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Greetings to my fellow Griffin Parents and Staff:

I am often asked, "Just what does the Parent's Organization do?" and "How do you spend the money I give?" These are such important and valid questions. However, it has been difficult to recall at a moments notice all the many different areas we support.

I have chosen to close out my term as President of the Parent's Organization this year with a brief overview of just how all of our families and staff have come together to accomplish much for our school and the students. As I listed each of these items, there was such an overwhelming sense of pride in just what can be done with parents who share the school's philosophy of pursuing the true, good and beautiful.

So as you read the following pages, whether you are a parent, a teacher or part of the administration team, know that you are represented in each and every achievement. I believe none of us did this alone - but together we accomplished it with excellence. The proof is as they say in the results.

I thank you for being a team that was willing to not only recognize a need but to graciously meet it. You have made my role this year one of great joy and satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted

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GPA PO President 2009/2010

GPA PO YEAR IN REVIEW 2009/2010

Gifts to Glendale Preparatory Academy

- * In the front office an area was designated for the Parent's Organization creating an area separate from the front desk, in order to eliminate undo interruption to the daily flow of the school staff. Providing a secure place for parents to submit various forms and payments as well as correspondence with PO EC members and printed information materials. It features; the PO Box, a Credenza and Glass Front Bulletin Board
For a cost of: \$393.76
- * A closet was allocated as PO storage, shelves were installed and sterillite containers were purchased to house hospitality items (linens, coffee urn, beverage dispensers, paper products, etc.) as well as some of our booster item inventory.
For a cost of: DONATED and priceless!!
- * Items purchased for hospitality purposes.
 - Five Navy Rectangle Linen Table cloths
 - Five White Linen table runners with the School Crest in Navy and Gold
 - Five Navy Round Linen Table cloths
 - Five Gold Round Linen Table cloths
 - Two 3-Gallon Clear Acrylic Beverage DispensersFor a cost of: \$179.37
- * Three Large Indoor/Outdoor Banners (2 – 2'x4' and 1 – 2'x6') for the school to use at athletic events as well as events on campus.
For a cost of: approximately \$160.00
- * A 10' tall and 20' Wide backdrop with 6 navy fabric drape panels for the stage – for use at school events, saving a rental fee of \$100.00 per use.
For a cost of: \$395.00
- * Participation in the Legacy Program – purchasing Two Giving Opportunities in the Conference Room as a gift from the “2009/2010 Parent's Organization”.
For a gift of \$2,000.
- * Allocating money in the Year End Disbursement for a School Sign to be placed at the Beardsley entrance to the school. With a completion date of August 2010.
For an estimated cost of: TBA
- * The Year End Disbursement which is the total balance of our checking account (minus proposed start-up expense of \$6,600.00 for 2010/2011 budget) and the cost of the School Sign
For a total gift of: TBA

Committees and their direct roles

8th Grade Formal Dinner and Promotion/All School Awards Ceremony (Chaired by Joy Hodesh)– This year the PO will be hosting a formal dinner for the 8th grade students featuring a presentation on etiquette. They will be served by 9th and 10th grade students. Each 8th grade student will receive a group photo as well as a DVD montage as a memory. Students can purchase a commemorative t-shirt signed by their fellow class members. The Promotion/All School Awards night is also hosted by this committee and the stage is set with formal decorations and light refreshments are provided.

Bookstore (Chaired by Jeni Garcia) – At the beginning and the end of the academic year this committee was able to successfully check in and assign out student textbooks to. At year end they repaired and numbered each book on it's spine for ease of future tracking. New shelving is under consideration due to the extreme weight of the text books. The PO will cover these costs from this year's funds if deemed necessary.

Booster (Chaired by Dusty Schollmeyer) – This committee introduced many new items this year. Sweatshirt and Baseball Jersey with a new logo, Car Decal with School Crest, Aluminum Insulated Coffee Travel Mug, 32oz Stadium Cup, Foam Griffin Claw , 2nd Annual Griffin Games T-Shirt, Messenger bag, Tote bag, Shopping bag, Kitchen Apron. Items continued from last year included insulated lunch totes, can koozies, navy vertical logo T-Shirt, Glendale Griffin window cling, and white sport water bottles. This committee also successfully ran a Booster Booth every Friday with early dismissal selling items to take as well as accepting orders. These items generated a profit of approximately: \$3,692.00

Butter Braids (Chaired by Dawn Daly) – The PO offered these frozen take and bake pastries in November to the school community for purchase. A total of 134 braids were purchased. This event raised \$536.00 for the school.

Carpool (Chaired by the PO) – This committee was in charge of setting up a spreadsheet that enables families to sort by zip code to find other GP families in their area to allow them to connect for carpooling.

Classroom Set up (Chaired by Nancy Columby) – each Monday and Thursday mornings a volunteer committee came in and set up classrooms so they were ready before school started. The tables were cleaned as needed and during the months of increased viral infections classroom tables were sanitized prior to the PO Meetings as well

Directory (Chaired by Judi Todd) – We were able to print a 5x7 directory for every family and employee of Glendale Prep. Directory advertising was available to the community to supplement cost. This was printed at a cost of \$469.37 and distributed free of charge.

Donut Fridays (Chaired by Rhonda Lewis) – each Friday morning donuts and either a hot beverage or cold milk could be purchased for pre-sold snack tickets in the patio area. This was a time of community for the students, teachers and some parents who participated as well. This program collected approximately 2,800 snack tickets.

Griffin Games (Chaired by Sandy Gallo) – Successfully hosted an outstanding social event for the school community. This is the largest social and monetary event that the school sponsors. It is an annual event and encompasses Athletics, Academics and Art in a family friendly, fun way. This Saturday all-day event was attended by a large number of families – feeding about 323 hamburger and hot dog lunches. We were able to show a \$5,278.36 profit as a result. Sense of community was immeasurable.

Hospitality (Chaired by Laurie Marama) – This committee provided beverages and light refreshments (donated by parents) for the Winter and Spring Concerts as well as Curriculum Night and the annual New Family Night.

Hot Lunch Program (Chaired by Lori Soich) – Successfully redesigned, implemented and staffed a hot lunch program offered on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for the students and any teacher/staff for \$4.00. The lunches featured meals from local restaurants including – Rubio's, Oggi's, Panda Express and Subway. A Snack Bucket was offered at each of these lunches and was stocked by parent donations – items were purchased with Snack Tickets sold on the Lunch Order Form. A tracking program was put in place as well as newly designed Menu Order Forms. This committee shows a total profit to date of \$6,673.79.

Restaurant Night (Chaired by Alicia Reibe) – Each month a local area Restaurant Hosted the Glendale Prep community returning a percentage of our purchases to the school. These restaurants included: Paradise Bakery, Oggi's, Abacus Inn, Dillions BBQ, Babbo's, Panda Express, Barrio's in Anthem, Rubio's, Grimaldi's and Tundra Ice. These were well received by the families as a great social time as well as a nice meal. To date we have received \$2,749.54 from this program.

Scrip Program/Shopper Cards (Chaired by Rebecca O'Kray-Murphy) – We were able to purchase gift cards to retailers of our choice from this company and they returned a percentage spent to the PO. The PO purchased gift cards for each of the teachers for their birthdays and Great Hearts purchased gift cards from the PO as part of their prize incentive for the Tax Credit Program. We were able to deposit \$698 from this program. We also enrolled in programs with Safeway and Fry's that gave a return on our shopping dollars just by using their shopper cards – this is a voluntary program and is not limited to just our Glendale Prep parents. We have received \$142 to date from Safeway and are waiting for the dollar amount from Fry's. We collected Box Tops and received \$166 for simply clipping these coupons. We also enrolled in the Target Charge Card program and have received \$41 from this program.

Snowstorm (Chaired by Grace Heir) – During the months of November and December, money was given by families at Glendale Prep in lieu of individual holiday gifts and then divided equally in the amount of \$200 each and gifted to the teachers and staff prior to the Winter Break. For a donated amount of approximately \$5,000.00.

Socials (Chaired by Laurie Marama) – The First Friday of school the PO hosted the Griffin Greet – a social time for our students to reacquaint after summer, featuring lunch (sub sandwiches, chip and beverage as well as popsicles) and some organized activities to help the students get acquainted with the new incoming students. We offered an evening of bowling which was attended by 25 in October and then in February we hosted a family game and pizza night on campus which was attended by over 70. Families brought games and snacks to pass around. The last Thursday of the year the PO will again host the Griffin Goodbye – a social time for our students featuring the same lunch menu from the beginning of the year and passing out the pre-purchased Yearbooks allowing them time for collecting signatures from students and teachers.

Sports Awards Banquet (Chaired by Laurie Marama) - The PO Hosted these banquets in November, March and May by providing beverages and light refreshments donated by parents.

Tax Credit Program (Chaired by Mrs. Taboy) – This is a new committee this year and partners with the school to help inform parents of the giving opportunity available to have monies given to the school through this program, reimbursed 100% by the state. The PO placed a visual Thermometer in the traffic lane and maintained progressive participation in the program, we also had volunteers make phone calls to individual families of Glendale Prep to inform and collect commitments for this program. Our goal of \$50,000 was not only met but exceeded with a total of \$52,393.

Teacher Appreciation (Chaired by Rhonda Lewis) – each month a themed luncheon was prepared by Glendale Prep families for our teaching/administration staff so that they would be able to remain on campus and be fed prior to scheduled meetings. These 9 lunches were served as a buffet so the staff could eat at large tables together. These yummy meals were entirely donated by parents except for the meat in December with a cost to the PO of approximately \$80.00. During Teacher Appreciation week in May, students donated themed items to be placed in a large container each day allowing the teachers to pull out their favorites. The themes were Monday – sweet snacks, Tuesday – office supplies, Wednesday – savory snacks, Thursday – Shelf stable microwavable meals and Friday - \$5.00 gift cards to retailers in the area. The week included a bagel brunch and was capped off with a chili lunch on Friday.

Teacher Birthdays (Chaired by Lisa Rydberg Woods) – every teacher and administration member received a gift certificate to a retailer of their choice as well as a dessert and card in honor of their birthday. The cost for this program was approximately \$925.00

Traffic (Chaired by Dusty Schollmeyer) – With the much anticipated opening of our new private entrance/exit our traffic volunteers staffed and maintained safety for our students by guiding parents through the proper traffic flow patterns. Orange safety vests were purchased as well as safety cones and permanent traffic signs giving direction along the way.

Used Uniforms (Chaired by Dusty Schollmeyer) – This year we began the Used Uniform Sale which took place twice with seasonal uniform changes (Fall and Spring). This provided a way for families to turn in outgrown uniforms for credit and then repurchase used uniforms for their growing students. Uniforms will also be accepted the last two days of school in preparation for next year. These sales brought in a profit of approximately \$482.

Website (Chaired by Andrea Self) – The GPA PO website was maintained and updated weekly so that important information was available at anytime to current as well as future GP families. This site contains archived copies of PO Agendas, Meeting Minutes and Email Blasts, there are copies of current order forms including Booster items, Lunch Menu Order Forms, as well as Athletic events schedules and scores as they are reported. This is a work in progress and will be enhanced and expanded as time goes on. Go to www.GPAPO.org to see for yourself.

Welcome Packet (Chaired by the PO) – This year at the beginning of the year, we designed, had printed and gave every family an official School Folder containing various PO and School information and forms at the Bookstore event. This was very well received and gave families an official school folder to begin their Glendale Prep “student files”. The PO hosted a three part staging area; Stage Two contained refreshments, booster items for purchase, uniform booths, volunteer sign up area, tables to sit at and go over all the various paperwork as well as volunteer parents giving information. We also assisted the front office with volunteers who helped fill in the gaps at Stage One as well as volunteers in Stage Three where families picked up the assigned textbooks for their students. The cost for this was approximately \$353.27.

Yearbook (Chaired by Wendy Ayala) – The PO provided a Chairperson for this committee to work with students and staff on the Yearbook. We accepted orders and acted as the bank for the Glendale Prep Yearbook, assisting the school in this event.