



Glencairn Parent-Teacher Organization

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Nurturing Each Child
Educating All Students
Building World Citizens

May 6, 2022 Newsletter

Dear Glencairn Families,

Upcoming Volunteer Needs

Starting next week and into the late spring there will be two opportunities for parents and caregivers to volunteer at school events. We can't wait for these two fun outdoor events to return and both will need many volunteers. We hope you will join us!

- **Mileage Club** will be an opportunity for students to walk or run laps on the playground during recess to collect "toe token" charms, get exercise, and have fun with their friends. Volunteers will be needed to help monitor the course and punch the lap-counting cards. It will take place the weeks of May 9th and May 16th. Please note that there are two sessions per day because of the recess schedule change, so we need a lot more help. Thank you to Mr. Smith and Kristin Bellar for working on the details of this event. **There are still a few slots to fill for the dates between May 9th-May 20th.** Here is the link to sign up and help:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080a4da8ae2aa7fb6-mileage2>

- **Field Day** is a one day event scheduled for the afternoon of **Tuesday, May 31st** (rain date of June 1st). Classes will go outside and participate in a Sports Skills Relay, Sponge Relay, Hula Hoop game, Water Balloon Toss, and a Cheese Puff Toss/Shaving Cream game. Plus they will each get to enjoy a shave ice treat from the Kona Ice Truck! Volunteers will be needed to run the events. **Please sign up here:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945AEAE2DA3FB6-glencairn>. Thank you to Mr. Smith, Shannon Torres, and Cassie Thornburg for working on the details of this event!

Glencairn PTO for 2022-2023

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Many of our PTO Board members are stepping down at the end of the school year as their students get older. The PTO provides important support to our teachers and school community. We really need some new volunteers to step forward to help lead next year! In particular we need a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Co-President to work alongside our current President and Vice-President.

Co-President

- shares duties and responsibilities listed below with another Co-President
- works alongside Co-President, Vice President, other PTO members, and school staff to help support school needs
- communicates with school staff and event chairs about PTO activities and events
- works with Treasurer and other Board members to set PTO budget
- helps set agenda and run monthly PTO meetings

Treasurer

- works with other Board members to set PTO budget
- helps monitor the PTO budget
- receives funds and makes payments for the PTO
- keeps records of receipts and expenditures
- no experience needed, although being organized and comfortable with Excel is helpful
- this past year's Treasurer will be available to train the new Treasurer and answer questions throughout next school year

Secretary

- takes notes and sends out Minutes for each PTO meeting
- drafts, coordinates, and finalizes a bi-monthly PTO newsletter
- works with technical contact to push all communication to Glencairn PTO website
- this past year's Secretary will be available to train the new Secretary and answer questions throughout next school year

In addition to these Board positions, there are a variety of ways you can contribute that include short term, long term, daytime work at school, evening work from home, even a single hour volunteer shift. Volunteers help with things such as: book fair, spirit wear sales, monthly teacher luncheons, teacher appreciation week, mileage club, field day, and evening events. As planning begins for the 2022-2023 school year, there will be opportunities to help organize or volunteer with each of these activities and events. **If you are interested in getting involved in any way, with any of our activities, or are interested in a leadership role, please email Jen at glencairnvolunteer@gmail.com.** We can't support our school without YOU!

Let's get together! The Next Virtual PTO Meeting is May 24th

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 held virtually on Zoom. Our meeting is at 7:00p.m. on Tuesday, May 24th.

PTO Zoom Meeting Information

Topic: Glencairn PTO Meeting

Time: May 24, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93085819966>

Meeting ID: 930 8581 9966

Passcode: glencairn

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

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Crossing Guard Picnic

There is a picnic being held on Friday, June 3rd at 1:30 to honor our East Lansing Crossing Guards and everyone is invited! Please come out to Patriarche Park at 960 Alton Rd. to help show appreciation for our wonderful Crossing Guards. *Shh...it is a surprise to them that everyone is invited.*

Thank You's!

- Thank you so much to the **Kindergarten families** for hosting the Staff and Teacher Brunch Luncheon on May 4th!
- Thank you to **Biggy** for providing free specialty drinks to our staff!
- Many thanks to **Erin Cazal** and **Liz Lyons** for chairing teacher appreciation!
- Thanks to **Chipotle on Grand River** for providing lunch for all staff members on Friday of this week!

Mark Your Calendars!

May 24th - PTO Virtual Meeting at 7:00pm

May 30th - No School - Memorial Day

May 31st - Field Day (Rain Date is June 1st)

June 3rd - Last Day of School - Dismissal at 12:10pm

June 3rd - Crossing Guard Picnic - 1:30pm at Patriarche Park

Future District School Year Calendars

Our East Lansing Public Schools district calendars for the next three school years have been released and are available here if you like to plan ahead:

<https://elps.us/our-district/district-calendar/>.

2021-2022 PTO Membership

Please feel free to contact us anytime:

- President – Jessi Kauppi, jessileahy@gmail.com
- Vice President - Olivia Kurajian, okurajian@gmail.com
- Co-Treasurers - Tariq Sumbal, sumbalta@hotmail.com & Karin Polischuk, karinpolischuk@hotmail.com
- Secretary - Kim Roland, rolanddave@hotmail.com

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.

Fundraising and Rewards Information

Reminder that the Glencairn PTO exists because of volunteers and donations from families like you. Please consider supporting Glencairn students, teachers, and staff for the 2021-2022 school year in the following ways:

Amazon Smile

- When you shop on Amazon or the Amazon app, use Amazon Smile and designate Glencairn PTO to earn a percentage of your purchases. If you haven't already gotten involved in this easy program, just click this link to get set up: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-3571949>. After that, every time you shop on smile.amazon.com or on the app, 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to the Glencairn PTO to be used in our school!

Kroger Community Rewards

- Shop at Kroger and use their Community Rewards Program. Once you link your card to Glencairn Elementary, all you have to do is shop and swipe your Shopper's Card.

Office Max

- In order to participate in the 5% back program through Office Depot:
 - For an in-store purchase, families should inform the cashier of Glencairn's School ID#, which is 70049877.
 - Or, after a purchase has been made (in-store or online), families may visit the Office Depot "Give Back to Schools" page at: <https://www.officedepot.com/cm/school-supplies/give-back>
Then enter the school's ID number (70049877) and enter the information on their receipt.

Donation Information

- You can donate via cash, check made out to the PTO, or by credit card at this PayPal link: <https://paypal.me/glencairnpto>. You do not need a PayPal account to donate through the link. Cash and checks can be sent to the PTO via the Glencairn office.
- Credit or debit card donations can also be made any time throughout the year by using the "Donate" button on our [PTO website](#). Here's the graphic you can look for:

