

# **Garrisonville Elementary PTO Meeting**

**August 20, 2024**



**Meeting conducted by Asheli Polychrones (PTO President)**- Meeting brought to order at 6:30 pm. From here on out, PTO meetings will be held on Monday evenings. Your Gator should have received a PTO calendar on Monday with the dates of events throughout the school year. Any PTO flyers will be sent home on green paper. Please follow us on Facebook at Garrisonville PTO. If you need to email us, you can reach us at [gesparent.teacher.organization@gmail.com](mailto:gesparent.teacher.organization@gmail.com). The Gator Gram will be a great resource for information on all things school related and PTO related.

**Pledge of Allegiance- Jen Herbert (PTO Vice President)**

**Treasurer's Report- Jessica Meade (PTO Treasurer)**- If you were a member last year, you received the proposed budget to vote on. Once that is voted on it will be in our system and the July and August reports will be included. We are halfway to our goal of having 200 PTO members. If we have 200 PTO members, admission to all PTO sponsored events will be free. Our budget is reflective of getting those 200 memberships. Encourage other Gator families to sign up for the PTO. A great way to get the PTO money is to participate in Box Tops. We received \$40 last year and every little bit helps.

- Membership Update and Incentive
  - The grade with the highest percentage of PTO memberships will get a popsicle party
  - If we get 200 PTO members, PTO events will have free admission for the 24-25 school year

**Presentation by Jacob Branson**- Jacob is working on his Eagle Project of creating an outdoor classroom in the woods near the school. He needs construction help with building a stage and a podium. He would like someone to build the stage so he can build the benches. There is a large tree in the area that needs to be taken down. He's planning to clear a path to the area, build a stage, podium, and nine benches in front of the stage. This will provide GES students a fun learning environment and an alternative place for teachers to do lessons. He is hoping to raise around \$3,000 in donations to fund this project. He has already accumulated around \$1,000. The Wendy's spirit night will help tremendously to raise funds. When you order, just mention you are with GES.

- Wendy's Spirit Night will be August 27th- ALL DAY (Garrisonville Rd. Location)
- All the proceeds will go toward Jacob's Eagle Scout Project to create an outdoor classroom space.

**Boosterthon Information- August 29th**

- Kick off will be Wednesday August 21st
- Please register and take advantage of the extra prizes you're able to earn (Dude Perfect)
- The Fun Run will be August 29. K-3rd Gators will run at 9:30, and 4th-5th Gators will run at 10:15.
- Go to [mybooster.com](http://mybooster.com) to register your child. Share emails and post videos for families and friends to encourage them to donate.
- The money we raise from Boosterthon helps provide field trips and experiences for our Gators. A portion of what each class raises gets to go straight back to their teachers. It does impact the kids directly.

**Outdoor Movie Night Information - September 27th**

- Families can arrive at 5:45 for food vendors; Movie will start at 6:45pm
- Brandon Meade chairperson
- Enter at the AGWMS field fence (movie is shown behind AGWMS)
- No bag policy for SCPS (can have a clear bag). You are welcome to bring your own snacks but please no glass.
- We are looking for parent volunteers as bathroom and sidewalk monitors and cleanup crew (10-12 total). If we do not get enough volunteers, unfortunately we will have to cancel the event. The volunteer positions will only be thirty minutes each.

- Separate sides for chairs/blankets
- A movie vote will be coming out in the next Gator Gram on August 26th. Be sure to vote!

### **Trunk or Treat - October 25th**

- Stephanie Damiani chairperson
- Volunteers needed
- The budget has been increased this year due to the amount of people we had last year
- We will be asking for candy donations, likely through an Amazon list. We will have candy in a bin and small toys/prizes in a separate bin particularly for children with allergies.

**Fall ASE Recruitment-** ASE stands for After School Enrichment. This is a program where some of our teachers or community members teach a class after school for four consecutive Wednesdays.

- We need a designated chairperson, who is not on the PTO board. The chairperson would need to be at the school on those four Wednesdays classes are held.
  - Responsible for organizing and planning the classes (requires advance organization and presence at all class dates until all students have been picked-up)
- Registration will be the first week of October
- Dates of ASE would be October 23 & 30 and November 6 & 13 from 3:15-4:45

**Principal's Report-** We've had a great start to our school year! Looking forward to Boosterthon starting. The kids love Boosterthon and it's our only fundraiser so get ready for a fun couple of weeks.

### **Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- 8/29 - Boosterthon Fun Run (K-3 9:30, 4-5 10:15)
- 8/30 and 9/2 - No School
- 9/3-9/20 Gator Gear sales open (thank you to Meghan Gillette for designing the awesome Gator gear)
- 9/10- Spirit Night at Moe's 4-8 pm
- 9/16- PTO Meeting 6 pm
- 9/27- Outdoor Movie Night at GES (5:45 Food Vendors; 6:45 Movie starts)

#### **Members in Attendance:**

Meghan Moon (virtual)  
 Jared Sanchez (virtual)  
 Meghan Gillette (virtual)  
 Venus (virtual)  
 Susan H. (virtual)  
 Damaris Grant (virtual)  
 Elle Manning  
 Olayinka Tyson  
 Maria De Leon  
 Tashea Clark  
 Amanda Leonard  
 Kristen Smith  
 Sarah Berger  
 Stephanie Sonnenberg  
 Tiffany Branson  
 Alexis White  
 Bridgette Farrell-Kuzma  
 Jodi Odlum  
 Asheli Polychrones  
 Jen Herbert  
 Jessica Meade  
 Vicky Majano