



# Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization

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## March 9, 2018 Newsletter

**Dear Glencairn Families,**

### **We need your participation!**

The Glencairn PTO is starting to plan for the 2018-2019 school year. We need officers and event chairs to make sure we can provide funds to our school and continue our awesome events. No experience is necessary and many things can be done at home or in the evening!

Some of the things we do are:

- Raise money through the Fun Run, Dining Out, Popcorn, Book Fair, and Spirit Wear
- Put on Science Night, Math Night, the Year End Picnic, the Welcome Coffee/ Breakfast, Field Day, and Taste of Glencairn
- Assist the school staff and provide food and support for Special Person's Day, Curriculum Night, Yearbook, Mileage Club, and many grade level and Student Leadership Team events
- Support our staff and school community by coordinating monthly Teacher Luncheons, Teacher Appreciation Week, volunteers for events, and producing a School Directory

It is especially important to us that we can continue to support our students and staff during the move to our temporary building, throughout our year there and our transition back to the newly built Glencairn. We need your help to do this!



Please contact PTO president Karin Polischuk at [karinpolischuk@hotmail.com](mailto:karinpolischuk@hotmail.com) or Volunteer Coordinator Jen Pace at [glencairnvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:glencairnvolunteer@gmail.com) if you are interested in an officer position or chairing/co-chairing an event. If you'd like to get involved but aren't sure how, we would love to give you more information about specific roles and which ones might be a good fit for you.

## Glencairn International Families Group

The Glencairn International Families Group will meet on **Tuesday, March 13th** from **6:30-8:00pm** to discuss academics and also to meet the PTO. Mrs. Bungard will talk about standardized tests and navigating teacher conferences. Parents are encouraged to stay for this month's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting from 7:00-8:00 pm. All Glencairn parents are automatically members of this organization, so come and learn more!

The PTO organizes fun enrichment activities for the school and fundraisers for books, supplies and extracurricular activities, like field trips. Please contact Andrea Besley at [abesley@anr.msu.edu](mailto:abesley@anr.msu.edu) if you have questions.

### Bus Schedule:

6:00 pm Bus departs Spartan Village (31 Middlevale Road, by the bike racks)

6:10 pm Bus departs 1855 place (CATA stop on Garden City Road)

8:00 pm Bus departs Glencairn Elementary

Also, save the date for the Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting! The MSU Rodeo Club will hold a demonstration at Glencairn from 6:30-8:00pm. Kids will be able to try on riding gear and learn how to rope a (fake) cow!

## Yearbook Orders Due Soon

If you have a Yearbook Order form, please try to turn it in by March 16<sup>th</sup>. We'd really like to get a count of how many yearbooks we need to order this year. However, please don't panic. Lifetouch is printing more order forms and will give us a "last chance" week to order very soon. Also, the online ordering system will remain open until the end of spring break. Online ordering is available at [YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM](http://YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM) using the yearbook code 10512418. Please contact Kim Ringlever at [kimringlever@yahoo.com](mailto:kimringlever@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

## Walk and Roll Safety Day

Did you know that there will be bike racks at Red Cedar next year and at the new Glencairn building? To prepare your children to get to school safely if they bike, walk, or ride the bus, attend Walk and Roll Safety Day on **April 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm** at MacDonald Middle School. This event is free and is sponsored by East Lansing Safe Routes to School (SRTS). It will include Family-oriented walking and biking education activities, including an obstacle course, safety training courses, bike safety checks. This year the first 30 children to complete the Safety Quiz will receive a free bike helmet! If you would like to learn more about SRTS or be a liaison for Glencairn please visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/538249192998573/>



## Imagination Playground Update

The Imagination Playground has arrived and is already very popular! The Student Leadership Team has even decided to host a talent show as a fundraiser with the proceeds going toward the purchase of additional blocks.

## Fundraiser Reminders

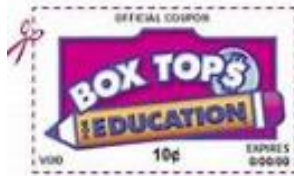
Don't forget about these easy, year long ways to earn funds for our school:

- Shop at Kroger and use their Community Rewards Program.
- When you shop on Amazon, use Amazon Smile and designate Glencairn PTO to earn a percentage of your purchases.
- Save Box Tops and drop them off at in the collection box near the office.
- Refer friends to LightSpeed because they've partnered with Glencairn to offer an affiliate program.

We've given details about each of these programs earlier in the school year, but please email Kim Roland at [rolanddave@hotmail.com](mailto:rolanddave@hotmail.com) if you'd like a refresher about how to use any of these programs.



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## Let's get together! Next PTO Meeting is March 13<sup>th</sup>.

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 next PTO meeting in the Glencairn Elementary Library. **We will have social time from 6:30-7:00 p.m. with our meeting time from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.** Childcare is available for elementary aged children if you need it. Transportation can also be arranged from Spartan Village or 1855 Place. Please email [karinpolischuk@hotmail.com](mailto:karinpolischuk@hotmail.com) if you need either care or transportation.

## Many Thanks!

**Book Bingo** was a huge success for the 4<sup>th</sup> Graders. They earned more money than ever – over \$2,700! Thank you for all the extra hands that helped. This money will go a long ways towards the cost of their Hoffmaster State Park and Frederik Meijer Gardens field trip in the spring.

Additionally, thank you so much to the volunteers who helped set up, work the cash registers, and take down the **Spring Book Fair**.

## **Wrapping it up...Mark Your Calendars!**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** – PTO Meeting in Glencairn Library

**6:30 p.m.** Social Time

**7:00-8:00 p.m.** Meeting

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** – International Families Group

**6:30-7:00 p.m.** Academics with Mrs. Bungard

**7:00-8:00 p.m.** PTO Meeting

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** – Half Day of School

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** – Teacher Luncheon – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Families Hosting

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** – Half Day of School

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** – Kindergarten Information Night for 2018-2019 Kindergarteners

**6:00-7:00 p.m.** @ McDonald Middle School

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Half Day of School

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – No School

**March 30<sup>th</sup>–April 6<sup>th</sup>** – No School, Spring Break

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** – 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Talent Show

**6:00 p.m.** Pizza Dinner

**6:30-8:00 p.m.** Show

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Walk and Roll Safety Day

**1:00-3:00 p.m.** @ McDonald Middle School

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** – Kindergarten Music Performance

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – Festival of Cultures (at the High 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.