



Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization

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November 2, 2018 Newsletter

Dear Glencairn Families,

Proposed East Lansing Elementary Boundary Changes

Last Monday, the Superintendent presented a proposal for new boundaries. The full presentation can be found here:

https://elps.us/downloads/news/proposed_elementary_boundary_shifts_to_begin_in_fall.pdf

What does this mean for Glencairn at Red Cedar students?

If adopted, students who live in the 1855 Place, Spartan Village, Flower Pot, and Ivanhoe neighborhoods will attend Red Cedar next year instead of returning to the new Glencairn building. Additionally, some students who currently live in the Pinecrest boundaries will now attend Glencairn. The exception is for current 4th graders - they will be able to attend Glencairn and have transportation.

Who else would be attending Red Cedar next year in approved?

In addition to those in the new Red Cedar boundary, the staff and students of Pinecrest will be at Red Cedar School while Pinecrest is rebuilt (2019-2020 school year). During the 2020-2021 school year Red Cedar will either host Marble Elementary students and staff or begin the new programming.

What kind of programming would be at Red Cedar after it is used as a swing school?

Red Cedar will house Early Childhood Education programs and up to 7 classrooms of Elementary students. The decision for the type of programming will be made early in 2019.

What if I want my child to attend Glencairn if the boundaries change as proposed?

A permeable boundary request can be filled out in the spring. Current Glencairn at Red Cedar students will have priority, if space allows, but are not guaranteed a spot at Glencairn. No transportation will be provided.

How can I share my thoughts on this proposal?

The Superintendent and School Board would like feedback on this proposal. There are two school board meetings where parents and other community members can comment. They are on November 12th and November 26th at 7:00pm in the Board Room on the lower level of East Lansing High School (501 Burcham Drive). Also,

emails can be sent to dori.leyko@elps.us and members of the newly elected school board at <https://elps.us/our-district/board-of-education/contact/> who will be elected on November 6th.

What if I am not a permanent resident? Do I have a say?

Absolutely! If your child will be affected the Board wants to hear from you.

Has this already been decided?

No, not yet. The Board wants to hear your feedback first. The decision is scheduled to be made on December 10th.

Please contact karinpolischuk@hotmail.com if you need a ride to a board meeting, are able to give a ride to a board meeting, or have other questions.

The 5th Grade Hosts Teacher Luncheon on Election Day

- **November 6th is Election Day and the 5th grade families will host a lunch for teachers and staff.** If you are a 5th grade parent or guardian and would like to sign up to bring something please do so here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0845adaa22a5fb6-november>.
- **Also, make sure to vote!**
 - There are 4 open spots for the East Lansing School Board (you can find candidate profiles here: <https://eastlansinginfo.org/content/east-lansing-school-board-candidates-why-theyre-running>).
 - There are also two funding millages: (https://elps.us/downloads/district_-_spotlights_archive_photos/elps_millage_brochure_final_proof.pdf)
 - Please also view this video that helps to further explain the millages. This was shared by Superintendent Leyko earlier this week: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=puQ24m6b7l0>
- As a registered non-profit the PTO does not endorse any specific candidate or position.



Let's get together! Next PTO Meeting is November 13th.

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, November 13th.** Childcare is available for elementary aged children if you need it. Please email karinpolischuk@hotmail.com if you need care.



Mark Your Calendars!

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

November 6th – Election Day

November 6th – Teacher Luncheon (hosted by 5th Grade)

November 7th – Picture Day Retakes

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

November 9th – 1st Grade Field Trip to Meridian Historical Village

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 11th – PTO Meeting from 6:30-7:30pm

December 14th – Movie Night

December 21st – All School Winter Singalong

January 24th – Talent Show

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.