



# September Glennon Grizzly Newsletter



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

1st- PTA Meeting 6:00-7:00  
6th- 4th & 5th Track & Field Practice 2:40-3:15  
5th- NO SCHOOL Labor Day  
8th- 4th & 5th Track & Field Practice 2:40-3:15  
12th- 4th & 5th Track & Field Practice 2:40-3:15  
13th- 4th & 5th Track & Field Practice 2:40-3:15  
14th Band & Orchestra 10-10:40  
15th-Fall Picture Day  
16th- Band & Orchestra 10-10:40  
20th- 4th & 5th Track & Field Practice 2:40-3:15  
21st- Band & Orchestra 10-10:40  
4th & 5th Track & Field Practice 2:40-3:15  
22nd- 4th & 5th Track & Field Practice 2:40-3:15  
23rd- NO SCHOOL Teacher inservice  
26th - October 10th October Count Window  
28th-Band & Orchestra 10-10:40  
30th- Band & Orchestra 10:10:40

### OCTOBER

3rd- Official Count Day  
5th Band & Orchestra 10-10:40  
6th- PTA 6:00-7:00  
7th-Band & Orchestra 10-10:40  
11th- Band & Orchestra 10-10:40  
14th- Band & Orchestra 10-10:40  
18th- Parent Teacher Conferences 2:45-7:00  
19th- Band & Orchestra 10-10:40  
Parent Teacher conferences 2:45-7:00



**There will not be any  
2:00 early release on  
Wednesdays this year.**

**There will be three, 2  
hour delayed start days,  
where school will start  
at 9:45-2:30-  
Thursday, October 27  
Thursday, February 2nd  
Thursday, May 4th**



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Glennon Heights Families,

I am sure that you have already seen my last communication that highlighted all the details of Glennon's potential closure at the end of the year. With that said, I wanted to share some insight as to how the last few days have been for the staff. Additionally, I also wanted to reassure all of you that we have a wonderful staff that is committed to giving your children the absolute best school year possible. We have decided to maintain the focus this year as a celebration of Glennon Heights' 65 years of excellence and I can say undoubtedly that I am honored to be the last principal of Glennon Heights Elementary.

In these last few days I have heard many staff members say that they understand the potential closure, but cannot help but to feel upset because we have something really special here. I have also heard this same sentiment from many of you. Further, I really appreciate the outpouring of support from families and community members. Also, I want to especially thank the PTA for providing doughnuts and snacks last Friday.

Please look for additional information from the District on closure and consolidation as well as the upcoming community nights. The first one will be on September 9th from 5-6:30 and the second one is on October 14 at the same time. These nights are for you to provide feedback and gain more insight into the potential closure and consolidation of Glennon. Both will be held here at the school.

If you have any questions now, please do not hesitate to reach-out to me!

Sincerely,  
Kevin Kolasa  
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Principal

### **CHANGES IN LUNCHES FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR**

Your student is being charged for their breakfast and lunches this year unless you apply *and* qualify for the district Free/Reduced Lunch program. It is never too late to apply for Free/Reduced Lunches. *IF* you qualify for the program your school fees can also be waived. You must click on the box to share the information with the school in order for them to waive your school fees. (fines are not waived through this process). You can apply for the program through your [parent portal](#) account or through the [school cafe](#) account.

### **SEPTEMBER HABIT 1**

# Habit 1- Be Proactive

## You are in charge of yourself

- I have a “can do” attitude and always try my best at everything I do.
- I follow directions and do the right things without being asked, even when nobody's looking.
- I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods and don't blame others for my wrongdoing.



### ALL 5TH GRADE PARENTS

Hello Elementary Band & Orchestra Families,

I hope that you have had a great summer. We are excited to get started with a new year and working with your students. Here are the details for the elementary band and orchestra this year.

**1.** We presented to all of the 5<sup>th</sup> graders the possible instruments your child can choose in the next couple of weeks. Instrument changes are strongly discouraged during the year so please think carefully about the instrument your child would like to play for the entire year. The options are:

**Band:** Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion

**Orchestra:** Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass

**2.** What is your instrument plan? After our presentation, a google form will be emailed to every family. Please complete this form so we know how best to prepare an instrument for your child. The best way to get your instrument is by renting one from a local music store. These instruments will be brand new and the monthly rental cost will go toward purchasing the instrument. Many good used instruments are also available, but any used instrument should be inspected by a music repair shop first to make sure it is in playable condition. A poor quality instrument can discourage a beginning student very quickly. Please don't let this happen to your child! A **LIMITED** number of school owned instruments are available to use at a fee of \$62.50/semester (\$125/year). These fees are not charged to students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.

Instrument Rental and Information night will be on **9/1 from 5:30-7pm at Creighton Middle School**. If you are unable to attend, below are some music stores we suggest you contact in order to rent your instrument. Please contact us if you have questions.

Flesher Hinton: 303-433-8891

Golden Music: 303-279-1111

Music & Arts: 303-973-0977

Rocky Mountain Music Repair: 303-955-8064

Sol Vista Strings: 720-365-0305

**3.** Music Book: Band will be using “Essential Elements Book #1 for Band”. Orchestra will be using “Essential Elements Book #1 for Orchestra”. These books cost only \$10 and will be written in and used the entire school year. Our music vendors will have the book information.

4. First day of class: Classes start the week of September 12<sup>th</sup>

5. Days of rehearsal: Since we only get to see students twice every week, it is **IMPERATIVE for students to remember** their instrument and music books. Rehearsals are during the school day. Below is the daily schedule.

**Glennon Heights Elementary: Wednesdays/Fridays**

If you know of anyone that has not registered yet, please forward this email and encourage them to register for the 2022-2023 Elementary Band and Orchestra Program. We do believe that excellence is contagious and your student will experience excellence in music this year. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday night for instrumental rental night.

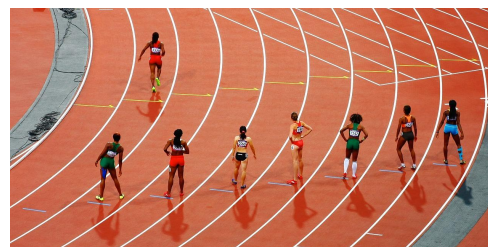
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### 4th & 5th Grade Track & Field

Calling all 4th & 5th Graders come join the Glennon Track & Field Team. Learn and practice different track events and compete against 4th & 5th graders from other schools, show your Grizzly pride and determination, and have fun! You must have a signed permission slip in order to participate! Forms are available in the main office. **First day of practice is Tuesday, 9/6.**



### WARM WEATHER ATTIRE

We believe each student should be able to attend school dressed comfortably, in a manner conducive to an active school day. With warm weather comes cooler clothing. Please keep the following items that are not allowed in mind as you send your students off to school for the day.

- No tank tops with spaghetti straps. Straps must be 3 fingers wide and cover all undergarments
- No muscle shirts, see-through fabrics, any top which exposes the stomach, back or chest
- Shorts and skirts should be longer than the student's longest finger, when their arms are at their side.
- Please avoid having your student wear flip flops and or sandals to school, they can be a tripping hazard on the playground and they are also not appropriate for PE classes.

### GRIZZLY STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Each month, we will be highlighting some of our Glennon Staff members so that you can get to know the Grizzly family a little bit better! This month, our spotlight is on Ryan Smith and Vanessa Ulibarri.



Ryan Smith is our new Kindergarten teacher at Glennon Heights! Born and raised in Colorado, Mr. Smith has been part of Jeffco Public Schools since he was in the third grade and has been teaching Kindergarten for eight years. He has a wife and two babies, which he describes as, “One is a fur baby whose name is Dipper... We also have a less hairy baby who is two, his name is Owen!” During his free time, Mr. Smith enjoys going to the mountains and hiking, camping, and fishing. He also enjoys writing and is working to become a children’s book author. When asked what his favorite thing about Glennon is, Mr. Smith said it is the people. “My students and families are amazing and my fellow coworkers are supportive and caring. I couldn’t ask for more in a school and community.”







Vanessa Ulibarri is one of our new 3rd/4th grade teachers at Glennon Heights. Ms. Ulibarri is a Colorado native and has been working in education for eight years. Ms. Ulibarri has two children; Sephi and Orion. Sephi is nineteen and works at a daycare and also takes care of horses. Orion is sixteen and is in school and enjoys tinkering with everything. During her free time, Ms. Ulibarri enjoys napping, sleeping in, tinkering, crafting and inventing. She also has four pet rats at home that she loves taking care of! When asked what her favorite thing about Glennon is, Ms. Ulibarri said, "The small community makes it feel inclusive and like home."

### PTA NEWS

The next PTA meeting will be on Thursday, September 1st from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Library. We hope to see a lot of new and returning faces as we go through this year.

Link your King Soopers card [here](#) to raise money for Glennon Heights while you do your weekly, daily grocery shopping.



