



Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization

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October 19, 2018 Newsletter

Dear Glencairn Families,

Science Night Date Change

Please update your calendars if you haven't already because the Science Night date has changed from November 28th to **November 29th** due to availability of the presenters. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.

Halloween at Glencairn

- Halloween events will kick off on October 31st with the East Lansing High School Marching Band who will perform on the playground at 1:10 (this will be cancelled if it rains). After recess children will change into costumes and form a parade for parents and guests (parents please line up on the blacktop outside). Following the parade children will return to their classrooms for class festivities.
- Please do not have children wear costumes to school because there will be time to change. Also, do not send in costumes that include pretend weapons, anything that covers their face, or anything too scary - we want everyone to enjoy this fun day! Times for these fun events are shown near the end of this newsletter.
- If you're planning on being around the school for the events, please check with your student's teacher to see if they'd like any help with classroom party set up or activities or to help students change into their costumes.



Fun Run

Despite the drizzly weather we had our best Fun Run ever! The kids really enjoyed the larger space to run and the obstacles. We were able to raise \$7,905 and with lower expenses came very close to our goal. Thank you to all who donated, volunteered for the event, and came out to cheer on the students. A special thank you to parent **Steve Collison** for being the DJ the entire day and **Mr. Smith** for his leadership and teaching!

Teacher Luncheons

Did you know that the PTO sponsors monthly luncheons for the teachers and staff? This is something they really look forward to. Each month parents from a different grade are asked to bring items to create a special lunch. Please know that although we usually have teachers send out an email with the sign up genius (because we do not have access to their class email lists) this request is actually coming from the PTO and not the teachers themselves. **Our first lunch will be November 6th and be hosted by the 5th grade.** Look for a sign up genius soon! The remaining grades will have the following months:

December - 4th grade

January – 3rd grade

February – 2nd grade

March – 1st grade

April – Kindergarten

May – Basic Class, Preschool, and PTO

Box Tops

- Don't forget to keep your eyes open for Box Tops on items in your pantry at home:



- Check your boxes and cans for Box Tops, cut them out, and send them in to school by **October 26th**! You can send them to your child's teacher or Mrs. Ware has a collection box right outside the front office. If you use the collection box, be sure to label with your child's teacher so that their classroom gets the credit for the monthly competition. For each Box Top you send in, General Mills will donate 10¢ to our school. Last year the school earned over \$300 which has helps us **maintain our fish tanks**. With so much clipping already from families this year, we've already earned more than this and hope to reach \$1,000!

October 9th Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the October 9th 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/>.

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 Calendars!

October 22nd – Mrs. Olance’s Class to Special Olympics Bowling

October 23rd – ½ Day – School ends at 12:10pm

October 24th – Late Start for Professional Development – School starts at 10:45am

October 26th – K-5 Students perform a folk dance at Morning Celebration

October 30th – Kindergarten Field Trip to Woldumar Nature Center

October 31st – Halloween parade and activities

1:10-1:40 p.m. ELHS Band Concert

2:00-2:20 p.m. Recess

2:25 p.m. Change into costumes

2:40 p.m. School-wide parade

3:00 p.m. Classroom festivities

November 4th – Daylight Savings (Set your clocks back on hour)

November 7th – Picture Day Retakes

November 8th - 4th Grade Field Trip to MSU Wharton Center

November 13th – PTO Meeting from 6:30-7:30pm (3rd Grade Teachers attending)

November 21st-23rd – No School – Thanksgiving Break

November 29th – Science Night

November 26th-30th – 3rd Grade Big Zoo Lesson Week

November 30th – K-5 Students perform a folk dance at Morning Celebration

December 14th – Movie Night

December 21st – All School Winter Singalong

2018-2019 PTO Membership - Please feel free to contact us anytime:

- President - Karin Polischuk, karinpolischuk@hotmail.com
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- Mileage Club Chair - OPEN