

GATOR GAZETTE



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President's Message

My oldest son, Chase, is now in eleventh grade and on several occasions has said, "Mama, I don't think I will be on the PTA when I have children." I laugh and say to him I never thought I would be either!

Before Chase started kindergarten we were not that involved in the community and didn't know a lot of people or have family nearby. I remember attending Open House and enjoying meeting other parents, then a couple of weeks later receiving a note home in the class folder introducing the room parent for Mrs. Barker (Ms. Amato at the time). I frowned and thought to myself, I didn't even know there was a room parent and I would have loved to have done it.

When I saw the opportunity to be part of the PTA and to go to a board meeting to learn more, I did. I didn't know what committees were available or what skills were needed, but I quickly found I could contribute through the website, believe it or not. And the rest is history...

I volunteer at each of the schools my children attend because it helps create a community feeling for my family. I came from a small town in North Carolina with two caution lights and one middle and high school for the entire county. I knew everyone I went to school with. I want my children to experience the same love, caring, and sharing feelings I had growing up. With my involvement in PTA I know who they are talking about, I will know a little of what they are talking about, and I can share in their experiences. I volunteer because I love my children and family and I care about our generations and others to come.

I also serve on the PTA because I love meeting people and learning about the families at Greenwood and helping build a community for your family. Won't you join me? Help us strengthen the foundation of learning and the support system within the school to give all of our children the best possible experience for early education and academic growth. And if you are still not sure what the PTA does, turn this newsletter over and see all the projects in the works - then let me know where you want to get plugged in!

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Gatorval/Trunk or Treat

Miniature ghosts, pirates, and princesses roamed the grounds of Greenwood playing games, eating cotton candy, and tricking teachers out of candy they were peddling from the back of cars at the first combined event of Gatorval & Trunk or Treat. Thank you to all who attended and made this event a huge success! The PTA raised \$2,166.49 for programs and improvement projects for the school.



Original Works - Celebrate Creativity

We have teamed up with Original Works to again offer a very special program. In the next few weeks, your child will be creating their very own special artwork for this project. So, be on the lookout as you will then have the opportunity to order a variety of useful items, all professionally made and featuring your child's masterpiece! Please order and help support the school.



Feeling Hospitable?

The PTA is looking for volunteers for the Hospitality Committee. Specific needs include someone willing to call local businesses to ask for hospitality donations for the staff, as well as a few volunteers to come in between 11:30-12:00 to replenish the lunch tables for the 3rd-5th grade teachers on days the PTA provides lunch.

The Hospitality Committee will host an Italian feast on Thursday, November 16th, conference day and provide coffee, dessert and snack bags for the teachers during conferences. If you would be willing to help deliver the snack bags around 2:20 to the classrooms, or volunteer for the other opportunities mentioned, please contact Erin Sorokin (esorkin916@gmail.com).

Watch D.O.G.S

Give your child the opportunity to be on TV and feel like a star! Become a Watch DOG today. More details are available at gatorspta.org.

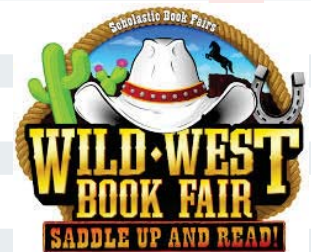


Room Parent Reminder: The next parent meeting will be held November 9 at 5:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!



Saddle Up & Read

The 2017 Wild West Book Fair will begin Thursday, November 9 from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the library. You can also mosey on over in the mornings on November 10 and 13-17, 7:20am-7:40am. Additional perusing will be available November 17, 5:30-7:00pm. Drop by to say "Howdy" and purchase some great reading materials for your family! Please also consider volunteering your time to help us run the book fair. Three volunteers are needed during each time slot - you can sign up online at gatorspta.org!



After School Enrichment Programs are off to a great start!

November Events

- 1 After School Enrichment
- 3 SCA Spirit Day/Coffee Chat
- 4 Gators on the Go
- 7 Student Holiday - No School
- 8 After School Enrichment
- 9 PTA Meeting: STEAM Night (3-5th Grade)
- 11 Gators on the Go
- 13 Veterans Day Performance (2nd Grade)
- 14 SCA Meeting
- 15 After School Enrichment
- 16 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 17 Pep Rally: 1st Quarter/Gator Gathering
Parents Night Out
- 18 Turkey Trot
- 20 Last Day of Collecting Cans for Turkey King/Queen
- 21 Turkey King/Queen Assembly
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Holiday Break
- 30 Leadership Club Meetings



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