

General Greene

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Welcome to the 2018-2019

By: Jana Lambeth

Welcome to all of our General Greene Gator Families! If you are new to General Greene, consider yourself welcomed with open Gator arms! I am excited to be your PTA President this year and have already started working with the executive board on many fun projects for the 2018-2019 school year.

As PTA President, I stand firm on promoting a quality education, striving to expand learning opportunities, encouraging community involvement, and working for a healthy environment for ALL students at General Greene Elementary School. These are the tenets guiding the PTA.

Please consider getting involved with your child's PTA. Whether you work full-time, part-time, have young children still at home, or are a grandparent, there are many ways your time, talents and resources can contribute to helping our kids reach for the stars. Feel free to ask any PTA officer or member any questions you may have regarding General Greene's PTA.

This year we will be using the National PTA's MemberHub as a communication and collaboration tool. Go to <https://generalgreene.memberhub.store/shopping/categories/2205> and join the PTA today. By joining the PTA, you are automatically set up with a MemberHub account to stay up-to-date on PTA/school activities dates/updates, PTA functions, and other fun things!

I look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,
Jana Lambeth



GGE PTA PROVIDES:

- Replenishes the fossil pit
- Provides mini-grant opportunities for GGE teachers
- Hosts Skate night the 3rd Saturday of the month
- Works with GGE teachers to coordinate State Fair and Tech Fair
- Provides funding to help purchase Smart Projectors
- Hosts Staff Luncheons throughout the year
- Works with Scholastic to host the Book Fair at GGE
- Purchases technology for both students and teachers to use
- Celebrates Arts in Education, by hosting the annual Reflections Art Contest
- Designs and sells spirit wear
- Provides a monthly e-newsletter (be sure to sign up)
- Provides a Facebook page
- Updates the calendar in the lobby

GET TO KNOW YOUR PTA

PRESIDENT

JANA LAMBETH

Jana has served at Greene as PTA Vice President (2015-2016), President (2016-2017) and is President again for the 2018-2019 school year. She has a 5th grade son at Greene as well as two children at two other GCS schools. Jana works with her husband, Terry, as a Business Development and Marketing Specialist. She believes the desire to learn is established in elementary school and will last a lifetime, if it's fun and interesting. The PTA has a role to play in making this happen for all students.

VICE PRESIDENT

KEYAHA WESTCOTT

Kehaya has been at General Greene since her now 6th grader at Kaiser Middle and rising 4th grader began school as kindergarteners. She has served as PTA VP of Advocacy last year and looks forward to her role as VP this year and committee chair of Membership. Kehaya is a higher educational professional pursuing a doctoral degree and believes that educating students is a collaborative effort between parents, teachers and the community. She believes there is a life lesson in all that is presented to our students and urges all General Greene parents to become members of PTA and an all around Gator....Go GGE.

VICE PRESIDENT

AMY STRADER

Amy has co-chaired the Book Fair Committee for the past two years and has been an active member of the PTA helping out wherever is needed. This year she will serve as PTA Vice President and Book Fair Co-Chair. She has a 4th grader at Greene and two Juniors at Grimsley High. Amy works for a tech company as a senior research analyst. She believes the secret to a successful PTA is teamwork and would love to see you join our team.

VICE PRESIDENT

MONICA MOYER

Monica Moyer is a VA native. She's lived in Greensboro for 11 years. Monica graduated from Winston Salem State University and has a rising 4th grade, Jayden and a 4 year old Chloe. She's excited about the 2018-2019 school year. "I plan to bring my big bubbly personality and creativeness to the team."



SECRETARY

JEANIE REYNOLDS

Jeanie has served at Greene as PTA Vice President for 2 years, Greene Leadership Parent Representative this is her 2nd of a two year commitment and currently is PTA secretary. She has a 4th and 2nd grader at Greene. Jeanie works full-time as Director of English Education at UNC Greensboro and is Co-Director of Piedmont Voices Writing Project. She believes that "we do not simply send our kids to school, we DO school--all of us. In order for our school to work, we have to do more than drop our kids at the door." If you want to find ways to be involved, ask her, she's got lots of ways you can help.

TREASURER

JENNIFER WILLIAMS

Jennifer has served as chair of the Skate Night committee for the past 2 years and is excited to serve as your PTA Treasurer this year. She has a 4th grader at Greene and a Senior at Grimsley. Jennifer works full time as the Manager of Accounting at Pay-Tel Communications. She believes that parent involvement is so important to the success of our PTA and our school. There are so many ways for parents to be involved, and even the smallest contribution will make a difference.

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WHERE TO START?

The beginning of the school year can be overwhelming--for all of us. It often comes with a flood of emotions from sadness that summer is over to excitement for the opportunities that lie ahead. And then there is PTA--those never-ending, nutty bake sales, controlling moms and iron-fisted PTA councils who are going to ask you to DO something at school, right? In order to provide a bit of clarity about this year's PTA, here are my Things you need to know about General Greene's PTA:

1. We work--both in our homes and outside of the home--and our time is valuable--so we get that you don't have time to waste either. We keep our PTA meeting to an hour and we get stuff done--we aren't going to waste your time at a PTA meeting.
2. This school is OUR school. We are part of a community and our community is missing YOUR voice and your unique skill set.
3. Many hands make light work. If we all pitch in, we all win--and our kids see us investing in them.
4. Teachers come to meetings--on their own time. They don't get paid to show up, but teachers at Greene genuinely care about this community enough to help our PTA make informed decisions.
5. We try to be good stewards of our investments. You are asked to donate to Scouts, church, little league, and any number of charitable organizations that do good work in the community--we are asking you to donate time and/or money too and it goes directly back to your student's educational experience.
6. Join PTA--by joining, you will be in the know about things at Greene

PTA MISSION STATEMENT

The General Greene PTA's mission is to provide a forum where parents, teachers, administrators, and other concerned adults can come together to promote quality education, strive to expand learning opportunities, encourage community involvement, and work for a healthy environment. The General Greene PTA is committed to representing and serving the members of its multi-cultural community and helping parents, teachers and administrators give their very best for all of the children. Together we are a powerful voice for children.

7. Do something small--link your Harris Teeter account to Greene (2212); Food Lion (213142); Amazon Smile (PTA North Carolina Congress General Greene School PTA)
8. Join a committee. There are still several committees that need worker Gators (like Bees, but Gators)-- Spirit Wear; Walk 4 Greene; Audit; Grants; Beautification; State Fair, Newsletter. We won't ask you to do all of the work--but it will take ALL of us doing some of the work.
9. If you see something that needs to happen at Greene, grab a partner-in-crime, pitch it to the PTA, and let's make our school a school we are proud of.
10. Let's DO school alongside our teachers, staff, and students.

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