



Welcome to the 2009 – 2010 school year

Hello Families,

I hope your first week back to school was a smooth one. It's great to see familiar faces and exciting to see so many new ones too.

My name is Jamie Coughlin and I am the new GAAPO (Gresham Arthur Academy Parent Organization) President. I look forward to working with many of you as we support our children and their educational experience. I want to welcome your ideas and suggestions, and invite you to the September 28th Board Meeting, at 6:30.

GAAPO has been busy planning events, including the upcoming Family Hoe-Down, and the all-school walk in the Teddy Bear Parade. We are also continuing to work on our new Library, that will be up and running soon.

There will be a lot of opportunities to volunteer your time, whether it be, as big as leading a fundraiser, or as small (BUT MIGHTY) as setting up chairs for a Movie Night. Together, we can make this a Great Year!

Thank You,

Jamie Coughlin
President GAAPO

We would like to introduce you to the board members for this school year:

President - Jamie Coughlin	president@gaapo.org
Vice President - Francine Albright	vice.president@gaapo.org
Secretary - Heather Patrick	secretary@ggapo.org
Treasurer- Vicki Sifuentes	treasurer@gaapo.org
Publisher - Becki Graham	publisher@gaapo.org
Fundraising Chair - Kim Brewster	fundraising.chair@gaapo.org
Volunteer Coordinator - Amanda Webber	volunteer.coordinator@gaapo.org

School Rules

1. Pick up time for 1-5 graders will start at 3:05. Kindergarteners can be picked up starting at 2:55. If you are picking up siblings of kindergarten students please wait until 3:05 to pick up. Kindergarten students that are only staying for kindergarten can be picked up at 11:45 under the church overhang.
2. Drive Slowly in the parking lot and watch out for kids
3. No pets allowed in, on, or around playground areas.
4. No Smoking on school grounds

Campbell Soup Labels & Box Tops

Thanks for helping support the school by saving all of your Campbell soup labels, and box tops. Please collect them and then turn them into your students teacher. If you have any questions please contact Tamie Gantenbein at tgantenbein@msn.com

Penny Drive

Kids don't forget to bring in your pennies to win a classroom party! Bring in a silver coin and you can go to another class room and collect that many pennies from them. (Example a nickel will give you five pennies from another class room)

Fun Fridays

Everyone, remember to bring your quarters for Fun Fridays. Fun Fridays will happen EVERY Friday!

Events and Reminders

Country Hoe-Down:

"Howdy ya'll!" We would like to invite you to our first event of the school year, the country Hoe Down! Friday September 25th from 5:30 to 8pm in the parking lot at Gresham Arthur Academy. We will be having a chili and pie cook-off, games and food. Food will be served from 5:30 to 7:00 and games will continue until 8:00pm. If you would like to be a part of the cook offs please contact Kim Brewster at fundraising.chair@gaapo.org or Nicole Baker lniobaker@comcast.net



Teddy Bear Parade:

On Saturday the 26th of September. Bring your decorated Bikes / Tricycles or even your wagon. The parade starts at 10am, but we will need to start lining up at 9am. If your interested in being a part of the parade please sign up with Kim Brewster or Nicole Baker.



Student Directory:

We are looking for parents and companies that are interested in advertising in the student directory. The money that is collected for these ads will go to cover the cost of making it. If you are interested please provide us with the information you would like to have added, such as a card or a logo and a description of what you would like your ad to say. Please pass this information to any business or individual you think would be interested in placing an ad in the directory.

The directory will be a 5 x 7 book. A full page ad will cost \$25.00 and a half page ad will cost \$15.00. (Donations are always greatly appreciated.)

Please call Becki Graham at 503-810-1066 if you have any questions, or e-mail me at publisher@gaapo.org

Fundraisers

Our first fundraiser for the year will be the Entertainment books. They will go on sale September 11th. We would like to have this fundraiser completed by September 25th.

Look for a letter with more information to be sent out with your student soon.



Kids get ready for your first classroom competition!

The race is on.....which classroom will it be?!?!?!?!?

Turn all of your Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels in to your teacher by October 16th, and the classroom with the most labels will win a special treat!



[More fundraisers and events to come](#)

Volunteers needed



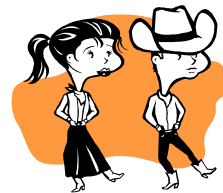
Lunch room volunteer
needed from 11:45 to 12:30

We are looking for volunteers interested in helping out with the new classroom libraries. Each classroom will have a library that the kids can check out books! If you are interested in learning more, or would like to help please contact Amanda Webber at volunteer.coordinator@gaapo.org



We are currently looking for volunteers to help out with the Hoe Down that will be happening on the 25th of September.

If you would like to volunteer for this event, donate your western clothing or just let us borrow your western clothing for the evening. Please contact Kim Brewster at fundraising.chair@gaapo.org or Nicole Baker at lniobaker@comcast.net



We are always looking for parents to help out in the classroom, at fundraising events, and in the office. If you are ever interested in helping please contact Amanda Webber at volunteer.coordinator@gaapo.org

Personal ad's



Here is a place that is just for you! If you are interested in adding an ad to the GAPPO newsletter please provide us with a business card size ad in the GAPPO box located in the school office, or e-mail it to publisher@gaapo.org. All ad's need to be in by the 25th of each month, and the cost is \$5.00.

If you have any question please contact Becki Graham publisher@gaapo.org amandamari photography@hotmail.com

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who made this years welcome potluck such a success. The kids really seemed to have a great time getting to know their fellow students as well as their teachers.

A Big Thank You to Dusti Wagonner and Nicole Baker for Disney's \$2500.00 grant to GAAPO. They both volunteered many hours at Disney and at the school and received the grant from Disney's VolunteAR program.

A Big Thank You to Terra Soulages. Terra recruited a few Kohl's employees to volunteer to help out at the 2009 school carnival. Kohl's employees volunteer for Non-profit organizations and donate their volunteer hours. Terra was able to take their volunteer hours and apply them to a \$500.00 grant for GAAPO.

Special Thank You To Our May 2009 Carnival Donors

The committee has attempted to list all that contributed to make the May 2009 carnival a success. It was not our intention to omit any person or business that was involved. Please accept our deepest apologies if you have not been mentioned and our most sincere thanks for all you have done to support our school.

Seattle Mariners	Seattle Seahawks	Bullwinkles Fun Center
Julee Buffington	Mr. Formal	David Short-Food Services
Pittock Mansion	Clawson Heating	Mary Ann Baird—Home Town Nursery
34 sports	Albertson's	Winco Foods (Gresham Store)
Burns Feed Store	Safeway	Oregon Zoo
Fred Meyer	Tan Republic	Wal-Mart
Health Alternatives	Winterhawks	North Clackamas Aquatic Park
Gift N' Things	Jazzy Bagels	Gresham Cosmetic Laser Center
Gresham Outlook	Mt. Hood Lanes	Heidi and Anita @ The Loft
Portland Beavers	Skateworld	Jamie Pietzold—Alter Ego
Enchanted Forest	Chuck E Cheese	Oregon Coast Aquarium
Shari's Restaurant	Wall Street Pizza	Portland Timbers
Orowheat Bakery	Starbucks	White's Country Meats
La Carreta	Franz Bakery	Nu Thai—Brilliance Day Spa
Mad Science	Silver Cedar Cabins	
Oregon State University - Athletic Department		University of Oregon - Athletic Department

We would also like to thank all of the individuals that helped on the carnival committee and made it such a fun experience for everyone to enjoy! Without your help it wouldn't have been the carnival it was. Thank You!