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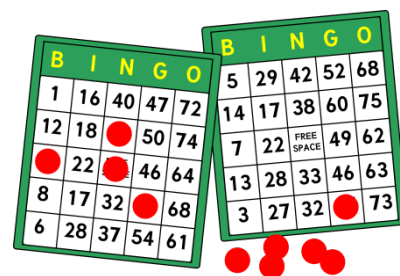
Enhancing the well-being of Glencairn children

March 1, 2019 Newsletter

Dear Glencairn Families,

Book B-I-N-G-O is Almost Here!

Mark your calendar for our annual **Book Bingo Night** on **March 8th from 6:00-7:30pm**, in the Red Cedar School gym. Book Bingo is an all-school family event, sponsored by our 4th grade classes!

- This fun event for the whole school helps the 4th grade raise money for their field trip to Hoffmaster State Park and Frederik Meijer Gardens.

Spring Book Fair

Have your wish lists ready because the **Spring Book Fair** is coming next week! From **March 4th-8th**, you can stop by the school and shop in the library. Here are the book fair hours:

- **Monday-Friday Morning: 8:00-9:00 am**
- **Monday-Friday Afternoon: 3:30-6:00 pm**

The book fair helps us raise funds for Ms. Mikko-Eicher in the Library and the teachers can also fill out wish lists for books. During the fall book fair, we the school earned $2,500 worth of books!

We still need a lot more volunteers to help out! Shifts are short and easy and happen before and after school. You will be trained on how to use the cash register and will work alongside others. Please sign-up for a shift if you are able. Thanks in advance! To sign up, please use this link: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AFAA2BABFF2-glencairnred1.

Good News!

The PTO recently allocated $2,000 to purchase new take home books. Many of the books were worn, outdated, and did not include non-fiction titles. This purchase will give our school new material that is important to the development of reading skills at every level. The students were very excited to share their favorite types of books with the staff!

We need your participation!

The Glencairn PTO is starting to plan for the 2019-2020 school year. We need officers and event chairs to make sure we can provide funds to our school and continue our awesome events. No experience is necessary and many things can be done at home or in the evening!

Some of the things we do are:

- Raise money through the Fun Run, Dining Out, Popcorn, Book Fair, and Spirit Wear
- Put on Science Night, Math Night, the Year End Picnic, the Welcome Coffee/ Breakfast, Field Day, and Taste of Glencairn
- Assist the school staff and provide food and support for Curriculum Night, Yearbook, Mileage Club, and many grade level and Student Leadership Team events
- Support our staff and school community by coordinating monthly Teacher Luncheons, Teacher Appreciation Week, volunteers for events, and producing a School Directory

It is especially important to us that we can continue to support our students and staff during the move to our new Glencairn building and throughout our year there. We need your help to do this!

Please contact PTO president Karin Polischuk at karinpolischuk@hotmail.com or any of our current members if you are interested in an officer position or chairing/co-chairing an event. If you'd like to get involved but aren't sure how, we would love to give you more information about specific roles and which ones might be a good fit for you.

Yearbook Orders Due Soon

If you have a Yearbook Order form, please try to turn it in by **March 15th**. We'd really like to get a count of how many yearbooks we need to order this year. However, please don't panic. Lifetouch is printing more order forms and will give us a "last chance" week to order very soon. Also, the online ordering system will remain open until the end of spring break. Online ordering is available at YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM using the yearbook code 10512419. Please contact Kim Ringlever at kimringlever@yahoo.com if you have any questions.
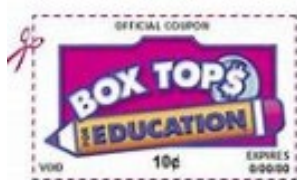
Fundraiser Reminders

Don't forget about these easy, year-long ways to earn funds for our school:

- Shop at Kroger and use their Community Rewards Program.
- When you shop on Amazon, use Amazon Smile and designate Glencairn PTO to earn a percentage of your purchases.
- Save Box Tops and drop them off at in the collection box near the office.
- Refer friends to LightSpeed because they've partnered with Glencairn to offer an affiliate program.

We've given details about each of these programs earlier in the school year, but please email Kim Roland at rolanddave@hotmail.com if you'd like a refresher about how to use any of these programs.

Let's get together! Next PTO Meeting is March 12th.

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, March 12th.** Childcare is available for elementary aged children if you need it. Please email karinpolischuk@hotmail.com if you need care.

Thanks so much!

Much thanks goes out to Josh Vincent and all the volunteers at Math Night! The event was really a lot of fun and our students loved to see all the amazing things that can be accomplished with math.

Mark Your Calendars!

March 4th-8th – Spring Book Fair in the library
March 4th – Kindergarten Information Night – For Fall 2019 Incoming Kindergarten Families @ ~~MacDonald Middle School from 6:30-7:30pm~~ East Lansing High School from 6:00-7:00pm
March 8th – Book Bingo from 6:00-7:30pm
March 10th – Daylight Savings Time Begin – Spring clocks forward 1 hour
March 12th – PTO Meeting from 6:30-7:30pm (5th grade teachers attending)
March 12th – ½ Day – School ends at 12:10pm
March 14th – ½ Day – School ends at 12:10pm
March 19th – ½ Day – School ends at 12:10pm
March 20th – Late Start for Professional Development – School starts at 10:45am
March 29th – April 5th – No School – Spring Break
April 10th – Taste of Glencairn
May 10th – Festival of Cultures

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.