



# Glencoe Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter - January 30, 2026

## UPCOMING EVENTS - check website for full month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>Monday, 02/02/2026</b>	After-School - <b>Knights School Chess Class</b> After-School - <b>Portland Drama Club</b>	2:30pm - 3:45pm 2:30pm - 5:00pm
<b>Tuesday, 02/03/2026</b>	<b>Kinder Info Session (Adults only)</b>	4:30pm - 5:30pm
<b>Wednesday, 02/04/2026</b>	<b>Sibling Storytime</b> <b>Wednesday Morning Meeting</b> After-School - <b>Circus Cascadia</b> After-School - <b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons Club</b>	8:10am - 8:40am 2:30pm - 4:00pm 2:30pm - 4:00pm
<b>Thursday, 02/05/2026</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 - 3:30pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm
<b>Friday, 02/06/2026</b>	<b>PTA Meeting</b> <b>Recycling Assembly (K,1&amp;2)</b> After-School - <b>Portland Kelly Cadets Baton</b> After-School - <b>Electronic Music Club</b>	8:15am - 9:15am 10:00am - 10:30am 2:30pm - 3:10pm 2:30pm - 3:30pm

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Glencoe Community,

Sunday February 1 is the first day of Black History Month and marks the 100-year anniversary of the tradition. The theme is “A Century of Black History Commemorations.” At Glencoe we honor and learn about Black history and the contributions and legacies of Black Americans throughout the year. Students who identify as Black have weekly access to a Black Student Union and a Multiracial Student Union to be in community and come together through their shared experiences.

Our second graders are currently studying a unit on the Civil Rights Movement in the US which poses the question “How can people respond to injustice?” A topic that is very important in our current political climate. Racial equity themes such as this are embedded throughout the curriculum in every grade level across the school year, and students and teachers discuss on a daily basis what it means to uphold our Glencoe values of inclusion, collaboration, caring, and persevering. If you are interested in learning more about [Black History Month](#), here is information from ASALH, the BHM founding organization. [Here](#) are some local ways you can celebrate the Black legacy in Oregon this February.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and I will see you in February!

Warmly,  
Katie

### **Day of Local Action for Social Justice**

Activists called for a “nationwide day of no school, no work and no shopping” across the U.S. today, Friday, January 30, to protest President Donald Trump’s immigration crackdown following the fatal shootings of two people by federal agents in Minneapolis. If you would like to participate to show solidarity with the effort, please see the list of possible local actions you and your family could take.

The letter/email writing regarding stopping funding for ICE is the **most urgent**, as the vote is at the end of this week, so writing/calling senators would have the biggest impact if done now.

We are continuing to look for opportunities to support our local families. One action everyone can partake in is keeping eyes and ears open especially around drop off and pick up times. If you see any ICE presence in our neighborhood, a phone call to our main office is very appreciated; it starts a cycle of phone calls and setting up support systems.

#### **Letter writing-**

Oregon Senators/Representatives  
Ron Wyden  
Jeff Markley

Mail to-  
The Honorable (Name)  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

[Letter Template](#)

Email Ron Wyden- <https://www.wyden.senate.gov/contact/email-ron>

Email Jeff Merkley- <https://www.merkley.senate.gov/connect/contact/>

### **Phone calls-**

There are topics, names, and phone numbers listed to call.

<https://5calls.org/>

### **Sign making-** make and post in your yard or windows

Peace

Social Justice

Make good trouble

Community

Diversity is Beautiful

We welcome every one

### **Red cards-** print off and share Know Your Rights cards

<https://www.waimmigranthealth.org/immigration-action-center/red-card/>

### **Read and Research-** places to learn about and possibly donate money

Just Futures Law- <https://www.justfutureslaw.org/>

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota- [immigrant law center of minnesota](http://immigrantlawcenter.org)

Community Aid Network- <https://www.canmn.org/>

### **Books to help children understand protests-**

11 Books about non-violent protest

<https://humaneeducation.org/11-childrens-books-nonviolent-protest-resistance/>

Songs about Social Justice- Listen to together, lyrics can be great slogans for signs

<https://www.rebekahgienapp.com/social-justice-songs/>

## **Report Cards**

Quarter 2 report cards went live on ParentVue today at 11:30 AM. If you opted for a paper copy, they will be sent out early the next week. Teachers have included comments on student progress and areas for growth.

To clarify the rubric scores, it is important to know that a "3" in any given area means that a student is working "at grade level." If your child doesn't have "3"s until Quarter 4, it is still possible they are currently on-target to be at grade level in that area. Receiving a score of "4" is rare, and means that a student is working consistently at tasks that meet standards at the grade level above. Please let us know if you have any questions about your child's marks.

### **Quick Links:**

[Family Handbook](#)

[School Climate Plan](#)

[Dismissal Map](#)

[Dismissal Form](#)

[Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook](#)

[District Calendar](#)

[February Breakfast Menu](#)

[February Lunch Menu](#)

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## PTA NEWS

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### COMING UP:

**Morning PTA Meeting** – Friday, February 6, 8:15-9:15am, we will talk about academic and budget updates

**Bellweather Fundraiser** – Wednesday, February 11, time TBD

**Family Dance** – Thursday, February 12, 6-7:30pm

**Popcorn Friday** – Friday, February 13, 2:35pm at the school



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### PTA MEETING RECAP

Thank you to everyone that attended last week's meeting, in person and on Zoom! Here's what we covered:

- Exciting update from Principal Katie: our students are doing great! According to our ODE report card, **Glencoe has grown 10% in math and 9% in reading for statewide assessment this year, which for an already well performing school is a huge deal!** We're around the 80% of all schools in the state. Go kiddos! And teachers!
- There is a large portion of people on the PTA Board who will reach the end of their terms this school year, including the roles of President, Communications, and others. **If you are at all interested in learning about becoming more involved in the PTA, please email us at [glencoeelementarypta@gmail.com](mailto:glencoeelementarypta@gmail.com)** or talk with anyone you know on the board in person!
- **The idea was brought up to have a student representative (5th grader) in PTA matters.** We think this is a great idea and Principal Katie is considering it in a new leadership program they are developing.
- We did a brainstorming exercise to explore ideas for participatory funding. **If you have anything you'd like to see us fundraise for, please share over email or in person.**
- Playground Update: we are still awaiting official sign off from PPS, but are expecting to break ground on the major playground overhaul in the summer or fall. **Please be thinking of ways we can include our community as much as possible in this exciting project!** Benches? Community Mural? Please share your thoughts.

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### PPS BOARD ADDRESSES MAJOR BUDGET CUTS FROM STATE

This excerpt is from the newsletter written by our PPS School Board representative, Stephanie Engelsman.

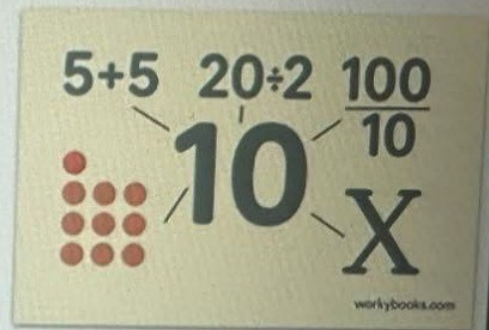
*"We had a Finance Focus and Budget Development presentation and it was depressing. As part of the presentation was the slide below. I asked the presenter, Michelle Morrison, to pause and leave the slide up so we could fully digest the information. Michelle Morrison was very clear that the slide does NOT in any way include suggestions of what the district is proposing; it is simply an*

equivalency chart. What does a \$50 million dollar cut look like to us?? Below is the shocking information. Student Representative Ritorto said "there is no more fat to cut. We're now deciding which muscle to cut." This budget cut will be catastrophic to our school system. It is now that we must collectively contact our state legislators and governor and demand that they (1) fund at the Quality Education Model, which they have never done since its inception, and (2) properly fund public education. This underfunding of education + unfunded mandates + shortest school year in the country ([Oregon's classroom hours among lowest in nation, experts tell lawmakers - oregonlive.com](http://oregonlive.com)) = we cannot be surprised that our system is hurting. It is time to be brave and to commit to making our public schools \*incredible\* and \*fully funded\*. We have no more time to lose or fat to cut. Please sit with this information below and then find your state senator/representative and governor here: [Legislator Lookup](#)."

## \$50 million Budget Gap for 2026-27

### Equivalent Values:

- \$1,179 per student (42,404 students)
- 14.5 school days (\$3.5 million each)
- 312.5 Educator FTEs (\$160k each)
- 650 Paraeducators/Instructional Assistant FTE
- 12.5 Annual Elementary School operating budgets (\$4.0 million each)
- + 3.0 Student to Classroom Teacher Ratio (averaged across system)



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**PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO BRING URGENCY AND ATTENTION TO THIS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT MATTER.**

### SPRING SOCCER WITH SE SOCCER CLUB

If you have a kiddo PreK-8th grade, you can sign them up for soccer this Spring! Click [here](#) for more info.



**PEDALHEADS SUMMERCAMP DISCOUNT – NOW THROUGH JUNE!**

Spring + Summer  
**Bike Camps**

\$25 FOR THEM, \$25 FOR YOU

Use code  
**GLENCOE26**  
for \$25 off



VALID FOR ANY PEDALHEADS BIKE PROGRAM IN OREGON AND VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON UNTIL JUNE 30, 2026.

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Fundraising opportunity! Use code **GLENCOE26** by June 30, 2026, to receive \$25 OFF any Pedalheads bike or trail camp in Oregon or Vancouver, WA! For every code redeemed, Pedalheads will donate \$25 back to Glencoe PTA.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### FOOD PANTRY

**THE GLENCOE FOOD PANTRY IS STILL OPEN!** If you would like to access the Food Pantry, come by the office at any point during school hours and you can fill a bag or two.

### AUTHOR VISIT - MIKE LAWRENCE

In exciting news, author Mike Lawrence is visiting Glencoe on April 2nd for grades 2nd-5th! To get ready for this incredible visit you can preorder his newest book, *The Lionharts*, and have it signed! All books that are ordered will be delivered to Glencoe on April 2nd. Please use this link to pre order your book: [Author Mike Lawrence Book Buying Link](#). When you order this wonderful adventure graphic novel, please click, "I would like to pick up this order" (your child will pick it up at school on April 2nd). Please **write your child's name, grade level and their teacher's name in the school author visit box**. We only have until March 19th to preorder his book!





## NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

### Immunization Exclusion Date - February 25

Avoid clinic wait times! Schedule an immunization appointment at your nearest Student Health Center now and turn in updated records to your school early.

Deadlines for this year:

Feb. 25 to not get turned away from school

More info: [multco.us/services/immunizations](https://multco.us/services/immunizations)

¡Evitar tiempos de espera en la clínica! Programar una cita de vacunación a su Student Health Center más cercano ahora y entregue los registros de vacunación escolares al día temprano.

Fechas límites para este año:

Febrero 25 para no ser rechazado en la escuela

Más información: [multco.us/services/immunizations](https://multco.us/services/immunizations)

### Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

We received notification from the Multnomah County Health Department that a student in 3rd grade with pertussis (whooping cough) attended school during their infectious period, December 23, 2025 through January 13, 2026. No additional student information was provided to us. Please see the linked document for more information about pertussis.

As always, it's important to continue washing hands regularly and covering coughs and sneezes.

If you are pregnant or immunocompromised and have had close contact with students in 3rd grade, please consult with your healthcare provider about your possible exposure.

Please reach out to our school nurse, Jenny Hefele, if you have any questions.

[jhefele@mesd.k12.or.us](mailto:jhefele@mesd.k12.or.us)

[Pertussis \(Whooping Cough\) English](#)

[Pertussis \(Whooping Cough\) Spanish](#)

[Pertussis \(Whooping Cough\) Somali](#)

[Pertussis \(Whooping Cough\) Vietnamese](#)

[Pertussis \(Whooping Cough\) Chinese](#)

### Head Lice

I've been hearing from other nurses that there's been a recent uptick in head lice cases around the district so I figured it's a good time to send out some info about head lice: [Information regarding Head Lice](#). Please remember to check your student regularly for signs of head lice.

### Wet Weather Season

Also, now that we're in the cold and wet weather season, here is some info regarding appropriate clothing and tips for rainy days at recess: [Rainy Days at Recess](#).

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## 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.

### WE'RE BACK TO OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, February 4 & February 18

Please join us for  
Sibling Storytime!



On the library Story Steps

Every other Wednesday  
from 8:10-8:30

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## THE FUND FOR PPS - SCHOOL LIASONS

### 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. For 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](https://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](#)

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## ICE / IMMIGRATION POLICIES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

[FAQ - English](#)

[FAQ - Spanish](#)

[FAQ - Somali](#)

[FAQ - Chinese](#)

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## YOUNG ARTISTS DEBUT - DEADLINE EXTENDED

Until February 7, 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.

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



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 YADI 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 YADI! For more information, and to apply, go to [cognizart.org](https://cognizart.org). We HIGHLY encourage applying early!

\*Cognizart offers application fee scholarships to students who qualify! Email [skateboard@cognizart.org](mailto:skateboard@cognizart.org) for more information.



2025 YADI Winner!



[cognizart.org](https://cognizart.org)



**Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy**  
Cognizart by MetroArts Inc. admits students of any race, sexual orientation, gender identity, color, national and ethnic origin to all its 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.

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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:

- Oregon State University [Stem Academy AWSEM Club](#) (Feb. 2 - Mar. 2) ([Spanish](#))
- 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 [360 Arts Camp](#) (Jul. 6-10, Jul. 13-17, Jul. 20-24) Scholarships Available

### Vaccinations, Health & Wellness:

- 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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