

CGE PTA

December Update

December 2022
In Lieu of General Membership Meeting

General Updates

- Signed Boosterthon 2023 contract (Community Rewards Prizing option); program dates: 10/4-11
 - Result of general membership vote at Nov. PTA meeting, and review of numerous fundraising options
- Awarded National PTA grant of \$1,000 for The Smart Talk Program (helping kids be safe, kind & responsible online); hosting parent education event this Spring
- Continue to seek volunteers for Workroom, Cafeteria, Thrift Store, and events; please visit ChathamGrovePTA.com for opportunities



Holiday Lights

- Decision made 12/7 to bring indoors due to forecast
 - Advance notice needed as event impacts Chatham County Parks & Rec and YMCA After School Program
- Event featured:
 - Inflatables, lights & banners, etc.; complimentary donuts & hot cocoa; live band composed of staff & students; free keychain giveaway to CGE students, wreaths for auction, kid spiritwear for sale, CGE-family craft vendors, winter video shorts, and a decorating station
- Well attended, roughly 500-600 people over two hours



Communications

- Continuing to keep everyone informed and all documents are placed on the PTA website
- Visit ChathamGrovePTA.com for updates and sign ups
- Emails sent with important information. Not getting emails?

-> Communications@ChathamGrovePTA.com



Internal (Hospitality, Class Reps)

- **12 Days of Holiday Giving**
 - PTA Provided Staff Gifts (Over 30 Gift Cards, 16 Gifts)
 - Donuts, Pizza, Biscuits, Hot Cocoa Bar
- **Non-Class Holiday Gift Collection:** Collecting donations to give non-classroom staff gift cards this holiday season

Upcoming Needs:

- **January 10th:** [Staff Meeting Food Sign Up](#)
 - Chips & Dips/ Simple!
- **January 13th:** Half Day Luncheon for all Staff
 - Currently deciding on catering vendor, suggestions welcome
- **January 18th:** Staff Appreciation Month: Lunch, gifts, and 2nd grade sponsorship



WE NEED YOU!

PLEASE SIGN UP TO DONATE A FOOD ITEM FOR THE TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH STAFF MEETING

Easy School Drop Off:

To make the food drop-off easy on you and the office staff, the PTA will be waiting outside the school, near the Chatham Grove School Sign (next to the fence) between the times of 2:40 - 3:00 PM on January 10th. This will prevent you from having to even get out of your car and will make it easy on all parties.

SIGN UP @
CHATHAMGROVEPTA.COM

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Enrichment

- Cultural Arts Performances
 - Native American storytelling group, Warpaint Singers, performed two assemblies on Nov. 17
 - Shared and celebrated Native American culture; encouraged students to learn about many cultures, and share their families' cultures and stories
- Student Council
 - Supported Inauguration event
 - Partnered for School Clean Up Day & CORA Food Drive
- Great Kindness Challenge
 - Teaming with CGE Counselors to implement (Jan. 23-27)



Enrichment

- Field Trip Grants
 - Kinder, First, & Third submitted funding applications
- Enrichment Clubs
 - Student assignments distributed in December
 - Clubs start in January
- Gators Go Global
 - Proposed date April 27, 2023
 - Emphasis on cultures, 4th & 5th research/present
 - PTA to supply passports, stickers, triptychs, volunteers, food, performers



Governance

- Developed detail money management policies to allow for effective budgeting and transparency regarding financials
- Working to create and enact standing bylaws
 - With revisions to NCPTA bylaws occurring last summer, we have worked to ensure our PTA is working within the guidelines with clear communication and direction
- Completing procedure guidelines for future board positions to allow for board members and chairs to work efficiently

Membership & Advocacy

- Current Membership = 293
 - Individual Members: 43
 - Community Members: 3
 - Staff Members: 58
 - Family Members: 150
 - LEVEL UP Family Members: 39
- Hosted presentation on Childhood Anxiety on 11/21
 - CGE Counseling Staff created presentation, facilitated small group discussions
 - 20+ parents attended
 - First in a series of CGE community education events
 - Email advocacy@chathamgrovepta.com, or membership@chathamgrovepta.com for presentation link

Development

For updates and questions please contact:

- Fundraising - Elizabeth Broyhill Morris, development@chathamgrovepta.com
- Thrift Store - Liz Pedraza, thrift@chathamgrovepta.com
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