

May 22, 2023

Hello Gator Families and Staff,

The 2022-23 school year is quickly coming to an end and we are thrilled with the community events and contributions we were able to host and offer to our school this year with your support! In our first “normal” year since the 2019-20 school year, we picked up right where we left off with a variety of successful spirit nights and gatorific events for our community! With your donations, ideas, encouragement, and love of GES, PTO contributed the following to our Gator students and staff this year:

- Welcome Breakfast for staff on the first work day
- Lunch for staff before Open House
- Boosterthon shirts for students and staff in partnership with our 2022-23 community sponsor - Debbie Stump & Coldwell Banker Realty
- Boosterthon classroom incentives
- In-house and/or on-location field trips for every grade level
- Staff t-shirts
- Agenda folders
- Fall ASE session
- Fall treat for all students & raffle prizes after in-school Trunk or Treat
- Historical mural in partnership with GES and other community sponsors
- Whiteboard tables for 1st grade classrooms
- Library story walk in partnership with GES
- 5th grade t-shirts
- Winter ASE session
- 12 days before Winter break
- Book drive to gift a book to every GES student
- 2 Reptile World assemblies during Gator Week
- Music recorders for 4th and 5th grade
- PE equipment
- Staff Appreciation & Bus Driver Appreciation treats and gifts throughout the year
- Extra clothes & underwear for the nurse’s clinic
- Field Day waters and snacks, inflatables and dunk tank
- Water cooler / other administrative items

We take great pride in GES and all that it has to offer our children because of your efforts. Garrisonville is the best school in the county because we come together as parents and staff, along with the support of our community, to provide our future generations with the things they need to learn and grow. We know the parent-teacher-staff relationship is central to the success of our children’s education and we are pleased GES cultivates that relationship!

Please help us welcome and give our best support to the incoming PTO Board for the 2023-2024 school year:

- President — Asheli Polychrones
- Vice President — Jessica Brown
- Treasurer — Jessica Meade
- Secretary — Kathryn Pendleton

These parents are ready and excited to jump right in, and we ask that you also consider taking on a larger role in the coming school year so that we're able to hold our traditional events. The incoming Board needs volunteers to co-chair next year's events as well as volunteers to help them run smoothly.

On behalf of the current PTO Board, thank you GES for helping make our time as volunteers productive and worthwhile. It has been a pleasure serving on the Board and working with you the last several years.

If you could take a few minutes to fill out our survey for next year, we would really appreciate your feedback! Have a wonderful Summer break!

With our thanks and gratitude,

GES PTO Board

Meghann Gillette, Todd McLean, Jennifer Herbert, Jessica Whiteley and Jaimie Brandt