

GARDEN CITY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

2024-2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

“Ascending to New Heights”

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 on Halloween
- Mad Science Events at Hemlock, Homestead, & Locust
- Unity Day Speakers
- Unity Day Event at the Elementary & Middle Schools
- Support of Gardening, Beautification, and Service Learning at Primary Schools
- Support of Digital Citizenship across all schools
- 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 Bowling Day, K-8
- GOAT USA™ presentation with founder, TJ Cristina

SUPPORTING CULTURAL, ART & LITERACY

- National PTA Reflections Program “I Belong” and Districtwide Awards Ceremony, K-12
- Year-long PARP Program, with “The Polar Express” read aloud, Book Ninjas, Pen Pals and multiple virtual and in-person author visits for K-5
- One School, One Book, “The Hunger Games” at HS
- Arts in Ed programs “Music of the Earth” (Elementary), Jared Campbell Assembly (Middle), “Story & Song” (Primary)
- First Grade Field Trip – “The Gruffalo’s Child” play
- Fifth Grade Field Trip – “Descendants” musical

STUDENT RECOGNITION

- 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 Primary Schools

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Indoor recess bins at Elementary Schools
- CPR course at HS
- Safe Driving Week and Defensive Driving course at HS
- Diabetes awareness at Middle School
- Bike Safety Week poster contest and Bike Rodeo co-sponsored with Assemblyman Ed Ra, K-5
- Sun Safety Campaign & UV bracelets K-12

STAFF & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

- Welcome Back bagel breakfast and Staff Appreciation Lunches for all teachers and staff
- NYS PTA Honorary Life Member Awards
- NYS PTA Youth Humanitarian Award
- Volunteer Thank You Recognition
- Nurse Appreciation Week Recognition
- Custodian Holiday Recognition
- Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast
- 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

MEMBERSHIP DRIVES & FUNDRAISING

- Planned, executed, and managed annual membership drive and fundraising efforts in support of student programming, including successful Annual Dinner, record-breaking Sportswear campaigns, and innovative GC Trojan GOAT USA™ fundraisers

GRANTS

- Over \$ 147,357 in grant funds have been approved to date to benefit all students in all seven schools

PTA COMMITTEES AT WORK

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arts in Education• Communications• Curriculum• Dinner• Health & Safety• Interview• Legislation• Membership• Nominating• Parent University• Digital Citizenship• Career Resources | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PARP• Photography• PVC - HS• SVC - HS & MS• Reflections• Spirit Week• School PTA Boards• School Supplies• Sportswear• Staff Appreciation• Beautification |
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SPEAKERS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

- Megan Farrell – Internet safety presentations
- Laura Campbell book club discussions “Anxious Generation”
- Amy McCoy, author of *Little Big Sister* Book Series – presentations at Elementary Schools
- PTA meeting speakers Maria Mora, Ruby Klein, Keegan Baker
- Apple Workshop
- Virtual Presentation on Executive Functioning
- Interview Skills Workshop
- PTA meeting presentations on language skills, literacy, mathematics, nutrition, SEL, and teen communication

PTA IN OUR SCHOOLS

- Parent University, co-sponsored with SEPTA and GCUFSD
- Class parent selection and BTSN activities
- Coordination of Spirit Week activities, Homecoming and poster contest
- Volunteers for Libraries, Bad Weather Games/ Literacy Lunch
- Beautification, Family Fun events, School Gardens, Holiday Craft Fairs
- Creation of three new committees: Career Resources, Beautification, & Digital Citizenship
- 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, X (Twitter): @GardenCityPTA

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Garden City PTA

Thank you for your support!

Elizabeth Cendan, President (2024-2025)