



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCREENAGERS NEXT CHAPTER INFORMATION

Did you miss ScreenAgers: The Next Chapter? It was the last PTA sponsored program of the school year. You can view the movie and Q&A session now thru May 18th! Simply click the link below to register and enjoy the movie at your leisure. Questions? contact Mandy Knittel at mandyknittel@hotmail.com
<https://www.bigmarker.com/screen.../SCREENAGERS-NC-LIVE-GMSPTA>

GMS PTA BOARD MEMBERS STILL NEEDED

We still need parent leaders for next year's PTA Board! If you're interested or know someone who is, please contact president@tigerpta.org ASAP. Many thanks for your interest! To view job descriptions and time commitments, visit our website here: <https://www.tigerpta.org/pta-board-member-descriptions>. Here are the open positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Membership
- Fundraising
- Partners in Education

- Reflections

LAST CALL FOR TIGER DAY REFUNDS

The GMS PTA Board would like to thank all of you who volunteered your time and money to help plan our annual Tiger Day fundraiser for the school. ALL of the money we raise for Tiger Day through wristband sales, parent donations, and business partnerships/donations (less expenses for the event) goes DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL. This year, the PTA and Dr. Mitchell had earmarked the money to go towards the new marquee build, as well as to teacher/classroom requests. The electricity for the marquee is already complete and the poles are up as of this week, so **your donations are truly critical to this project being completed.** Now that schools have been closed for the rest of the year, we will not be able to hold the event in May, as intended.

We know these are trying times for everyone, but the bottom line is this: If you can afford to, we ask you to please donate the \$25 wristband sale to help fund the marquee project and teacher needs from now through summer.

If that is not an option for you, we can provide a refund to you (less any online fees you paid), but we need the following info emailed to president@tigerpta.org AND treasurer@tigerpta.org in order to process a check. *If you do not provide this info, we cannot send you a check.* Email your **name**, your mailing **address**, your **child's name**, **how many wristbands** you bought, and if you paid **cash**, **check** or paid **online**.

All refund requests must be received by May 22nd - NO EXCEPTIONS. Our fiscal year ends on May 31st and we are prohibited from writing any checks after that. If we do not have your refund request by May 22nd, your fees will be donated. Please allow at least one week to receive the check. (All checks require 2 signatures so they take time to process.)

IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTE: If we DO NOT hear back from you (via the emails noted above), the money you paid for wristbands and/or donated to the event, will remain in the Tiger Day PTA account and will be transferred to the school on or before May 31, 2020. Because we sold more than 1,000 wristbands, we don't have the bandwidth to track every single request. Thanks for understanding.

Many thanks for your consideration of donating your payment to the school. Like you, we are very disappointed that we will not be able to hold this amazing event that our kids truly look forward to and love.

We hope that you and your family are staying healthy and safe at home during this unprecedented time.

As always, thank you for all that you do for the PTA and for the school.

A BIG THANK YOU TO TORCHY'S TACOS

Teachers returned to school this week to clean out their classrooms and the PTA provided gift cards and treats for them when they arrived. Many thanks to Torchy's on Slaughter/Escarpment for providing free queso cards to our awesome teachers and staff as well. They have been an awesome GMS sponsor this

year.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TEACHER DONATIONS

Once again, our GMS Parent community delivered. Lisa Williams and committee were able to give every teacher \$85 based on your generous donations! A big thank you to showing our teachers how much they mean to parents at GMS! Even though we can't thank them in person this year during Teacher Appreciation Week, I'm sure they are very grateful for your gifts and support.

AISD SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Dr. Paul Cruz, AISD's current superintendent, will be leaving the district soon to take a position with the University of Texas. The board of trustees has begun the search to find a replacement. Your voice matters! We encourage all PTAs, CACs, families, staff and community members to share information about what they hope to see in the next leader for AISD.

Here's what you can do:

TALK WITH YOUR AISD TRUSTEE

AISD Trustees are elected by our community. One of their responsibilities is hiring the superintendent. The trustees work for voters, and the superintendent works for the trustees.

- Some trustees have reached out to CACs and PTAs. If yours has, respond and find a time to talk. If your trustee has not reached out, you can reach out to them. Every part of town has a local trustee, elected by people in your area. There are also two at-large trustees who are elected district-wide. Individuals can email all trustees at trustees@austinisd.org. You can find contact for individual members at <https://www.austinisd.org/board/members>.

SHARE YOUR OPINION IN AN ONLINE FORM

AISD is working with a consultant to help identify what the community values in a new superintendent, and to help recruit someone to fill that position. There is a form online that will allow you to share some thoughts anonymously [in English](#) or [in Spanish](#).

WATCH BOARD MEETINGS AND MAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS

Regular voting meetings are usually held on the fourth Monday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. You can get information about meetings, including opportunities to record a public comment, on the [AISD Trustee meetings webpage](#).