



Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization

939 Harrison Avenue
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Nurturing Each Child
Educating All Students
Building World Citizens

September 15th, 2017 Newsletter

Dear Glencairn Families,

Mark your calendar for FUN RUN!

Fun Run is quickly approaching! This is the PTO's largest fundraiser of the year and the kids find that it is a **fun, healthy, and active outdoor event**. This year the Fun Run is scheduled for Friday, October 6th. The event is held during the school day in the afternoon and includes stretching, running activities, music, and a healthy snack for the kids. More information will be coming soon, but please consider volunteering and cheering your student on if you are available. Jessy Gregg, our wonderful Fun Run chair, can be reached at jessyhenderson@gmail.com if you'd like any further information.

Mark Your Calendars!

October 6th – FUN RUN!

**October 10th – PTO Meeting in
Glencairn Library**

6:30 p.m. Social Time

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

October 11th – Picture Day Retakes

October 13th – Fun Run Rain Date

Glencairn Family Directory

The Glencairn PTO will prepare a student directory for parents, students, and staff to use. This is a great tool for families who want to arrange play dates, find the names of classmates, or get in touch with other friends from school. In order to print and distribute the student directory, Glencairn PTO needs permission to include your contact information. Participation is optional. If you would like to be included in the directory, please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/RQmopJ7s4Zg5EEGw1> to provide your information. **The deadline is Friday, September 22nd.**

Let's get together!

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, October 10th.** Childcare is available for elementary aged children if you need it. Please email karinpolischuk@hotmail.com if you need care.

Join our Glencairn International Parents' Group!

This is our second year for the International Parents' Group. Last year, we hosted potlucks and information sessions with ELL teacher Julie Bungard, and shared tips on local resources for families. If you would like to help plan activities for this school year, please contact Andrea Besley at abesley@anr.msu.edu. International and American volunteers welcome!

Want to Volunteer? Here's How...

- Popcorn Friday is the PTO's second largest fundraiser of the year and helps to fund fieldtrips, supplies, enrichment, and other programs. Students who participate receive a bag of freshly popped popcorn to take home each Friday afternoon. Popcorn Friday depends completely on volunteers to help make and deliver the popcorn each week!
Each Friday, two volunteers are needed to pop, bag, and deliver to classrooms from 1:30-3:30pm. Training will be provided! You can sign up for a single afternoon or for as many as you'd like. Any help is appreciated! Please visit <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080a4da8ae2aa7fb6-popcorn>.
- Book Fair and Science Night are just a few of the many volunteer opportunities this year. If you would like to be a part of one or all of these fun events, please send an email to Jen Pace, our volunteer coordinator, at glencairnvolunteer@gmail.com. You can also find the most current online volunteer signup sheets at SignupGenius.com. Just click on "Find a Sign Up" in the upper right hand corner and search by the Glencairn volunteer email address shown above.
- Last, let us know if you're interested in serving on the PTO board or chairing a school event. We're always looking for parents who want to be active in the school community. If you want to learn more, PTO board President Karin Polischuk will be happy to meet for coffee. Feel free to contact her at karinpolischuk@hotmail.com.

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!



September 12th Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the September 12th PTO meeting will be posted in the near future on the PTO Facebook page and also on this Website:

<http://elps.k12.mi.us/our-schools/glencairn-elementary-school/parentsstudents/glencairn-school-association/meeting-minutes/>.

PTO Officers and Chairs

Feel free to contact us anytime:

- Karin Polischuk - President, karinpolischuk@hotmail.com
- OPEN - Vice President
- Erin Black - Treasurer, Erin.black9@icloud.com
- Kim Roland - Secretary and Communications, rolanddave@hotmail.com
- OPEN - At Large
- Catherine Chin Schwartz - District Parent Council Rep, catpchin@hotmail.com
- Jennifer Pace - Volunteer Coordinator, jennifer.e.pace@gmail.com
- Jen Lathom and Stacy Dickert-Conlin - GCASE Chairs
- Kim Ringlever - Yearbook and Teacher Lunch Coordinator, kimringlever@yahoo.com
- Marcia Gresens and Maria LaFaive - T-shirt Sale
- Jessy Gregg - Fun Run, jessyhenderson@gmail.com
- Libby Kirchner - Field Day Chair
- Andrea Besley - International Families Group Coordinator, abesley@anr.msu.edu

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.