



Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter - January 9, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, 01/12/2026	After-School - Knights School Chess Class After-School - Portland Drama Club	2:30pm - 3:45pm 2:30pm - 5:00pm
Tuesday, 01/13/2026		
Wednesday, 01/14/2026	Sibling Storytime EARLY RELEASE After-School - Circus Cascadia	8:20am 11:50am 11:50am - 1:30pm
Thursday, 01/15/2026	After-School - Adventures in Spanish After-School - Skyhawks Basketball After-School - Imagine This PDX Art	2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Friday, 01/16/2026	Spirit Day- RESCHEDULED TO 1/23/26 Popcorn Friday After-School - Portland Kelly Cadets Baton After-School - Electronic Music Club	2:30pm - 2:40pm 2:30pm - 3:10pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Monday, 01/19/2026	NO SCHOOL - MLK Jr Day	
Friday, 01/23/2026	SPIRIT DAY - "Homemade Wacky Hat"	

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Glencoe Community,

Happy New Year 2026! I hope you all had a nice break and that your family is readjusting smoothly to the school routine. I know this week has been a little slower in the mornings at my house. It has been a quiet week here at Glencoe, and students have settled back in nicely.

As we near the end of the second quarter, there are several important dates to note. Please see the calendar to make sure you are aware of our Early Release at 11:50 AM next Wednesday, MLK Jr Day on Monday, January 19, as well as our planning and grading days where there will not be school for students.

On Monday, January 19, we take time to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. MLK Jr Day is a nationwide remembrance of the inspirational and transformational work Dr. King did throughout his life for social change in America. If your family would like to participate in activities honoring Dr. King and his legacy, here are [some ideas](#) about ways to remember him and his important work. Students will discuss Dr. King and his impact on American history and how his message still resonates today in classes throughout the year. In January and February, 2nd graders are learning about the Civil Rights Movement in English/Language Arts, and 5th graders are talking about the historical implications of slavery on our culture today in Social Studies. I hope your family is able to spend some time discussing the meaning of MLK Jr Day as the observation approaches.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

Warmly,
Katie

Quick Links:

- [Family Handbook](#)
- [School Climate Plan](#)
- [Dismissal Map](#)
- [Dismissal Form](#)
- [Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook](#)
- [District Calendar](#)
- [January Breakfast Menu](#)
- [January Lunch Menu](#)

PTA NEWS

COMING UP:

Welcome back everyone! Here's to a new year with our amazing Glencoe community!

Popcorn Friday - Friday 1/16 after school (you can donate ahead of time [HERE](#))

PTA Meeting - Thursday 1/22 from 6:30-7:45 in the cafeteria

Pine State Biscuits Partnership Fundraiser - Monday 1/26, more details to come





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:

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

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

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WINTER AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS!

Winter session registrations are still open for our fabulous after-school programs:

Mondays:

[LEGO Robotics](#) (cancelled due to low enrollment)

[Portland Drama Club](#)

[Knight Chess School](#)

Tuesdays:

[Yoga Playgrounds](#) (cancelled due to low enrollment)

Wednesdays:

[Circus Cascadia](#)

[Dungeons & Dragons Club](#) (registration full)

Thursdays:

[Adventures in Spanish](#)

[Skyhawks Basketball](#)

[Imagine This PDX Art](#)

Fridays:

[Electronic Music Club](#)

[Portland Kelly Kadets Baton](#)

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PINE STREET BISCUITS RESTAURANT PARTNERSHIP

Join us for January's restaurant fundraiser at **Pine Street Biscuits on Division on Monday 1/26 from 8-2pm**, since it's not a school day! Glencoe PTA will receive 10% of sales to go toward Spring events, classroom needs, and grounds projects!



**HELP SUPPORT
GLENCOE
ELEMENTARY PTA**

WHERE: PINE STATE BISCUITS DIVISION
1100 SE DIVISION ST.

DATE: MONDAY 1/26 8AM-2PM

10% OF ALL DINE IN SALES WILL GO TO THE
GLENCOE ELEMENTARY PTA



MINI MAKERS MARKET PDX @ WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY

It's the 4th annual Mini Makers Market PDX, featuring youth artisans from the Portland area. Taking place on **Saturday, February 28th from 11am-2pm at Woodstock Elementary** in SE Portland, this event features youth artisans (18 and under). We have space for over 80 vendors and always get a good turnout of shoppers. The event has been a great success and we are thrilled to do it again this year.

Applications for the 2026 market are open now through until January 18th.

Details (including the application) can be found on our google site here: <https://sites.google.com/view/minimakerspdx/home>.



**CALLING ALL
JUNIOR ARTISANS!**

YOU'RE INVITED TO APPLY FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL

**Portland
MINI MAKERS
Market**

WHERE YOUNG CREATORS BECOME ENTREPRENEURS

FEBRUARY 28, 2026 - 11AM - 2PM
@WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OPEN TO ALL ARTISANS 18 AND UNDER
APPLICATIONS OPEN THROUGH JAN. 28, 2026

[SITES.GOOGLE.COM/VIEW/MINIMAKERSPDX/HOME](https://sites.google.com/view/minimakerspdx/home)



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY SPIRIT DAY RESCHEDULED

Our January SPIRIT DAY has been rescheduled to Friday, January 23. The theme is "Homemade Wacky Hats." Wear your most wacky homemade hat to Glencoe and show off your fabulous creativity.



HEALTH ROOM CLOTHING

The health room is still in need of **large size** pull-on pants, sweats, leggings, athletic pants, etc. for both boys and girls. Please bring anything you are willing to donate 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 sibling(s) for a fun storytime in the Glencoe Library from 8:10am-8:45am with Library Assistant extraordinaire, Diane Newton Prior.

SIBLING STORYTIME DATES IN JANUARY HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED TO JANUARY 14 & JANUARY 28.

YOUNG ARTISTS DEBUT

Until January 16, 2026, Cognizart is accepting applications from visual artists & performing soloists/ensembles ages 8 to 18 to participate in the Young Artists Debut! (YAD!) The YAD! offers many fun and educational benefits, including the opportunity to showcase and refine creative talents, have professional photos and videos of creative works, guidance from mentors, and an honoraria. One winning artist will be selected as the Zorro Award Winner, an honor which includes \$1,000 to further artistic endeavors. The experience culminates with the Young Artists Debut! on April 24, 2026, at The Reser where artists showcase their talents, and select soloists will have the opportunity to perform with Orchestra Nova Northwest musicians.



Cognizart by MetroArts Inc.'s 32nd Young Artists Debut! will showcase artists ages 8-18 on April 24, 2026. If you're a skilled visual or performing artist-or part of an ensemble-apply to be a YAD! Winner by 1/16/2026!

Winners:

- Receive the prestigious honor of becoming a Young Artists Debut! winner and **eligibility for the \$1,000 Zorro Award** for artistic and programmatic excellence.
- Participate in educational mentoring sessions with professionals and collaborate with other winners to create an immersive multidisciplinary program.
- Perform or showcase their talents at community events and develop marketing and speaking skills, culminating with the Young Artists Debut! on April 24, 2026, at The Reser.
- Soloists and ensembles may perform with musicians from Orchestra Nova Northwest at the **Young Artists Debut! on April 24, 2026.**
- Gain professional guidance, portfolio support, headshots, and access to professional photos and videos* of your work.

We encourage all young artists between the ages of 8 and 18 to apply* and receive valuable feedback from our judges! All applicants become members of the Cognizart + Orchestra Nova Northwest Community and are invited to participate in YAD! For more information, and to apply, go to cognizart.org. **We HIGHLY encourage applying early!**

*Cognizart offers application fee scholarships to students who qualify! Email skibson@cognizart.org for more information.



Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy
Cognizart by MetroArts Inc. admits students of any race, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to its students. It does not discriminate based on race, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, and scholarship programs.

*Videos may be limited due to copyright

The full details of the program are on our website at: <https://www.metroartsinc.org/young-artists-debut>.

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

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.

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](#)

ICE / IMMIGRATION POLICIES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

[FAQ - English](#)

[FAQ - Spanish](#)

[FAQ - Somali](#)

[FAQ - Chinese](#)

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](#)
- 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) Scholarships Available

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 Center [Immunization Catch-Up Reminder](#) (by Feb. 25)
- Multnomah County: Student Health Centers (*fliers in English, Russian, Chinese, and Vietnamese*):
 - [Cleveland HS](#)
 - [Franklin HS](#)
 - [Jefferson HS](#)
 - [McDaniel HS](#)
 - [Roosevelt HS](#)
- **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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