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[www.glacierparkptsa.org](http://www.glacierparkptsa.org)

## GOOD-BYE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR!

We are amazed by the speed at which the last few months of school have flown by. As we look toward the long and lazy days of summer, we can only sit back and reflect on all that PTSA has accomplished this year. What a full and promising year it has been for GPES PTSA!

Starting the year off with Walk-a-Thon, Art for Education, Spirit Wear, Book Fair, Family Beach Party, and a food fundraiser, the fall was certainly full of excitement and success. During the winter months, we had a thrilling Celebration of Learning, Spaghetti Dinner, Basket Raffle, Book Fair, Spirit Wear Contest, and Auction: earning over \$17,000 to support our students and their school! The reflections program allowed our talented students to express themselves and all of their creative ways. The spring brought the plant sale and finally, the Carnival! What a fantastic culminating event! The students we saw at Carnival were having so much fun - playing the games, going on rides, and just enjoying the spirit here at Glacier Park!

Throughout the year, the Staff Appreciation Committee has done a wonderful job of letting our teachers and staff know how valuable they are to us and our children, the Yearbook Committee has been busy gathering those precious moments to cherish for years to come, the Skate Night Committee and Family Outings Committee have offered energizing and fun-filled events outside of school, the GRR Committee has donated to charities, and the Art Docent Program has kept art alive in the classroom!

With all of our fundraisers and your gracious contributions of time and money, we have been able to support the GPES outstanding drama program, supply grants for the music department, various educational assemblies, the running club, and to uphold our pledge to Camp Casey, helping to continue a Tahoma tradition.

Thank you to all of you wonderful volunteers at GPES! We have a beautiful spirited group of parents and our children are so lucky to have such wonderful support. We could not accomplish all of our programs with out YOUR support!

Best Wishes and Happy Summer,

Holly Bezon and Karen Nickel  
GPES PTSA Co-Presidents



# Fact or Fiction?

## GPES PTSA MEMBERSHIP FACTS AND MYTHS

Do you know what is required to be a GPES PTSA member, or who is eligible for membership? Where do the dues go? GPES PTSA will not be raising it's membership dues for next year, instead we would like to increase membership. The following facts and myth-busters concerning PTSA membership may surprise you, and hopefully inspire you not only to join, but to spread the word and give others in our community the opportunity to become a part of a organization whose goal is "Making every child's potential a reality".

### **Myth #1: You have to be a mom in order to belong to GPES PTSA!**

**FACT:** A strong, vibrant PTSA needs the support of moms and dads, step-parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, teachers and school staff, community members, and business leaders. Anyone who cares about children belongs in PTSA. It is important that we all have a voice in the decision-making process relating to the laws and regulations , whether in the schools or government, that affect children.

### **Myth #2: You have to volunteer to be a member of the GPES PTSA!**

**FACT:** Volunteering is NOT a requirement of GPES PTSA membership. Just writing a \$10 dollar check for basic membership helps us immensely! Membership dues are used at a federal, state and local level. \$7.25 of your annual membership goes to the national and state PTSA dues, which in turn funds leadership training and education to local PTSA units and councils, and covers legislative lobbying for children's rights. The State and National PTSA organizations are a invaluable source for information and program ideas. They help the local units understand how to handle budgets and comply with the law. They have staff available to us every day! The local GPES PTSA gets \$2.75 of your annual membership which provides financial support for field trip transportation, assemblies, Camp Casey Support, Art Docent Program, new technology, scholarships, and much more.

### **Myth #3 "PTSA membership never expires - I only have to join once."**

**FACT:** Each new school year begins a new PTSA membership year. Membership cards are issued to each member who joins PTSA as soon as dues are paid. Membership cards are for an annual membership and will remain valid until July 31st of the year indicated on the card.

### **Myth #4: "I don't have the time to join the GPES PTSA".**

**FACT:** There are no time demands in becoming a part of the GPES PTSA. We understand your time is valuable. However, it's your interest in children that counts. If you are not able to support the PTSA with time, please become a member and give your financial support so that the children know that you support our efforts. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your support helps as we develop programs and activities that benefit not only your children, but all children. Every membership includes a voice and vote to ensure that the every child's potential becomes a reality.

The membership myths have been busted. Now everyone knows the facts!

If you have never joined the GPES PTSA, please consider joining for the 2010-2011 school year. Please encourage relatives and community members to become a part of this necessary and worthwhile organization. Thank you to our GPES PTSA members that supported us this year! We hope that you will renew your membership again in the fall.

Thank you,

Deanne Werner  
Co-Vice President 2009/2010  
Co-President 2010/2011



## BOOK FAIR NEWS



Thank you to everyone who bought a book or two at the Spring Book Fair. We made over \$7,700.

This money goes a long way to help our kids-- Camp Casey, Field Trips, Family Nights, Art, Teacher Appreciation Events, GRR Reading Prizes, Performing Arts, Updated Technology...

GPES Parental Support is Awesome!!!!

## AWARD WINNING

Do you know how amazing our school is? Well, let me share with you that Glacier Park Elementary School won the State Achievement Award. This is the second year in a row that our school has been honored. This year we were recognized with an additional award for science! The amazing staff at Glacier Park works extremely hard to give our children an education, the kind of quality education, that is being recognized in our state! Be sure to take a minute and thank your child's teacher for a job well done!

## Have A Great Summer!



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## ART DOCENT PROGRAM

Could you imagine walking through Glacier Park's halls with no art on the walls?

Could you imagine our children not having time to be creative? Could you imagine a Glacier Park without art? I sure can't!

A huge Shout of thanks to every one of GPES's Art Docents who make time to bring art into our children's classrooms.

We have been recognized by the Interurban Center for the Arts for having the best rotating display of art (our hallways). We have the most art docents of any school in the program and we are in more classes than any other school. Ninety-seven percent of our classrooms have an art docent.

It's not too early to sign up to be an art docent for next year!

Thank You Again!  
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## GPES PTSA SURVEY

We need your help! Please keep an eye out for the GPES PTSA Survey. We will be sending it via the email school messenger system. The email will contain a web link to a Zoomerang survey to determine what keeps people from joining the PTSA, what programs you and your student would like to see the PTSA spend their time on, and what fundraisers are working or not working. It is 8 questions long and should take less than 5 minutes to complete. The survey will also be posted on the glacierparkptsa.org website once it has been made public. Watch for it shortly after the carnival.

Thank you,  
GPES PTSA Executive Board

## THANK YOU SAFEWAY!

Glacier Park Elementary School PTSA wants to recognize what Maple Valley Safeway contributions have done not only for our school community but the community at large. GPES PTSA earned \$7,650 in 2009 on the Safeway eScrip Program. Glacier Park Elementary School's parents, teachers and students recognize the positive impact their support has on our community. Thanks to Safeway, our PTSA has been able to enrich our children's education with supplies for our Art Docent program, transportation to field trips, attendance to Camp Casey, funding for our performing arts and Pacific Science Center assemblies. Without Safeway's participation, these programs would have possibly ceased to exist. Thank you Safeway!

Thank you again for supporting youth education!

## READ! READ! READ!

Don't forget to read this summer! Reading is one of the best ways to keep your mind active. There are a couple reading programs you can sign up for:

**Scholastic Read for the World Record**  
[www.scholastic.com/summer-reading](http://www.scholastic.com/summer-reading)

Make up a screen name and password. Enter "United States", "WA", "Maple Valley", "Glacier Park Elementary School" Then start reading!!!!

**King County Library Make a Splash Reading Program.** Stop by our local library. Sign up for the reading program. Start Reading.

Earn prizes along your summer reading journey!

