

Gator Bytes

September, 2018



Message from the Principal

Greetings Gator Family!

Last year was a great year! Teachers, students, and parents worked very hard to ensure students accomplished their goals, and I am very proud to say that our hard work has paid off. This year is going to include increased success for all, and I am so excited! There is a lot of newness that was created at the end of last year for this school year; new students and families, new teachers, new logo, and new vision and mission.

- Grown to 526 awesome Gators this year!
- Added to our General Greene family; new students, staff, and parents.
- Voted on a new logo (special thanks to Carrie Hughes, staff, and students). Be on the lookout for a new green member added to our Gator family, because with the help of the students and staff, we will name our gator this year.
- Created a new Vision and Mission.
- Our Vision: We are building a foundation for a successful future.
- Our Mission: Growing life-long learners, Achieving excellence, Taking off with science and technology, Opening doors to our community, Recognizing the power of yet, and Securing a foundation for our students.
- Added new programs/initiatives: Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) in second grade and Eureka Math in K-5.

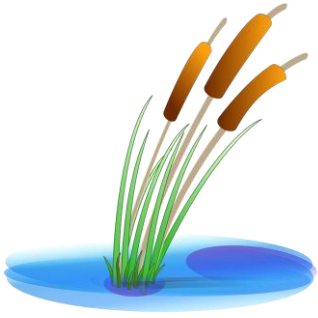
A new year is an opportunity for new beginnings, and we are well on our way to Growing EVERY Gator, EVERY day!

Thanks in advance for assisting us with our new beginnings,

~~Ms. Stephanie Harris

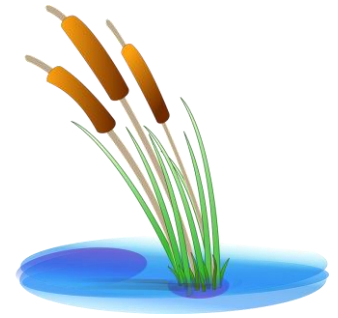
Upcoming Events:

- **Sept. 13:** Back to School Night (6-7:30 pm)
- **Sept. 15:** Skate Night (5 – 7 pm)
- **Sept. 19:** Teacher Work Day, No School
- **Sept. 20:** Spirit Night at Chick Fil A, Friendly Center (5 – 8 pm)
- **Sept. 28:** Walk for Greene Kids Pep Rally (1:45 – 2:30 pm)



New Gators in the Pond

Meet the newest members at
General Greene!



Michelle Faughman



My name is Michelle Faughman and I am from Binghamton, NY. I am beginning my 6th year of teaching here at General Greene! I spent one year teaching preschool and then made the leap to 5th grade, where I stayed for 4 years. In 5th

grade, I became highly interested in the integration and utilization of technology in the classroom to meet the needs of diverse learners.

I received my Bachelors degree from SUNY Potsdam in Childhood/Early Childhood Education (B-6) and my Masters Degree in Literacy Education (B-6) from Binghamton University.

In NY, I could often be found playing piano for local singers and school/community musicals when I wasn't teaching. I'm hoping to find some musical connections in Greensboro and continue my passion for music! I could also be found at area pools, where I spent many years as both a USA and Modified swim coach.

I'm so excited for my new adventure here at General Greene! It's going to be a fantastic year!

Whitney Hannam

Hi my name is Whitney Hannam. I am so excited to be a Gator. My hobbies include being outside with my family, photography, reading, and trying out new recipes I find on Pinterest. I graduated from Gardner-Webb University and then did my

graduate work at Elon University. This is my 18th year of teaching. Before coming to Greene I taught at Irving Park and Brooks Global. I like to plan out my classroom every summer, thinking about what setting would help children learn and succeed. Please stop by sometime and say hello.



Verlinda Whitsett

Hobbies: I enjoy spending time with family and friends, and I love to travel.

Alma Mater: Guilford College and Liberty University

How long have you taught? I have been with Guilford County Schools for over 14 years, and teaching for 8 years.

Where were you before coming to Greene? Jamestown Elementary

Favorite book? I collect cookbooks



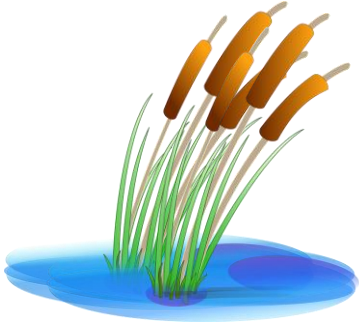
Helpful Links:

GCS Volunteer – You must complete this to help with children in any Capacity <https://www.gcsvolunteers.com/>

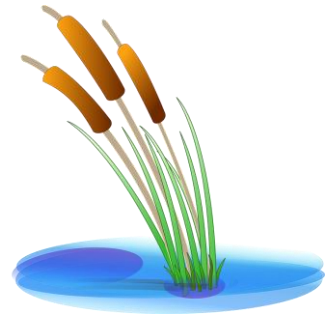
PTA Membership Page - To join PTA bit.ly/GGGStore

Committee SignUp - To join a committee/Volunteer for PTA <http://signup.com/go/cQjUiQh>

Spirit Wear store - To purchase additional Spirit Wear items (Enter Sale Code VGPX3 to order) <https://gatorspirit.itemorder.com/sale>



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Kara Bramhall



Greetings All! My name is Kara Bramhall and I'm super excited about becoming a part of the General Greene Gator family!

I'm proud to announce that I'll be starting my 16th year as a NC public educator during the

2018-2019 school year! After growing up in Burlington, I pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations & Communications from Peace College in Raleigh, NC. Upon graduation, I attended Greensboro College where I received my degree in Elementary Education. I also recently became certified in English as a Second Language. Before coming to General Greene, I taught 4th grade in Burlington, NC.

My husband & I currently reside in Greensboro & plan on calling this area our home for many years to come! In my spare time, I enjoy gardening, interior design, traveling, spoiling my 10 year old Boxer named Fudd and doing fun things with friends & family! Some of my favorite books to share with my students are *The Recess Queen* by Alexis O'Neill, *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg & the *Magic Tree House* series by Mary Pope Osborne.

Cheryl Hingleton

Hobbies: I love to walk indoors allowing me to get my daily exercise in Sport/Recreational

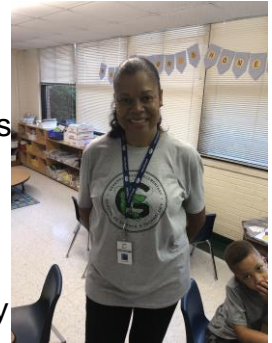
Interests: I love traveling, shopping, dining out, and spending time with dear family and friends.

Alma Mater: Guilford College

How long have you taught? This is my 3rd year teaching

Where were you before coming to Greene? Before General Greene I taught at Erwin Montessori

Favorite book? My favorite book is any book written by Maya Angelou



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Send your labels/box tops/caps to school with your child. They can put them in the labeled wooden box in the lobby. They will be taken care of from there.

If you have any questions, contact Christina Shea christinanshea@gmail.com. Thank you for your help.

Christina Shea

Do you work full time but still want to help General Greene?

Join the Coke Points Team.



We need a few people that will help enter codes found on bottle caps and can boxes. The whole school is collecting these so we will have a lot throughout the year. You can do this at your own pace whenever you have a moment.

If you are interested, email Christina Shea christinanshea@gmail.com to get simple instructions on how to get started!