

MARCH 2024

GATOR TALES

CHATHAM GROVE PTA NEWS

Greetings to all Gators! Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about the 2024-2025 school year! If you are interested in joining the PTA Board of Directors, we would love to have you! Being a part of the PTA is a great way to get involved, meet new people, and make a true difference in our school. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out.

Go Gators! 🐊 Jen Sparks (CGE PTA President)

Important Dates

No Classes

- March 5 (Teacher Work Day)
- March 28 - April 8 (Spring Break)
- April 29 (Teacher Work Day)

March Events

- March 1: CGE Spirit Day!
- March 4 - 8: Read Across America Spirit Week
- March 8 - 15: Scholastic Book Fair

Future Events

- TBD: Movie Night! Be on the lookout for our rescheduled movie night!
- May 4: Gator Chase

Let's Celebrate

Staff Birthdays

- Mar 4: Ms. Hamilton (5th)
- March 7: Ms. Frew (K)
- March 8: Ms. Kennedy (Counselor)
- March 19: Mr. Clark (3rd)
- March 20: Ms. Hughes (Reading Intervention)
- March 20: Ms. Zurilla (1st)
- March 23: Ms. Mitchell (K)

Staff Appreciation Days

- March 3 - 9: National Social Work Week
- April 3: Instructional Assistant Day
- April 4: Librarian Appreciation Day
- April 7 - 14: Assistant Principal Day
- April 24: Administrative Professional's Day

Check out the [Staff Wishlist & Favorites](#) to learn more about your teachers and what they need (check back for updates!)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Chatham Grove Elementary's

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Spirit Week

March 4th-8th

Monday

Cozy Up to Read

Wear your comfiest PJs to cozy up with your favorite book!



Tuesday

No School

Teacher Workday

Wednesday

Wacky Wednesday

Show us your wackiest fashions - hair or clothes!



Thursday

Hats Off to Reading

Let's see your favorite hat today!



Friday

Silly {Fox} In Socks

Wear silly or mismatched socks for this Fox in Socks Friday!



Book Fair Opens!

The book fair Kicks off on March 8th with a Preview Night!! The fair will run March 8th-18th!



SUPPORT OUR STAFF!

CGE Staff Meeting Salad Bar



Tuesday, March 12th

What: After-school Salad Bar for our CGE Staff to enjoy on Tuesday, March 12th at 3:30 PM.

Contribute to Salad Bar: [Click here to Sign Up](#)

or Sign up at <https://www.chathamgrovepta.com/> under the "Volunteer Now" tab.

ITEM DROP-OFF: Please drop off your items to the cooler outside the main office entrance by 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 12th

No Time to Shop? You can donate funds to the PTA through Pay Pal and the PTA will do the shopping.

- PAYPAL: @cgeptagators
- Please add "Salad Bar Staff Meeting March 12" in the comment section.

We Need Your Help! Staff Appreciation Week: Sponsorships



Coming Soon: May 6 - 10

Would you or your business like to be a sponsor for our upcoming Staff Appreciation Week in May?

Maybe you would like to provide donuts for the staff, provide a catered lunch, donate snacks for a snack cart, or even provide a service to the staff during the week to show them the love. We would be sure to give your business a shout out in our newsletter and social media!

If so, please reach out to our SAW Planning Team by emailing Sara Sullivan at staffvp@chathamgrovepta.com.

GET INVOLVED!

Gator Chase 2024

May 4, 2024!



It's planning time for the Gator Chase!!

Help support this popular CGE event and volunteer for planning and preparations for the big day! Please email development@chathamgrovepta.com if interested!

Next Planning Meeting is **March 13th (11:30 - 12:30) at Breakaway Cafe**

Movie Night

Coming Soon: March or April

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!



Join Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week Team!

May 2024



Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up in May. Let's show our teachers that we see all of their efforts and appreciate all that they do.

Please share your ideas and join in the planning!

Email staffvp@chathamgrovepta.com if interested or would like to learn more.

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 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!](#)

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER WEEK (MARCH 3 - 9)



HILARY CISSOKHO SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Happy School Social Worker Week to our very own, Ms. Cissokho! We are beyond lucky to have Ms. Cissokho at CGE.

This is her second year working in Chatham County Schools, split between Chatham Grove and Perry Harrison Elementary. She loves working with students and families!

When we asked Ms. Cissokho about her job, she shared, “My work really focuses on removing barriers that prevent students from growing and learning to their full potential. This might look like connecting students with mental health resources, helping parents connect with financial or community support, or problem-solving tricky transportation challenges. Every day is different as a school social worker, and I really enjoy the challenge!”

Ms. Cissokho is passionate about her family, community building, social justice, and supporting kids. She loves spending time with her own sweet kiddos, gardening, listening to music, and being outdoors as much as possible.

Thank you for all that you do, Ms. Cissokho!

MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT CGE

Mabel's Labels

Losing your kid's stuff-- You can tag it with Mabel's Labels!

If you purchase through campaigns.mabelslabels.com and find Chatham Grove it sends some \$\$ back to the school.



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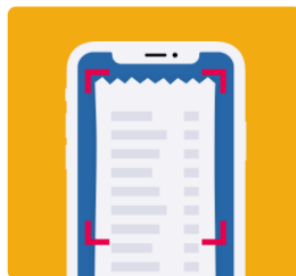
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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!

CGE thanks these local businesses for supporting our school!



The **KID'S** Gym