



GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL

GMS PTA GENERAL MEETING APRIL 29TH AT 5PM

Please join us for our last PTA General Membership meeting of the year from the comfort of your home (of course) on Wednesday, April 29th, at 5pm. We are proud to be presenting the second Screenagers movie: SCREENAGERS NEXT CHAPTER: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience. To view a trailer of the film, click [here](#).

The PTA is paying to stream this movie for all PTA members, but **you must RSVP by following this link so that we can add you to the invite list for streaming the movie.** <https://www.bigmarker.com/screenagers-starhouse/SCREENAGERS-NC-LIVE-GMSPTA>

Once you have registered, you will receive an email with your personal login-link, a private link, that should not be shared. We will be wrapping up our PTA business for the year for the first 5 minutes of the meeting, and then finishing the meeting with a Q&A panel immediately following the movie. Feel free to invite your spouse and kids to watch too if you find it appropriate.

Questions? Contact programs@tigerpta.org.

Please RSVP today!

WE NEED NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Are you interested in getting involved with the PTA next year? Or do you know someone who might? Please consider joining our GMS PTA Board. Our Board meets 6 times per year and each committee operates pretty much on their own with assistance from the President and Treasurer. If you're interested, please contact president@tigerpta.org or vp@tigerpta.org **ASAP. We will be holding elections at our 4/29 meeting so we need to complete the slate in the next week. Please consider serving.** 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
- Programs
- Membership
- Fundraising
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Historian
- Partners in Education
- Reflections
- Service Week

TIGER DAY DONATIONS/REFUND PROCESS

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.

GMS TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION INITIATIVE

It's time for the annual GMS Teacher & Staff Appreciation initiative! Last year we were able to give everyone a \$100 HEB gift card and we would love to meet or exceed that this year.

We'll make sure the teachers know you participated—***please put your child's name and grade in the memo section.***

Please send via Venmo @lisapwilliams4 (don't forget the 4!!!!) or PayPal (choose FRIENDS AND FAMILY) lisapwilliams4@gmail.com (don't forget the 4!!!)

This is a parent-led initiative, not PTA. Donation drive will be April 15-30.

All donations are voluntary. Thank you.

REMINDER FOR RECEIVING INFORMATION

The best ways to receive important information and reminders during this time is to visit GMS's website, Blend, the AISD parent portal, and the designated GMS and AISD Facebook pages. If you are receiving this newsletter, you will also receive important information and reminders via email.

GMS website: <https://www.gmstigers.com/>

AISD Parent Portal: <https://portal.austinisd.org/idp/AuthnEngine#/authn>

Gorzycki Middle School Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GMSTigers/>

AISD Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/austinisd/>

ACPTA'S STUDENT ART AND POETRY CONTEST

As we are all looking for creative things for our kids to do during this time at home, ACPTA is starting an ARTS contest, similar to Reflections. We will have a different theme each week and some weeks a different form of art media. Draw and color a picture, paint a picture, do a collage or use any other visual arts media with SPRINGTIME as the theme. For more information see flyers below.



Looking for something creative for your kids to do during this time at home?

ACPTA is starting an ARTS contest, similar to Reflections. Any AISD student can participate. We will have a different theme each week and some weeks a different form of art media

WEEK BEGINNING	THEME	DETAILS	DUE
April 6 th	Staying at Home	Poem or Short Story (no more than 150 words)	5 pm April 10 th
April 13 th	Springtime	Draw, Color, Paint or use other visual media	5 pm April 17 th
April 20 th	I Count (Census)	Draw, Color, Paint or use other visual media	5 pm April 24 th
April 27 th	Adventure	Draw, Color, Paint or use other visual media	5 pm May 1 st

Each week we will have 1 winner in 5 different levels:

Lower Elementary - Pre-K - 2nd Middle School
 Higher Elementary - 3rd - 5th High School
 Special Artists

What are the prizes and how do I know if I've won? The winner of each level will receive a \$15 gift card to one of the following of their choice: Amazon, Michael's or HEB. Winner's will be announced by 7 pm the following Wednesday after the submission deadline.

Where do I send my art? Send it in a word document or a picture to reflections@austincouncilpta.org. If you don't have an email address, text your submission to 512-554-8259. In addition to your art, please include the student's name, school, grade and either email or phone number where you would like the \$15 gift card sent to in the event your student is a winner.

ENTRY INTO CONTEST WILL AUTOMATICALLY GIVE ACPTA PERMISSION TO PUBLISH THE STUDENT'S SUBMISSION

Questions or Interested in Helping (English)? Contact Staci Dimitri at reflections@austincouncilpta.org

Questions or Interested in Helping (Spanish)? Contact Choni Hajibashi at ypverticalteams@austincouncilpta.org or 512-554-8259

YOU ARE INVITED TO GMS CAREGIVER COFFEE

In this different and challenging time, our counseling department would like to support not just our kiddos, but the whole family. We'll be offering a Zoom "Caregiver Coffee" support time on Wednesdays from 9am-10am; pop on and off as needed.

This time is intended to bring folks together, share struggles, share successes, and support each other. See attached flyer. It will be posted in our Gorycki Middle Counseling Blend as well.

Sign-up on [Google](#) to receive the call link.

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QUARANTINE CAREGIVER COFFEE

Organized by GMS Counselors
Hosted by Wellness Counselor Sarah Parnell

WEDNESDAYS
9:00AM
SIGN-UP HERE

A chance to see other adults face:face and share what's working
and what's not

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