

GARDEN CITY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

2022-2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Thank you for your support of the Garden City PTA “Making a Difference”

MAKING OUR SCHOOLS GREAT PLACES TO BE

- Welcome Back banners and balloons, all schools
- Family Fun Events at Homestead, Locust, Stratford, and MS
- Jack O’ Lantern Jubilee and Jester Jim events at Homestead
- Earth Balloon BOCES program at Hemlock
- 5th Grade Circus event and Everyone Matters Day at Stewart
- Support of Gardening and Service Learning at primaries
- Freshman Bash, Senior Pep Rally Breakfast, College Decision Day, Pre-Prom events, Graduation Rehearsal and Graduation Breakfast at HS
- Graduation Day co-sponsored reception at HS
- Family Fun Islander Night, all grades
- Family Fun Bowling Day, K-8
- Space Program, Cares-a-thon, 8th Grade Dance at MS

SUPPORTING CULTURAL, ART & LITERACY

- National PTA Reflections Program "Show Your Voice" and Districtwide Awards Ceremony, K-12
- Year-long PARP Program, with "The Polar Express" read aloud, and multiple virtual and in-person author visits for K-5
- One School, One Book, "I Must Betray You" at HS
- Arts in Ed programs "Dances of India" (K-1, 6) and virtual art-making event with The Whitney Museum (K-5)
- First Grade Field Trip – “Frog and Toad” play
- Fifth Grade Field Trip – “Wizard of Oz” play
- “A Day in Clay” hands-on arts experience at HS

RECOGNIZING STUDENT SUCCESS & MILESTONES

- Gail Madigan Upstander Award for one graduating senior
- PTA and SEPTA Awards to graduating seniors
- Fifth Grade combined Stewart and Stratford Yearbook
- First Grade Memory Books at all primaries

HEALTH & SAFETY AWARENESS

- Don't Pass the Flash bus safety campaign
- Indoor recess bins at elementary schools
- CPR course at HS
- Safe Driving Week and Defensive Driving course at HS
- Bike Safety Week poster contest and Bike Rodeo co-sponsored with Assemblyman Ed Ra, K-5
- Fire Safety speaker and books for primary students
- Sun Safety campaign, K-12

STAFF & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

- Welcome Back bagel breakfast and Staff Appreciation lunches
- NYS PTA Honorary Life Member Awards
- NYS PTA Youth Humanitarian Award
- Volunteer Thank You Recognition
- Nurse Appreciation Week Recognition
- Custodian Holiday Recognition
- GCPS Retiree Recognition

ADVOCACY

- School budget communication and Get Out to Vote campaign.
- Participation in the NYS PTA Resolutions process
- Representatives at Board of Education meetings

GRANTS

- \$96,928 in grant funds have been approved to date to benefit all students in all seven schools.

PTA COMMITTEES AT WORK

- Arts in Education
- Communications
- Curriculum
- Dinner
- Health & Safety
- Interview
- Legislation
- Membership
- Nominating
- Parent University
- PARP
- Photography
- PVC- HS
- SVC- HS & MS
- Reflections
- Spirit Week
- School PTA Boards
- School Supplies
- Sportswear
- Staff Appreciation

SPEAKERS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

- Katie Schumacher: “Don’t Press Send” parent and student presentation
- Dr. Stephen Dewey: “Addiction and Health” parent & student presentation
- David Flood “Showing up for friends & family” parent & student presentation
- Laura Campbell, “Raising Confident Children” parent learning series
- Outside expert PTA meeting speakers: Nick Paloma (Curvebreakers), Laura Campbell, Det. Steve Roumeliotis (GCPD)

PTA IN OUR SCHOOLS

- Parent University, co-sponsored with SEPTA and GCUFSD
- Class parent selection and BTSN activities
- Coordination of Spirit Week activities and poster contest
- Volunteers for Libraries, Bad Weather Games/ Literacy Lunch
- Beautification, Family Fun events, School Gardens, Holiday Craft Fairs, School Picture Days, and more!

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

- Hosted 17 School PTA Meetings, K-12 – including addition of all-virtual and hybrid options for many meetings
- Three All Schools evening PTA Meetings
- Weekly PTA News section in GC News (online and print)
- Monthly eNewsletters
- Class Parent network & backpack flyers for additional information sharing in K-5 schools
- Website: www.gardencitypta.org
- Facebook, Instagram, Twitter: @GardenCityPTA