 30% of the annual classroom teacher supply stipends we provide -- THANK YOU!!

This community has a huge heart of generosity and solidarity. Let's take this energy into the next few months and continue to show up for our Gulls and our city.

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## 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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## 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, 7:30am-7:30pm, shifts during Parent-Teacher conferences.

[Nov/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.



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## FOOD DRIVE

Glencoe families, thank you for your generosity! 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](mailto:smith.jennym@gmail.com).

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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

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 an eWallet here](#).



We are also looking for volunteers to help during the fair - sign ups are above in the volunteer section!

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**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](mailto: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!

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 (for free) 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.



#### 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://trinity.com/donations/Arms-Gulls> (registration is open Nov. 3rd-7th) and <https://www.toystorymakes.org/> (registration opens Nov. 10th)

#### General Assistance

[211info.org](https://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](mailto:sgardner@pps.net)



### 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

### 5TH GRADE MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION

**Middle School Lottery is open NOW thru December 12.** Here is some information on the 5th Grade to Middle School Transition: [Middle School Options](#).

### 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.



**WE NEED YOUR VOICE!**

How should PPS use Title III Funds?



## 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](#)

## 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:

- [TeenForce at Southwest Community Center](#)
- VIBE of PDX [No-School Workshops & Camps](#) (Nov. 24-26, Dec. 22-23)
- USTA [Maplewood Tennis After-School Zone](#) (Oct 8 - Nov 19)
- 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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