

NOVEMBER 2023 GATOR TALES

CHATHAM GROVE PTA NEWS

GOOD NEWS GATORS!

I want to give a huge thank you to all of the generous families, friends, and community members who supported our students in our Boosterthon fundraiser. This is one of my favorite events of the year and it was so exciting to see the whole school together to cheer on Dr. Hart-Olavis getting slimed! We have so many fun events coming up in the next few months, so please keep an eye out for opportunities to volunteer and spend time with our incredible CGE community.

Go Gators! 🐊 Jen Sparks (CGE PTA President)

Important Dates

No Classes

- November 7 (Teacher Work Day)
- November 10 (Veteran's Day)
- November 22 - 24 (Thanksgiving Holiday)

Events

- Oct 23 - Nov 9: Fall Pie Sale
- Nov 1 - 9: CGE Candy Drive
- Nov 3: CGE Spirit Day
- Nov 7: Parent Teacher Conferences
- Nov 13 - 17: Kindness Matters Spirit Week
- Nov 14: Caramel Apple Bar (for Staff)
- Nov 15: PTA General Membership Meeting
- Nov 16: PTA Thrift Shop (Volunteer!)
- Nov 20: Fall Pie Sale Pick-up

Let's Celebrate

CGE Staff Appreciation

- National School Psychology Week (Nov 13 - 17)
- Ms. Griffin (Librarian) is retiring!

Staff Birthdays

- Nov 5: Ms. Griffin (Library)
- Nov 8: Ms. "D" Dears (Day Custodian)
- Nov 13: Ms. Bissmeyer (2nd)
- Nov 13: Ms. Bonenberger (EC)
- Nov 21: Ms. Walls (1st)
- Nov 29: Mr. Poindexter (Technology)

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



LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

Boosterthon

AMAZING WORK! The CGE gym was transformed into a high-energy racetrack. Our enthusiastic students ran, danced, and skipped for the Fun Run while being cheered on and having fun! Their (and your) hard work paid off to raise \$35,000 for school resources like field trips, student space enhancements, and cultural assemblies. We far exceeded our goal... and earned the chance to **SLIME** our very own Dr. Hart-Olivis!



UPCOMING EVENTS

CGE Candy Drive

NOVEMBER 1 - 9

Do you have too much candy?! Consider donating a portion of your Halloween candy to the CGE candy drive!

We are collecting unopened candy to donate and bring smiles to the families staying at the SECU Family House!

Students and families can drop off candy donations to the boxes located in the Chatham Grove Entrance.

AND... The grade that brings in the most candy wins a popcorn party! The winning grade will be announced on Monday, November 13th!



Popcorn Poppers Needed!

NOVEMBER 17

The winning grade of the Candy Drive will enjoy a popcorn treat during lunch on Nov 17th!

Volunteers are needed to pop the popcorn for this celebration. [Sign up here!](#)

Caramel Apple Bar

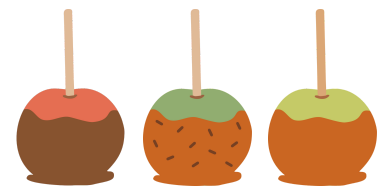
NOVEMBER 14

Join us in spreading a little sweetness at our upcoming staff meeting! We're setting up a Caramel Apple Bar, but we need your help to make it a delicious success.

Please consider donating items from our [sign-up genius](#) like nuts, sprinkles, and, of course, apples! Your contributions will make this event extra special. Let's show our appreciation to our hardworking team!

 Drop off your donations at the main office no later than November 13.

Every bit counts, and your support means the world to us. Thank you for making our staff meeting a treat to remember!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Pie Sale

ACCEPTING ORDERS THRU NOVEMBER 9

We have dessert covered for Thanksgiving this year!

Carolina Cravings in Pittsboro is partnering with the CGE PTA for a **Fall Pie Fundraiser!**

Select from Pumpkin, Chocolate Chess, Apple Crumb, and Pecan.

Pie orders can be picked up on November 20th



Fall Pie Fundraiser!



CHATHAM GROVE
Thanksgiving
PIE FUNDRAISER
OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 9
PICK UP @CGE ON NOVEMBER 20

Pumpkin Pecan Chocolate Chess Apple Crumble

9" PIES - SERVE 6-8 PEOPLE - \$20 EACH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kindness Matters Spirit Week

NOVEMBER 13 - 17

With World Kindness Day on November 13th, we want to celebrate spreading kindness to all those around us with a Kindness Matters Spirit Week!

Mon

CRAZY FOR KINDNESS - WEAR YOUR SILLIEST OUTFIT

Tue

WORK IT OUT WITH KINDNESS - WEAR ATHLETIC CLOTHES, JERSEYS OR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM COLORS!

Wed

SHINE BRIGHT WITH KINDNESS - WEAR YOUR BRIGHTEST COLORS AND/OR SUNGLASSES!

Thu

DREAMING OF KINDNESS - WEAR YOUR COMFIEST PAJAMAS!

Fri

GATORS TEAM UP FOR KINDNESS - WEAR YOUR CGE GEAR OR CGE COLORS!

Spirit Days

NOVEMBER 3

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!****



UPCOMING EVENTS

Support PTA Thrift Shop

The PTA Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers and supervisors.

Our next Thrift Shop date is **Nov 16th 6 - 8 PM**
[Click Here](#) to volunteer!

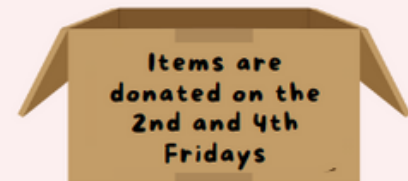
Interested in being a supervisor?
With just 2 hours of training, you can host CGE work groups at the Thrift Shop to help raise funds for PTA events and activities.

Contact thrift@chathamgrovePTA.com for more information

Lost & Found



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



CGE thanks these local businesses for supporting our school!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MS. GRIFFIN IS RETIRING!

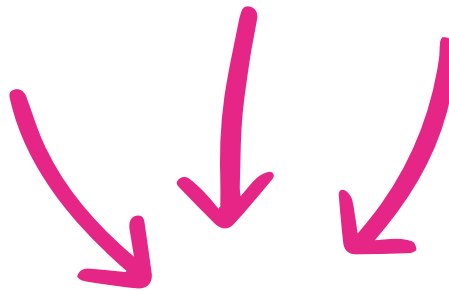
After 28 years in education, our librarian Ms. Griffin is retiring on November 17th! We are grateful for the dedication and love she has provided to our students. She will be missed tremendously!

A message from Ms. Griffin:

Part of what has made CGE such a special place to me is the love and concern shown to me during my late husband's illness and passing. I absolutely cannot imagine being anywhere else during such a devastating time. The words, "CGE is full of amazing, caring people," come from the depths of my heart.

This past spring, my path crossed with that of a cowboy from Colorado. He asked me to marry him this summer, and I joyfully said, Yes! My last day at CGE will be November 17, when I will head out west to get ready for a December 9 wedding. Thank you for celebrating with me as I move into this next adventure.

I will miss the CGE community terribly, and you will always hold a special place in my memories.



**Please encourage your child to make a homemade card,
or even send an email of thanks
(brgriffin@chatham.k12.nc.us)**

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



MR. PETERSON PSYCHOLOGIST

Let's give a warm welcome to our new school psychologist, Mr. Peterson! He previously supported Alamance-Burlington School System for 6 years and worked in Iowa for 2 years. We are so happy to have Mr. Peterson. We appreciate all that you do!

What are you passionate about, Mr. Peterson?

"My wife and I are passionate about traveling and doing things outdoors. We are coming back to North Carolina after taking a year off to travel! We completely gutted and remodeled an old, passenger van into a camper. We traveled to Montana/Idaho in the summer of 2022, all over the Northeast last fall, and Baja Mexico for two months this past spring!"

NATIONAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY WEEK (NOV 13 - 17)

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS (EC) CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Did you know that CGE has two amazing classrooms that are for students on the extended content standards.

Ms. Kaufmann (Lead Teacher)
Ms. Headen (Sub Teacher)
Ms. Marshall (EC Instructional Assistant)
Ms. Lila (EC Instructional Assistant)
Ms. Tracey (EC Instructional Assistant)

In honor of World Kindness Day this month, we would love to support our EC classes. These classrooms are looking for donations of gently-used items. If you have any hands-on structured play items that you are getting rid of such as an outdoor plastic bowling set, a sand/water table, or a kid's corn hole game please reach out to Ms. Kaufman at lkaufman@chatham.k12.nc.us.

Another easy way to support the EC Classrooms is to donate items off of their Amazon Wish List. [Click here to check it out.](#)

Your support, coupled with the grant support provided by the PTA will ensure that our EC students are in a positive learning environment with the materials needed.

Thank you so much for your kindness!

DONATE

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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