



Trip Elementary School

"Where Learning is a Lifelong Journey"

September 16, 2022

Unity Through the Ages – Benefit Concert

September 23, 2022 - 6:00pm - GHS Main Theater

The Grayson High School Theater students are throwing the Trip Elementary Drama Team a benefit concert to help us pay for the scripts and music for our musical play performance of Roald Dahls' *Willy Wonka Kids* in May. Please come out to support the Grayson High School Theater program, our Trip Drama Team, and hear some fabulous musical performances!

Click on the following link to purchase tickets now before they sell out! Thank you for your support.

<https://gofan.co/app/events/683865?schoolId=GA4315>

Lunch Visitation – On Hold

Due to construction on the new security vestibule.

If you have been in the building lately, you may have noticed a different look to our foyer. Every GCPS school will or has already received a security vestibule. This security vestibule is a 2nd step to getting into the school building for security. Principals don't get to choose the day and time that such jobs are conducted. Workers will show up and we must proceed with a plan "on the run." So, thank you for understanding why I couldn't plan for such an occurrence. If you ever have questions or concerns, please ask an administrator.

Once it is all installed, I will send directions for how we will use this new feature. The next step is to sand down the pillars and then glass and doors should be installed. I have no knowledge of the dates of installation, but I will inform you as soon as



I know. I appreciate you all for understanding the need to pause lunch due to this need. The workers need time and space to finish their work and it's best for safety for you and our students. Once I see their progress, I can determine our lunch visitation again. Hold for that announcement.

Parent Volunteers Needed to sell Ice Cream and Monitor Students

If you can ever share 30 minutes or more to our lunchroom as a volunteer, it would be appreciated. We could use help with ice cream sales, helping students stay seated, modeling positive behavior, helping them open their items and just bringing a smile to their faces during lunch. These are highly social times for our students and guidance and support is always appreciated.

Emergency and Custody Updates

Please make sure that anyone you want to see your child for lunch and pick up your child is on the emergency list. We can't release any child to anyone not listed as a parent and/or on the emergency list. You can check this on the parent portal. If a change is made, please come to the school and have our office staff support you after a license is displayed.

Additionally, we know that custody issues arise throughout the year. Please try to handle these updates outside of school so that it doesn't take our staff away from their daily work with trying to handle communication between two parties. As an enrolling parent, that person is responsible for all updates. If a parent is not on this list, we are not allowed to offer any support, updates, etc. without proper identification. Ask for an administrator for any questions.

Vote

We will be doing Mock Elections with our students!



You can't vote Nov. 8 if you're not registered!

The deadline to register to vote in Gwinnett County (or make changes to an existing registration) is Tuesday, October 11. Click on the link <https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/> to go the Gwinnett County voter registration information page to check your status.

Addressing Concerns at School

Gwinnett County Public Schools finds that the quickest and most effective way to resolve a concern regarding your child is by addressing it at the most direct level.

In our school district, we care about each and every student. We also believe that open and honest communication between parents and teachers is a key to student success. Thank you for partnering with your child's teacher and school to address any concerns.

1. Teacher - First, talk to your child's teacher or a counselor at school for assistance. Most concerns are resolved at the classroom level.

2. Assistant Principal - If the concern is not resolved at the classroom level, please contact your child's assistant principal.

3. Principal - If working with the AP does not adequately address the issue, please meet with the school principal.

4. Cluster Superintendent - If the issue persists, please call 678-301-6000, and ask to speak to the cluster superintendent who is assigned to the school your child attends.

College Day Mondays

Students and staff are encouraged to wear your favorite college tops and/or outfits to promote college and career readiness!

Free and Reduced Lunch

If you have not completed an application for this year, please do it now using the following link <https://www.gcpsk12.org/cms/lib/GA02204486/Centricity/ModuleInstance/83589/SY23%20Free%20and%20reduced%20online%20applicationflyer.pdf>



Other Resources

If you are experiencing an emergency, dial 9-1-1. The GCPS Hotline for anonymous reporting of potential violence is 770-822-6513. If you have a non-emergency criminal concern, please contact local law enforcement.

Message from the Principal

There are times when you may want to talk to myself or another administrator during the day. Unfortunately, we may not be in the building or available. In the event that you need immediate attention, please call the school at 678-639-3850 to request a meeting, or to speak to someone that can assist. Most times, we are securing the building, supporting teachers and students or in meetings. We never want you to not feel heard, however, we must make sure you are aware of our daily schedule and processes to connect. You may also request our emails which are on our Trip website.

Latin Dance!

All proceeds will go toward the 5th grade field trip to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Come out and learn the basics of Salsa, Merengue, and Bachata during a 2-hour dance bootcamp to offset the cost of our 5th grade field trip to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

When: Saturday, October 22nd

Where: Trip Elementary Gymnasium

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Cost: \$10 per person

Payments: MyPaymentsPlus

Ages: 5th grade and up

What to bring: secure and closed toe shoes, water, comfy clothes, YOU!

Instructor Bio: Mrs. Tahlor began dancing at the age of five, learning ballet and tap. She temporarily left the dance world for equestrian sports, competing in the United States and France. She later returned to dance, training in competitive Ballroom and Latin dance. Mrs. Tahlor is trained in the DVIDA syllabus, has taught for multiple local studios, danced on several performance teams, and has won multiple dance competitions. She has been a backup dancer for concerts and music videos, and she has performed for the governor, Ms. Universe, and other notables.

Youth/Middle School Wrestling - 2022-2023

Head Coach- Dennis Mack

Cost- \$150. This is to cover any community school fees, plus t-shirt, hoodie, and singlet. (Due by 10/27/2022)

Registration/Payment- Go to www.graysonwrestling.net then Youth/Middle School tab.

Practices- Tue/Thu (1st practice is 10/25/2022)

Practice Times- 6pm- 7:30pm in Room 4.156. This is our new wrestling room located on the 1st floor of the addition to Grayson HS.

You will also be required to purchase a USA Wrestling Card for insurance purposes. The cost is **\$45** and is valid from Sept. 1- Aug. 31. Visit <http://www.teamgeorgiawrestling.com/memberships> then click "USA Membership Cards: to purchase or renew your USA Wrestling Card. Select Grayson Wrestling Club as your school. You will have to purchase the USA Wrestling Card prior to practices and competitions.

Email Mike Stephen at mike.stephen@gcpsk12.org if you have any questions.

It's Always a Great Day to be a RAM!

Rukina Walker, Principal
