



Golden Lake Elementary

PTA Meeting

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Date **11/18/2025**

Next Meeting Date: 12/9 @ El Norte, 6:30 pm

Location & Time 6:30 pm, 213 Cybrary/Science Room, Golden Lake Elementary

2026 Board Members

- President Nichole Koustrup
- Vice President Shalee Palmquist
- Treasurer Ali Wilde
- Secretary Sara Rantapaa
- Teacher Rep. Craig Baland
- Principal Chris Gerst

PTA Agenda

Topic	Owner
Board Introductions	Nichole
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm	
Welcome & Introductions	Nichole
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome New Families<ul style="list-style-type: none">Name, Grade Level of your children	
Review the PTA Mission -	Nichole
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Our Mission includes the promotion of the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and to secure the highest advantages for children in all areas of education.	
Treasurer's Report	Ali
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Approve Treasurer's Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ali reviewed the Treasure ReportBudget for the year was goaled at \$35K, but brought in a significant amount with the Go Around.Conference Meals going good, should plan to continue one larger meal with Pizza and a supplemental meal/treats,We are at \$35K sitting in our checking account.	
Approve Meeting Minutes from October 2025 Meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oct. Meeting Minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion to approve the meeting minutes initiated by Kelly.Second Motion to approve by Beth R.	Sara
Principals Report	Mr. Gerst
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussed the long range plan with the parents.	

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- Talked about the impacts to Golden Lake with the long range plan.
 - Further details for the long range plan can be found on the district Web Site.
 - Parent Teacher Conferences have wrapped up.
 - Looking at the attendance for Parent Orientation Nights.
 - Is there a better way to share this information with parents in the older grades to meet the needs of parents.
 - Cellphone/watch policy - They do not want it to become a distraction within the classroom.
 - How should we spend the money raised with the Go Around

Teacher Requests

Mr. Gerst

- Big Project Request (This is pulled out separate from the larger teacher requests and will be funded through the Go Around)
 - Gym mat and Crash mat need to be updated
 - Cargo Net
 - Ribbon's for the Track Meet.
 - Baland: Fourth Grade Teachers are looking to spruce up the Non-Fiction materials for the kids. They are also looking to add to their novel sets that will keep the kids interested in reading. Subscription to Brainpop for the kids to use.
 - Richtsmeier:: Third Grade they are asking to get more books for Character Strong. Also looking for heavy duty book bins to store books. Looking to bring an author in to meet with the second graders.
 - Ask for more materials in Speech Therapy.
 - EL Learners is looking to expand materials.
 - EL : Requesting character materials for the classroom.
 - Wenzel: Is requesting a Paper Sharpener for the Kindergarten classrooms along with additional flex seating for her room.
 - Reading Intervention is looking to add additional activities and games.
 - Landen: Looking to replace flexible seating.
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- First Grade is looking for additional materials to support ELS students to transition into the class room.
 - Gloves for students total is being amended down to \$500
 - Mr. Hagen is requesting a site subscription.
 - Ganley is requesting more novels for her classroom.
 - Litecky: is requesting new materials for his classroom + a workbench
 - Berquist: Is asking for a subscription to her abcyra for the chrome books.
 - Third Grade Staff is looking for new Novels
 - Special Ed, Is looking for Games and Puzzels
 - First Grade is looking for floor seats and white boards.
 - **Nicole, any one makes a motion to approve.**
 - **Motion to approve by Jenny**
 - **Second motion to approve by Wes.**

Review of 2025 Go Around

Nichole

- LY \$18k
- TY \$28k
- TH \$23k (The website was not as expensive as we initially thought)
- 4 classrooms that raised over \$2k
- 2 classrooms that raised over \$2.5k

Review of Conference Meals

- El Norte
- Pizza T + Plus Parent Donations

Review Fall 2025 Book Fair

- Sales \$6.633 dollars
- We will get \$3200 back in scholastic bucks.
- Would like to look at adding additional signage to direct parents into the school for the book fair.
- Add it into the Go Around Flyer so it all can go out together

Upcoming Events/Volunteers

- **Square Art Fundraiser:**
 - **Chair: Danielle Egge**
 - Need Art Submissions by: Being distributed next week, return 10/20
 - Need Money Order forms by: Online only, closes 12/1
 - Date to be delivered: Before Christmas
 - This is now out. Ordering needs to be done by 12/1 for items to come in the mail!
 - **BINGO!**
 - **Chair: Still Need Volunteers for Leading Bingo & Concessions!**
 - **Date: 1/30/2026**
 - **We need donations for Bingo.**
 - Should we create a donation needs list?
 - Reshare the FB post.
 - **Pancake Breakfast**
 - **Date: 1/31/2025**
 - **Time: 8-10 am**
 - **Where: Applebee's Blaine**
 - **Dine to Donate Nights**
 - **Date: December 2 and 3 at El Norte**
 - Shalee
 - Flyer
 - Will make a facebook post about the dine to donate.
 - Clarify details if take out is included and if there will be a flyer.
 - **Need to Determine what restaurants we would like to partner with.**
 - El Norte
 - Pizza T's
 - Chipolte
 - Jersey Mike's
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- Other?
 - Carnival [Attached notes](#)
 - Date: 5/2/2026
 - Chair: Shalee
 - Theme: TBD
 - Shalee will be reaching out to set up a separate carnival meeting to go through the details.
 - Gertans
 - Volunteers Needed to Run
 - Facebook Post to go up this week.
 - We are getting to the point we if we do not get a volunteer for this we will need to cut it.
 - Thank you to everyone who attended!

OPEN VOLUNTEER AND OFFICER POSITIONS

- PTA President (2026-2028)
- BINGO - Organizer and Night Of Help
- Gertans
- Year Book - Future Chair
- Carnival

PTA Meeting Attendance

- Kelly Schuette
- Alex Lapointe
- Jamie Bankston
- Sharazat Ashrak
- Tom Madsen
- Beth Roers
- Angie Davies
- Jennie Heinze
- Molly Bighley
- Ayla Jurhisin Limberg

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