

# Glencoe PTO

## WHAT EVERY FAMILY NEEDS TO KNOW!

### Welcome to Glencoe School District 35!

We are certain that you will find our school community accessible and inviting. Whether you are a first time kindergarten parent or your third child is starting middle school, we hope you will find these tips to be helpful.

- 1** Sign up for District 35's eNewsletter at [www.glencoeschools.org](http://www.glencoeschools.org). The District sends out an electronic newsletter every Monday. The newsletter contains important upcoming dates, notices and information about upcoming events going on at your child's school. The District website also has important addresses and phone numbers for school personnel, as well as the District calendar.
- 2** Everyone is a member of the Glencoe PTO. You don't have to join as all families are members. We continue to offer popular programming initiatives, special events and our annual appeal as part of our mission. You can support the PTO by participating in these and other efforts throughout the year.
- 3** The PTO is the lunch provider for the District and works in partnership with Marla's Lunches, [www.marlaslunch.boonli.com/welcome](http://www.marlaslunch.boonli.com/welcome). Families are always welcome to send lunch from home with their child however many families choose to order lunch via Marla's Lunch portal. Our lunch program offers a varied menu from many popular local vendors. You can order occasionally or frequently. With two convenient ordering sessions parents enjoy even greater meal planning flexibility.
- 4** The Glencoe PTO Student Directory is online. District 35 does not provide a student directory. The Glencoe PTO publishes an electronic directory annually. With our online directory you can access the directory from your smartphone or computer. Additionally, you can now call or text directly from the smartphone app, real time changes can be made to your information during the year and all information is secure as the directory is encrypted and password protected. Look for an informational email about the online directory at the beginning of the school year.

**5** ☀️ **Order your child's school supplies from the PTO website.** The PTO school supply packs contain high quality, teacher-preferred supplies in the ultimate one-stop shopping. Look for ordering information each May.

**6** ☀️ **Pay your school fees, obtain required medical forms, and sign up for bus service** (fees and deadlines apply for bus service). Check out the District's website for details particular to your child.

**7** ☀️ **Sign up early for PTO-sponsored before school clubs** at South and West schools! These clubs are wonderful enrichment opportunities for your child to work with teachers from their school on a variety of topics like math, gardening, yoga and press publication. The sign-up for the fall session for these free clubs is early in September – they fill quickly!

**8** ☀️ **Check out the Glencoe Park District** at [www.glencoeParkDistrict.com](http://www.glencoeParkDistrict.com) or pick up one of the Park District's brochures at the Takiff Center (999 Green Bay Road). The Park District offers many enrichment and extracurricular activities, ranging from dance to science to sports to acting. There are opportunities for every age from kindergartener to adolescent. There is something for everyone!



**9** ☀️ **There is always a lot going on in the schools during the month of May!** From concerts to field trips to family fitness days to end of school parties, May is an exciting time at your child's school. Be sure to check your child's school calendar and website carefully during this time.

**10** ☀️ **Consider volunteering for the PTO** – you can work a book fair, become a room parent and/or join one of our many committees. You will enjoy the experience and the people you meet while you give back to your community, your children, schools and teachers. Glencoe is a vibrant and friendly community, and welcomes parents' involvement in their child's school experience. Check out the PTO's website for opportunities, or email the PTO Co-Presidents: Natalie Brown ([Natalie.Katz@gmail.com](mailto:Natalie.Katz@gmail.com)) and Shayna Plankar ([ShaynaPlankar@gmail.com](mailto:ShaynaPlankar@gmail.com)) for more information.



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