



Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization

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April 19, 2019 Newsletter

Dear Glencairn Families,

Mileage Club

Mileage Club has been postponed one week and will begin on April 22nd. We are still in need of some help to make this program successful. We are looking for 2-3 volunteers each day from 2:15-2:45 to make sure the kids are safe around the course. Please check out the volunteer link to see if you are available to help fill in any of the holes we have left:

<http://tinyurl.com/GlencairnMileageClub2019>

Mileage Club is a great option for the students during afternoon recess. They can walk or run laps to get exercise and earn "toe tokens" for their laps.

Healthy Breakfast Sampling Event

During the week of April 22-26th our Student Leadership Team Green Team is sponsoring an "School-wide Healthy Breakfast Food Sampling Event". Students will have an opportunity to taste and try a different healthy food each morning following Morning Celebration. This initiative also helps us to complete one of the requirements for our Healthy School Grant funding. If you are able to assist by providing an item for this week-long event, please visit the web site below to sign up for an item and quantity. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f44aba72ca6ff2-green>

Festival of Cultures is Coming Soon

The Festival of Cultures is a wonderful evening event that showcases the diversity and talent of our Glencairn students. They will parade into the auditorium at the High School. Students will walk with a group under a banner that represents their native country or state and perform music and dance selections from all over the world. Students may wear traditional costumes that showcase their native country or heritage. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn and share in the diversity of our students. The Festival of Cultures is planned for Friday, May 10th at 6:00pm. More information is coming soon!

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!

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.

End of School Year Activities

The last few weeks of school can be quite busy with celebrations and events both in and out of school. Some of these, but not all, require volunteers. Here is a rundown of what year end activities are currently planned so you can get those dates that apply to your family on your calendar now. Not all events will apply to all families as many are grade/ activity specific. More information will be provided closer to the event dates.

Track and Field Days – 5th grade May 22nd, 4th grade May 23rd, Rain Date May 24th: These events happen during the school day and require a few volunteers to act as timers and field event helpers. 4th and 5th grade students from all elementary schools are bussed to the high school to compete in fun sporting events. The links below are for a district-wide sign-up genius for those days.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4da4ab28a3ff2-4thgrade1>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4da4ab28a3ff2-5thgrade1>

5th Grade Field Trip – May 29th: The 5th graders will be visiting Henry Ford and Greenfield Village. 5th grade parent chaperones may be welcome-check with the 5th grade teachers.

Kindergarten Writer's Workshops – Mrs. Sell's Class May 29th, Mrs. Swales' Class May 30th, Mrs. Nordquist's Class May 31st: The kindergarten writers have been working hard all year and would love to share their writing. Families are welcome to come in and enjoy the museum of readers.

Glencairn Field Day – Likely a mid-to-late-May date in the afternoon: This outdoor school wide event includes games such as soccer, water balloon tosses, relay races, and volleyball and is a favorite of all ages. Parent volunteers will be needed in the afternoon.

4th Grade Field Trip - June 4th: The 4th graders will be visiting Frederik Meijer Gardens and Hoffmaster State Park. 4th grade parent chaperones may be welcome-check with the 4th grade teachers.

Year End Picnic - This will likely be in the evening on June 5th with a rain date of June 6th: Hot dogs will be provided by the PTO. Bring a side dish to pass and come enjoy the music! Volunteers to help with set up, clean up, and serving would be helpful.

5th Grade Graduation Breakfast - June 7th in the morning: Parents will not want to miss their 5th graders in their graduation caps.

Packing Parties - As we prepare for our move back to the new Glencairn Elementary school, the staff may need help with packing up the building. Volunteers to help pack up parts of the school would be a wonderful way to assist our staff! Dates will likely be the last week of school and the week after school ends and may include weekends and/or evenings.

There are lots of things going on at the end of the year (classroom, school wide, special performances) and we really appreciate how much parents contribute and how much they volunteer their time. We recognize that not everyone can help and that's ok.

April 9th Meeting

The April 9th meeting was canceled and our next meeting will be on May 14th.

Thank you!

A big thanks goes out to our Taste of Glencairn chairs **Shannon Torres** and **Kim Steed-Page**. Additionally, **Korea House** donated veggie fried rice, dumplings, and kimchi and seafood pancakes. Thank you to **Korea House** for their generosity!

Mark Your Calendars!

May 10th – Festival of Cultures at 6:00-7:00pm – High School Auditorium

May 14th – PTO Meeting from 6:30-7:30pm

May 21st – Kindergarten Round-up for 2019-2020 Incoming Kindergarteners

May 22nd – 5th Grade Track and Field Day at High School from 9:00-11:30am

May 23rd – 4th Grade Track and Field Day at High School from 9:00-11:30am

May 27th – No School – Memorial Day

May 29th – 5th Grade Field Trip

May 29th – Kindergarten Writer's Celebration at 9:00am – Mrs. Sell's Class

May 30th – Kindergarten Writer's Celebration at 9:00am – Mrs. Swales' Class

May 31st – Kindergarten Writer's Celebration at 9:00am – Mrs. Nordquist's Class

June 4th – 4th Grade Field Trip

June 7th – Last Day of School & 5th Grade Graduation – ½ Day

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.