

Dear Gladwyne Elementary Families,

September 2023

It's back to school time! We look forward to another year at Gladwyne Elementary School. We welcome back the families of returning students and extend a special greeting to families of new students joining our community.

The Gladwyne Elementary Home and School Association (HSA) is a volunteer-run organization dedicated to helping the school community in every way. We hope to provide you with useful information regarding school events and activities as well as give you ample opportunities to meet the staff and other Gladwyne parents.

Here are some key upcoming events:

- **Welcome Back Picnic: Thursday, September 7th** from 4:30 - 6:30 PM at the playground and fields behind school. (Rain Date is Tuesday, September 12th from 4:30-6:30pm). This is a great opportunity to meet our principal, Mrs. Ellers, catch up with old friends, and make new ones.
- **Gladwyne Elementary Open House: Thursday, September 14th** from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. This is an opportunity for parents/guardians to meet your child's teacher as well as to sign up for HSA committees.
 - 6:00-6:45 PM: Grades K, 1st and 4th
 - 7:15-8:00 PM: Grades 2nd and 3rd
- **Grade Level Socials:** our Socials will be held on Wednesdays in September & October. This is a chance for each grade to come together for an hour to dance and have fun!
 - Wednesday, September 20th from 5:30-6:30 PM: Kindergarten
 - Wednesday, September 27th from 5:30-6:30 PM: 1st Grade
 - Wednesday, October 4th from 5:30-6:30 PM: 2nd Grade
 - Wednesday, October 11th from 5:30-6:30 PM: 3rd Grade
 - Note: since the 4th grade class will take their class trip on September 27th, their Social will take place on Wednesday, February 7th.

Homeroom Parents for K-4th grade will be selected shortly after the school year begins. If you are interested in being a Homeroom Parent, fill out the [Homeroom Parent Registration of Interest](#) form on the HSA website. Please note that you must have current Volunteer Clearances on file with the district to be considered. All the information about obtaining and submitting volunteer clearances can be found [here](#) on the school district's website.

Stay informed!

- The [Gladwyne Elementary HSA Website](#) has all the information you need. The School Directory is digital only and will be available for purchase on the website by the end of October.
- Our weekly HSA newsletter, *The Gladwyne Gazette*, comes out every Tuesday. Make sure to register your email address on the [HSA website](#).
- Want another way to find out important information? 'Like' our [Gladwyne Elementary HSA Facebook](#) page!

HSA Volunteers - We are always looking for volunteers to help! Please refer to the [GES HSA Volunteer Opportunities form](#) for different events and services.

All families are welcomed and encouraged to be involved in school activities. If your child needs financial assistance or transportation for school activities or events, please contact your school counselor:

- Ms. Karen Brandenburger Brandek@lmsd.org: Ms. Mancini and Ms. Friedman's Kindergarten classes as well as grades 1 and 2.
- Mrs. Deborah Wilson-Leslie WilsonD@lmsd.org: Ms. Habel and Ms. McNulty's Kindergarten class as well as grades 3 and 4.

Please review the linked documents and forms in this letter, and let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to a wonderful year with you and your family!

Attachment: [Back to School Packet](#) <will create new link>

Warmly,

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