

Welcome

Welcome everyone to another wonderful year at Guilford Elementary School. I know this will be a difficult year with the fall being all virtual but we will persevere as a community and as a GES family. We as a PTA will also have to adjust this year. For example, I know many of us, Mr. FitzGerald and Mrs. Wolter especially, will be disappointed that we can't be together for Fall Fest and Turkey Trot, but hopefully we can work together to make that day still special for our students. The PTA plans to run a very lean fall semester; helping wherever we can as the need arises. We will be looking for ideas from our GES families to help encourage and support the tremendous work and effort our students, teachers, and staff will be putting in this school year. We also plan to be a resource for parents; helping to communicate important information and facilitate crowd-sourcing questions and answers. We plan to re-evaluate the spring semester during the winter recess and remain agile to changes throughout the entire school year.



Supporting the ROARing Guilford Tigers

If you would like to provide feedback for how the PTA can support Guilford please email the PTA your suggestion to: guilfordpta@gmail.com

We will be discussing the ideas provided through the survey and any other ideas at our next PTA meeting.

Becoming a Member

Maryland PTA, our parent PTA organization, has rolled out a service called "Member Hub". This website will facilitate the collection of membership information and dues. Additionally, it will allow us to have an E-Store to support the sale of items (e.g. spiritwear, mums, etc). This will be a learning experience for all of us, so please bear with us as we make this transition.

Per the MDPTA bylaws the 2019/2020 membership year is extended until September 30th, 2020. As such all GES PTA Members from last school year are still current voting members of the PTA until September 30th. Additionally, anyone who joins online prior to our first meeting will also be a voting member.

To join the GES PTA, please visit our [Member Hub E-Store](#).

Notice of PTA Meeting

The PTA will be having our first meeting of the year on September 10th at 6:30 pm, with a rain date of September 17th at 6:30 pm. **All GES families are invited.** The meeting will be an in-person meeting on the GES back field. This meeting needs to be in-person to conduct official PTA business. We will be conducting elections and approving our 2020/2021 budget. We will also begin brainstorming ideas for how PTA can assist the students and teachers during these challenging times. We will be attempting to keep this meeting as short as possible to conduct our official business.

PTA In-person rules and guidelines

All people attending, we ask to follow these guidelines:

- Physical distance outside family units must be maintained
- Face coverings/masks must be worn
- We strongly encourage children and non-service animals to stay at home under supervision if possible. Childcare will not be provided at this meeting.
- Those needing accommodations (chairs, umbrellas, tents, other) please reach out to us so appropriate accommodations can be made. guilfordpta@gmail.com
- Contact Tracing information must be provided for all attending. (Fill out [this survey](#) ahead of time speed up check-in)
- We will not have access to GES restrooms and accommodations, please plan accordingly

Nomination Committee Recommendations

Thank you to our nomination committee for finding candidates for most of our executive board. If you are interested in running for any positions please contact the PTA (email guilfordpta@gmail.com). The committee has nominated:

Executive Board

Executive board positions are two year terms, with a two term limit for any position. PTA under the national and Maryland PTA Bylaws are required to have a President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

President: Andrew Doumaux (2nd/Final Term)

Vice President 1: vacant

Vice President 2: Stephanie Szewczyk(2nd/Final Term)

Vice President 3: vacant

Treasurer: Kendra Reinmann (2nd/Final Term)

Secretary: Christie Speich (1st Term)

Other Elected Positions

The PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) allows for two representatives from every local PTA to be nominated to serve one year terms to represent the interests of Guilford and to report back the initiatives of PTACHC.

PTACHC Representative 1: vacant

PTACHC Representative 2: vacant

Appointed/Volunteer Positions

There are several positions on the PTA for volunteerism. To keep the PTA in the loop of the various county-wide activities we appreciate having people attending and reporting back on the following committees

[Community Action Council \(CAC\)](#)

[Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee \(GTAC\)](#)

[Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee \(SECAC\)](#)

Fall Fundraiser - Mum Sale & Spiritwear

The PTA is also kicking off it's fall mum sale. Check out our [E-store's Mum Sale](#) page to place your order. We will also have order forms at our PTA meeting. Orders will be due by September 14th, with a planned pickup on October 3rd. Additional details as we approach the October 3rd date.

The PTA is hoping to work with our Spiritwear supplier to come up with some cool options for this unique year. In the spring the PTA did contactless delivery of spiritwear for families within the GES geographic community. And alternative solutions for those families and staff members living outside our immediate community. We will do everything we can so that all who want to purchase some GES spiritwear will have the ability to do so.