



Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization  
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Educating All Students  
Building World Citizens

## September 7, 2018 Newsletter

Dear Glencairn Families,

### Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year!

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year! It's sure to be an exciting year as our Glencairn family temporarily takes occupancy in the Red Cedar Elementary school and anxiously awaits the to return to our brand new Glencairn Elementary building next fall! We hope that you have seen our welcome letter and information packet that was sent home with your student and that everyone is settling in nicely as we finish up the second 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.

### Mark your calendar for FUN RUN!

The Fun Run is in early October and will be here before you know it! This is the PTO's largest fundraiser of the year and the kids find that it is a **fun, healthy, and active outdoor event**. Donations can begin being submitted at any time at <https://paypal.me/glencairnpto> and our goal is to raise \$9,000. These funds go back to the school for the teachers to use for field trips, resources, and events.

This year the Fun Run is scheduled for **Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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 or Erin Black, our wonderful Fun Run co-chairs, can be reached at [jessyhenderson@gmail.com](mailto:jessyhenderson@gmail.com) or [Erin.black9@icloud.com](mailto:Erin.black9@icloud.com) if you'd like any further information.



## Popcorn Friday

Popcorn Friday will be starting soon and students who have signed up will receive a bag of freshly popped popcorn to take home! Order forms were sent home with your student and we've also included one with this newsletter. Please turn in your order form by September 25<sup>th</sup>. Checks can be made out to the Glencairn PTO.

If you'd like to help with popping popcorn on Friday afternoons this year, please contact [glencairnvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:glencairnvolunteer@gmail.com).

## Glencairn Family Directory

The Glencairn PTO is creating a student directory that will be printed and distributed to all families at Glencairn. It is a great way for families to connect outside of school or for you to be able to communicate with the other children in your child's classroom. In order to protect your privacy, the school cannot share your contact info with the PTO. You must fill out the PTO Student Directory Form if you would like to be included. Participation is optional. If you choose not to provide your contact information then only your child's name and teacher will be included. This year we are collecting contact information online.

**If you would like to be included, please go to:**

<https://tinyurl.com/glencairndirectory2018>

## 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!

## Let's get together! First PTO Meeting is September 11<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 Glencairn PTO meeting in the Red Cedar Elementary Library. **Our meeting time will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.** Childcare is available for elementary aged children if you need it. Please email [karinpolischuk@hotmail.com](mailto:karinpolischuk@hotmail.com) if you need care.

## Many Thanks!

**Many thanks to the parents who brought breakfast treats for our 1<sup>st</sup> day of school coffee social!**

## Mark Your Calendars!

**September 11<sup>th</sup>** – PTO Meeting from 6:30-7:30pm

**September 26<sup>th</sup>** – Late Start for Professional Development – School starts at 10:45am

**September 27<sup>th</sup>** – Picture Day

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** – FUN RUN!

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** – ½ Day – School ends at 12:10pm

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** – ½ Day – School ends at 12:10pm

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** – ½ Day – School ends at 12:10pm

**October 24<sup>th</sup>** – Late Start for Professional Development – School starts at 10:45am

**November 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Big Zoo Lesson Week (more information to come)

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** – Movie Night

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** – All School Winter Singalong

## 2018-2019 PTO Membership

Please feel free to contact us anytime:

- President - Karin Polischuk, [karinpolischuk@hotmail.com](mailto:karinpolischuk@hotmail.com)
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- Fun Run Chair - Jessy Gregg, [jessyhenderson@gmail.com](mailto:jessyhenderson@gmail.com) & Erin Black, [Erin.black9@icloud.com](mailto:Erin.black9@icloud.com)
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