

ALLGOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GATOR GAZETTE

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Principal's Corner

This is a quote that I use anytime I have a chance to talk with parents or educators. Being on this side of raising two children, I fully realize the magnitude of this statement. When our children are young, there is so much that keeps the days busy. But, we blink and another year will be behind us. In a flash, the month of August came and went! As we ready our classrooms for learning during September, I want to take a moment to remind you how much we appreciate the time you spend supporting our school. We know you are busy, and it isn't always convenient to spend that time making copies, reading with a student, or putting up a bulletin board. Please know how much you are valued, not only by the school, but by your own children! You are making memories for them!

As you compare your September calendar to the school's, there are a few opportunities to volunteer. Our Fun Run and Color Run will take place from Sept. 18-21. We need parents to assist with stations and organizing equipment. This is a great event hosted by our Specials Department. This is also our biggest fundraiser of the year. In the past, we've been able to provide technology for our classrooms and outfit the rooms with Smart board technology and document cameras. We've purchased over 500 devices from this one fundraiser each year!

If September is not a good month for you to volunteer, plan a day to join your child's classroom for lunch! However, you choose to enjoy the month of September, I hope you find time to simply enjoy being with your children. They grow up too quickly! Find time to read a book, talk about their favorite things, or just take a walk. The time will be a memory you'll hold dear one day.



Do you own a business that would be interested in sponsoring our All Pro Dads program? We will host six meetings this year to engage dads and their children in character building activities, as well as exciting games. Last year, we gave away over 50 shirts to our dads. We would like to provide a shirt to all of our participating dads this year. If your company is interested in making a \$200.00 donation, or any donation, please contact Michelle Hamilton at mhamilton@paulding.k12.ga.us or 770-443-8003 ext. 12019. Sponsor names will be added to the back of the T-shirts.

Lost and Found!

Lost and Found is building up quickly. Help prevent your child from losing their jackets or personal items. Please write their names on their belongings. The Lost and Found is located on the first hallway to the right after you enter the school.

Upcoming Events

September 3 -Labor Day, Schools/Offices Closed

September 4 -Fun Run Fundraiser Kick-Off -PTA- Stevie B's Spirit Night -PTA Reflections info sent home

September 11 -Board of Education Meeting @ 6:15pm

September 12 -Early Release-<u>Students</u> <u>Dismissed at 12:30p</u>

September 18, 19, 20 -Fun Run Days Tue. -4th & 5th Wed. -K & 1st Thur. -2nd & 3rd Color Run on Fri. 9/21

September 18 -PTA Fundraiser Kick Off

September 21 -Celebration Color Run

September 19 -Character Ed Breakfast

September 24-28 -Fall Break, No school for students/staff

Patriotism: September's Character Trait of the Month



Promoting Great Behavior!!

Talk to your child about the many ways we promote great citizenship at Allgood. We have three very active programs: Purple Stars, Character Breakfast, and Behavior Bucks. Students earn prizes and charms along with recognition on morning announcements. In addition to recognizing great behavior, a process is in place to support students that struggle with appropriate school behavior.

Students that receive an office referral for poor choices are encouraged and provided strategies to improve their behavior. Furthermore, ownership of students' behavior at school is encouraged through our conversations. Students are asked to discuss four questions:

What were you doing that caused a problem?, What were you supposed to be doing? What are you going to do to solve this issue?, What are you going to do next time?

Students practice thinking through their own responses and are supported in making plans for future success. These are in place to support good behavior and motivate students to start over each day with a fresh approach and attitude. All of these are practical skills that teach students how to handle mistakes. Unfortunately, mistakes have consequences, too. Students that receive 3 or more office referrals in a given timeframe will be disqualified for school-wide events. Our first event is the Fun Run and Color Run. If your child has had an office referral during the first nine weeks of school, please encourage them to continue using the strategies taught at school to improve their behavior! There are many fun ways we celebrate good behavior and motivate students to be their best!

