

GLENCOE

Elementary School



Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 20 th	Site Council	2:40PM
Sept. 22 nd	Picture Day!	
Sept. 24 th	Middle School Auction	
Sept. 27 th	Art Infusion Training	6:30PM
Sept. 29 th	Back to School Night	5:30PM

Dear Glencoe Families and Friends:

Welcome back to another school year! We had a fantastic first week and everyone, students and staff, seem to be settling in. Enrollment is currently 456. That is down by about 25 students. It doesn't seem like enrollment is down when you look at class size. Full day kindergartens are at 28-29 (half day is only at 12 and if any full day family would like to join the half day class they are welcome to). First grades are at 26, 29 and 30 (every class had 29-30 students assigned but we never know who will actually show up). Second grade classes have 26-28 students as do the third grades. The fourth and fifth grades have 23-25 students each. Larger class sizes are our new norm.

We are looking forward to Back to School Night. Set aside time on the evening of September 29th to visit your student's classroom. Back to School Night is an open house from 5:30-7:00 PM. Your student will act as your tour guide and show you around their classroom. Students feel a lot of pride showing off their room and the work they've been doing. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks for sending us such awesome kids. We love them all!

Sincerely,
Robi

Family Directory Update:

It's in the works! This directory is for Glencoe parents only. If you or someone you know would like to place an ad in this year's family directory, please contact juliasherman61@gmail.com. Ad pricing starts at just \$20. For only \$10 more, you can add a logo. Larger ads of 1/4, 1/2 or full-page are available too. The deadline for ad copy and payment is October 14. Also, for those families who prefer to **NOT** be listed in the directory, please send an e-mail to juliasherman61@gmail.com.

Wanted Cafeteria Helper:

If you don't get enough time in the kitchen sink at home, please consider volunteering in our fun Glencoe Cafe! Melissa is looking for a volunteer dishwasher from 12:00 – 12:30 on Tues. &/or Thurs. Gloves included!

PTA Chinook Books:

Hello all! Today you will receive envelopes to order your Chinook books. There are 3 options: 1. Paper book \$20 2. Paperless download for a smart phone \$10 or 3. Both the paper book and the paperless for \$25. Please ask family and friends if they are interested in buying one. They truly pay for themselves after only a couple of uses. Great for gifts too (Christmas is coming). Please return them back to your teachers by September 28th. If you have any questions or need them sooner please call Sheila Montgomery @ 503-935-1093.

September Safety Reminders – Please Read!

Doors: All doors are locked and shut during the school day except the front doors. Please do not pound on other doors to be let in. We do not want students getting in the habit of opening doors for people. We want all visitors to pass by the office so we make sure they check in.

Pick up: As soon as possible practice meeting your student outside of the building or in a less congested area like by the library or gym. Congestion is especially a serious problem in the first grade hall.

Strollers in the hallways: Please leave strollers outside or parked in the cafeteria during opening and dismissal times. The congestion in the hallways is a serious concern. In the event of a real emergency, we need to be able to exit the building quickly and safely.

Dogs on school grounds: Dogs on school grounds must be on leash and under the control of an adult at all times. Dogs are not allowed in the building for any reason (except for canine assistants).

Student supervision in the morning: Supervision of students begins at 7:45. Please do not drop off your student prior to 7:45. There will be no adult on duty to make sure they are safe.

Parking lot: Please enter the parking lot on 51st and exit on Morrison. The lot was designed to have the flow of traffic move only in one direction.

Crosswalk: We ask everyone to use the crosswalk, which has an adult on patrol, to model safety for all of our students.

Box Tops For Education:

Welcome back everyone! It is time to clean out all those little Boxtops from the kitchen drawers and bring them on in. Our first submission is October 22, 2011. Ask your neighbors and family to help save these for us. They really add up when everyone is on the lookout for them. Many more companies have joined with Boxtops since last Fall. Look for them on all of your back to school products from Avery Office Products. A complete list of companies can be found at boxtops4education.com. We are the proud owners of new basketballs and a floor hockey set thanks to all the Campbells Soup labels you have brought in! Please keep up the great work collecting these little gems which helps make Glencoe a better place to be! Thank you for your help. Questions? Contact Sonja Erlandson 503-231-1812 or skerlandson@comcast.net.

Crossing Guard Needed:

We are required by law to have an adult crossing guard at the crosswalk in front of the school every morning and afternoon. If we don't have a parent-volunteer to be crossing guard, Mrs. Osborn fills the role, which then keeps her from assisting the bus riders. If you have a few minutes before or after school, please sign up for a shift in the main school hallway sign-up sheet. There are safety vests and flags in the workroom for this job. Thank you!!!!

Art Infusion Parent Training:

Tuesday, September 27th, 2011 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Glencoe café. Free childcare is provided in the playcourt. We need at least 3 or four parents per classroom to attend each training. No previous art or teaching experience is required or necessary. Please check out the Art Infusion bulletin board or visit Glencoe's website to obtain the training and classroom project schedule. We hope to see you there! Also, if you haven't filled out a background check in the past two years, see the office for an application. This process must be done before you can volunteer in the classroom.

What Is Art Infusion?

Art Infusion is Glencoe's monthly art program completely coordinated and facilitated by Glencoe parents. Once a month, parents meet in the café to learn a lesson from experienced trainers. Within the next few weeks after the training, those parents bring the lesson to the classroom and artwork is hung for viewing.

Every classroom needs at least three parents to attend the training and present the lesson to the classroom. This is a fun and fulfilling way to get involved in your child's classroom.

Attendance Update:

A quick reminder concerning attendance: If your child arrives at school after 8:15 AM, they will not be allowed to enter the classroom without a tardy slip from the office. This is due to the fact that attendance must be entered into our computer system no later than 8:15. To minimize disruptions for teachers and students, the office enters any changes to the daily attendance after that time. An automated calling system will be confirming absences with families later on each morning. If you ever receive one of these calls and you believe it to be a mistake, please contact the office staff immediately at 503-916-6207. Thank you for assisting us in making sure your child is safe and happy at school.

Vacations: If you are taking your child out of school for a family vacation, please contact the office *before* leaving.

Middle School Auction:

Don your hat, brush off your boots and mosey on over to the Wild West by Southeast Auction benefitting Mt. Tabor Middle School Foundation.

September 24th, the Saturday fun will begin at 5:00pm with music, art, raffles, fun and food at the beautiful Portland Nursery on Stark.

The proceeds will keep staff positions in place while providing support to the hard-working staff educating the next generation of leaders. Yeehaw!

Wild West by Southeast Auction

Saturday, September 24, 2011

5:00pm-9:00pm

Portland Nursery on Stark

Dinner included

Benefitting Mt. Tabor Middle School Foundation

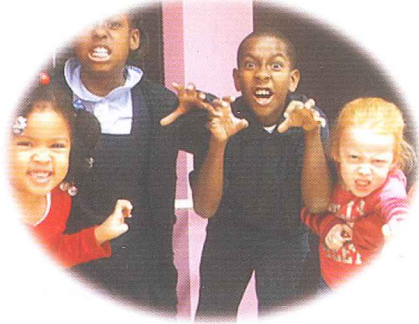
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DISCOVER THE ARTS OPEN HOUSE

September 18th 2011, 3 PM to 5 PM



Portland Metro Arts

- Great New Location
- Convenient Class Times
- Family Friendly
- Professional-Quality Training
- Personalized Attention
- Attention to Individual Artistic Goals
- Customer Service Commitment
- Knowledgeable Staff
- Non-profit Mission that Contributes to Quality of Life in our Community

9003 SE Stark Street | 503 408 0604
info@pdxMetroArts.org | www.pdxMetroArts.org

Open House Sunday - Join Us September 18th 3 - 5 p.m.

We're extending an open invitation to everyone in the family to a variety of **FREE** arts workshops, classes and performances. Something for all ages and all levels.

Free Classes and Workshops

Dance: Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap
Music: Guitar, Singing, other Instruments
Theatre: Games, Radio and Technical
Art: Messy Art, Collage, Watercolor

Free Performances

Kid's Chorus & Kid's Play, Metro Dancers, Radio Theatre, Guitar and more!

Invite all you know - classmates, family & friends. *Check our website for details.*

Portland Metro Arts

As a non-profit arts organization, we have been providing our community with quality arts education and performance programs for over 50 years.

In all projects and endeavors, we actively engage a philosophy of nondiscrimination. We honor the diversity of our city and the richness that it brings

Running between activities?

Join hundreds of families who are saving valuable hours each month by scheduling Dance, Music, Theatre and Art classes for different children at the same time. Call us today to see how we can help you save time in your busy schedule.

After-School Transportation

Grades Kindergarten - 8
Students registered in any of our after-school classes can use our **free van transportation** from Bridger, Cherry Park, Clark/CSS, Floyd Light, Glencoe, Grace Lutheran, Harrison Park, Jason Lee, Mill Park, Portland/Arthur Academy, Ventura Park and Vestal. Available Monday through Thursday.

After-School Arts Club

Grades Kindergarten - 8
After-School Arts Club (ASAC) can be paired with PMA Transportation. ASAC is for students registered for PMA classes and is **great for families needing a quality supervised after-school option.** ASAC students are provided healthy snacks and creative activities Mon - Thurs from 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. There are rotating activities and designated homework time. Contact our office for details.

REGISTER NOW! ACCESS THE ARTS!

PMA is the Right Choice

WELL-EQUIPPED FACILITY

- On-site theatre for performances.
- Sprung-floors for student safety.
- Soundproof music practice rooms.

NO EXTRA FEES

- No hidden fees.
- Free tickets to student performances.

PROGRESSIVE TRAINING

- Supportive learning environment.
- Progressive training syllabus which guides students from one level to the next.
- Experienced teaching staff with professional experience as well as university training.
- Private and semi-private music lessons for focused personal attention.
- Quality performance opportunities.

Call Us Today - 503 408 0604
www.pdxMetroArts.org



New Rules: Notifying Families of Student Absences

Beginning this school year, all PPS schools will notify parents and guardians of students' unexcused morning absences **before the end of the school day**. But we need your help to do it!

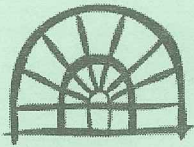
It is **very important** that you provide your school with a phone number to reach you during the daytime. How do you do that?

- ▶ **Returning students:** If you are the parent/guardian of a student returning to PPS, you will complete a student verification form. The number your school will call is in Section 9* of the form.
- ▶ **New students:** If you are the parent/guardian of a new student to PPS, you will complete a student registration form. The number your school will call is in Section 17* of the form.
- ▶ **Updating phone number:** If the phone number that you provide changes during the school year, contact your school to update it.

PPS already requires schools to make calls by mid-day when students in grades K-5 have unexcused absences. The change affects middle and high schools. Why are we making the change? It's our job to keep you engaged in your student's education. And it's the law: The Oregon Legislature approved a bill early this year that requires all school boards to have an attendance notification policy for their districts. Portland Public Schools is modifying its policy to meet the requirements.

** Information on the relevant sections is updated from What You Need to Know, the back-to-school newsletter for Portland Public Schools.*

Grade	Timeline
K-8	Calls begin at 10:30 a.m.
Middle schools	Morning class absence: Calls begin at 12:30 p.m. Afternoon class absence: Calls begin at 5:30 p.m.
High schools	Morning class absence: Calls begin at 1 p.m. Afternoon class absence: Calls begin at 6 p.m.

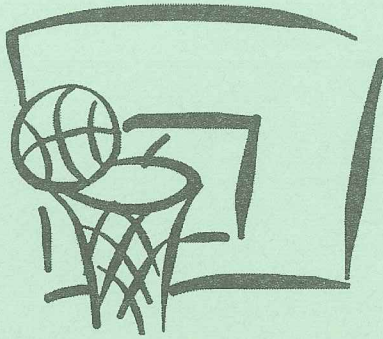


FALL I SESSION—SEPTEMBER 19TH TO OCTOBER 30TH

Register now for fun at the NECC

FALL II SESSION—OCTOBER 31ST TO DECEMBER 18TH

Registration: members Oct 18th non-members Oct 20th



Fall Basketball League Fun

- Eight weeks – eight games on Sunday afternoons
- Begins Sept 19, 2011 and ends Nov 13, 2011
- Practice during the week after school at NECC
- 9 to 15 year olds welcome to play
- League emphasis is on teamwork, respect & inclusion
- Members \$60.00 non-members \$75.00

Register now!

Aquatics

- Swim Club
- Open Swim
- Swim Lessons
- Parent/Child Classes

Halloween Carnival

You are invited to get into the Halloween spirit! Join us for old-fashioned carnival booths & games as well as a costume parade. Recommended for 1month-10 year olds. Parents to accompany children. Don't forget to wear your costume!

- Admission: One bag of individually wrapped candy or prizes for the games
- Saturday, October 29, 2011
- 1:00—3:00pm
- Costume Parade at 2:00pm
- Volunteer opportunity for kids & adults (middle school & up) (503) 475-4943
volunteer@necommunitycenter.org

Youth Programs

- Indoor Soccer
- Youth Ballet/Tap Combo
- Yoga for Kids
- Volleyball

**For class descriptions and more information please
check our web site www.necommunitycenter.org**

Visit www.necommunitycenter.org for more info & to download our program brochures