

# FEBRUARY 2024

# GATOR TALES

CHATHAM GROVE PTA NEWS

## GOOD NEWS GATORS!

January has come and gone and I for one am excited to see what lies ahead! From the Great Kindness week, 100th day of school, staff celebrations, restaurant nights, recruiting for next year's board of directors, there is so much going on at CGE! Please reach out if anything is of interest to you. We cannot make CGE the most amazing place to be without each and every one of you!

Go Gators! 🐊 Jen Sparks (CGE PTA President)

## Important Dates

### No Classes

- February 19

### Events

- **Jan 29 - Feb 2:** Great Kindness Challenge & Spirit Week
- **Feb 5:** Dining for Dollars at Carolina Brewery- Pittsboro (5% of total to CGE!)
- **Feb 7:** Volunteer at PTA Thrift Store
- **Feb 13:** Staff Meeting Nacho Bar
- **Jan 28 - Feb 11:** Big Winter Blowout Sale for CGE Spirit Wear

## Let's Celebrate

### Staff Birthdays

- Feb 3: Ms. Guibert (ESL/ML)
- Feb 18: Ms. Vickers (Treasurer)
- Feb 28: Ms. Good (Assistant Principal)

### Staff Appreciation Days

- Feb 5 - 9: School Counselor Week
- Feb 15: School Resource Officer Day
- Feb 12 - 16: Bus Appreciation Week

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



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## The Great Kindness Challenge & Spirit Week

January 29th- February 2nd

The Great Kindness Challenge is a national proactive, positive anti-bullying initiative in which we will be dedicated to creating a culture of kindness within our school. All students will receive a checklist of acts of kindness and will be challenged to complete as many of the acts on the sheet as possible!

**Power up for Kindness (1/29):** Dress up like your favorite superhero or real life hero OR wear something that reminds you of that person

**Color the world with Kindness (1/30):** Wear your favorite color or rainbow colors!

**Kind from Head to Toe (1/31):** Wear a silly/mis-matched hat/ socks/ clothes

**Dreaming of Kindness (2/1):** Wear your comfiest Pajamas or soft, cozy clothes

**Kindness is the Chatham Grove Way (2/2):** Wear your Chatham Grove shirts or colors (green & orange) for Spirit Day

## Gator Chase 2024

Coming May 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 [president@chathamgrovepta.com](mailto:president@chathamgrovepta.com) if interested!

## State Testing Proctors Needed

January 29 - February 13

We are in need of proctor volunteers for state ACCESS testing!

Before proctoring any state assessments, proctors must complete the required training (20 - 30 minutes). Proctors must also be approved CCS volunteers.

**[Proctor Volunteer Sign-up](#)**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Dining for Dollars - Carolina Brewery

February 5

We have a Dining for Dollars Day

Carolina Brewery in Pittsboro!  
120 Lowes Drive #100, Pittsboro, NC 27312.



**All sales made for take out or dine in will earn CGE 5% back.**

## Volunteer for February Staff Meeting

February 13

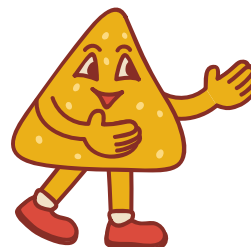
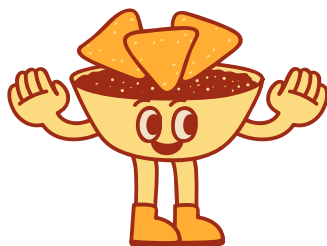
**\*\* Calling All Nacho Enthusiasts! \*\***

Dear Wonderful CGE Parents and Community Members,

We're excited to announce that we'll be hosting a delicious nacho bar to fuel our dedicated educators and staff for an after school meeting. Your contributions, big or small, will be greatly appreciated and help make our after-school staff meeting a memorable and enjoyable event for all.

Here's how you can help:

- Sign up to donate to the fixings - from crispy lettuce to zesty salsa, creamy guacamole to tangy sour cream, your donations of toppings and fixings will add the perfect finishing touch to our taco creations.
- Please drop off your donations at the school office by 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 13th as the meeting begins at 3:30 PM.
- Sign up at <https://www.chathamgrovepta.com/> under the "Volunteer Now" tab
- If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Jessi at [hospitality@chathamgrovepta.com](mailto:hospitality@chathamgrovepta.com).



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Spirit Wear Blowout Sale!

January 28 - February 11

Don't miss BIG Winter Blowout Sale on past Spirit Wear limited inventory.

Now 60% OFF!

Order on the [Giveback website](#)

Orders will be delivered to students the following week or come buy items after school Tuesday, January 30th. Only card payments accepted.

Remember the 1st Friday of the month is time to sport your Gator Gear!



### YOUTH PRICING:

SHORT SLEEVE	LONG SLEEVE	HOODIE
		
<del>\$17.00</del> <del>\$8.50</del>	<del>\$10.00</del> <del>\$4.50</del>	<del>\$30.00</del> <del>\$15.00</del>
NOW! \$6.80	NOW! \$7.60	NOW! \$12.00

### ADULT PRICING:

SHORT SLEEVE	LADIES V-NECK	LONG SLEEVE	HOODIE
			
<del>\$20.00</del> <del>\$10.00</del>	<del>\$10.00</del> <del>\$9.50</del>	<del>\$20.00</del> <del>\$11.00</del>	<del>\$30.00</del> <del>\$15.00</del>
NOW! \$8.00	NOW! \$7.60	NOW! \$8.80	NOW! \$12.00

BLANKETS \$35.00

BEANIES \$21.00

MAGNETS \$5.00

## LIMITED INVENTORY!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



# WE WHEELIE APPRECIATE OUR BUS DRIVERS!

Please join the PTA in thanking our Bus Drivers! They always go the extra mile for our students!

They wear many hats, and we appreciate all that they do each and every day. If you have a bus rider, please have your child make a card, give a high-five, or make some cookies to show them they are truly appreciated!



**BUS DRIVER  
APPRECIATION WEEK**



**FEBRUARY 12-16**

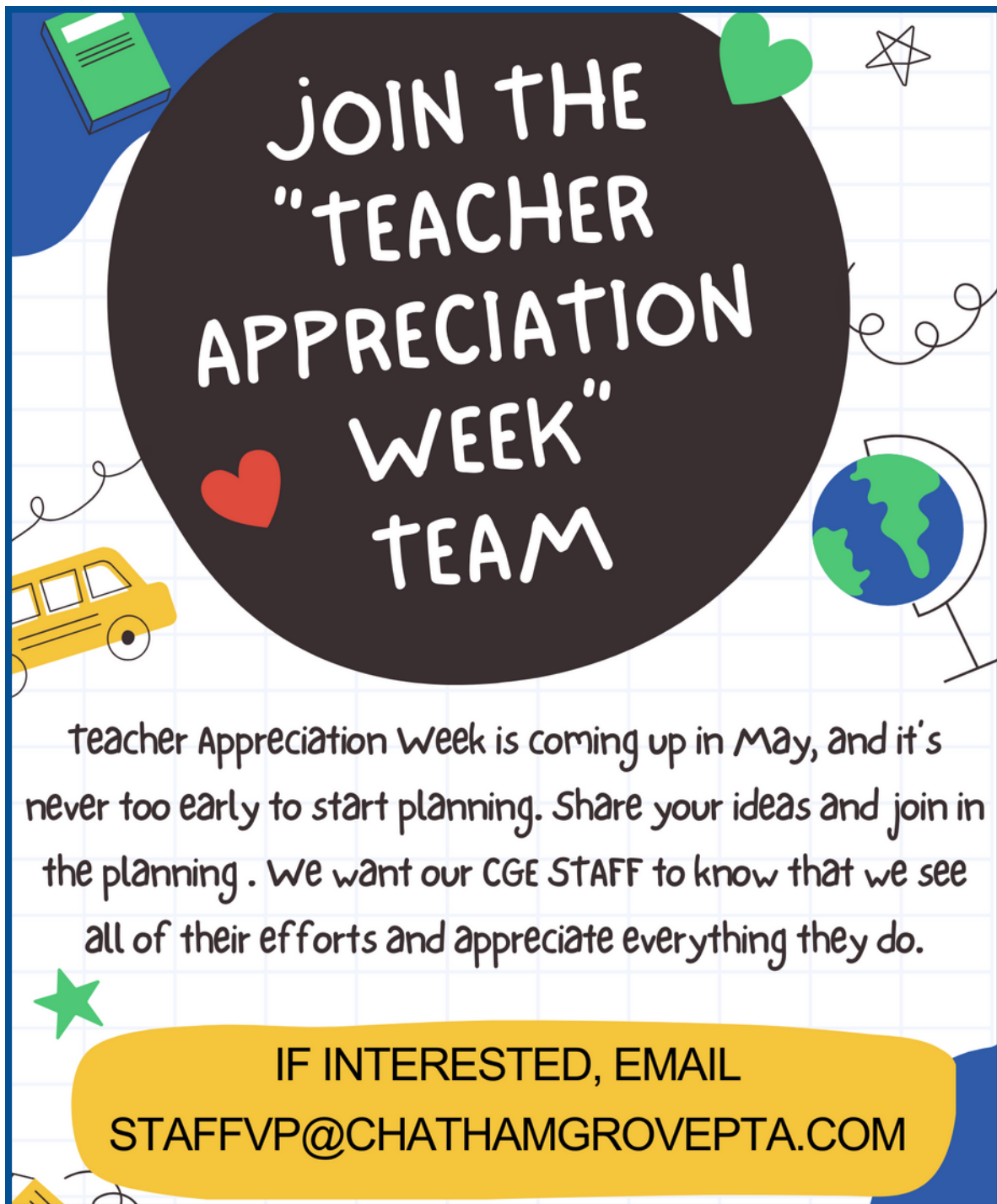
## LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

### Join Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week Team!

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up in May.

Please join our team! We plan to meet monthly until May.

Email [staffvp@chathamgrovepta.com](mailto:staffvp@chathamgrovepta.com) if you would like to join!



JOIN THE  
"TEACHER  
APPRECIATION  
WEEK"  
TEAM

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up in May, and it's never too early to start planning. Share your ideas and join in the planning. We want our CGE STAFF to know that we see all of their efforts and appreciate everything they do.

IF INTERESTED, EMAIL  
[STAFFVP@CHATHAMGROVEPTA.COM](mailto:STAFFVP@CHATHAMGROVEPTA.COM)

## 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!](#)**

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK (FEBRUARY 5 - 9)



#### MS. KENNEDY

Ms. Kennedy has been serving as a CGE Counselor since it opened 3.5 years ago. She loves getting the chance to work with all students and teachers. She spends her days supporting students socially, emotionally, and academically through classroom counseling lessons, small groups, individual counseling sessions, and more! She loves spending time with her family (husband, Connor; 21 month old son, Knox; and soon to be daughter, Harper- due early May).



#### MS. VALLERO

Ms. Vallero has been a school counselor at CGE for almost 3 years, but this is her 20th year in education. You will find Ms. Vallero at both CGE and North Chatham Elementary as she splits her week between the two schools. She supports the growth of students in so many ways, but her favorite is through individual and small group counseling. When asked what she is most passionate about, she shared, "social-emotional learning, social-justice advocacy, parenthood, music, and food."



# 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](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and find Chatham Grove it sends some \$\$ back to the school.



## BOX TOP\$ For Education

CGE has a BOX TOP\$ for Education Account! Earning is EASY!

CGE School ID is 9684261



**BUY**  
BOX TOPS  
PRODUCTS

Earn for schools with HUNDREDS of products from brands you love.



**SCAN**  
YOUR  
RECEIPT

Use the Box Tops app to submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



**EARN**  
CASH FOR  
SCHOOLS

Box Tops products are identified and earnings are credited online.

# 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