

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to The Governor Mifflin Intermediate School, or welcome back for a new and exciting year! The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) hopes you will become active in the Intermediate School Community! The PTO has many exciting activities planned for this year, some old favorites and some exciting new ventures! We encourage you to become involved in as many of these activities as you feel reasonably possible. Not only do we have fun with the staff and students, we also provide valuable experiences to our school family!

The PTO is comprised of parents, teacher, and Principal Lee Umberger who strive to enhance the educational and social experience for all Intermediate School students and to provide a forum for parent/teacher interaction. There are a lot of exciting events and fundraisers ahead of us this year. The PTO sponsors and contributes to many wonderful aspects of your child's education. Please check out the poster in our school lobby to see all the PTO has contributed during the last school year. Raising money and requesting the donation of your valuable time is what allows the PTO to provide these activities. All of the fundraising profits are applied to programs for your child.

I encourage you to become a member of the PTO. We have again set a challenging goal this year of 100% membership and are asking you to help us achieve this goal. The PTO is no longer requiring a membership fee. We believe that every parent/guardian is a partner in supporting our children and our school! There is no obligation to volunteer or attend meetings, however we would love to have you join us with your enthusiasm and ideas! The school and PTO will benefit from hearing your ideas, and you will be better informed about all the past and upcoming events at the school. Even if you cannot attend the meetings we encourage you to complete a membership form so that you will be kept informed of the extracurricular activities going on at our school and have voting rights at any meetings you choose to attend in the future. Just for completing a membership form you will receive a complimentary GMIS magnet!

Our first PTO meeting for the 2011-2012 school year is being held on Wednesday, September 21st from 6:30 – 7:30. The remainder of the meetings will be held the fourth Wednesday of the month with a few exceptions. Please check the district calendar to confirm meeting dates. Meetings are no longer than one hour and refreshments will be served at the first meeting. Attending PTO meetings is a wonderful way to learn about what is going on at the Intermediate School.

Whatever your own level of flexibility, the GMIS PTO always appreciates its parent volunteers, as do our teachers and staff. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time, and your talents are truly needed. Keep in mind that by volunteering, you will get to enjoy interacting with the kids, become friends with other parents, and accomplish things that truly make a difference!

We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Marcella Sweigart

PTO President