

OCTOBER 2023

GATOR TALES

CHATHAM GROVE PTA NEWS

GOOD NEWS GATORS!

Thank you for a record breaking number of attendees at the first general membership meeting! We successfully approved the 2023 - 2024 budget and introduced this year's incredible PTA board. It was great seeing many familiar and new faces!

It is an honor to serve as your CGE PTA President this year! I truly think we have an amazing team and am so excited to see what we can accomplish together. I encourage everyone to get involved in any way that you can and help us continue to support the children, teachers, and staff at CGE.

Go Gators! 🐊 Jennifer Sparks (CGE PTA President)

Important Dates

No Classes

- October 16 (Teacher Work Day)
- October 27 (Teacher Work Day)

Events

- Oct 4: Boosterthon Kickoff
- Oct 6: CGE Spirit Day
- Oct 10: Staff Meeting Popcorn Bar
- Oct. 10 CGE McDonald's Night (6 - 8p)
- Oct 12: Boosterthon Fun Run
- Oct 17 - 20: Clothing Drive
- Oct 20: CGE MOVIE NIGHT! (6p)
- Oct 26: End of Quarter 1

Let's Celebrate

CGE Staff Appreciation

- National Principals Month
- Custodian Day (Oct 2)
- Occupational Therapy Day (Oct 27)

Staff Birthdays

- Oct 4: Ms. Davis (3rd)
- Oct 5: Ms. Crisp (1A)
- Oct 8: Ms. Cranford (EC 1A)
- Oct 12: Ms. Scheidegger (2nd)
- Oct 14: Ms. Teta (1st)
- Oct 17: Ms. Brinkley (3rd)
- Oct 19: Ms. Kaley Allred (Cafeteria Manager)
- October 27: Ms. Greene (1st)
- October 27: Ms. Wagner (Psychologist)
- October 27: Ms. Notte (EC)
- October 30: Ms. Glosson (Data Manager)

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



LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

Staff Lounge is Stocked!

The "Stock the Staff Lounge" week was a big success thanks to you!

The PTA and CGE Staff would like to send a gigantic **THANK YOU** to our community for all of the generous food and supply donations for our Staff Lounge.

The PTA will be hosting another week in February, but in the meantime, the staff is always in need of snacks, treats and supplies throughout the school year. We will keep the "Stock the Staff Lounge" Amazon Wish List LIVE all year long, so if you are feeling generous, [Click here](#) to make a donation. Be sure to click the Chatham Grove Address for shipping! Thank you once again.



Get REMIND

CGE PTA is on Remind!

We are all busy, why not get a quick reminder about events, deadlines and happenings to your phone from the PTA?

We will send periodic text message reminders through the Remind app. We do not collect your cell phone number, nor can we see your cell phone number when you sign up. You are able to text back and get questions answered. This is an opt-in communication and you can opt-out at any time. [Sign up today!](#)



CGE thanks these local businesses for supporting our school!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Staff Meeting Popcorn Bar

OCTOBER 10

The PTA will be hosting a Popcorn Bar for our CGE Staff for their after-school staff meeting!

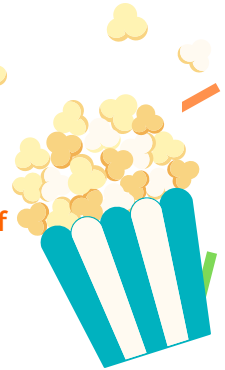
Want to Help?

- [Sign up here](#) to volunteer to pop and serve!
- [Click here to donate](#) popcorn items needed on our Amazon Wish List. Items are needed by [October 6th](#).

Where: CGE Staff Lounge

1:00 - 2:30 PM (Set-up)

2:30 - 4:00 PM (Prep, Serve & Clean-up)



Check the Lost & Found!

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Remember to check the Lost & Found before donations to the PTA Thrift Shop!

Items are donated on the 2nd and 4th Fridays



REMINDER

Spirit Days

OCTOBER 6

First Friday is **CGE Spirit Day!** Wear orange, green, or CGE swag to show off your gator spirit at school.

Need spirit wear?

"New Year - New Gator Gear!! Order your spirit wear on our [new site](#) or with QR code.

Contact spiritwear@chathamgrovepta.com with any questions or issues.

****Note: Adult sizes run large!****



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Boosterthon

OCTOBER 4 - 12

The annual fun run fundraiser is ALMOST here! Funds raised will go to our Student Support Fund!

The **Kickoff** event is **Wednesday, October 4th** teaching students the importance of Fitness, Leadership, and Character as we raise money for CGE.

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for field trips, cultural arts assemblies, and student space enhancement. We are asking students, parents, and teachers to go all out to get sponsors and raise funds.

Registration opens September 22nd at MYBOOSTER.com!

Boosterthon Fun Run

OCTOBER 12



The **Boosterthon Fun Run** will be our big event on **Thursday, October 12th!** Bring your posters and pom-poms to cheer on our student body during the run. Times per grade level.

Registration opens September 22nd at MYBOOSTER.com!

CGE McDonald's Night

OCTOBER 10

A yellow poster for McDonald's Night. It features a vertical stack of seven burgers on the left side. The text on the poster includes: "30% of proceeds go to Chatham Grove Elementary" at the top; four red fries containers in the middle; "CHATHAM GROVE MCDONALDS NIGHT" in a dark red box; "burgers for a good cause" in red; "OCTOBER 10TH" in large black letters; "6-8PM" in large black letters; and the address "11460 US HWY 15-501 N MCDONALDS NEAR DOLLAR TREE IN NORTH CHATHAM VILLAGE" at the bottom.

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Your support with fundraising makes it possible for the PTA to sponsor events, plan programs and provide materials!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CGE Clothing Drive

OCTOBER 17 - 20

We will be holding a clothing drive leading up to Movie Night this year!!

These clothes will provide the school with items for children who may have an accident or spill at school and need to have a change of clothes.

More details to come regarding specific item needs and dropoff details.

CGE Movie Night!

OCTOBER 20

Join us for our 3rd annual CGE Movie Night!

Come out to The Park at Briar Chapel on October 20th to watch a movie with fellow gators! Bring a blanket and/or chairs. Pack a picnic dinner or preorder Jersey Mikes to have your dinner waiting for you at the park! The PTA will be providing popcorn.

Gates open at 6pm | Movie starts at 7pm



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STAFF SPOTLIGHT



DR. HART-OLIVIS CGE PRINCIPAL

Let's give a warm welcome to our new principal,
Dr. Hart-Olavis!

Dr. Hart-Olavis brings a lot of educational experience to CGE. She started her career in 2005 teaching 2nd grade in Durham. Most recently, she has been assistant principal and then principal at Hillandale Elementary School in Durham. You will often find Dr. Hart-Olavis in a classroom getting to know the students or supporting a student during a time in need. When Dr. Hart-Olavis is not at school, she is busy spending time with her four daughters, and two new grandbabies.

Would you like to learn more about Dr. Hart-Olavis?
[Click here to see Dr. Hart-Olavis' ALL ABOUT ME page.](#)

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL PRINCIPAL MONTH!



MS. RAY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DAY (OCT 27)

This is Ms. Ray's 2nd year as CGE's Occupational Therapist. She brings over 25 years of experience of OT work to our students. You will find her at CGE on Mon, Tues and Thurs. When not at CGE she can be found providing services at other buildings across the district. In her spare time, Ms. Ray loves to garden.

What does Ms. Ray love most about CGE? CGE's commitment to support our entire teaching staff as they strive to meet each students' individual needs.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



MR. POINDEXTER TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Poindexter sure has been busy this school year supporting our students and staff with all of their technology needs.

NATIONAL IT APPRECIATION DAY (SEP 19TH)



MS. ELLIS HEAD CUSTODIAN

Oh the many hats she wears! Meet Ms. Ellis, a true behind the scenes hero. Not only does Ms. Ellis keep CGE safe and clean, she also drives a bus route before and after school. In many ways Ms. Ellis is a “first responder” to emergencies at school. We so appreciate her dedication and hard work!

NATIONAL CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION (OCT 2)



MS. D DAYTIME CUSTODIAN

Welcome Ms. D to her first year at Chatham Grove! You will always find Ms. D with a smile on her face. It is a true reflection of her kind nature and willingness to always lend a hand.

What does Ms. D love about CGE? Being around the kids and meeting the kind families



NATIONAL CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION (OCT 2)

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!

Don't Miss PTA News!



<https://www.chathamgrovepta.com/>



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Not A PTA Member?

Find more information on our social media pages & purchase memberships here:

<https://cgeigators.memberhub.com/store>





Sign up for important updates from Katie Smith.

Get information for Chatham Grove Elementary right on your phone—not on handouts.

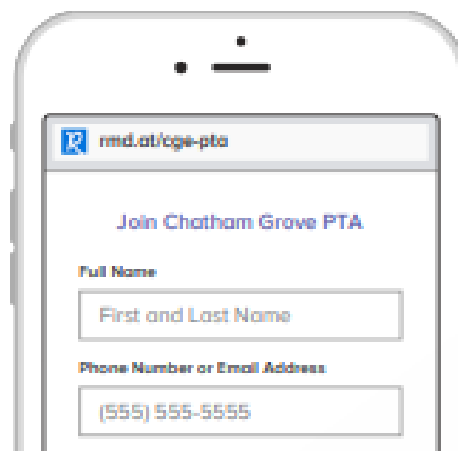
Pick a way to receive messages for Chatham Grove PTA:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/cge-pta

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @cge-pta to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @cge-pta to (469) 437-4632.

* Standard text message rates apply.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/cge-pta on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.