



Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization

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September 10, 2021 Newsletter

Dear Glencairn Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year!

The Parent Teacher Organization at Glencairn Elementary exists to support the teachers, staff, and parents of the school. We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the new school year! We typically raise funds for field trips, classroom support, and school expenses as well as host academic and community building events. With the current distancing guidelines, many of our traditional activities will not be possible this Fall and Winter, but we are hopeful that by Spring we will be able to organize some outdoor activities. There are still many ways that we will be supporting our teachers and the entire school community this year! EVERYONE who has a student at Glencairn Elementary is already a member of the PTO and we encourage families to get involved through volunteering, financial support, or attending PTO meetings to share your ideas. You are invited to the first PTO meeting of the year next Tuesday, September 14th at 7pm via Zoom (details below) where we will vote on our 2021-2022 PTO Officers. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to get involved, please email glencairnvolunteer@gmail.com.



A copy of the 2021-2022 proposed budget is attached. We will vote on this budget at our September meeting. At the beginning of the school year we had \$23,000 in reserve funds. Although we usually try to present a balanced budget, this year we are planning on using some reserved funds since we are not able to do many of our typical fundraisers. We will still raise funds through Spirit Wear sales later this semester, Kroger Community Rewards, Amazon Smile, and

through tax deductible donations via check or paypal.me/glencairnpto. We have included funding for all grades for field trips if they are approved by the district next semester. Funding for Teacher Appreciation and Teacher Lunches remain increased this year due to our inability to provide our typical potluck meals. A budget item for Fish Tank Maintenance has been added. The fish tank is an important asset to our school. Previously it had been funded with proceeds from the Box Tops program. When physical Box Tops were eliminated earnings drastically decreased. We do encourage all families that are able to download and scan receipts with the Box Top app as the money earned goes directly to the school.

Who We Are

The Glencairn Parent Teacher Organization exists to support the school and teachers, raising money through fundraisers such as the Fun Run, Popcorn Fridays, and more. We want to share your ideas and energy to help make the school better.

Let's get together! First Virtual PTO Meeting is September 14th.

We always want to hear from you and we want you to hear what's going on in our school community. All parents are invited to the first Glencairn PTO meeting held virtually on Zoom. Our meeting time will be at 7:00p.m. on Tuesday, September 14th.

PTO Zoom Meeting Information

Please join us Tuesday, September 14th on Zoom for the first Glencairn Parent Teacher Association meeting. Learn what the PTO is and how you can help support our school. We will vote on officers and the 2021-2022 budget. Everyone is welcome!

Topic: PTO Meeting

Time: Sep 14, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/98812214104>

Meeting ID: 988 1221 4104

Passcode: 313981

One tap mobile

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+13017158592,,98812214104# US (Washington DC)

Follow us on Facebook

Our school's **PTO** has a **Facebook page** to help share the latest news involving our PTO and school community: <https://www.facebook.com/glencairnpto>



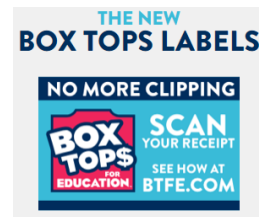
We also encourage you to join **Glencairn Elementary Families**. This is an informal Facebook page for parents and members of the school community to ask questions and share information about the school --

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1143041979071281/>. Ask to join, and you'll be gladly accepted!

Easy Ways to Help Our School

Don't forget about these easy, year-long ways to earn funds for our school:

- Shop at Kroger and use their Community Rewards Program.
- When you shop on Amazon or the Amazon app, use Amazon Smile and designate Glencairn PTO to earn a percentage of your purchases. If you haven't already gotten involved in this easy program, just click this link to get set up: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-3571949>. After that, every time you shop on smile.amazon.com or on the app, 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to the Glencairn PTO to be used in our school!
- The Box Tops program uses a digital format. If you have not done so, please download the app on your smartphone and remember to scan your receipt after shopping. Every little bit helps us reach our goal!



Mark Your Calendars!

September 14th – Picture Day

September 14th – PTO Meeting from 7:00pm

September 22nd – Late Start for Professional Development – School starts at 10:45am

October 12th – ½ Day – School ends at 12:10pm

October 14th – ½ Day – School ends at 12:10pm

October 19th – ½ Day – School ends at 12:10pm

October 20th – Late Start for Professional Development – School starts at 10:45am

Glencairn Parent Teacher Organization		
Proposed 2021-2022 Budget		
Revenue		
	Spiritwear	1000
	Rewards	800
	Donations	3000
Total Revenue		4800
Expenses		
Curriculum Support		
	Field Day	150
	March is Reading Month	450
	Teacher Reimbursement	1700
Total Curriculum Support		2300
Field Trips		
	Basic	150
	Kindergarten	300
	1st Grade	300
	2nd Grade	300
	3rd Grade	750
	4th Grade	750
	5th Grade	750
	All School	500
	Water Day	150
Total Field Trips		3950
Community Involvement		
	Teacher Appreciation	250
	Mileage Club	300
	Teacher Lunches	400
	Safety Patrol	200
	Scholarships	600
	Graduation Caps and Awards	225
	Winter Clothes Allocation	300
	Fish Tank Maintenance	1700

	Healthy Snack Support	150
Total Community Involvement		4125
General Expenses		
	Childcare for meetings	60
	Flowers	150
	Legal and Admin	120
	Misc	300
	Printing	150
Total General Expenses		780
Total Expenses		10375
Change in Net Assets		-5575