

APRIL 2024  
**GATOR TALES**  
CHATHAM GROVE PTA NEWS

Wishing everyone a fantastic spring break!

## Important Dates

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### No Classes

- March 28 - April 8 (Spring Break)
  - April 29 (Teacher Work Day)
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### April Events

- April 10 (5th Grade Promotion Committee)
- April 14: Dining for Dollars @ Al's Burger Shack

### Future Events

- May 6 - 10: Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
- May 6: CGE Chalk the Walk 4-5 PM
- June 4: Gator Chase/Field Day

## Let's Celebrate

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### Staff Birthdays

- April 3 - Ms. Ray (OT)
- April 4 - Coach Snipes (PE)
- April 13- Ms. Nouman (4th Grade)
- April 17 - Ms. Richardson (4th Grade)
- April 25- Ms. Boyle (Kindergarten)
- April 29 - Ms. Pugh (Nurse)
- April 30- Mr. Heath (Assistant Principal)

### Staff Appreciation Days

- April 3: Instructional Assistant Day
  - April 4: Librarian Appreciation Day
  - April 7 - 14: Assistant Principal Day
  - April 24: Administrative Professional's Day
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Check out the [Staff Wishlist & Favorites](#) to learn more about your teachers and what they need (check back for updates!)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Gator Chase & Field Day!

**UPDATE**

June 4, 2024!



Save the Date!

Gator Chase will be school-wide event to kick off Field Day on June 4th!! Parents are invited to come spectate and cheer their gators on! More details to come.

## Movie Night

Coming Soon

We are working to reschedule our annual movie night over the coming weeks!

If you would like to assist with this event and/or volunteer, please email Courtney at [studentsvp@chathamgrovepta.com](mailto:studentsvp@chathamgrovepta.com)!

## Dining For Dollars @ Al's Burger Shack

April 14th

ALL DAY EVENT!

Eat at Al's Burger Shack to raise funds for CGE!

25% of proceeds will go to our school.

Mention Chatham Grove when ordering!





## Staff Appreciation Week

The Hospitality Team would love your support in showering our staff with appreciation.

Check out the following ways to support our educators!

May 6- 10

### Donate to the Staff Gift Card Fund



Click [HERE\\*](#) to donate!

We are hoping to gift each of our 85 staff members a gift card of at least \$100. 100% of these donations will be used towards staff gift cards!

### Volunteer Your Time

Volunteer in the lunchroom to provide a duty-free lunch, serving staff lunch, and staff delivery carts.



Sign Up [HERE\\*](#) to volunteer!

### How Your Child Can Participate!



Find the full calendar [HERE!](#)

Your child can show their love and support of our staff each day through small acts of kindness, such as high fives, thank you cards, or pictures!

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jngMkGBdC7fncRY4xISYIHpthdqWCFEG/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jngMkGBdC7fncRY4xISYIHpthdqWCFEG/view?usp=drive_link)

Check out ways to support staff during our appreciation week!

- **Donate** to the staff gift card fund [here](#)
- **Volunteer** your time [in the lunchroom](#) or [serving lunch to staff](#)
- **Shop** the CGE Teacher [Amazon Wishlist Links](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

JOIN THE PTA TO CELEBRATE  
OUR CGE STAFF!  
MAY 6-10

Choose a day or two (or five!) to participate and show your teachers how much they are loved and appreciated!

### MONDAY: HIGH FIVE TO TEACHERS

Have your student give a high-five or a compliment to any teacher they see!

\***CHALK THE WALK | 4p-5p**

We will kick off the week of appreciation with our annual Chalk the Walk event! Music, Ice Cream & Fun!! Full details coming separately.

### TUESDAY: YOU ARE PICTURE PERFECT

Ask your child to draw them a picture or send in a note letting them know they are loved!

### WEDNESDAY: SUPPLY THEM WITH THANKS

Pick up any supplies they are running low on in class!

### THURSDAY: MY TEACHER'S A TREAT

Treat them to their favorite snack, beverage, homemade treat, or candy!

### FRIDAY: THANKS ARE IN THE CARDS

Have your child create a thoughtful card made with love!



# INFO FOR 5TH GRADE FAMILIES

## 5th Grade Promotion Preparation

Calling All Fifth-Grade Parents!

If you are interested in being part of the Fifth-Grade Promotion Committee, please email [classreps@chathamgrovepta.com](mailto:classreps@chathamgrovepta.com) by **April 10th**.

This committee will help brainstorm needs/wants for the fifth-grade promotion ceremony in June (e.g., student gifts, class gift, ceremony refreshments/decorations, programs, etc.). The PTA provides some monetary support for fifth grade and kindergarten promotion ceremonies, but many ideas and donations around the fifth-grade ceremony are parent-driven.

## Margaret Pollard Middle School PTSA

Parents of rising 6th graders, consider joining the Margaret Pollard MS PTSA!  
Link to [Pollard PTSA Positions 2024-25](#)



**JOIN US!**

**2024-25 PTSA POSITIONS**

We need you! Come volunteer to be part of an amazing team of parents! All levels of involvement are welcome.

**BOARD POSITIONS**

President	Treasurer
Vice President	Secretary

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

PTA Thrift Shop	Book Fair
Social Media	Fundraising
Recruitment	Sponsorship
Communications	Website
Staff & Teacher Appreciation	

Fill out the [GOOGLE FORM](#) or contact Chad Lloyd at [clloyd@fmrealty.com](mailto:clloyd@fmrealty.com) to get involved or for more information!



## TELL ME MORE!

**Sponsorships:** Finds businesses to support our school and students!

**Communications:** Coordinates newsletters and other coms needs!

**Fundraising:** Heads up the No Fuss Fundraiser and brings in the money!

**Book Fair:** Organizes the spring book fair and coordinates volunteers!

**Website:** Keeps our PTSA site looking sleek and up to date!

**Social Media:** Updates everyone on Facebook and Instagram!

**Recruitment:** Helps find talent for open positions!

**Staff & Teacher Appreciation:** Plans lunches, snacks, and recognition gifts!

Still not sure? Join a committee to help as much or as little as you like!





# RISING KINDERGARTENERS

## 2024 - 2025 Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child or know of a child, who will be **5 years old on or before August 31** please check out details about the [registration process here](#):

Registration for kindergarten will be completed online. You will be able to register at home or schools will have computers available in the main office if you need support in registering your child.

**Beginning Monday, March 25th** you can visit your school's website and click on the desk icon in the top right area of the website to access the new student registration site. This will direct you to the PowerSchool student registration webpage. Beginning Monday, March 25th, at the bottom of this page you will select the link for the 2024-25 School Year PowerSchool Online Registration form to begin registration.

# kindergarten

## 2024 - 2025 Kindergarten Orientation

**May 15th**

Kindergarten Parent Orientation is for rising 2024-2025 K families to learn more about kindergarten at Chatham Grove Elementary. We are so excited to welcome the Class of 2037!

There are two sessions. Please plan to attend only one session. Families pick one session to attend:

**Session 1: 4:30-5:15**

**Session 2: 5:30-6:15**

## SUPPORT OUR STAFF!

### Donations Needed:

for the Staff Meeting:  
Tuesday, April 9th  
Chips, Veggie, & Dip Bar

Drop off items in the designated cooler  
at the CGE front entrance the day of  
between 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM

SIGN UP AT  
CHATHAMGROVEPTA.COM  
"VOLUNTEER NOW" TAB



Sign up to  
donate  
[HERE](#)



## National Administrative Professional Day!

April 24th



Please join us in extending a big **THANK YOU** to  
Ms. Glosson & Ms. Vickers!

We appreciate you both so much and hope you know  
how much you are loved!

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



### Ms. Good (Assistant Principal)

This is Ms. Good's second year as an assistant principal at CGE and her fifth year in Chatham County Schools. Some of the AP responsibilities she really enjoys at CGE are seeing families at carpool, being in classrooms with students and teachers, supporting special school events, working with students and families on understanding appropriate behaviors, ensuring all students feel safe at school, and helping students solve problems that are important to them. She is passionate about supporting a teaching and learning environment that is safe and positive for all staff, students, and families. Her goal is for every student and staff, family, and community member to feel welcomed at CGE. She is very thankful for the supportive community at CGE!

## National Assistant Principal Week

April 7-14



MS. GOOD



DR. HEATH

*CGE loves our APs!  
Thank you for all that you do! We  
appreciate you more than you know.*



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

# THANK YOU CGE INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS!

Thank you for all do each and every day. You play an important role in the success of our students, and we appreciate you.



**National Instructional Assistant Day  
April 3rd**

## LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

### Join the CGE PTA Board for 2024/2025

Interested in joining the Chatham Grove PTA 2024/25 Board of Directors?

Our school depends on the support and hard work of the PTA, so please consider:

- Joining the Board for next school year!
- Volunteering for a Chair or Coordinator position!
- Sharing a talent, resource or business that you have!

A full listing of positions can be found on the [PTA website](#)

Email Laura Dean @ [nominating@chathamgrovepta.com](mailto:nominating@chathamgrovepta.com) for any questions!

**PTA PRESIDENT**

**VP OF DEVELOPMENT**

**VP OF STAFF AFFAIRS**

**VP OF STUDENT AFFAIRS**

**SECRETARY**

**TREASURER**

**AND MORE!**

**[Please complete the interested form HERE!](#)**

## INTERESTED IN A POSITION AT CGE?

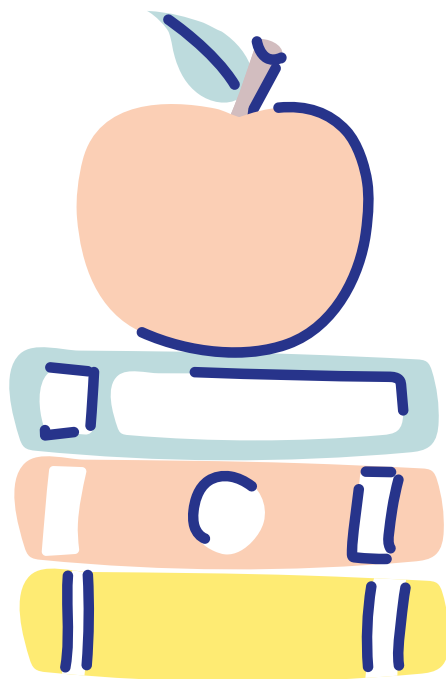
### CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS - ESS

Chatham County Schools have a partnership with ESS. This has proven to be an effective means for temporarily filling a large number of our Instructional Assistant vacancies, particularly at Chatham Grove Elementary. At some schools the temporary position fill-rate is now 98% or higher by using short-term and/or long-term staff through ESS.

This is an opportunity for those interested in filling Instructional Assistant roles at CGE! AND Instructional Assistant substitutes with ESS are **not required** to complete the bus driver training course, which introduces a flexibility that many newer applicants desire.

ESS operates as an independent contractor and the direct application for the company can be accessed using the [linked shared here](#).

Additionally, Sandy Collins serves as the local liaison for ESS in Chatham County. Interested applicants can contact Sandy directly at [scollins@ess.com](mailto:scollins@ess.com) for more information. Sandy and the whole team at ESS have proven to be a true asset to Chatham County Schools!



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Cafeteria

Assist teachers & children during lunch!

- Monitor lunchroom
- Help lunch lines run efficiently
- Hand out food items

Daily

Three 1-hour shifts (10:15a - 1:15p)

## PTA Thrift Shop

Assist at the thrift shop to support GCE!

- Stock items
- Hang and sort donations
- Organize the shop

Children 10y+ can sign up too!

## Staff Workroom

Assist staff with workroom requests!

- Make copies
- Laminate
- Assemble materials
- And more!

Daily

Pick your time!

1 hour (or more), decide how long you stay!

## Morning Car Line

Give students an extra hand!

- Help students exit their cars
- Guide through walker line
- Assist finding their class
- Help students carry school supplies

Daily

7:25 - 8 AM

Please plan to stay for entire time slot!

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**CGE thanks these local businesses for supporting our school!**



The **KID'S** Gym