

GOPTO

GENERAL PTO MEETING

September 12, 2023

Agenda

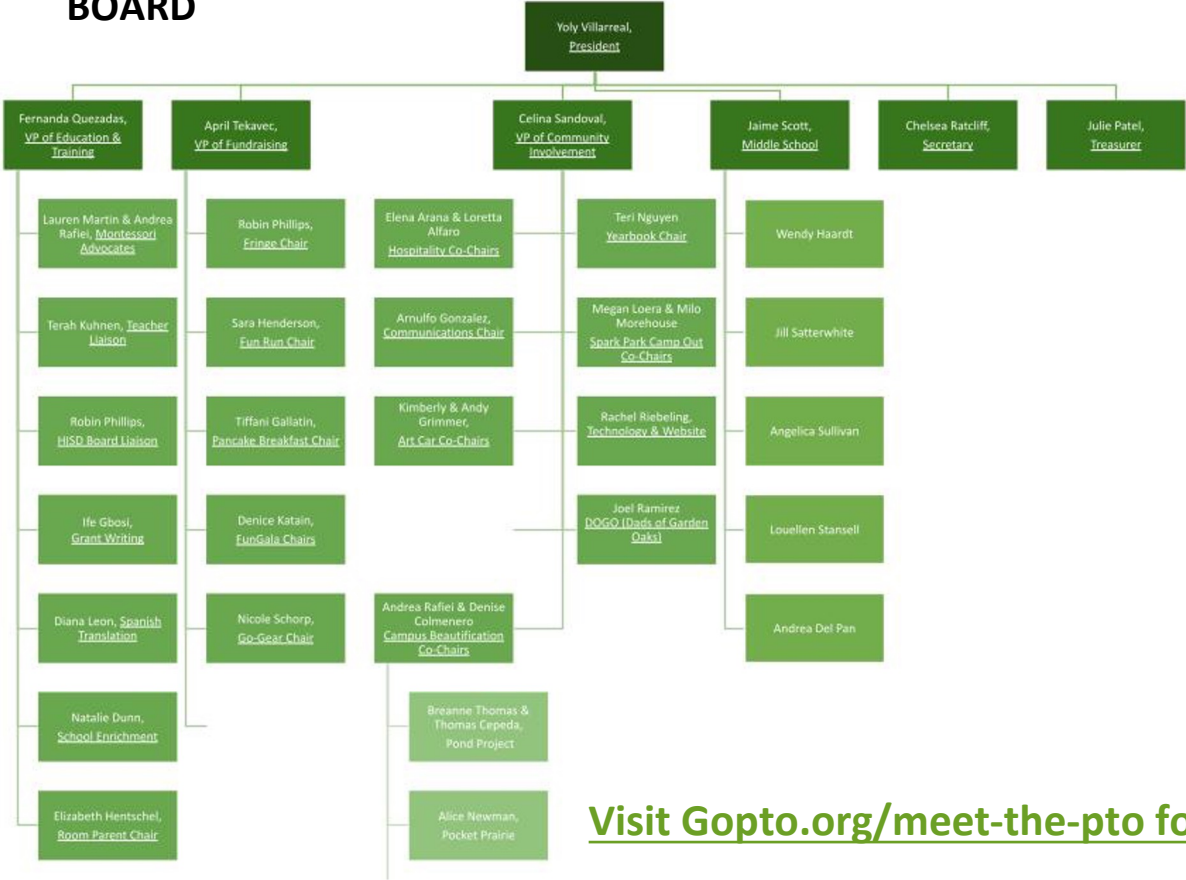
- Call Meeting to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Principal Update with Ms. Sebba
- Budget Presentation & Vote
- Community Updates
- Education Updates
- Middle School Updates
- Fundraising Updates
- Announcements
- Meeting Adjournment

2022-2024 PTO Board

- Yoly Villarreal - PTO President
- Fernanda Quezadas - VP of Education and Training
- Celina Sandoval - VP of Community Involvement
- April Tekavec - VP of Fundraising
- Julie Patel - Treasurer
- Chelsea Ratcliff - Secretary

The overarching mission of the GOMM PTO is to develop and sustain an equitable, welcoming and supportive school community for all administrators, teachers, students and families.

MEET THE 2023-2024 EXECUTIVE & EXTENDED PTO BOARD



[Visit Gopto.org/meet-the-pto](https://www.gopto.org/meet-the-pto) for more info!

GOMM Volunteer Initiative

Volunteer Sign Up

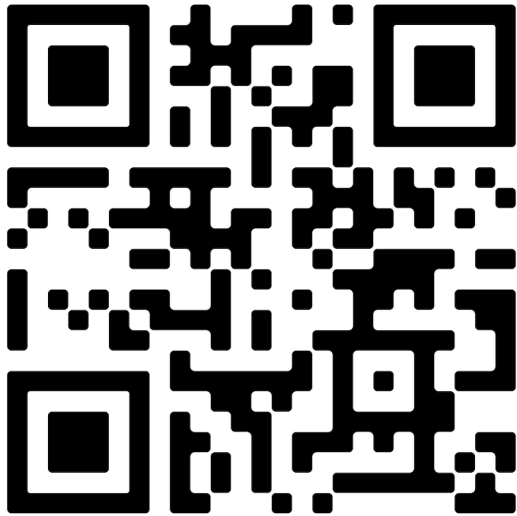


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Want to volunteer?

- Get VIPS approved!



Scan to go to VIPS page

- **Read** through VIPS orientation
- **Complete** Volunteer Application (link at end of VIPS orientation)
 - Provide form of ID on application that will be used for **background check**
- Get approval email
 - Typically within 48 hours!

Principal Update with Ms. Sebbba

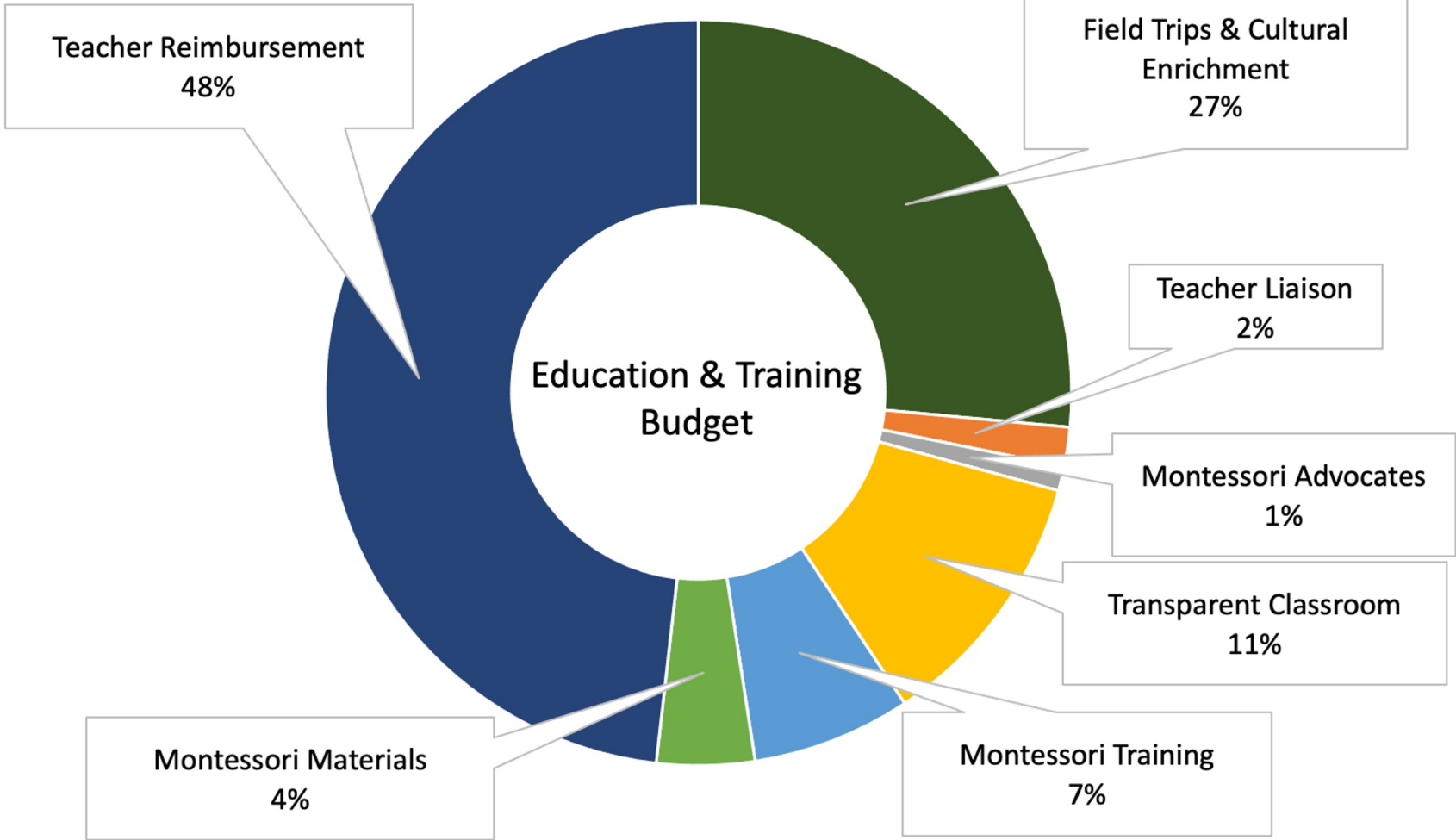
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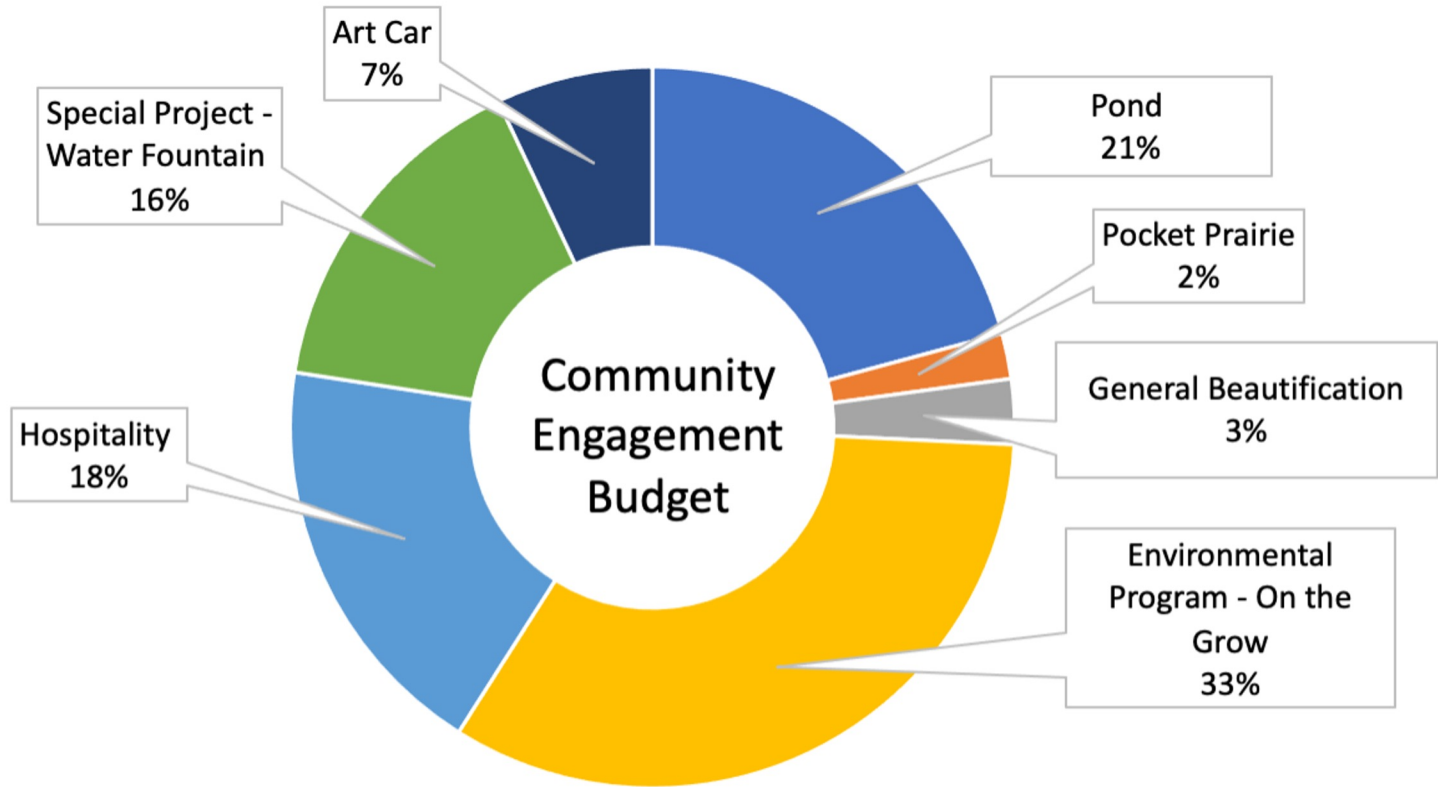
JULIE PATEL

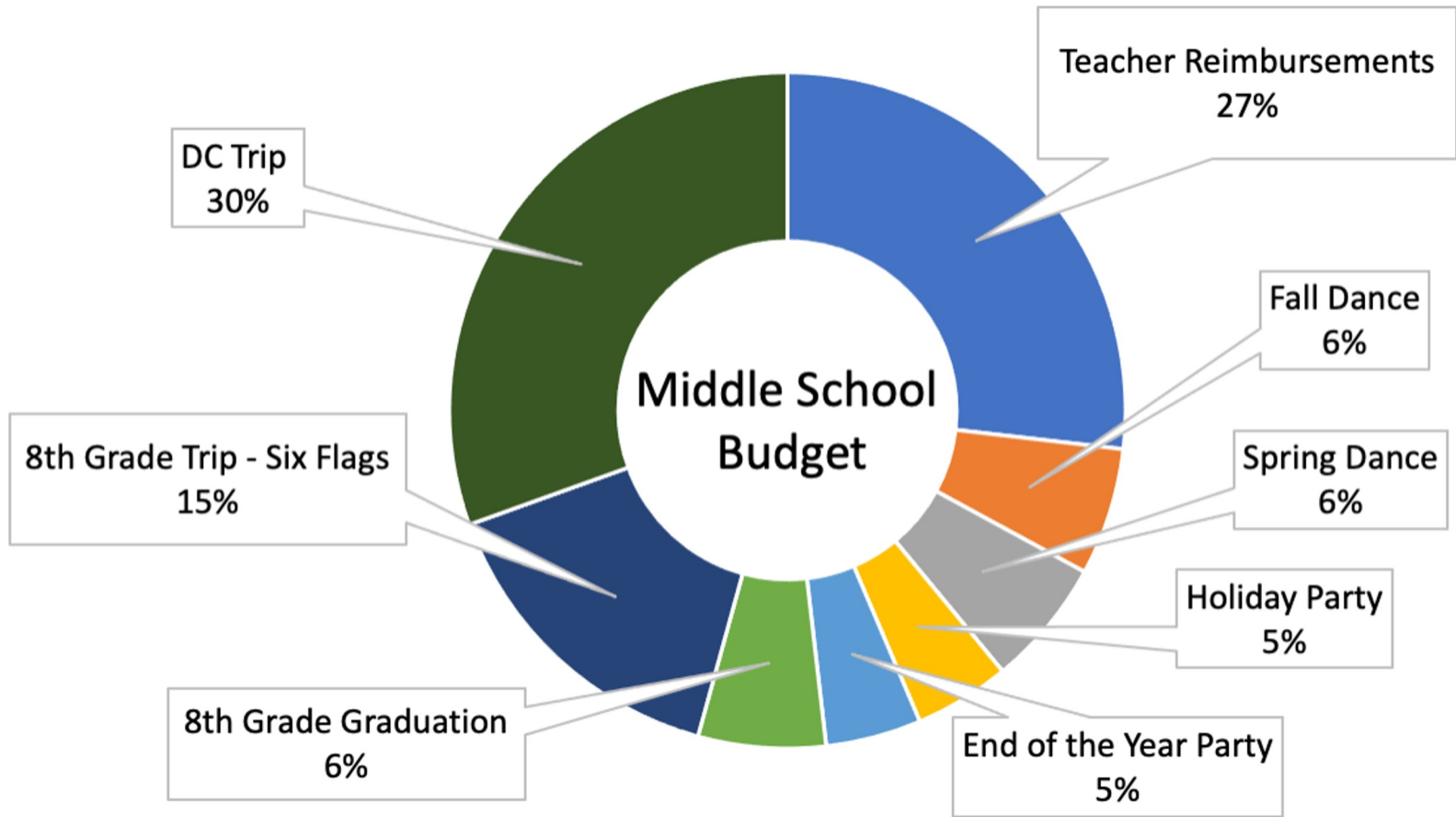
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2023-2024 Proposed Budget

- General Account
- Middle School Account







Community Updates

CELINA SANDOVAL

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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairs:

Andrea Rafiei, Denise Colmenero

Email: beautification@gopto.org

Contact for Work Days: Sara Dunne
saradunne79@gmail.com





BEFORE



AFTER

Hospitality Committee

Paletas in the Park was a success!
THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS

Up next.....

Teacher and Staff Treats on 9/15 -
Call for Volunteers

If you want to be a part of
hospitality email Elena Arana at
hospitality@gopto.org



Pond/Outdoor Classroom



Breanne Thomas and Thomas Cepeda
outdoorclassroom@gopto.org

DOGO (Dads of Garden Oaks)

**New Dad focused group spearheaded by GOMM Dad Joel Ramirez
Dogo@gopto.org**

- Help build the outdoor classroom
- Man the kitchen at Pancake Breakfast
- Be available for volunteer opportunities helping other PTO Committees
- Get to know other dads at offsite gatherings



Shirts for sale at gopto.org/shop

Art Car 2024 - PARADE APRIL 13th



Kimberly & Andy Grimmer artcar@gopto.org

Camp Out Committee

New Chairs Megan and Milo Morehouse, campout@gopto.org

A graphic for a camp out event. The background is black with white stars. In the center, the text "SPARK PARK CAMP OUT" is written in large, bold, green letters with a black outline. Below it, "SAVE THE DATE" is written in orange. To the right, there are illustrations of a green tent, an orange tent, a white cooler, and a wooden sign that says "Hosted by GOPTO".

**SPARK PARK
CAMP OUT**

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday
March 23rd**

Where: Spark Park
More details to come

To join the committee email Megan or Milo at campout@gopto.org

Yearbook Committee

**New Yearbook Chair, Alice Nguyen
Editor, Jennifer Ortegon**

They are looking for some photo takers to come
To campus and get some daily life shots of the
kids.

Email yearbook@gopto.org to join the committee



Also email any photos to yearbook@gopto.org
Be sure they are jpeg not HEIC or a moving photo



SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS



ClassDojo



GET CONNECTED!

If you wish to share content, please reach out to
Email: communityvp@gopto.org and communications@gopto.org

Education Updates

FERNANDA QUEZADAS

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Want to know more about Montessori?

Join the **Montessori Advocates** on **Wednesday, September 20th at 7pm** in the **GOMM Cafeteria**

- The goal of Montessori Advocates is to educate fellow parents about Montessori education and inspire them to advocate for Montessori education at GOMM
- GOMM **teachers and students** will
 - explain key Montessori terms
 - set out Montessori materials for parents to touch and use
 - (ex. pink tower, world puzzles, sandpaper letters, golden beads, moveable alphabet, stamp game, practical life screwdriver board, life cycle puzzles)
- Interesting in helping demo materials?
 - Email the Montessori Advocate Chair: Lauren Greene Martin at montessoriadvocate@gopto.org

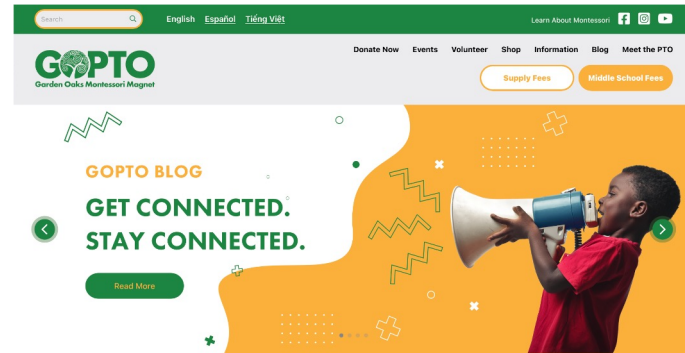
Fall Open House

- Tuesday, September 26th from 4:30-6pm
- Visit your child's classroom and get a demonstration of work from your child!



Don't forget to pay your supply fee!

- We ask parents to pay the supply fee in lieu of purchasing school supplies for your child.
 - \$60 for PK-6th
 - \$150 for Middle School
- The fee allows teachers to purchase school supplies for their own classrooms, which most teachers strongly prefer, especially in our Montessori learning environment.
- You can pay the supply fee by following one of the links from PTO shared here, on Dojo or at gopto.org.



Middle School Updates

Andrea Del-Pan

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Fall Middle School Events

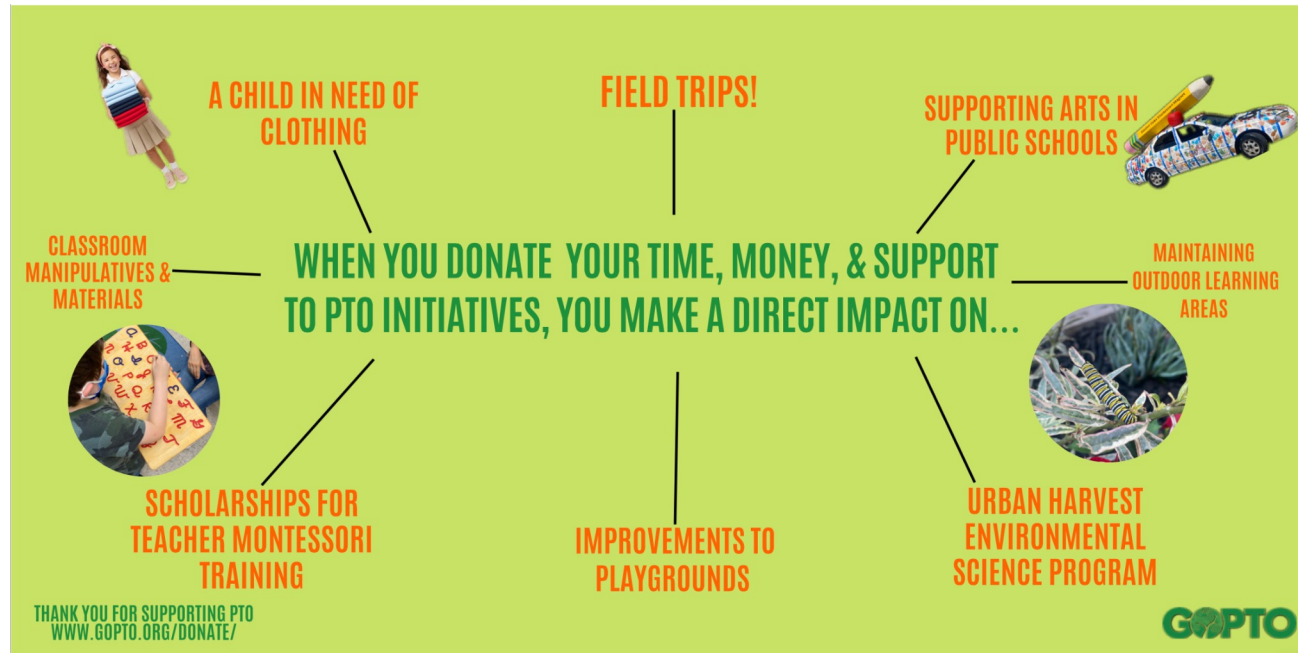
- Snack Attack!
 - Thursdays after school; Spark Park
- Fall Dance - 10/20
 - 6-8th grade
- Barnes & Noble Holiday Performances - 12/2 & 12/3
 - schoolwide
- Caregivers Night Out - 12/15
 - schoolwide

Fundraising Updates

APRIL TEKAVEC

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What does the PTO help fund?



Upcoming Events

— JOIN OUR —
FUNDRAISER
AT RAISING CANE'S

Mention the fundraiser in Drive Thru
and Cane's will donate **15%** of sales to:

Garden Oaks

DATE & TIME:

Thursday September 14th from 4PM - 9PM

LOCATION:

Raising Cane's Ella and 610
3007 Ella Blvd Houston, Texas 77018



- Spirit Night THIS Thursday (September 14th) at Raising Cane's
- Fun Run (October 19th-27th)

Easy Ways to Help GOMM



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Box Tops for Education is now completely digital and so easy to use! Simply download the Box Tops App and scan your receipts (or just forward an email receipt) to get extra cash for our school! Click below for more information on where you can also get FREE COUPONS for the products you buy.

[Learn More](#)



KROGER

Register your Kroger Card in the "Kroger Community Rewards" to support GARDEN OAKS MONTESSORI MAGNET PTO (Organization Number: J1330). Click below for instructions on how to register your card. Registration should be confirmed annually.

[Learn More](#)

The Green City Recycler logo, featuring a circular icon with recycling symbols and the text "GREEN CITY RECYCLER A Textile Recycling Company".

THE TEXTILE RECYCLING RUMBLE
2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR COMPETITION

COMPETE, COLLECT, RECYCLE!

A gold medal with the number 1 on it.	A silver medal with the number 2 on it.	A bronze medal with the number 3 on it.
1st PLACE - \$750 + TROPHY SHIELD	2nd PLACE \$500	3rd PLACE \$300

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

GOGear Store is OPEN!



Eagle Nation Middle School Shirt

\$15.00



GO Everyday Logo Shirt Bundle

\$40.00



Everyday Logo Shirt Blue

\$15.00



Everyday Logo Shirt Pink

\$15.00



DOGO Shirt

\$16.00



2022 Fall Festival Shirt

\$15.00



Middle School Shirt

\$15.00



It's An Eagle Thing Sweatshirt

\$22.00



GOMM Bows

\$6.75



Ladies' French Terry Quarter Zip Pullover Limited Release!

\$23.00



GOPTO Shirt

\$16.00



2022 - 2023 Yearbook

\$25.00

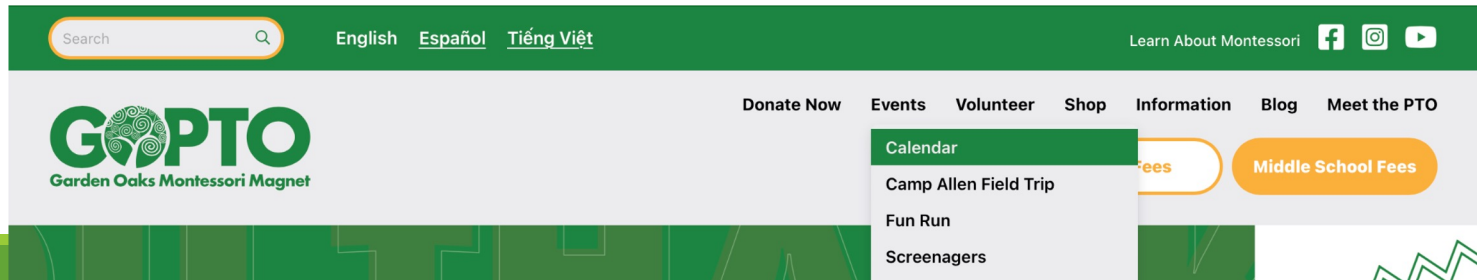
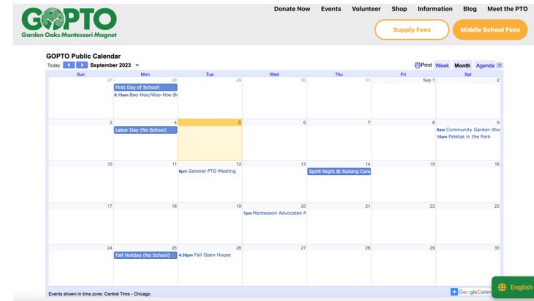
Announcements

CHELSEA RATCLIFF

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So many dates!

- Two ways to check the dates for PTO activities
 - Class Dojo - Provides all the details on GOMM and PTO activities!
 - GOPTO.org website
 - Provides calendar view



Meeting Adjourned

SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT PTO MEETING ON **December 5th**!

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Media!**

On Instagram: **@garden_oaks_montessori**

On Facebook: **Garden Oaks Montessori PTO**

On Twitter: **@garden_hisd**

Online: www.gopto.org

Class Dojo: www.classdojo.com