



Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization

939 Harrison Avenue
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Educating All Students
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March 29, 2018 Newsletter

Dear Glencairn Families,

Talent Show

On **April 12th**, everyone is invited to come and watch the **2nd-5th grade talent show!** Pizza will be sold starting at 6:00pm and the show will be from 6:30-8:00pm. There will be a bus from Spartan Village at 5:30 and 1855 Place at 5:40. We have created a sign-up for anyone wishing to help with baked goods for sale:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4da8ae2aa7fb6-glencairn>. All proceeds from this event will go toward the purchase of additional Imagination Playground “big blue blocks” for indoor and outdoor recess. Students must be accompanied by an adult at this event.

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 14th 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/> and see the attached flyer.

Photo Contest

Don't forget about the “March is Reading Month Photo Contest” over Spring Break. We would love to have a 4x6 photo of each student. The entries can be either printed and brought in to school or emailed to glencairnphotocontest@gmail.com. Each student can enter one photo of themselves with a book. All photos will be displayed on the bulletin boards near the office and there will be many prizes awarded. The deadline for submissions is **April 16th**.



Milage Club

Milage Club will be starting after spring break. This is a great option for the students during afternoon recess. They can walk or run laps around the school to get exercise and earn “toe tokens” such as these:



New to Milage Club this year, we will be using a new electronic timing system. This new system is made possible due to the Building Healthy Communities grant that the school earned. To make this program successful, we are looking for two parents each day of the program to make sure the kids are safe around the corners of the school. We will also need a parent to head up the data system and help send out the “toe tokens once” a week. Please check out the volunteer link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4da8ae2aa7fb6-mileage> to see if any of these opportunities would work for you.

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!

Please contact PTO president Karin Polischuk at karinpolischuk@hotmail.com or Volunteer Coordinator Jen Pace at 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.

March 13th Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the March 13th PTO meeting have been posted on the PTO Facebook page and also on our Website: <http://elps.k12.mi.us/our-schools/glencairn-elementary-school/parentsstudents/glencairn-school-association/meeting-minutes/>.

Let's get together! Next PTO Meeting is April 10th.

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, April 10th.** 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 if you need either care or transportation.

Many Thanks!

Thank you to the 1st grade families for hosting a great teacher luncheon on March 20th to help the teachers have extra energy and a nutritious meal for Parent Teacher Conferences.

Wrapping it up...Mark Your Calendars!

March 30th–April 6th – No School, Spring Break

April 10th – PTO Meeting in Glencairn Library

6:30 p.m. Social Time

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

April 12th – 2nd-5th Grade Talent Show

6:00 p.m. Pizza Dinner

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

April 14th – Walk and Roll Safety Day

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

April 16th – Photos due for Photo Contest

April 26th – Kindergarten Music Performance

May 10th – 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.

PTO Officers and Chairs

Feel free to contact us anytime:

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