

Greetings from the Gainfield Elementary School PTO!

Welcome back! Enclosed is some information about PTO-sponsored events. This is just a start to all the fun things we have planned throughout the school year. We look forward to working with you to make this an exciting school year for all!

Sincerely-
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Please feel free to text, call or e-mail us with your questions throughout the year. We will do our best to respond to you in a timely manner.

You can find a complete list of the

PTO Board by visiting

www.gainfieldpto.org.

We encourage you to visit this site often for updates. In addition, you might consider giving Gainfield PTO a "Like" on Facebook and/or adding us to your Twitter feed!



In addition to the Region 15 calendar, here are some Gainfield activity dates to remember:

September 5	Field Day/Spirit Day (during school hours) Welcome back Ice Cream Social (4-7pm, free ice cream, lemonade and popcorn. Optional paid pizza orders from DiPalmas)
September 10	PTO Meeting/Pot-Luck Dinner (6:00pm. This is the only meeting that will be for adults only)
September 16	Grades K-2 Open House, 7:00pm
September 17	Scholastic Book Fair (preview night for parents on 9/16 during Open House)
September 23	Grades 3-5 Open House, 7:00pm
October 15	Moms and Muffins, 8:00am-9:00am PTO Meeting, 9:00am (School Cafeteria)
October 17	Picture Day <i>→ 9:15 am</i>
November 11	Veterans Day Breakfast/Assembly
November 18	PTO Meeting, 9:30am (School Cafeteria)
December 11	Holiday Fair (during school hours)/Storytime with Mr. S
December 19	Staff Holiday Breakfast
January 13	PTO Meeting, 9:30am (School Cafeteria)
March 17	PTO Meeting, 9:30am (School Cafeteria)
March (TBD)	Scholastic Book Fair
April 14	PTO Meeting, 9:30am (School Cafeteria)
April 22	Administrative Professionals Day
May 4-8	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 6	Dads and Donuts/Voting /Staff Appreciation Luncheon
May 12	PTO Meeting, 9:30am (School Cafeteria)
May 15	Mother's Day Plant Sale
June 1	Quassy Night
June 5	2 nd Annual Must-Dash



PTO Pot Luck Dinner/Meeting
 Wednesday, September 10th
 6:00pm

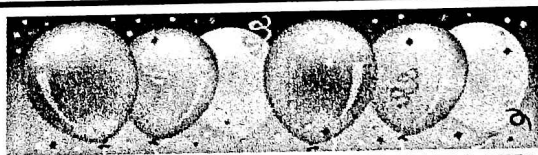
Please join us to discuss current PTO-sponsored events, as well as some new ideas we have for the school year, like:

- Monthly Family Lunches
- Student Directory
- After-school Enrichment Programs
- Movie Nights
- Family Game Nights
- Monthly Dining Out Nights
- Diamonds and Denim
- School Yearbook

We look forward to sharing some good food and conversation! PTO Meeting will begin at 7:00pm. This event is for adults only.

NEW THIS YEAR

We're trying to assist the teachers in choosing Room Parents as quickly as possible. Instead of waiting to sign up at Orientation in October, we've enclosed a form here for those who are interested. Please contact the PTO and/or your child's teacher with any questions.

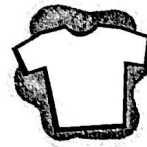


THE BIRTHDAY COUGAR IS BACK!

Calvin the Cougar will continue to greet the children with birthday messages this year. However, we're asking for people to register for this NOW, rather than submitting them each month. We'll be responsible for keeping track of the dates and making sure your child is recognized on his/her special day! A form is enclosed or can be found at www.gainfieldpto.org.

SAVE \$2.00! SUBMIT YOUR FORM BY SEPTEMBER 30th

Spirit Day! Friday, September 5th.
Students are asked to wear School Colors (Blue and White) or any Gainfield Spirit Wear.



Spirit Wear Sale
Wednesday, September 3rd
During all Lunch Waves
(11:30-2:00pm)



GES PICNIC AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Friday, September 5
4:00pm – 7:00pm

Join us on the Gainfield playground for a Back-to-School ice cream social! Many of our GES Teachers and Staff will be serving the ice cream!

Want to make it easier on yourself? Order an Extra Large Cheese Pizza through the PTO. Each pizza is \$15.00. Plates and napkins will be available at no charge. In addition, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will be providing free lemonade and popcorn this year!

Advance order and payment only. Submit the order coupon enclosed with payment (cash or check payable to GES PTO) by Wednesday, 9/3. Please place in an envelope marked PTO Pizza. Pizza will be available for pick up in the café at 5pm.

Questions?

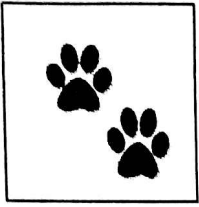
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MORE TO COME SOON ABOUT

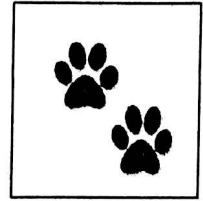
STOP & SHOP REWARDS
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BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
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PLEASE START COLLECTING NUMBERS AND SAVING BOX TOPS NOW!!



Gainfield Elementary School Family Information Form



Each year, the PTO/Room Parents collect family information to be part of a classroom directory, as well as a school-wide directory. We ask that each family fill out this form and specify how and where you will allow this information to be shared. Even if you do not wish to share information, please provide your child's name and teacher name, so that we can inform the Room Parents.

Please return this form to the office, in an envelope marked "PTO Family Information Form," by September 12, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Farra at gsfarra@juno.com or Becky Marciano at b.marciano@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you-

Gina and Becky

Child's Name: _____

Child's Grade/Teacher: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian (1)

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell Phone : _____

Parent/Guardian (2)

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

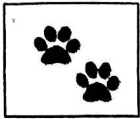
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_____ I allow the PTO/Room Parents to share this information in **BOTH** the classroom and school directory

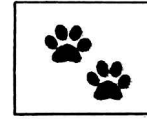
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_____ I do not wish to provide this information at this time



Gainfield Room Parents



Thank you very much for your interest in becoming a Room Parent for your child's classroom! The PTO and the teachers greatly rely on Room Parents to help communicate important happenings at Gainfield, as well as organize other parents to help with special events.

A Room Parent works closely with the teacher and should run ALL CORRESPONDENCE by the teachers BEFORE sending to the class. This commitment is not extremely time consuming, generally averaging one to two hours per month. But you will be expected, within reason, to attend all classroom functions that include the parents/guardians.

One of the first things you will do as a Room Parent is compile a class list. The PTO is providing each family with a form to fill out and return to the classroom teacher with important contact information. Families will also specify how this information can be shared with the school community. You will be responsible for compiling this list and sending it to the PTO at the beginning of October.

Most of the other events and activities will be arranged with your classroom teacher separately. There will be opportunities for Room Parents within the same grade to also share ideas and organize events together. This can be very helpful, especially if you have outside commitments that might prevent you from being at school on short notice.

The PTO will also ask for your assistance in communicating information to the classrooms and organizing activities. For this reason, we wanted to provide some expectations. A Room Parent will:

1. Make every effort to attend monthly PTO meetings.
2. Have a working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel and be able to send documents from their computer to the teacher and the PTO.
3. Be open to learning about and using SignUp Genius. This is a wonderful on-line organizing tool for sign ups. If you are not familiar, you can check it out at www.signupgenius.com. The PTO is happy to train anyone on using this tool.
4. Consider group gifts for the teachers. Usually this means a collection during the holidays and at the end of the year. Sentimental gifts are appreciated, and this may be something to consider throughout the year for compilation at the end of the year.
5. Be willing to collect items and put together donations/baskets for our raffle events. This usually only happens once a year, and you can certainly employ other parents to help!

***** KINDERGARTEN ROOM PARENTS** – You will also help the teachers schedule volunteers to assist with daily centers. This is the perfect opportunity to use SignUp Genius.

The PTO will collect these forms, but ultimately the teachers will choose their Room Parents, as they have in the past. The PTO will make sure that all who apply will be informed of the teacher's decision.

Thank you again for considering this!

Cheers-

Gina Farra and Becky Marciano – PTO Co-Presidents

Gainfield Room Parent Application

Name: _____

Child's Grade/Teacher: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

- 1) Do you have one to two hours to commit to this responsibility (yes/no)?
- 2) Would you be willing to work with a Co-Room Parent if that is the teacher's preference (yes/no)?
- 3) Do you have access to a computer, at home or work, from which you can send group e-mails to your class (yes/no)?
- 4) Please provide any additional information that you would like to share with your child's teacher regarding your desire to serve in this position.

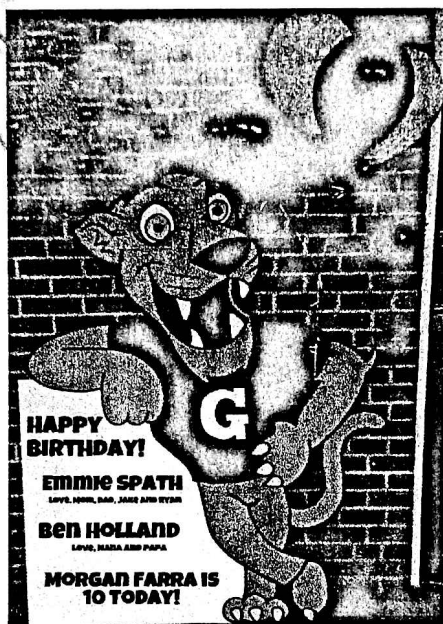
Thank you for your interest! We will inform each applicant of the teacher's decision before the end of September.

Celebrate Your Child's Birthday at GES!

Your son or daughter will be greeted with a special birthday message and a balloon by submitting the form below and a \$10.00 donation to the PTO.

**Register by
September
30th, and pay
only \$8.00!**

Celebrate ½ birthdays for children whose special day is in the Summer!



Include your child's age for special recognition!

Drop them off at school on their birthday to get a special picture!

Child's Name _____ Child's Grade/Teacher _____

Child's Birth Date _____

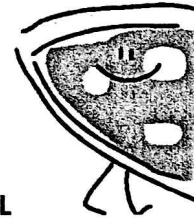
Your Name _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Today's Date _____

Greeting to appear on Sign: (no more than 35 characters please)

- Please note greetings are limited to 3 messages per day, first come/first serve basis.
- Please submit above form with payment (checks made out to Gainfield PTO) in an envelope marked Birthday Cougar.

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PTO Pizza Order Form

Student Name:

Grade:/Teacher:

of Pizzas: @ \$15.00 each =

Payment (circle one):

CASH

CHECK (payable to GES PTO)