



Graceville Elementary School

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Our character trait for the month of September is responsibility.

Roundup In Learning

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday
September 8 6:00—Kindergarten Parent Night, Conference Room (across from office)	September 9 Grade 3 Conferences (during school) Guitar II classes begin	September 10 6:00 p.m.—Grade 4 Parent Night, Conference Room Grade 3 Conferences (during school)	September 11 Grade 4 Conferences (during school) Guitar I Classes begin	September 14 Grade 4 Conferences (during school)

“Paws-abilities” at GES SEPTEMBER

- 8 ~ Grade K Parent Night 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room
Grade 2 Conferences
Music Donut Sales Begin
Orff Ensemble Rehearsals Begin
Tiger Chorus Rehearsals Begin
- 9 ~ Grade 3 Conferences
Guitar Class II Begins
- 10 ~ Grade 4 Parent Night @ 6:00 p.m. Conference Room
Grade 3 Conferences
- 11 ~ Grade 4 Conferences
Guitar Class I Begins
- 14 ~ Grade 4 Conferences
- 15 ~ Grade 3 Parent Night 6:00 p.m. in Classrooms
Grade 4 Conferences
- 16 ~ School Pictures
- 17 ~ Grade 5 Conferences
- 18 ~ Grade 5 Conferences
- 21 ~ PreK Orientation 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Conference Room
- 22 ~ Autumn Begins
- 24 ~ Donuts Delivered

Transportation Changes

Any changes in transportation require a note from parent or guardian. This note must include the child’s first and last name along with the homeroom teacher’s name. If the transportation involves a bus, the note must have a drop-off address included in the information.

Parent Involvement

Research has shown that parent involvement in education makes a huge difference in your child’s school success. Even if your child seems unconcerned about your presence at school functions, he/she is affected by it.

According to the NEA, studies show that the earlier you get involved, the better. You will see improvements in your child’s attendance, behavior, and grades. Read to your child. Talk with your child’s teacher. Find other simple ways to contribute to your child’s education. Stay connected throughout the school years. Small investments now will yield a lifetime of rewards.

“Getting Involved in Your child’s Education,”
National Education Association
www.nea.org/parents/index.html

Music Notes

It is not too late for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students to join Tiger Chorus that meets on Tuesday afternoons immediately after school. We also have a few openings available for 4th or 5th graders who would like to participate in Guitar class (Friday) and/or Orff Ensemble (Tuesday and Thursday) which meet in the early morning before school. If you are interested in your child participating in any of these, applications are available outside the music room. For further information, please call 263-4402 extension 352.

More New Faces at GES

Rachel Thomas



Rachel Thomas is the new fourth grade teacher at Graceville Elementary School. She has recently graduated. She has interned at GES. She completed a four-year degree in 2 ½ years. She was on the Deans List at Chipola and received an AA degree from Chipola College. She has a BS degree from Florida State University in elementary education, and she graduated Magna Cum Laude at FSU. She also earned an ESOL Endorsement in K-12 social science.

She is married to Craig Thomas and the couple has a son, Caulin and a daughter, Lainee.

“I am thrilled to be a part of the team at Graceville Elementary. It will be an exciting year teaching fourth grade,” stated Thomas.

Ashley Love

Ashley Love is the new fifth grade teacher at Graceville Elementary School. This is her first year teaching in Jackson County.



She is a graduate of Hibriten High School. She earned her BS with honors in elementary education at Appalachian State University, Boone, NC and a gifted education endorsement at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA. She was a second grade teacher for two years and a fourth and fifth grade reading literacy teacher for one year at Ocean View Elementary School in Norfolk, VA.

She and her husband, Adam Love and their daughter, Abby moved here for her husband’s internship in clinical psychology at Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee to finish his doctoral program at Regent University. Her hobbies include reading and spending time with her husband, Adam and their daughter, Abby.

“I have a passion for learning and a love for teaching. I cannot wait for this school year to begin. I am so blessed to be given this opportunity to work at such a wonderful school,” commented Love.

Reduce & Reuse Recycle Tips

Don’t throw away things that can be reused. Give them away or have a yard sale.

Michelle Burrell

Michelle Burrell is a new Pre-K Paraprofessional at Graceville Elementary School. She is a former Graceville High School graduate and is currently enrolled at Wallace Community College to complete her AA degree.



She is married to Brock Burrell and they have three children; Cody, Garrad, and Chase.

Burrell says, “I am very excited to be a part of the Graceville Elementary School team. I have been a substitute with GES for several years and love working with young children.”

Absentee Policy

Parents must write a note explaining their child’s absence in order for a child to be excused. No calls are honored.

Eight early checkouts or tardies equals one unexcused absence. Parents may be invited to a Child Study Team Meeting or be referred to Truancy Court for excessive absences, tardies, and checkouts.

Student Safety

No clogs or flip-flops are allowed at school due to safety reasons.

Lunchroom Charges

Students who do not have lunch money will be permitted to charge their lunch for that day. The charge is expected to be paid the following school day. Students may only charge a lunch 3 days. Upon the 4th day, the student will receive a peanut butter and jelly sandwich or a cheese sandwich.

Worth Quoting

“All that really belongs to us is time; even he who has nothing else has that.”

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