

Hello Glennwood Families,

On behalf of the Glennwood Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Executive Board, welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! Although we know this year will be different than past years, we anticipate another great year at Glennwood! We look forward to your child joining our Glennwood Community as a rising Kindergartener. The Glennwood PTA exists to support the students, staff, and parents at Glennwood Elementary School, as well as the school itself. Our goals are to build a strong community among educators, parents, and students and to raise funds to be used to support the school. Funds raised by the PTA directly support our school for field studies (when applicable), supplies and resources for the classroom, teacher training, garden and playground maintenance, teacher grants, virtual learning tools, and much more. The PTA is fun for parents and a great way to interact with and be a pivotal part of the Glennwood Community and we invite you all to join the PTA.. As soon as our membership information and new website is available, we will be conducting a membership drive through the end of September. You can purchase an individual membership for \$20 per adult; we encourage you all to join (financial assistance is available). Details will be provided at a later date.

Currently the PTA is seeking to fill the following positions:

**-Community Outreach and Development-** PTA Board Position; one monthly meeting (via Zoom currently) required; works with PTA Board to oversee community outreach and fundraising opportunities for the school. No previous experience necessary.

**-Room Parent Coordinator-**this person communicates with the room parents, sharing pertinent information via email on a weekly basis; also helps with teacher and staff appreciation week in the spring. This is a weekly commitment of less than a half hour/week and can be done easily in the evening, after kids go to bed.

**-Read-a-Thon Chair-**looking for someone to chair the Glennwood Read-a-Thon this year. The Read-a-Thon is a 10 day event, where students read as much as they can, log in minutes, and gather pledges. Classes compete for prizes and all participants receive recognition/prizes. This may be the only fundraiser we can undertake, so it is very important to the ability of the PTA to do its work this year. Time commitment is some planning before, promotion during, tallying minutes after, and ordering and giving out prizes to students. Ideally, we're looking for two people to do this work, so grab a friend!

**-Yearbook Committee Chair-**The Glennwood Yearbook is a treasured book that all students receive to commemorate their school year. Ideally the Yearbook Chair is someone who excels at compiling and organizing digital images into a book format. The format is already created, so the set up is minimal. This is an ongoing commitment throughout the year, but the time commitment is minimal, until closer to production time in the spring. This is such an important PTA tradition; we'd really LOVE to make sure we have a yearbook this year! Could be shared among two people.

**-Field Day Chair-**Work with the PE Teacher to plan Field Day in May (if we are able to do it) and secure volunteers for the event. Time commitment is very little and not until late winter/early spring timeframe.

**-Second Grade Picnic/Graduation Chair-**Plan second grade graduation ceremony/picnic and secure volunteers to help with the event. Time commitment is very little and not until April/May.

Please contact Haley Stevens at [haleycstevens@gmail.com](mailto:haleycstevens@gmail.com) for additional information on any of the above positions or if you're interested. We can't do it without you, so thank you in advance!

Some additional PTA updates are below.

**School Supplies:** With carry-over funds from last year, the Glennwood PTA has purchased individual school supply packs for all students for the year; they will be available for pickup prior to the start of school. The packs, which are grade level-specific, include all items students need for virtual learning such as pencils, markers, composition books, folders, art supplies, etc. You should not need to purchase any additional supplies for your student's learning, unless desired. Chrome books and internet hotspots will be provided by the district for students needing them. Details on pick up are TBD.

**PTA Communication:**

The Glennwood PTA communicates with parents via the Thursday "Eagle Edition," a weekly ebast communication from the school with important info about events and happenings at the school and the district; once school starts, you will automatically receive these communications. We also have a Glennwood PTA Facebook page, so please be sure to follow and like us there. Lastly, the PTA communicates directly with its members through ebasts and other channels, including the room parents who share updates weekly. If you ever have questions about the PTA, please reach out to Haley Stevens at [haleycstevens@gmail.com](mailto:haleycstevens@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Kindergarten Playdate (Virtual):**

The PTA usually hosts a Kindergarten Playdate before the new school year, as an opportunity for new families and students to connect. This year, we're taking the playdate virtual and students will be able to mix and mingle with their classmates prior to the start of school. The playdates will be offered **Saturday, August 15 at 1pm** and **Sunday, August 16 at 1pm** for all K classes. Once class assignments are announced, class Zoom playdate links will be shared with the class so students can "meet" each other before school begins. We hope you'll join us if possible! (Please note, these playdates are completely optional and not at all mandatory.)

**Cheers and Tears (Virtual):**

Cheers and Tears is a long standing Glennwood tradition on the first day of school (event takes place after morning drop off); this year, we plan to continue the tradition, but we'll take it virtually so we can Cheer and/or tear after the first day of school, **Monday, August 17th at 8:30pm** on Zoom. Please join us to toast (or cry) with other Glennwood parents, as we commemorate the first day of this unusual school year. Zoom details will be shared prior to the event. Join us!

We look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

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