

Parent-Teacher Organization

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June 9 – Last Day of School!
Check the school website for other important dates!

Financial Update:

The PTO exceeded its spring fundraising goals by almost \$1,000! A complete breakdown of the results of each PTO fundraiser will be published on the PTO website in early June. Thanks to everyone for choosing to spend your entertainment, coffee, and strudel dollars to benefit our school!

About the TCGIS PTO:

The purpose of the TCGIS PTO is to foster the relationship between school, home and community for the academic success of all our students.

PTO meetings are open to everyone and all parents and teachers are eligible to join as voting members. Sign up at any meeting or by contacting PTO Secretary, Liane Cole

Meeting Notice: June 1, 2009, 7 p.m. at the GAI

Please join us for the final PTO meeting of the year on Monday, June 1, at the Ratskeller of the Germanic-American Institute, 301 Summit Ave.

Incoming 2009-2010 parents are warmly invited to attend. The meeting will feature a bit of final business and a generous amount of camaraderie and celebration of our first year in existence!



Help Wanted!

A complete listing of all 2009-2010 PTO and TCGIS volunteer opportunities will be available at next fall's orientation, but in the meantime please consider how you might like to be involved next year in the rewarding work of supporting our school. Just a few of the many possibilities include:

- *Serve as a 2009-2010 Classroom Parent* – Be the point of connection between the teachers and families in your child's classroom.
- *Help with a specific fundraiser* (Equal Exchange tea/chocolate, bulb & plant sales, Ruhland's strudel, Velasquez coffee, holiday bake/craft sale, rummage sale)
- *Join the team for one of three major PTO events planned for next year:* Fall Potluck/Cook-off, Maskenball, and Tanz in den Mai), or any of the smaller events throughout the year.
- *Host an Amity Intern.*
- *Attend or Host a "Great Gathering"* – classes, parties, and fun events organized by community members as fundraisers. Watch for details on the PTO website.
- *Join a PTO Committee or one of TCGIS's many school committees.*

Plant Sale Results

Our spring plant sale was a great success, with almost double last year's sales. It's no surprise, since nothing brings people together like a mutual love of dirt and flowers. Thanks to Cornelia Sampson & Linda Michel for organizing, and to everyone who bought or donated plants at our "Share Your Garden" sale. Happy gardening, all!

Thanks to everyone for a lovely Tanz in den Mai!

Many thanks to those who helped with Tanz in Den Mai. We had a beautiful day at the Germanic-American Institute for celebrating this amazing spring we've been having. It was so great to see our wonderful TCGIS community having fun together. Thanks to the bakers who donated an amazing array of delicious goods for our cakewalk and to the student dance and string performers for gracing us with their talents. As always, thanks to Sharon Wilson and Stefanie for their continued support in the office for PTO events. We couldn't do it without you! Finally, thanks to all the volunteers: Kami Blackwell Kinney, Gina Vader, Kordula Coleman, Janet Lenius, Nicole Grenz, Molly McBeath, April Pearson, Tim Pearson, Heidi Zimmerman, Lisa Chen, Joe Huebsch, Jo Nelson, Aaron Grenz, Jim Crego, Barbara Holmes, Sarah Beeman, Susan Jacobs, Zach and Whitney Mason, Leslie Watson, Sylvia Radford, Britta Walker, Adam Taylor, Ina Elliot, Kim Kompel, Kimberley Feilmeyer, Rebecca Jackman, Carsten Wasserman, Marcy Zachmeier-Ruh, Judi Ingison, Sam and Liane Gale, Jill Ravensborg, Sylvia and Andrew Oxenham, John Gould, Lisa Friedman, Mary-Fred Bausman-Watkins, Paul Watkins, Nancy Bostrom, Steffie Specht, and Stefan Füssl, and anyone we may have missed. Your efforts are much appreciated!

2009-2010 PTO Budget & Elections

In May the PTO passed its budget for the 2009-2010 school year, which is available on the PTO website at www.tcgispto.org. Highlights include discretionary fund allowances for each classroom, specialist, special ed, and our recess supervisors, as well as general funding for short and long-term projects. We also voted to fund childcare at our regular meetings next year so that more parents can attend. The budget includes funding to pursue a 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS; if granted, donations to the TCGIS PTO will be deductible for tax purposes. At the same meeting, we elected our first slate of permanent officers: Leslie Watson, President; Gina Vader, Vice-President; Liane Gale, Secretary; Molly McBeath, Treasurer; and Nicole Grenz, Historian. Congratulations, Executive Board!

TCGIS PTO MEETING AGENDA

June 1, 2009, 7-9 p.m.

Germanic-American Institute, 301 Summit Ave.

(If you arrive after 7pm and encounter a locked door, call Leslie's cell phone: 612-275-6225

Snacks provided; BYOB.)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Who?</u>
7:00-7:10	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome/Introductions • New Business • Approval of May minutes • Approval of Agenda 	Leslie Watson
7:05-7:10	Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding Requests (General Fund): #1 –T-shirts for departing teachers #2 –Cardstock for “Box Top” summer collection #3 –Contribution to busing for 4th-grade's Sept. field trip #4 –T--shirt inventory purchase 	Molly McBeath
7:10-7:25	Business Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget revision for 501(c)(3) fee • Lowe's PTO grant application - <i>informational</i> • GIEF update / Executive Board authority • Support for new overseas teachers / apartments • Meeting time & childcare - 2009-2010 school year • Meeting date for September 2009 meeting 	Leslie Watson
7:25 – 7:40	<u>Committee Updates</u>	
	<i>Classroom Support Committee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom Parent recruitment update • Games for year-end picnic 	Kami Blackwell Kinney
	<i>Parent Outreach Committee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2009-2010 Orientation Planning • Field Guide Update / Survey Respondent Prize Drawing • Inaugural “Great Gathering” 	Britta Walker, Gina Vader
7:40-7:45	Recap of Summer Work	Leslie Watson
7:45	Early Adjournment (for Social Reasons)	All

Thanks for a great year, everybody!