



GOLDSMITH SCHIFFMAN
Elementary School

Parent Handbook

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A WELCOME FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Goldsmith-Schiffman Elementary School!

I am thrilled that your family will join our GSES family! I strongly believe that we are the greatest elementary school HCS has to offer.

Here is some information about me: I am beginning my twenty-first year with Huntsville City Schools. During my career I have taught gifted, English language learners, third grade, I was a reading coach, an assistant principal and am now beginning my fifth year as a principal. I have loved all of the various roles I have been in as an educator but being a principal is my favorite. As a classroom teacher, I truly fell in love with the art of teaching students and watching them evolve and grow in their learning. Every day was different and exciting for me. When I became a Reading Coach I fell in love with adult learning. Again, every day was different and exciting. As a principal I am able to combine both of my loves- student learning and adult learning. It is the perfect combination for me!



On a personal note, I am a married mother of two. I have been married to my husband, Bobby, for twenty years. We have a seventeen-year-old son who is going into the 12th grade and a fourteen-year-old daughter who is going into the 9th grade. They definitely keep me very busy when I am not working! When I do have free time I enjoy spending time with my family, reading for professional growth and personal enjoyment, DIY projects, swimming, and traveling. My favorite place to visit is the beach but I also love visiting places I have never been!

I hope that you will take the opportunity to read through this guide to learn about our great school. You will see that there are a variety of ways to become involved. One of the many things that make GSES stand out from the rest is our amazing parent involvement, so I hope you will join our PTA and get involved.

Please don't hesitate to call me or email me if you have any questions or concerns. I am here to support you as you transition to a new school. I look forward to getting to know your family!

Welcome to Goldsmith-Schiffman!

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



1. WE'RE GONNA NEED TO SEE SOME ID!

Identification is needed to visit the school! GSES uses the Raptor security system to track visitors. You will need your Driver's License to visit the school or check out a student. First-time registration may take a few minutes. Please bring your Driver's License with you each time you come to the school.

2. CHECKING IN/OUT

Students must be checked out before 2:00pm. After 2:00pm, teachers and students are busy getting ready for dismissal and cannot be disturbed. If a student is checked-in at school by 11:30 and stays for the rest of the day, it will not be counted as an absence. If the student is checked out after 11:30 after having attended that morning, the student will also not be counted absent for that day.

3. DRESS CODE

The Huntsville City Schools Behavioral Learning Guide, which includes the dress code, is available at <https://www.huntsvillecityschools.org/departments/behavioral-learning>.

4. LOST AND FOUND

PLEASE LABEL everything you can- especially jackets, sweatshirts, and lunch boxes. If your child loses an item, we have a Lost & Found by the gym. We will send reminders to come look twice a year before they are donated to local charities.

5. SCHOOL EXPENSES

There may be various expenses during the school year, some of which are optional. These may include:

- Supply Costs
- Lunch Money
- Laptop Deposit
- Class Celebration Funds
- PTA Membership
- Field Trips
- Student Pictures
- Book Fair
- Fundraisers
- ...and more!

6. SENDING IN MONEY

Any time you are asked to send in money, be sure to write your child's name, teacher, and what it's for on the memo line of the check or on the envelope/baggie you're sending it in. This is important to help those who process the money in case there is a problem, or if a child misplaces the money. If a check is separated from the paperwork it came with, this will enable us to get it where it needs to go.



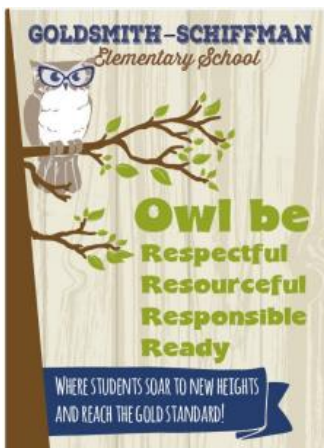
ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

1. SCHOOL COLORS & MASCOT

GSES's colors are navy blue and khaki. Our school mascot is an owl. "Hootie McGoldsmith" makes regular appearances at GSES events!

We love word play using the word "owl," e.g., "OWLsome Readers," "Stay Owlsome," "Owl be resourceful." We are a little obsessed with all kinds of owls at GSES! You will see them all over the school.

2. THE FOUR R's AND THE GOLD STANDARD



GSES's tagline is "Where students soar to new heights and reach the Gold Standard." The Four R's make up GSES's "Gold Standard" of behavior:

- I'll be Respectful
- I'll be Responsible
- I'll be Resourceful
- I'll be Ready

Students who follow the Four R's are rewarded with the "Gold Standard," which is a slip of paper that lists the Four R's and is signed by the faculty or staff that gave it to them. They are recognized by name over the intercom during the afternoon announcements, and at the end of the week, the front office draws names for prizes. You will see the Four R's and the term "Gold Standard" everywhere around the school—in the hallways and even in carline.

The **GOLD** Standard is a BIG DEAL at GSES!

3. STUDENT COUNCIL

GSES has a Student Council that gives the students an opportunity to provide student leadership. The Student Council gives students a voice in school planning and builds a school community.

Students in 3rd-5th grade will let their teacher know they would like to be a representative for their classroom. Students will have 1 minute or less to explain to their class why they would make a good representative. Each 3rd-5th grade class will take a heads down, hands up vote. The representative(s) with the most votes will serve on the student council. 3rd and 4th grades will have one representative and one alternate per classroom. 5th grade will have 3 representatives per classroom. 5th grade representatives have the choice to run for an officer position: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Student Council Green Team will be selected by committee vote.

4. 5th GRADE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

5th grade leadership positions are a wonderful learning opportunity for your child to grow and learn about the world of work. They will choose from positions such as safety patrol, classroom helper, front office assistant, library helper, and art room helper.

5. GOLD RALLIES

Gold Rallies are our annual awards ceremonies. They take place the last week of school and each grade has its own ceremony. Parents, siblings, other family members, and friends are welcome to attend. 5th Grade has a separate special ceremony and reception known as the 5th Grade Farewell.

ABSENCES AND TARDIES

Send all excuse notes to your teacher AND gse.officeaide@hsv-k12.org.
Doctor's notes can be brought to the front desk or faxed to 256-428-7158.

1. EXCUSED ABSENCES

Absences will be excused for the following reasons:

- Personal illness without a doctor's excuse with parent/guardian excuse
- Personal illness with a doctor's statement
- Death in the immediate family
- Legal requirements
- Participation in school-related activities

Parents must provide a written explanation for each absence within two school days. Otherwise, the absences will be unexcused. A student may have 7 excused absences for illness without a doctor's statement. After 7 excused absences, the student will receive unexcused absences for illness unless absences are documented with a doctor's statement.

If a student arrives at school by 11:30 and stays for the rest of the day, it will not be counted as an absence. If the student is checked out after 11:30, having attended that morning, they will not be counted absent for that day.

If a student is participating in an organized activity or event which requires the student to miss days from school, the parent can request it be counted as a field trip and not an absence. The Individual Field Authorization Form is available at: <https://goo.gl/7m9Mr6>. The form must be completed 4 weeks in advance for HCS approval.

2. TARDINESS

Students will be counted tardy if they arrive at school after 8:00am. Parents must walk tardy students into the school to sign them in. Do not drop them off in the carline past 8:00am. Please note: Special allowances are made for tardiness during the first week of school.

3. TRUANCY

Parents and students *may be* referred to an "Early Warning" program for truancy if students have:

- Three or more unexcused absences
- Ten or more excused absences which were not satisfactorily explained
- Ten or more unexcused tardies

4. HUNTSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS PARENT HANDBOOK

Please see page 6 of the Huntsville City Schools parent handbook for complete policies concerning absences and tardies. You may access the handbook online at the following web address: <https://www.huntsvillecityschools.org/sites/default/files/Student%20Parent%20Information%20Guide%2020-21.pdf>.

TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

1. CARLINE

- You may drop off your student in carline after 7:00.
- After 8:00 AM, you must sign them in at the front desk so they can receive a tardy slip.
- Carline will move very slowly the first few weeks of school as everyone learns the routine. Please be patient and allow for extra time. It WILL get better.
- Ensure your child has their backpack and is ready to get out of the car at the drop off point. Do not get out of the car! Staff and the student Safety Patrol will be there to help children open and close the door. Our carline has 2 lanes that merge into one to prevent traffic from backing up onto Taylor Rd. Use both lanes, but please be respectful and use caution when nearing the merge point. Cars should take turns, alternating in a zipper-type merge when it goes down to one lane.
- Normal afternoon carline (after the first few weeks of school) is usually over by 3:15.

2. WALKER/BIKE RIDER

You may pick up your child at the front of the school after the last bell rings to walk him/her home. Children must be in at least 3rd grade to walk or ride their bike home alone.



3. AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Huntsville City Schools is using AlphaBest for After School Care for the 2022-2023 school year. You may register online at alphabest.org.

4. BUS

Bus routes can be found at www.huntsvillecityschools.org/busroutes. To sign your child up to ride the bus, please contact the school's front office at 256-428-7150.

For questions/concerns about bus routes or times, contact the Apple Bus Company at 256-361-0919.

Scott Gillies is the Huntsville City Schools transportation coordinator and can also assist you with transportation questions. Contact him at scott.gillies@hsv-k12.org or (256) 428-8352.



Apple Bus Company has a mobile app to track buses. See www.huntsvillecityschools.org/departments/operations/transportation/safestop-app for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: The bus routes can run early or late the first few weeks of school as students and bus drivers adjust to their new routines. Please be patient and contact the bus company or Mr. Gillies if you have problems.

5. PARKING

The front parking lot should not be used during drop-off and pick-up. The side parking lot is reserved for faculty and staff. If you need to walk your child into school, please park in the back parking lot.

COMMUNICATION

1. WEDNESDAY FOLDERS

Your student will bring home a special folder every Wednesday full of information for you. It can include everything from field trip permission forms to event flyers to art projects. It is extremely important to check and return your child's Wednesday folder every week. It is our primary method of getting information home and oftentimes contains documents that are time sensitive and/or need to be returned to the teacher.

2. SUNDAY SEND OUT NEWSLETTER

The Sunday Send Out is our weekly digital newsletter. The Sunday Send Out includes weekly updates from the principal, weekly breakfast and lunch menus, as well as information about upcoming events, such as picture day, book fairs, etc. Please sign up to receive the Sunday Send Out at www.gsespta.org.

3. GSES FACEBOOK PAGE: www.facebook.com/gsesowls

The PTA and the school administration work together to keep this Facebook page updated regularly. Come follow us at www.facebook.com/gsesowls.



4. OFFICIAL FACEBOOK GROUPS

We communicate a lot through our official Facebook groups. You may request to join the main Facebook group, GSES Parents (Official) as well as the appropriate grade level groups for your students. There is also a GSES Grandparents page.

5. TWITTER & INSTAGRAM: Follow us @gsesowls & @gsespta

6. WEBSITES:

- School: www.goldsmithschiffmanelementary.org
- PTA: www.gsespta.org
- School District: www.huntsvillecityschools.org

CALENDARS

The Huntsville City Schools 2022-2023 calendar is available online at www.huntsvillecityschools.org.

The GSES calendar will be sent home in your student's Wednesday folders at the beginning of the year. It can also be found on the PTA website (www.gsespta.org/calendar).

Subscribe to our GSES Calendar by copying and importing this ical link to your personal calendar: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/gselementarypta%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>. When we post an event or activity on our PTA Gmail calendar, it will automatically update on your calendar.

Calendar Highlights

AUGUST

2 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- 22-26 iReady Testing Window (2 Days Only)
- 26 Grandparents Club Meet & Greet, 8:30 AM
- 29 Fit & Fun Run Pledge Drive Begins
- 30 Open House & PTA General Meeting, 5:00 PM
- 31 PTA Membership Dues Deadline

SEPTEMBER

- 1-9 Scholastic Book Fair
- 5 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL)
- 8 Grandparents Breakfast, 7:00 AM, Child's Last Name A-K
- 9 Grandparents Breakfast, 7:00 AM, Child's Last Name L-Z
- 15-16 Fall Picture Day
- 23 Fit & Fun Run
- 26 Fit & Fun Run Donations Due

OCTOBER

- 3-7 FALL BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
- 14 Fit & Fun Run Awards
- 21 Boo Bash, 6:00 - 8:30 pm
- 23 Red Ribbon Week

NOVEMBER

- 10 Veterans Day Parade
- 11 VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL)
- 21-25 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL)
- 28-30 iReady Testing Window (2 days only)

DECEMBER

- 1-2 iReady Testing Window (2 days only)
- 5-9 Merry Market Holiday Shop
- 16 Classroom Holiday Parties
- 19-1/3 WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL)

JANUARY

- 4 BACK TO SCHOOL (2nd Semester)
- 6 GSES Spelling Bee
- 16 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY (NO SCHOOL)
- 27 OWLsome Readers Kick-Off Rally

FEBRUARY

- 14 Classroom Valentine's Day Parties
- 20 PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL)
- 27 Read Across America Week
- 28 STEAM Night, 5:00 PM and PTA General Meeting with 2nd Grade Performance, 6:30 pm

MARCH

- 13-17 SPRING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
- 10 Yearbook Order Deadline
- 23-24 Spring Picture Day and Class Pictures

APRIL

- 25 PTA General Meeting/Kindergarten Performance, 6 PM

MAY

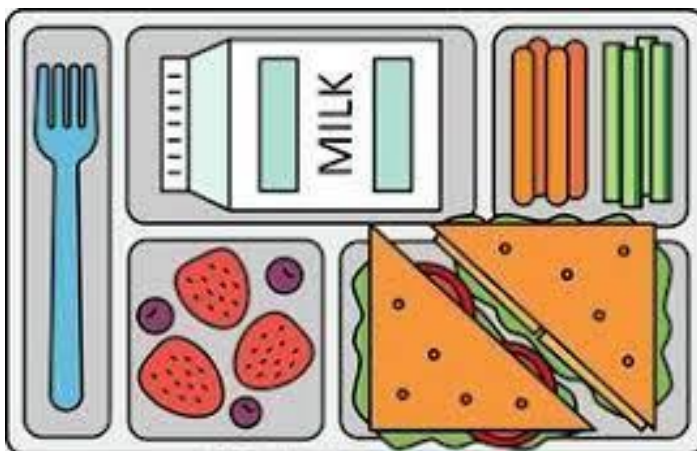
- 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 12 Spring Fling
- 17 Volunteer Appreciation Social, 8:30 AM
- 18 5th Grade Picnic, 12:00 – 1:30 PM
- 19 5th Grade Farewell, 12:00 PM
- 22-23 Gold Rally Awards Ceremonies (1st - 4th Grades)
- 24 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

ALL ABOUT LUNCH

1. MEAL PRICES

Breakfast: Student: \$1.50
Faculty/Staff: \$2.00
Visitors: \$2.50

Lunch: Student: \$2.65
Faculty/Staff: \$3.85
Visitors: \$4.25



2. MENUS

The weekly menu is included in the Sunday Send Out, our weekly newsletter. Full monthly menus can be found on the district website at <https://www.huntsvillecityschools.org/departments/child-nutrition-program>.

3. OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Each student has his/her own lunch account. Below are the options for adding money to your account. Any funds that have not been used on your child's meal account will automatically carry to the new school year, even if they change schools within the district or if the software/on-line payment system changes.

- A. Cash or Check: Send in cash or a check payable to GSES with your child. You can send in any amount and the balance will stay in your child's account as long as he/she is enrolled in a Huntsville City School. Send the money in a plastic bag or envelope clearly marked as lunch money, along with your child's name and teacher.
- B. Online: Sign up to monitor your child's lunch account and pay online at www.ezschoollpay.com. For a small fee, you can add funds to your child's account and even set up automatic payments. There is no charge for monitoring your child's account, checking the balance, and viewing what they have purchased. When registering, the website will ask you for a Student ID. This ID number can be obtained from the front office.
- C. Visit the cafeteria manager and pay cash or check to be deposited into your child's lunch account.

4. LUNCH NUMBER

Your student will be assigned a lunch number the first week of school. This number is different than their Student ID mentioned above for making payments online. Please help your child memorize their lunch number. They will need to tell the cafeteria cashier their number when checking out.

5. FAQ ABOUT LUNCH

· **Can I eat with my child at lunch time?**

Yes! Get your student's lunch time from their teacher and meet the class at the cafeteria. Do not go to your child's classroom. Siblings are welcome too. Lunch times will also be posted on the PTA website when available.

· **How do I find out what's for lunch?**

The breakfast and lunch weekly menus are included in each week's Sunday Send Out newsletter. The PTA website keeps the current monthly lunch menu posted on our Lunch page at www.gsespta.org/lunch. We also post the weekly menu on the homepage and for easy access, it's the first thing that will appear on your phone when you go to our mobile website at www.gsespta.org.

· **Does the money in my child's lunch account carry over from year to year?**

Yes, any funds that have not been used in your child's meal account will automatically carry to the new school year, even if they change schools within the district or if the on-line payment system changes. If you leave Huntsville City Schools, contact the district Child Nutrition office at 256-428-6955 for a refund.

· **What if my child has no money or forgets his/her lunch?**

Your child will still be allowed to eat. Please make sure he/she tells the teacher so that they can help them through the lunch line if necessary. The lunch purchase will be put on your child's lunch account as a negative balance. Notices are sent home throughout the year if you have a negative balance.

· **What if my child has allergies or special dietary needs?**

GSES is not nut-free, but the school does make special provisions for children with allergies, including restricting food in the classroom. See the Huntsville City Schools website for more information (<https://www.huntsvillecityschools.org/departments/child-nutrition-program>) and/or contact our school nurse at 256-428-7150.

TECHNOLOGY: Grades & Testing

Huntsville is known for being high-tech and its school district is no different. Technology is an integral part of Huntsville City Schools. Students in grades K-2 have iPads to use in class (they are kept at school). Starting in 3rd grade, students are issued their own laptops to use during class and at home.

- Help Desk: If you have any problems with your student's laptop or one of the programs below, please contact your teacher, or the district IT help desk at 256-428-6900. They are open Monday - Friday from 7:30am - 7:00pm during the school year.

HUNTSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS DIGITAL RESOURCE

1. Power School - ONLINE GRADES

2. iReady

iReady tests are administered to gauge how students are performing in Reading and Math. These reports are typically available immediately online after your child has taken the test. Results will also be sent home in Wednesday Folders. All your children can be linked to one parent account.

If you have problems accessing your child's iReady report online please contact your child's teacher.



3. ACAP for Grades 2-5

The test is administered during the spring.

4. ACCELERATED READER (AR)

Starting in 1st grade, students will take Accelerated Reader (AR) tests on books they have read. Books have different AR points based on the level of reading. Students will receive a new Points Goal each 9 weeks based on their STAR test reading assessment (see previous page for more about STAR). Every 9 weeks, the PTA hosts an AR store where students can pick different levels of prizes based on the number of AR points they earned. Books and their respective AR points can be found here: www.arbookfind.com.

If you would like to receive an email every time your child takes an Accelerated Reader test, including the book title, score, and points earned, sign up for "Home Connect." This tool also offers the ability to search book titles and view the reading level and potential points earned for reading.

- Sign up for Home Connect by logging in with your STUDENT'S LOGIN: <https://hosted380.renlearn.com/76771/homeconnect/>. AR student logins will be sent home from your teacher after school starts.
- One page text instructions for logging in and signing up for email notifications: <https://goo.gl/p5PYNr>
- Login and email instructions - with pictures: <https://goo.gl/QPJUbl>

TECHNOLOGY: Class Programs

1. CLEVER

Clever is a single sign-on platform that allows students to use one username and password to access everything they need. Your student will have Clever on their school issued laptops and will be instructed on how to use it in class. On your student's computer, click on the Clever shortcut on their desktop. If they are not using their HCS issued laptop, go to this website: <https://studentcl.hsv-k12.org>

The browser will open each time to the student's username and password. The student will log in with first.lastname@stu.hsv-k12.org and the password they use for their computer. From the ClassLink Launchpad dashboard, students will select a resource. The first time that resource is used, it will ask the student for their username and password which will be stored in their "password locker."

2. SCHOOLOGY

Edmodo is a tool used by some upper grade teachers to communicate assignments to students. By creating a parent account, you can keep track of all your children's assignments (for those classes using this tool). Teachers also use this tool to send messages to parents. Through your parent account, you can select to receive emails and/or text messages every time an assignment is made. The Calendar feature in the iPhone and Android apps is particularly useful as you can see all the assignments due for the week.

Each of your children will have an individual account linked to their teachers through "class codes." Parents have one account linked to their children through "Parent Codes." If your child creates a new Edmodo account, you will need to "re-link" it to your parent account. Further instructions will be sent home from your teacher.

Link to Edmodo: <https://huntsville.edmodo.com/>

Instructions on setting up a parent Edmodo Account: <https://goo.gl/9wQ8tR>

Instructions (with pictures) on how to set up a Parent account and navigate Edmodo: <https://goo.gl/tSGQFV>

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Huntsville City Schools is using AlphaBest for After School Care this year. You can register online at alphabest.org.

1. UP A CREEK AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES

Up a Creek picks up students from school in vans or a shuttle at the back of the school.

Contact: www.upacreekadventures.com, 256-270-8570, UpaCreekToday@gmail.com

2. HAMPTON COVE PRESCHOOL

For tuition rates and more information, contact: them at: www.hamptoncovepreschool.com, (256) 585-1137, or frontdesk@hamptoncovepreschool.com

3. KinderCare

VOLUNTEERING

GSES has many volunteer opportunities throughout the year that benefit your child and our school. If you are interested in volunteering for anything listed below, please email us at info@gsespta.org.

Specific volunteer opportunities will be announced for these events throughout the year. Be sure to check your Wednesday folders, the Sunday Send Out newsletter, and Facebook for information on how to sign up.

- Accelerated Reader Store
- Boo Bash
- Book Fairs
- Duty-Free Lunch Coverage for Teachers
- Event Set Up and Clean Up
- Fit & Fun Run Fundraiser
- Gold Rally
- Grandparent's Breakfast
- Landscaping and Beautification
- Legacy Project (5th Grade)
- Merry Market
- OWLsome Readers
- PBIS Celebrations
- PTA Meetings
- PTA Reflections Art Contest
- Room Reps
- Spring Fling
- Wednesday Folders
- ... and more!!

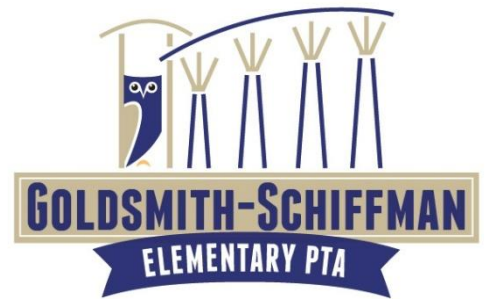
VOLUNTEER



YOUR PTA

The GSES Parent Teacher Association helps support Goldsmith-Schiffman Elementary School by organizing special projects, coordinating volunteer efforts for school events, fundraising, and supplying our teachers and staff with the supplies and equipment they need to educate our children most effectively.

We also keep you up to date on everything going on at GSES! We send out a weekly email called the Sunday Send Out that includes news and upcoming events. Email us at info@gsespta.org to receive our weekly updates. You can also visit our website at www.gsespta.org and find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gsespta.



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The GSES PTA strives to bring together parents, teachers, staff, and the Big Cove community to help provide the best possible learning environment and opportunities for our children.

Every parent, grandparent, guardian, faculty and staff member, or community member can become a PTA member. Family memberships are only \$8. Membership dues also help to support the local, state, and national PTA programs.

Why should I join the PTA?

1. It's a great way to know what's happening in the school.
2. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, build relationships, and share ideas, concerns, and experiences.
3. PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school by giving you voting rights on things such as the PTA budget and activities.
4. By getting involved at your child's school, you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, and social events.
5. By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

PTA SPONSORED EVENTS

CLASS CELEBRATIONS

At the beginning of the year, the GSES PTA will collect \$20 from each family as a donation to be used for classroom celebrations.

- A class birthday gift for your teacher
- A class Holiday party
- A class Valentine's party
- A class gift for your teacher during Teacher Appreciation Week

GRANDPARENT'S BREAKFAST (September 8 and 9)

Our annual Grandparent's Breakfast is a chance for grandparents to share a special breakfast with their students. We cater the event and decorate for the occasion. Grandparents are welcome to walk students to their classes after breakfast. The book fair is also open for grandparents to shop with the students.

FIT & FUN RUN (September 23, 2022)

The Fit & Fun Run is the PTA's biggest fundraiser and helps to support everything we do! The Fit & Fun Run campaign starts in early September when we ask students to collect donations in support of their upcoming run. Each student will have an online fundraising page. Donations are 100% tax deductible. There are two ways for donors to participate: 1. Pledge an amount to donate based on how many laps the student will run on the big day (e.g. \$1 per lap). Or 2. Make a flat donation.

BOO BASH (October 21, 2022)

Boo Bash is our annual Halloween-themed outdoor event. It traditionally includes trunk-or-treat, inflatable, food trucks, and other fun activities!

MERRY MARKET (December 5-9, 2022)

Merry Market is our annual holiday shopping event where kids can purchase gifts for their family members and friends.

SPRING FLING (May 12, 2023)

Spring Fling is our annual end of the year event that includes traditional field day fun.

———— All dates subject to change ————

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

GSES PTA participates in many fundraising efforts that are at NO COST to you or the school!

AMAZON SMILE

When customers shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/32-0313300> to select our organization. Then re-bookmark your Amazon page to smile.amazon.com and it will automatically do everything for you!



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

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