



Hello GMS Families,

Welcome back to all of our returning families and a special welcome to all of our incoming families in Pre-school, Kindergarten, First Grade and transfer students! We are gearing up for a fantastic year and are looking forward to working with you! The GMS PTO is made up of parents/guardians, teachers and administrators who plan, coordinate, and volunteer at many of the activities put on by both the school and the PTO. The activities include education enrichment activities, special authors and story tellers who visit the school, in-house field trips, family fun events and so much more! For those new to GMS, the PTO is a great resource to have questions asked, meet other parents, network and learn about your child's school. Your involvement in your child's education experience sends a message to your child that school is a priority. We also cannot put on these events without your help!

We are so happy to have you as part of the GMS family. We understand that your time is valuable and appreciate any and all efforts that you can make towards supporting the PTO. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and activities and thank you for your time!

Warm Regards,

Heidi Ames,
GMS PTO President
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NEW THIS YEAR: All PTO forms will be completed online.* Please complete these by September 15th. We have three (3) separate forms:

1. **Family Directory/Information** – In order to provide you with the latest information about GMS PTO events, activities, and volunteer opportunities, we need your contact information for our email blasts. You will also need to indicate if you wish for your contact information to be included in the GMS PTO Family Directory. Due to privacy laws, the school is unable to provide GMS families with the contact information of other students. Therefore, in order to facilitate the students' communication with each other for birthday parties and playdates, the PTO coordinates a GMS family directory. Inclusion in this directory is completely **voluntary** and **only those who agree to be included will receive an electronic copy**. If you would like your information to be included in our PTO contact list and/or the Family Directory, please complete the form online at:
<https://tinyurl.com/GMSFamDirectory2019>

2. **Volunteer Form** – This form lists some of the volunteer opportunities available throughout the school both during and outside of school hours. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please go online and complete the form at **<https://tinyurl.com/GMSVolunteer2019>**

3. **Room Parent Volunteer Form** – Being a room parent is a great way to get involved and be a part of the class parties and help out the teachers. Only two (2) room parents will be assigned for each classroom. Room parents must be able to attend classroom parties and events or appoint a representative to attend on their behalf. Their primary job is coordinating and overseeing donations and activities for the classroom parties. Additional events and requests will come from the classroom teacher. We are also requiring this year that one room parent for each classroom attend the monthly PTO meetings. If you are interested in being a room parent please go online and complete the form at **<https://tinyurl.com/GMSRoomParent2019>**

*If you do not have access to a computer, please send in a written request to your child's teacher to receive a hard copy of the forms.

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GMS PTO CALENDAR 2019/2020**

(PTO-SPONSORED and/or ASSISTED EVENTS)

September 13:	“Welcome Back, Teachers” Breakfast
October 9-24:	*Raise Craze Fundraiser
October 25:	Second Annual Pumpkin Festival
November 14/20:	*Canvas & Kids – Painting for GMS students (after school activity)
December (TBD):	*Polar Express Movie Night
February 7:	Father Daughter Dance (Snow Date of Saturday, February 8)
March 27:	Mother Son Bingo Night (Snow Date of April 3 - LMS Café)
May 4-8:	Teacher Appreciation Week

PTO MEETINGS

(6:30 p.m. in GMS Cafeteria)

September 17
October 8
November 12
December 10
January 14

February 11
March 10
April 14
May 12 - Elections
June 9

* Denotes Fundraising Activity to support the GMS PTO which supports our students. We appreciate your participation!

** Please note that all dates are subject to change based on the School Events, Weather, and other Unforeseeable Circumstances. Other fundraisers and/or events may be added throughout the year

Tip: The BEST way to get UP-TO-DATE information throughout the year is our Facebook Page:



Private Page: GMS PTO NH 2019-2020
(please make sure you answer the questions for faster approval)