

JUMPING INTO PTO IS EASY AS ABC!

You'll often hear me refer to the GMIS PTO as "**YOUR**" PTO. The PTO may be steered by its four officers, but it belongs to you, it serves you and your children, and supports their teachers. Without you, the PTO has no hands and feet, is unable to enrich your child's learning experience, or provide memorable family experiences and community traditions. Volunteerism takes many forms, and for each form, the rewards return tenfold in the feeling of accomplishment at the end of a fund raiser, the smiles we see at family nights, the wonder of a Lenovo Laptop, the pride your child takes in showing off the art or science project at One Big Night. Your PTO has furnished laptop computers and carts used by our teachers and students for hands on learning of real world Google Classroom apps. Teachers receive classroom materials funding in August. And hot meals delivered during Teacher Conference Week in November. In spring we again treat our teachers to a delicious buffet in honor of Educator Appreciation week! And in May we were able to send each and every student home with a free book in order to kick off their summer reading! Your GMIS PTO welcomes you, serves you, needs you.

- Collect Box Tops for Education, Tyson Chicken Labels and Redner's receipts.
- Learn how to Shoparoo! So easy and fun!
- Register your Giant Shoppers' Card and Red Robin Royalty Card.
- Come to our monthly meetings: 9/20/16, 10/18/16, 12/6/16, 1/24/17, 2/21/17, 3/21/17, and 4/25/17.
- Order some delicious food for home delivery in support of our Schwan's Cares promotion.
- Donate an hour or two during American Education Week in November.
- Volunteer your time to set up, tear down or work at one of our Scholastic Book Fairs on 8/24/16 or 1/26/17.
- Show that Mifflin pride with the purchase of some Spiritwear!
- Follow us on Facebook: GMIS PTO and watch for our Peachjar flyers.
- Come to our Cabin Fever event in February for delicious crockpot meals, Cupcake Wars and Bingo!
- Are you PTO officer material? The current Board all have children moving up to GMMS in 2017, so all positions will be up for election in May 2017. You don't have to be perfect. You don't have to be political. You just need a heart for kids and their teachers. Pull one of us aside if you are interested and we will tell you all about it!

Over 600 lucky kids walk through the doors of GMIS each school morning. If one parent of each child were to donate just two hours to PTO over the course of the 2016-2017 school year -- what could we accomplish with those 1200+ hours? What new programs, fun events, new technologies could we provide? I can't wait to find out...Join me.

Yours in Service,
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