

Grace Norton Rogers Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

380 Stockton Street, Hightstown, NJ 08520

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Dear GNR Families,

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! We are so excited to begin this unusual school year! The Grace N. Rogers Parent Teacher Organization (GNR PTO) is a non-profit group, whose executive board is a few parent volunteers. As a board we are responsible for many of the events and activities that go on at the school. We work with parents, teachers and administration to improve the school community and better the educational experiences of all GNR students.

Last year, the PTO held the following events: Halloween Dance, Scholastic Book Fair and a Holiday Shop. We also hosted fundraising events, including: Spiritwear, School Photos, Yankee Candle and a few others.

From the funds we raise we are able to purchase a variety of items for the school, including iPad cases for the art room, a bicycle rack and new picnic tables outside. We also provided a gift card to each teacher to purchase materials for their classroom, as well as a Back to School breakfast. In past years we have paid for field trips, breakaway basketball rims and help support a school-wide assembly.

With help from our volunteers, we also collect Box Tops for Education and McCaffrey's Receipts. We receive checks from each of these incentives – they really do pay off!

Our PTO is a very active group! We also have our own website (www.gnrpto.org) and an active presence on Facebook (Grace Norton Rogers PTO). PTO Meetings are held four times a year and we hope you can make them when the dates are announced.

Please consider helping us! It really does make a difference. You can volunteer during school hours, in the evening, or perhaps you'd simply like to contribute through our major donation event, Write a Check. We are looking for volunteers to coordinate or chair events, as well as additional parents to work on committees. Regardless of what you choose, your time volunteering does make a difference – as well as brings a smile to your child's face. We know this year is looking a little different, but we have some fun ideas planned and do need your help!

If you have any questions, suggestions, or ideas please feel free to contact us through our website, Facebook, or via the direct email listed below. We encourage your active input. We are a team and together we make our school a better place for everyone.

Thank you and have a great school year! Go Bulldogs!

Sincerely,

The 2020-21 GNR PTO Executive Board

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