



Welcome Back!

The new PTA Board at Grafton Elementary School includes:

President	Stacy Fischer	803-8024
Vice President	Monica Dempsey	375-1467
Treasurer	Katie Dembiec	421-8139
Secretary	Lisa Tagliapietra	377-2381

Our regular PTA meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and last about one hour. Our first meeting is September 11th. The meetings are held in the GES Library. Please join us as often as you can — your opinions matter! If you cannot make it to a meeting and have something to say, drop a note in the PTA mailbox in the office, stop us in the hall or give any one of us a call!

If you would like to join the PTA, please fill out the membership form below and return it through your child's classroom folder or to the PTA mailbox by September 30th.

Attached is a list of PTA events and committees and a brief explanation of each. We will be asking for volunteers as each event draws near. Watch for further information.

Member's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Individual or Family Membership: _____

Individual Dues: \$5.50/Family Dues: \$10.00

Make Check Payable to GES-PTA

PTA Committees and Events

2013-2014

This is a brief overview of what the PTA does for all of our children with the help of every one of you. Please watch for your chance to volunteer. If you have any questions about anything at all, please feel free to call any member of the PTA board!

Weekly Wolf Blast

This news is the source of all PTA information. You will receive this information weekly via an email link, UNLESS you specifically request a hard copy.

Student Directory

This handy reference contains names, addresses, phone numbers, email address' and parents' names for all students. Volunteers prepare, copy and assemble the directory.

Recognition Committee

PTA provides each student a book for a birthday gift for students in their birthday month. This committee also provides gifts and a luncheon during Teacher Appreciation Week. They also purchase flowers/gifts as needed with PTA funds.

Market Day

This is an easy way to fill your freezer with tasty, quick-cooking restaurant-quality foods. Monthly flyers come home and there is one pick-up day per month. The PTA earns a percentage of the profits.

Red Ribbon Week

This week promotes a healthy lifestyle through abstinence of drugs and tobacco. Programs are grade appropriate.

Fall and Spring Book Fairs

These great shopping events provide books at a good price. The fall fair is a fundraiser. In the spring, it is a Buy-1-Get-1-Free sale to encourage summer reading.

The Chip Shoppe Fundraiser

Most of our PTA programs for the year are funded by these events. Watch for the books, order forms and catalogs to come home in September.

Free Fundraisers

Our school participates in a number of "free" fundraising programs such as: Pick 'n Save Wee Care, Campbell's Labels, General Mills Box Tops, Target Charge, Laser/Ink Jet Cartridge recycling and more.

Halloween Fun House

This is a fun event for all the students and their families. We will be having a costume party with games and other activities to celebrate Halloween. Costumes are optional, but are a lot of fun for the kids, families and staff.

GES Parents Night Out/ Casino Night!

This event is for the parents/friends/family of GES students, as well as the community! "Casino Night" is the theme this year, being held on 11/9. It's a way for the community members to give back to one another while we raise money for various programs/items at the school.

March/ April Madness

This is a great event featuring the GES faculty/GES students and the other elementary schools in Grafton. It is a great community event that you won't want to miss! See who wins the trophy this year!

Spring Family Fun Night

The carnival will be held in March. The carnival is a great chance for the kids to get together and play games and win prizes with all their friends. This is also the event where the classes raffle off specialty-themed baskets! All proceeds benefit GES through the PTA.

Enrichment Programs

These include special assemblies that promote Earth Week programs and Turn off T.V. Week. (Screen-Free week.) Some assemblies are for the whole school and others are age-appropriate.

Winter Adventures

This program is held after school in January and February. Parents and other members of the community come in to share their talents and to teach students some fun skills such as sports clinics and art projects. It's FREE!

Chess Club

The Chess Club is an after school activity. Meeting dates to be determined when the school year starts. Watch for information.

Spanish Club

The club teaches the basics of learning the Spanish language. Meeting times vary and will be determined when the school year starts. Watch for information.

Mileage Club

This club promotes fitness. It offers the kids a chance to earn little prizes by walking around the track at lunch. Volunteers keep track of how many laps each child takes. Watch for times and dates when the school year starts.



PTA Committee Chairs 2013-2014

Title/ Event	Chairperson(s)	Phone #
Parents Night Out/Casino Night	Stacy Fischer	414-803-8024
Campbell's Labels	Kerri Wise	376-8807
Calendar Magnets	Monica Dempsey	375-1467
Noodles	Tammy Taylor	375-9163
Chess Club	Carrie Walls	618-4089
Earth Week		
Fall Book Fair	Mary Luedtke	618-4668
Fall Fundraiser	Colleen Hahm	375-2521
Birthday Books	Dawn Bumgardner	894-0169
General Mills	Sarah White	375-2124
Halloween Fun House	Jean Ebel & Carrie Walls	387-0418
Field Day	Jessica Day	375-0293
April Madness	Tammy Taylor	375-9163
Market Day	Stacy Ringgold	375-9636
Spanish Club	Monica Dempsey	375-1467
Mileage Club	Stacy Ringgold	375-9636
Recognition Committee	Kerri Wise	376-8807
Red Ribbon Week	Colleen Hahm	375-2521
Spring Book Fair	Yvonne Wolf	376-5189
Family Fun Night	Jean Ebel	387-0418
Student Directory	Jean Ebel	387-0418
Tax Audit	Carol Knott	376-9090
Thursday Folders	Jean Ebel	376-5700
Screen-Free Week	Dawn Bumgardner	894-0169
Winter Adventures	Billie Norton and Charlotte Cherella	376-0558 377-4691

School Directory

Grafton Elementary PTA would like to offer a school directory again this year. It serves as a ready reference, enabling us to contact other parents for help, get-togethers, parties, etc.

Inclusion in the directory is strictly voluntary.

The information to be included in the directory comes from the registration materials. The information **automatically** included is Child's Name, Address, Parents Name(s), and Phone Number. **This does not include your email address, please see below instructions.**

Please send this form back **BY SEPTEMBER 20th** if you:

- 1) have changes from the prior year's information
- 2) DO NOT wish to be included in the directory at all
- 3) want to add your email address in the directory.

** (note: even if you added your email address in years past, we still need it again)*

Student(s) name: _____

Teacher(s) name: _____

Changes to name, address or phone number _____

** Email address: _____ (just one please)*

_____ Please do not include us at all

Easy Fundraisers!

Every year, Grafton Elementary School PTA participates in a number of fundraisers that are simple, easy and don't cost you a thing! Simply by taking the time to save labels, box tops and milk caps or using your Pick 'n Save Advantage card, you can earn extra money that will help support your child's education. Last year GES earned over \$4,000 in cash from these programs. It's a great way to support your school without spending any more money!

General Mills Boxtops for Education



General Mills gives us \$.10 for each box top. Clip the label from General Mills products & send to school.

Campbell's Labels for Education



Earns points to be redeemed for educational materials. Clip labels from eligible products (see back) & send to school.

Pick 'n Save Advantage Card



We Care program gives us a percentage of your total every time you use your Advantage card. Sign up at the customer service desk to designate GES as your preferred non-profit.

Target Take Charge of Education



Target gives us 2% of all purchases when using a Target charge or Target Visa card. Be sure to designate GES as your school. This can be done online at Target.com.



Send your old printer cartridges to school. The teachers use them to buy supplies for their classroom at Office Max.

Schoolpop.com



Schoolpop.com gives us a percentage of your purchases with participating retailers like Land's End, Oriental Trading, and Eddie Bauer. Register at Schoolpop.com and then click on the retailer's link to shop.