



The Trailblazer Times

March—May 2022



A Message from your Principal...

Hello Parents & Guardians,

It is hard to believe we are about to round the corner into the 4th quarter and start looking at end of school!

For our students in grades 3-5, April brings us the Georgia Milestones Assessments. Testing begins April 25th and runs through May 6th. The full schedule is posted on our Poole website on the main page for your reference. We will be on an adjusted schedule during those weeks to accommodate testing. Please be aware of those time changes should you visit the school, schedule appointments, or wish to eat lunch with your child. Our K-2 students will keep moving forward achieving grade level standards with an altered schedule but similar support.

We have a lot to finish up and celebrate during the month of May, including our Boosterthon Fun Run and field days. Please continue making sure your child comes to school each day on time to make the most of the time we have left. Let's work together to finish out another successful school year at Poole Elementary for our students, parents, staff, and community!

~Kristi Davis, Principal

What are our School Improvement Goals?

Goal #1: Increase the percentage of 1st—5th grade students scoring proficient and advanced on the Math Inventory from 13% in August 2021 to 70% in May 2022.

Goal #2: Increase the percentage of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students scoring proficient and advanced as measured by the Reading inventory from 43% in August 2021 to 80% in May 2022.

Goal #3: Increase the percentage of students scoring proficient or above on the narrative writing response on the 2021-2022 Georgia Milestones Assessment (4th and 5th grade from 24% in 2020-2021 to 50% in 2021-2022).

Georgia Milestones Assessment

The GMAs begin April 25th and run through May 6th. The full schedule is posted on our website. We are so excited for our 3rd-5th grade students to show everyone how much they have learned since Kindergarten. Please remember to have your 3rd-5th grade child get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast, arrive to school on time, and to try his or her best everyday. We are proud of all of our students' accomplishments and know they will make everyone proud!

You can find out information about student life at Poole in many different ways for today, tomorrow, and beyond:

- ⇒ Teacher and school newsletters
- ⇒ School website: <http://www.paulding.k12.ga.us/Domain/21>
- ⇒ Class Dojo

On Facebook, search @PooleElementary
or scan the QR code:



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 11: Teacher Workday (no students)
 Mar. 12: District Honor Chorus at EPHS, 4:00
 Mar. 14—18: Parent/Teacher Conferences (students dismissed at 12:15 PM daily)
 Mar. 24: RFL Basketball Game, 6:00 PM
 Mar. 25: Spring & Classroom Pictures
 Mar. 26: Fine Arts Day at PCHS, 10:00-4:00 PM
 Apr. 4—8: Spring Break
 Apr. 11: 5th Grade visits HJMS
 Apr. 18: PTA Spirit Night at Cheeseburger Bobby's, 11-8:00 PM
 Apr. 25: Chorus Performance at PCHS, 6:30
 Apr. 25—May 6: Georgia Milestones for grades 3—5
 May 1—6: Teacher Appreciation Week
 May 1: Boosterthon Kickoff
 May 3: Kindergarten to EPHS musical
 May 10: Boosterthon Fun Run during specials, Kona Ice
 May 14: RFL event at Paulding County Courthouse, 4-10:00 PM
 May 16: Field day for 2nd & 4th grade
 May 17: Field day for Kindergarten & 1st grade, Venture / Agriculture Field Trip
 May 18: Field day for 3rd & 5th grade
 May 25: Senior Walk at Poole, 1:00
 May 27: Last Day, No bookbags needed (students dismissed at 12:15 PM)

REMINDERS

- If your child is not in their homeroom by 8:00 am, they are considered tardy, so you will need to come into the front office to sign him/her in.
- Make sure to send in a doctor's excuse or parent note if your student is absent.
- Your student can access Education Galaxy at home for additional reading and math support with grade level standards. Go to:

Paulding.k12.ga.us

Click "Student Dashboard"

Click "Elementary Dashboard"

Click the Clever icon



Login—Student ID #

Password—3 initials plus 2 digit month & 2 digit day of birthday (ex. KSB0123)

Click the Ed Galaxy icon



Field Days, Fun Run, and End of the Year Celebrations

Please be on the lookout for several communications coming home soon concerning our field days, fun run, and end of year celebrations. We are excited to partner with Boosterthon again for our fun run this year. Feel free to come out and join us on May 10th during your child's specials time. Our fundraising goal is to continue working toward 1:1 technology.

Access your Parent Portal account to see your child's grades. Need a Parent Portal account? See the directions below:

Virtual Instructions for Activating a Parent Portal Account

Requests for Parent Portal accounts are now handled virtually. Please read the [Parent Portal Usage Policy](#) before continuing.

Please send an email to portal@paulding.k12.ga.us and include the following information. A copy of state-issued parent picture ID must also be included in the email. Your request will be handled within 48 hours.

- Parent Name
- Parent Physical Address
- Parent Email Address
- Student's First Name
- Student's Last Name
- Student's Date of Birth
- Student's Physical Address
- Name of School Student Attends

An email will be sent to the parent email address in Infinite Campus providing the activation key and instructions on how to set up an account.