



Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization

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Nurturing Each Child
Educating All Students
Building World Citizens

April 20, 2018 Newsletter

Dear Glencairn Families,

Mileage Club

Mileage Club has begun and we still need some help. 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. Please check out the volunteer link to see if you are available to help fill in any of the holes we have left: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4da8ae2aa7fb6-mileage>

Mileage Club 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" for their laps.

Festival of Cultures is Coming Soon

The Festival of Cultures is a wonderful evening event that showcases the diversity and talent of our Glencairn students. They will parade into the auditorium at the High School. Students will walk with a group under a banner that represents their native country or state and perform music and dance selections from all over the world. Students may wear traditional costumes that showcase their native country or heritage. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn and share in the diversity of our students. The Festival of Cultures is planned for Thursday, May 10th at 7:00pm. Buses from Spartan Village and 1855 Place will be provided. More information is coming soon!



Teacher Appreciation Week

We will recognize our dedicated teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week from May 7th-11th. This year the theme will be Camping. If you or your child would like to make woodland creature art (6-11 inches in size) to help decorate the school, please place items in the PTO mailbox in the office by May 5th.

End of School Year Activities

The last few weeks of school can be quite busy with celebrations and events both in and out of school. Some of these, but not all, require volunteers. Here is a rundown of what year end activities are currently planned so you can get those dates that apply to your family on your calendar now. Not all events will apply to all families as many are grade/ activity specific. More information will be provided closer to the event dates.

Track and Field Days – 5th grade May 30th, 4th grade May 31st, rain date June 1st: These events happen during the school day and require a few volunteers to act as timers and field event helpers. 4th and 5th grade students from all elementary schools are bussed to the middle school to compete in fun sporting events.

Jump Rope Show - June 1st from 2:30-3:30pm: Parents of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders on the Jump Rope Team come and enjoy their jumpers' performance!

Glencairn Field Day - June 5th in the afternoon: This outdoor school wide event includes games such as soccer, water balloon tosses, relay races, and volleyball and is a favorite of all ages. Parent volunteers will be needed in the afternoon.

Hoop Troupe Show - June 6th: The 2nd and 3rd grade students in Hoop Troupe will perform for students during the school day and in the evening for parents. Just come and enjoy the show!

4th Grade Field Trip - June 7th: The 4th graders will be visiting Frederik Meijer Gardens and Hoffmaster State Park. 4th grade parent chaperones may be welcome-check with the 4th grade teachers.

All School 5K - June 8th: We will celebrate our mileage club grant with a 5K in the afternoon mostly on school grounds. A few volunteers would be helpful.

Year End Picnic - This will likely be in the evening on June 11th or 12th: Hot dogs will be provided by the PTO. Bring a side dish to pass and come enjoy the music! Volunteers to help with set up, clean up, and serving would be helpful.

Water Day and Aquatic Center Field Trip - June 13th during the school day: K and 1st grade will have fun water activities at school. A parent coordinator and volunteers will help make this day a success. 2nd- 5th grade will go to the East Lansing Aquatic Center. Parent chaperones will be welcome but will need to provide their own transportation.

5th Grade Graduation Breakfast - June 15th in the morning: Parents will not want to miss their 5th graders in their graduation caps.

Packing Parties - As we prepare for our temporary move to Red Cedar the staff may need help with packing up the building. Volunteers to help pack up parts of the school would be a wonderful way to assist our staff! Dates will likely be the last week of school and the week after school ends and may include weekends and/or evenings.

There are lots of things going on at the end of the year (classroom, school wide, special performances) and we really appreciate how much parents contribute and how much they volunteer their time. We recognize that not everyone can help and that's ok.

Have a little spare time?

Glencairn could use some volunteers for sorting through lost and found - we have an abundance of items that need to be checked for names, washed, and sorted for donation. Please contact karinpolischuk@hotmail.com or the office if you can help!

April 10th Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the April 10th 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 May 8th.

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, May 8th.** 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!

Wow do our Glencairn students have some talent! Thank you for the extra help and baked goods donation from parents at the 2nd-5th Grade Talent Show last week.

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.

Wrapping it up...Mark Your Calendars!

May 8th – PTO Meeting in Glencairn Library

6:30 p.m. Social Time

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

May 10th – Festival of Cultures (7:00 pm at the High School)

May 30th and 31st - 4th and 5th Grade Track and Field Days

June 1st – Jump Rope Show

June 5th – All School Field Day

June 6th – Hoop Troupe Show

June 7th – 4th Grade Field Trip

June 8th – All School 5K

June 13th – 1st-2nd Grade Water Day

June 13th – 2nd-5th Grade East Lansing Aquatic Center Field Trip

June 15th – Last Day of School and 5th Grade Graduation – ½ day