

## **EVENT DETAILS**

**Gator Day** – Gator Day is our annual back-to-school event where families receive teacher assignments, check in with the PTA, shop for spirit wear, and support the school through donations.

**TK/Kinder Play Date** – The TK/Kinder Play Date is a casual meet-up for incoming TK and Kindergarten students and their families to play, explore the playground, and make new friends.

**New Family Orientation** – New Family Orientation welcomes families who are new to GGE with a school tour, introductions to staff and PTA, and an overview of school programs and policies.

First Day of School – The First Day of School marks the beginning of the academic year, when students meet their teachers, reconnect with friends, and settle into their classrooms.

Back to School Night - TK, K & 1 - Back to School Night for TK through 1st grade is an evening event where families visit classrooms, meet teachers, and learn about the curriculum and routines.

**Back to School Night - 2nd-5th -** Back to School Night for 2nd through 5th grade allows families to tour classrooms, meet teachers, and hear about academic goals and plans for the year.

**PTA Executive Board Meeting -** PTA Executive Board Meetings are closed sessions for board members to plan, discuss strategy, and manage PTA operations.

**PTA General Association Meeting –** PTA General Meetings are open to all PTA members and include updates, voting, and opportunities to get involved.

**Gators, Goodies, and Grownups –** Gators, Goodies, and Grownups is a morning event where students enjoy breakfast treats with their favorite grownups before school.

All School Recess - All School Recess is a special time when all grade levels enjoy a shared recess to foster connection and school spirit.

**Pleasant Hill Bike Fest** - Pleasant Hill Bike Fest is a free community event that promotes biking safety and fun with games, skills stations, and prizes.

**Parent-Teacher Conference Week -** Parent-Teacher Conference Week provides time for one-on-one meetings with teachers to discuss student progress, with early dismissal each day.

**GGE Read-a-Thon –** The GGE Read-a-Thon is a school-wide reading challenge that encourages students to read daily while raising funds for our school.

Fall Picture Day - Fall Picture Day is when students have their individual school portraits taken for purchase and yearbook use.

**Scholastic Book Fair 1H -** The Scholastic Book Fair allows students and families to purchase books and support our classroom libraries.

Welcome Back Picnic - The Welcome Back Picnic is a family-friendly outdoor evening event with food, fun, and community connection.

**Custodian Appreciation Day -** Custodian Appreciation Day is a chance to thank our hardworking custodian with kind gestures and notes of appreciation.

Fall Recess - Fall Recess is a scheduled school break with no classes, giving families time to relax and recharge.

Indigenous Peoples Day - School is closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day.



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**Community Service Day-** at GGE is a special event where students, families, and staff come together to give back to our school through hands-on projects like campus clean-up, gardening, and beautification efforts.

GatorFest - GatorFest is our annual fall carnival with booths, games, food, and entertainment for the whole family.

Teacher In-Service Day - There is no school on Teacher In-Service Days while staff participate in professional development.

Red & Blue Ribbon Week - Red & Blue Ribbon Week promotes healthy, safe, and respectful choices through themed days and classroom activities.

Lunch on the Green - Lunch on the Green is a relaxed event where parents are invited to enjoy lunch with their children on campus.

**Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day –** Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day honors Ruby's legacy and encourages students to walk to school in unity and kindness.

**Movie Night** – Movie Night is a fun evening where students and families gather on campus to watch a movie together with snacks and blankets.

Winter Break - Winter Break is a two-week school holiday in December and January to celebrate the season and rest.

**Heritage Night** – Heritage Night is an evening celebration of the cultures that make up our GGE community through food, music, and stories.

Spring Fling - Spring Fling is a festive school dance with a DJ, food, and fun for students and families.

Spring Picture Day - Spring Picture Day offers another opportunity for students to have individual portraits taken.

**Grownup Dinner Gala and Auction -** The Grownup Dinner Gala and Auction is an adults-only fundraiser with dinner, drinks, and a live auction benefiting the school.

**Admin Professionals Appreciation Day -** On this day, we recognize and thank our amazing front office staff for keeping the school running smoothly.

**School Principal Appreciation Day -** This day is dedicated to showing appreciation for Ms. Koontz and the leadership she brings to GGE.

**Teacher Appreciation Week -** Teacher Appreciation Week is a full week of celebrating and thanking our teachers for their hard work and care.

**School Nurse Appreciation Day** - We use this day to honor and appreciate our school nurse for keeping our community safe and healthy.

GGE Open House - Open House invites families to tour classrooms, see student work, and celebrate learning.

5th Grade Campout - The 5th Grade Campout is an overnight sleepover on campus just for 5th graders filled with fun and memories.

5th Grade Pool Party - The 5th Grade Pool Party is an afternoon celebration at Pleasant Hill Pool to mark the end of the school year.

End of Year Picnic - The End of Year Picnic is a joyful community gathering to celebrate all we've accomplished together.

**5th Grade Send Off** - 5th Grade Send Off is a special ceremony honoring our graduating 5th graders before they move on to middle school.