

PAC Chair Message

Welcome to our first GEC PAC Newsletter! This is where you will find out about upcoming events and info related to the Parent Advisory Council at Gleneagles Ch'axay Elementary. As this is my first term as PAC Chair I am slowly getting organized with the help of our amazing team of volunteers directly involved with PAC. Our goal is to keep you well informed and encourage parents/caregivers to get involved with their child's experience here at Gleneagles. There is important info below, please read!

I look forward to seeing you at our first **PAC meeting** on Wednesday **September 25th** at 6:30, at **Meet the Staff Open House Thursday September 26th** and at our first parent social **Oktoberfest** on Saturday **September 28th at 7:00 pm!** An extremely busy week for parents.....schedules will slow down after this week.

Lisa Fairburn
GEC PAC Chair

PAC meeting this week

Our first PAC meeting will be this Wednesday the 25th at 6:30pm in the school library. Every parent or guardian at Gleneagles Ch'axay Elementary is a member of the GEC PAC. This is your opportunity to learn about new initiatives, hear from the Principal and other great experiences in your child's school life. We encourage at least one representative from your family to come to as many PAC meetings as you can. We alternate between mornings and evenings on Wednesdays to try to be sensitive to everyone's schedule; dates are below.

September 25th - 6:30
October 23rd - 8:45
November 27th - 6:30
December - no meeting!
January 29th - 8:45
February 26th - 6:30
March - no meeting!
April 22nd - 8:45
May 27th - 6:30
June 17th - 8:45

Agenda for September 25th (Future meeting agendas will be published one week prior)

6:30 Chair's Report (Motion to pass 'Place for Sport' commitment)
6:40 Treasurer's Report
6:45 Hot lunch Coordinator's Report
7:00 Principal's Report
7:20 Upcoming Events/New Business
8:00 Adjournment

Oktoberfest

The GEC PAC is inviting all parents to attend their first fundraising event for this school year - please join us on **Saturday, September 28th** in the school gym for a fun Bavarian-themed evening! This is an adults-only event and is a great way to have fun and support our school! **Tickets are available through the [Munch-A-Lunch](#) system, under the “Fundraising tab”.**

Childminding will also be available for this event through the Gleneagles Community Centre. The registration code is 65671 with activities from 6:30-11:00 pm.

Volunteer: We still require a few more volunteers to help with set-up for the event this Friday afternoon and some super fun jobs at the party – so if you have a little extra time or are willing to lend a hand, please [click here](#).



GEC PAC presents

Oktoberfest
GLENEAGLES

Oktoberfest

Saturday, September 28, 2019
7-11pm
Gleneagles gym

TICKETS: \$40 includes 1 drink, appetizers and fun!
Tickets available through Munch-a-lunch.

CASH BAR - \$5/drink (cash bar)
RAFFLE PRIZES

Come join us for a fun party to start off the school year!
Authentic Bavarian dress is encouraged...

First 72 tickets bought will have
option to buy a Gleneagles Stein
to be used for the party!

Hot Lunch

Thank you to Allison Schatz who has worked tirelessly to set up hot lunch. We have changed some of the vendors and are looking to offer a new wider range of healthier options while supporting local business. Some of the small steps we are implementing are healthier options, reduced sugar, better compostable containers or o-zero waste and no straws.

We are excited to introduce Foodie Kids (under new ownership), Feed Me Fit and Blended for you. We are taking a hiatus from a couple of vendors such as Subway and Sushi however, there will still be a sub sandwich and sushi option offered through Foodie Kids. We are also exploring a shorter, more frequent ordering system that matches the school terms and will be asking for your feedback on the changes.

The hot lunch ordering will be up ASAP and available for purchase through the Munch-A-Lunch.

***Just as a reminder, as part of GEC's zero waste initiative, the hot lunch vendors will NOT be providing plastic utensils with hot lunches this year. Please remember to pack a set of utensils with their kids – it is not fun trying to eat soup with your fingers!!

Volunteer Signup Genius link

For those of you that were unable to attend the **Welcome Tea** at the beginning of the year where we provided signup sheets, please click the following [link](#) to sign up. There are so many benefits to volunteering at the school; demonstrating to your children how to support a community, seeing your children in action (and them seeing you!), creating relationship with other parents and really enhancing your child's experience at Gleneagles. From hot lunch to supporting sports at the school, organizing social events and helping in the library, the opportunities are vast. Some take as little as an hour and there are some options that can be done on your own time.

WhatsApp Dads/Moms threads

You may have heard about it or you may not have...the WhatsApp Gleneagles parent's groups originated from parent led social nights. Although this has been very positive for building community, please note it is not the official communication for PAC or school related items. Official information will flow through the PAC newsletter or through the Gleneagles school newsletter. If you would like to be involved in the social aspect of the gleneagles community please request to be added to the WhatsApp group. Please contact Chris (chris.sfikas@gmail.com) or Artie (achumpol@gmail.com).

Upcoming events

Wednesday September 25, 6:30 pm	GEC PAC Meeting; /GEC Learning Commons
Thursday September 26, 5:15 pm	Meet the Staff Open House / GEC Gym
Saturday September 28, 7:00 pm	Oktoberfest / GEC Gym
*Last Thursday of every month (Sept 26)	Mom's Night at Troller Pub (10% of proceeds donated to PAC)
*First Thursday of every month (Oct 3)	Dad's Night at Troller Pub (10% of proceeds donated to PAC)

