

Dear Parents,

I hope you are enjoying your last few weeks of summer! We are excited about the promise a new school year brings. Our theme this year is, "It's GROW time!" GROW stands for Grateful, Resilient, Optimistic, and Willing! Our Patrick community encompasses all these traits, and I'm confident this will be our best year yet!

Teachers and staff can't wait to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year! We are thrilled to be a part of the new Seckinger Cluster! We will continue our Artificial Intelligence focus by teaching the same AKS, but through an AI lens to prepare our students for the technology-rich job market of the 2030s. Our mascot remains the Pups/Dalmatians in honor of our school history and link to Bobby Patrick, a firefighter. However, we are changing our colors to teal, black, and grey to match Seckinger High School.

Teachers have spent the summer taking advantage of professional learning opportunities to strengthen their craft and prepare for the changing needs and high expectations that come with the upcoming school year. This year, in addition to our focus on teaching and learning the AKS, we will further emphasize Social Emotional Learning, or SEL. Each class will start with a morning meeting to build a sense of belonging and classroom community. Every child belongs at Patrick Elementary! We are so excited to experience the joy of children each day and hear the sounds of laughter and learning fill our building again!

Prior to Open House/Registration, it is very important that you go to www.mypaymentsplus.com and visit your child's account. See the [MyPaymentsPlus flyer](#) for detailed instructions on how to create an account if needed. MyPaymentsPlus is our preferred place for paying school-related fees, making voluntary contributions, and acknowledging important information. You will also need to confirm receipt of the Gwinnett County Public Schools Student and Parent Handbook. Parents, you are required to sign-off on the handbooks on MyPaymentsPlus. We will reward our first class with 100% sign-offs with a pizza party! While contributions are optional, you are strongly encouraged to pay them. Contribution fees help us provide educational opportunities over and beyond the basics. MyPaymentsPlus will be available beginning July 23, 2022. Thank you in advance for your support!

Please join us for Open House/Registration on Friday, July 29 from 9:00-11:30. Please join us between 9:00-10:15 if your child's last name begins with A-L. Please join us from 10:15-11:30 if your child's last name begins with M-Z. You may start in the cafeteria to verify your child's bus route, obtain a car rider tag, and get cafeteria information. We strongly encourage car rider families to sign up for your car tag in advance and avoid the line. More information is included below. (Please note that car riders may not line up any earlier than 2:15 in the afternoon.) You will also be able to join PTA and purchase Patrick spirit wear. Once you are finished in the cafeteria, you may proceed to your child's classroom to meet the teacher. Teachers will collect bus and car rider numbers from you to ensure a safe trip home on the first day. Parents and students are welcome to bring supplies to Open House/Registration. See below for supply lists by grade level.

One of the things that makes Patrick a great school is our parent involvement. I encourage you to get involved throughout the school year. There are multiple opportunities to engage in your child's educational experience. We hope you will join us for Open House/Registration, Curriculum Nights, and fall and spring conferences. You can also stay plugged in by regularly visiting your child's eClass page and the GCPS Parent Portal. In addition, we have a wonderful Patrick Elementary PTA that welcomes your membership and involvement. Thank you for your continued support of Patrick Elementary School. We look forward to a "Puptastic" school year!

Honored to be your principal,
Stephanie Stewart



SUPPLY LISTS

Please use the links below to find our 2022-23 supply lists

[Kindergarten](#)

[First Grade](#)

[Second Grade](#)

[Third Grade](#)

[Fourth Grade](#)

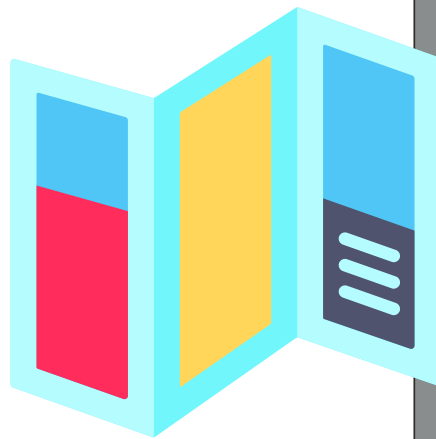
[Fifth Grade](#)



Important Information

TEACHER BROCHURES

We are in the process of mailing out teacher brochures to share with you your child's teacher, key AKS concepts for the grade level, and other back to school reminders. We have worked hard to balance classes, so classroom change requests will not be honored. All our wonderful teachers are planning together to help each child have an incredible year of learning!



CAR RIDER REQUIREMENTS

Pre-Register for Your Car Rider Number for the 2022-2023 School Year. Skip the Line at Open House on July 29th!

Complete the form linked below and your students car rider information will be available for pick up in the classroom during Open House. Requests must be emailed to shelley.kohn@gcpsk12.org by July 27th. After that date, please visit the Car Rider tables during Open House for your number.

[Car Rider Requirements Form](#)



CAR RIDER

FOR MORE VISIT: www.gcpsk12.org/patrickes





DEVICES FOR DIGITAL LEARNING *GRADES 2 THROUGH 5 ONLY*

If your child is in second through fifth grade and needs a device for our first digital learning day on August 3rd, you can pick up a device during our Open House on Friday, July 29th. Please see your classroom to request a device.

OPEN HOUSE *JULY 29TH* 9:00 TO 11:30

Times for Open House are listed by student's last name.

- 9:00 to 10:15 Last Names A->L
- 10:15 to 11:30 Last Names M->Z



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL *AUGUST 3RD*

- Aug. 3: K,1, and Self-Contained Small Groups begin in person, Grades 2-5 digital learning day
- Aug. 4: Grades 2-5 begin in person instruction

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CURRICULUM NIGHT *AUGUST 18TH*

- 6:00-6:45 Session 1
- 7:00-7:45 Session 2



CAFETERIA INFORMATION

Meal Prices

Student Breakfast - \$1.50

Student Lunch - \$2.25

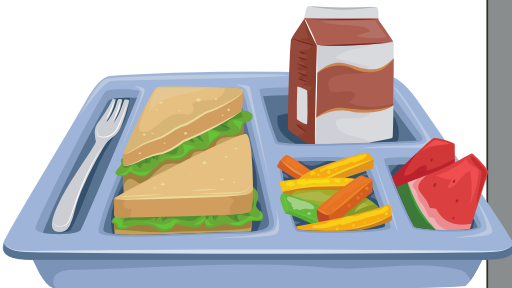
Reduced Price Breakfast - \$0.30

Reduced Price Lunch - \$0.40

Milk - \$0.40

Lunch Visitors

Parents are welcome to sign-up to have lunch with their child beginning Aug. 22. Thank you for giving us a few weeks to learn lunch routines and procedures. Details are forthcoming.



**[Link to Free
and Reduced
Lunch
Application](#)**

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THE FIRST 100 PEOPLE THAT
SIGN UP TO BE A PTA MEMBER
AT OPEN HOUSE WILL RECEIVE
A FREE SMALL KONA ICE!



OPEN HOUSE - FRIDAY, JULY 29TH

9:00AM-11:30AM OPEN HOUSE/REGISTRATION

9:00-10:15 LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH A-L
10:15-11:30 LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH M-Z

PLEASE VISIT THE PTA TABLE IN THE CAFETERIA TO
PURCHASE YOUR PTA MEMBERSHIP

NO FOOD IS ALLOWED INSIDE THE BUILDING.

PLEASE STOP BY THE KONA ICE TRUCK ON YOUR WAY OUT
AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE OPEN HOUSE.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PATRICK PTA!



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