



# Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization

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Educating All Students  
Building World Citizens

## February 28, 2020 Newsletter

Dear Glencairn Families,

### March Events

**March is Reading Month** and it is also **Music in our Schools Month!** Mark your calendar for Book Bingo on March 27th and more information about March is Reading Month will be shared in the near future. For Music in our Schools month, please see the attached flyer and application for the 2nd-5th Grade Glencairn Showcase.

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

Mark your calendar for our annual **Book Bingo Night** on **March 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm**, in the Glencairn gym. Book Bingo is an all-school family event, sponsored by our 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes!

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

### Spring Book Fair

Did you know that **we raised \$4000** in Scholastic dollars from our Winter Book Fair? The Scholastic Dollars from book fairs are used to purchase classroom supplies, classroom books, teacher wish list books, book carts and book bins that can be used for all the students. Thank you for helping put new books in the hands of all our students through your purchases and time spent volunteering! **We are looking forward to our spring book fair held March 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.**

We will need many 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 to volunteer for set up, breakdown, or sales help here:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CAFAA2DA2FF2-march>.



## Upcoming Staff & Teacher Luncheons

The next three staff & teacher luncheons will be hosted by the parents of one kindergarten and one first grade class each time. The next lunch will be on **March 12<sup>th</sup>** and will be hosted by the **families of Ms. Sell's and Ms. Nordquist's classes**. The theme will be a taco bar and the sign-up can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0448A5AD2CAAF94-march>.

## Safe Routes to School

The Safe Routes to School Kick-off Event for Glencairn neighborhoods will be March 19th at 6:00pm at Glencairn. The MSU Safe Routes Team wants to hear your ideas about the challenges and opportunities for making it safer to walk and/or bike in the Glencairn Elementary neighborhoods.

SRTS Action Plan Development Assistance East Lansing Public Schools and the City of East Lansing are partnering with Michigan State University (MSU) to provide technical assistance for developing action plans which can lead to grant funding for sidewalks, intersection crossings, bike paths, and program support as part of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program funded by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in partnership with the Michigan Fitness Foundation.

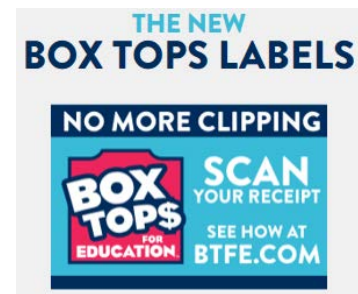
Learn more here: <https://saferoutesmichigan.org/2018/09/20/msu-action-plan-assistance/> and here (East Lansing Safe Routes to School): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/538249192998573/>.

## 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.

We've given details about each of these programs earlier in the school year, but please email Kim Roland at [rolanddave@hotmail.com](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</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 first Glencairn PTO meeting in the Glencairn Elementary Library. **Our meeting time will be from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Childcare is available if you need it. Please email [karinpolischuk@hotmail.com](mailto:karinpolischuk@hotmail.com) if you need care.

## **Many Thanks!**

- Thank you to Polly Sync for chairing Science Night and putting on an incredibly fun evening full of experimenting!
- Thank you to the second grade families for hosting the February staff lunch!

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>** – PTO Meeting from 6:30-8:00pm

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

**March 12<sup>th</sup>** – Teacher & Staff Lunch hosted by Ms. Sell's class & Ms. Nordquist's class

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

**March 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** – Book Fair

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** – ½ Day – School ends at 12:10pm

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** – Late Start for Professional Development – School starts at 10:45am

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>** - Kindergarten Family Music Sessions from 1:20-2:00 in the Music Room

**March 26<sup>th</sup>** - First Grade Friendship Frolic at 2:45pm in the Gym

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** – Book Bingo & Silent Auction from 5:30-7:00pm

**March 31<sup>st</sup>** - Glencairn Showcase for Grades 2-5 at 6:30pm in the Gym

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** – Teacher & Staff Lunch hosted by Ms. Teszlewicz's class and Ms. Fortner's class

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – PTO Meeting from 6:30-8:00pm

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Festival of Cultures at 6:30pm at the High School

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Teacher & Staff Lunch hosted by Mr. Mac's class and Ms. Swales' class

## **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.