



Welcome Class of 2038  
to Kindergarten Safari!

♥ Welcome to  
Kindergarten

# *Meet Our Kindergarten Team!*





# Staff you will want to know!

**Ms. Williams, Mrs. Hundt and Mr. Sexton**

<https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Domain/264>



**Officer Angie, Our School  
Resource Officer**



**Our Office Ladies:  
Ms. Stacey, Ms. Angela, Ms. Ansley**



**Meg Killingsworth, Family  
Engagement Coordinator**

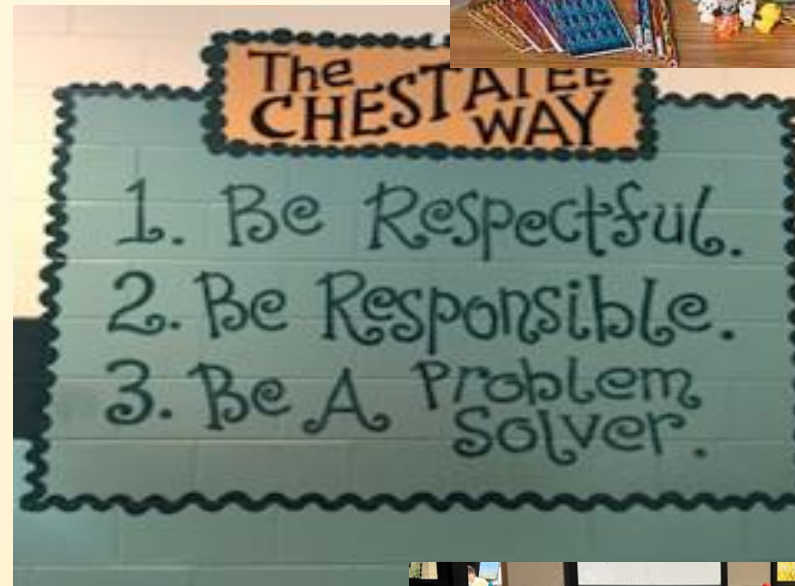


# Facilities





# Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (P.B.I.S.)



# After School Program

**Chestatee**

Care for Kids

**After School Program**

Director: Sarah Wiggins

E-mail [swiggins@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:swiggins@forsyth.k12.ga.us)



# Opportunities this Summer



Bus Roundup on Monday, July 21 at 9:00. Buses usually pick up between 8-8:30. Make sure your registration is complete, or you won't get called by the bus driver!



Ways to Get Connected: Check out our website and Facebook Page.



The Bookmobile will be in our parking lot a few days this summer. We will post days and times to visit this summer on social media and the website.

# Foundations of Academics





# Kindergarten Learning



## Phonics / Reading

Phonics  
Phonemic awareness  
Sight words  
Fluency  
Comprehension

## Reading

Small groups  
Take home books  
Games  
Flashcards

## Writing

Letters of the Week  
Penmanship  
Modeled writing  
Interactive writing

## Math

Small groups  
Hands on activities  
Games  
Manipulatives

## Science

Motion and Gravity  
Objects in the sky  
Rocks and Soil  
Living and Nonliving  
Animals and Plants

## Social Studies

Personal Information  
Community Helpers  
Good Citizenship  
U. S. Symbols / Map  
skills  
Economy  
National Holidays

# Kindergarten Programs



## Phonics / Phonemic Awareness

UFLI- University of  
Florida  
(Explicit and Systematic  
Phonics Program)

Heggerty-  
(Explicit and Systematic  
Phonemic  
Awareness and  
Phonological Program)

## Math

Eureka Squared Math-  
Hands on learning math  
progression curriculum

## Pathways

P.E.  
Science  
Music  
Art  
Media  
Computer Science

***\*\*Curriculum follows state and county standards.***



# Fun Days Celebrate Units





# Learning is engaging!







The Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills 2.0 (GKIDS 2.0) is a yearlong, progression-based formative assessment. GKIDS 2.0 is aligned to the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) for kindergarten and is organized around **big ideas** and **learning progressions**.

Using the learning progressions from GKIDS 2.0 for the report card allows teachers and parents to have a common understanding of expectations of knowledge and skills a student needs to be prepared for first grade.

Students will be graded in Language Arts and Math using the grades: **Not Yet Demonstrated, Beginning, Emerging, Developing, Demonstrating and Exceeding.**



Throughout the school year, your child's performance may range from Not Yet Demonstrating to Exceeding.

Click these links for more information:

[GKIDS Parent Page](#)

[GKIDS Curriculum and Instruction Page](#)

[https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Documents/GKIDS/GKIDS%202.0/Parent%20Flyer/GKIDS%202.0\\_Parent\\_Flyer\\_July2020.pdf](https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Documents/GKIDS/GKIDS%202.0/Parent%20Flyer/GKIDS%202.0_Parent_Flyer_July2020.pdf)



- A diagnostic tool given winter, fall, and spring in both reading and math.
- Target students specific learning needs and adjust instruction accordingly.
- A nationally normed test which gives us a national percentile of where students are academically compared to other age alike peers.



# Other Areas Grades

## Special Area Grades: Art, Music, PE

**S = Satisfactory**

**P = Progressing**

**N = Needs Improvement**

## Science, Social Studies, Health

**S = Satisfactory**

**P = Progressing**

**N = Needs Improvement**

## Work Habit Grades

**Responsibility, Participation, Assignment completion, and Interpersonal skills**

**E = Exemplary**

**S = Successful**

**D = Does not meet**

# Report Cards

- Progress is updated every nine weeks.
- Your child's teacher will go over the report card at the first conference.
- It's important to set up a Parent Portal account. You'll see Ms. Stacey in the office with your photo ID to get started.

# Example Schedule

- 7:10-7:45 Arrival/Morning Work
- 7:45 -8:00 Class Meeting
- 8:00-8:15- Heggerty
- 8:15 - 8:45 UFLI
- 8:45-9:35 UFLI Ext. / Reading Conferences
- 9:35 - 10:00 Reading Centers
- 10:00 - 10:10 Read Aloud/Sci/SS
- 10:10 - 10:30 Writing
- 10:50-11:20 Lunch
- 11:21-11:41 Recess
- 11:45-12:30 Eureka Math
- 12:30 - 1:00 Math Centers
- 1:00 - 1:20 Purple time/Snack
- 1:25-2:10 Pathways
- 2:15 Dismissal

Snack and Recess times vary by class.



Students can bring a daily snack.



# PE Special





# Music Special

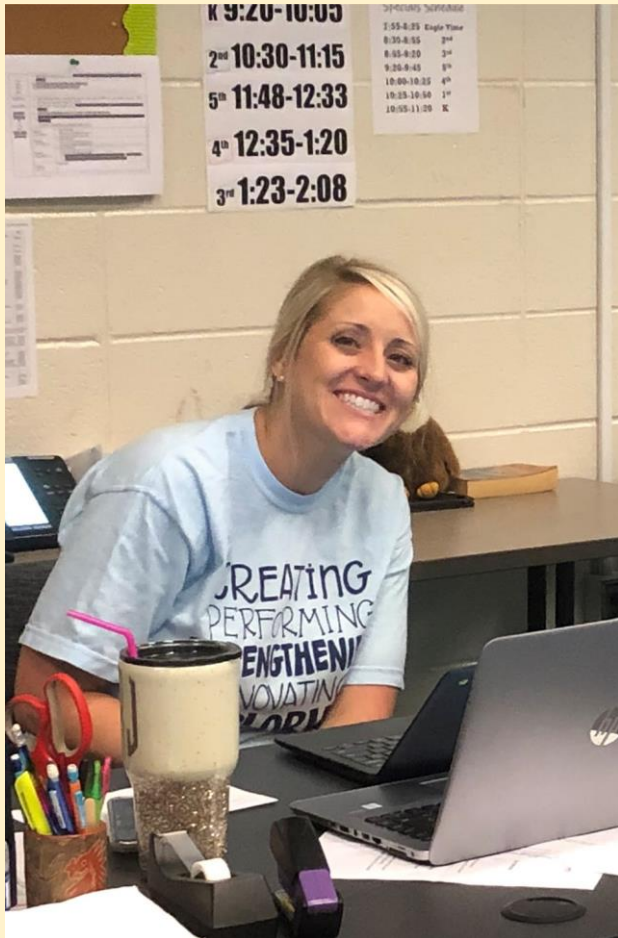




# Art Special



# Computer Science Special





# Science Special





# Media Special





# Lunch? Let's eat!



- Families can pay by check, cash, or online. If you send lunch money in the daily folder, label with child's name, purpose for money, and amount sent.
- Teachers do not keep track of account balances. The cafeteria manager, April DeRousse, can answer account questions.
- Families are welcome to join us for lunch by reserving a table online. Please meet us in the cafeteria rather than the classroom. Also say good-bye in the lunchroom, so that we can get to our next planned activity quickly.
- Ice cream cannot be charged. If there isn't enough money in the account, your child will not receive ice cream. Most classes have one day each week for an ice cream treat.



# Let's Get School Lunch!







**TAKE UP TO**



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**FRUIT & VEGETABLE  
CHOICES**





















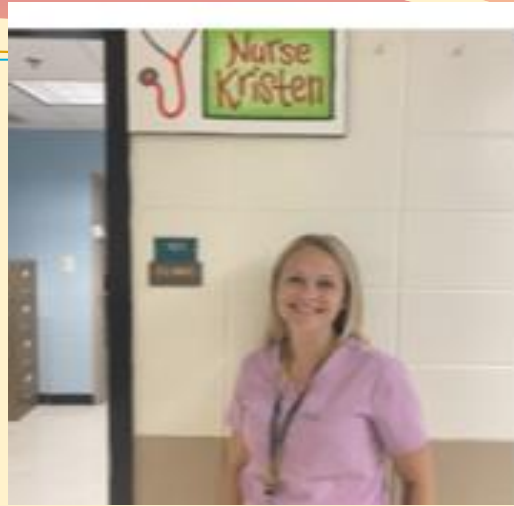
# Guests get to eat on our stage!





# Meet Nurse Kristen





## Nurse Kristen

- Notify both the nurse and your child's teacher of allergies and medical needs.
- All medication left at school must have a form signed by you. Nurse Kristen handles all medication. Teachers do not administer meds.
- Please do not send cough drops or medicine with your child.
- We will send your child to the clinic if he or she gets sick at school. Children must be fever free without the aid of medication for 24 hours before returning to school.
- ***Your child might get sick more in kindergarten than other years, so it is important to be here and on time every day possible.***

# Kindergarten has changed!

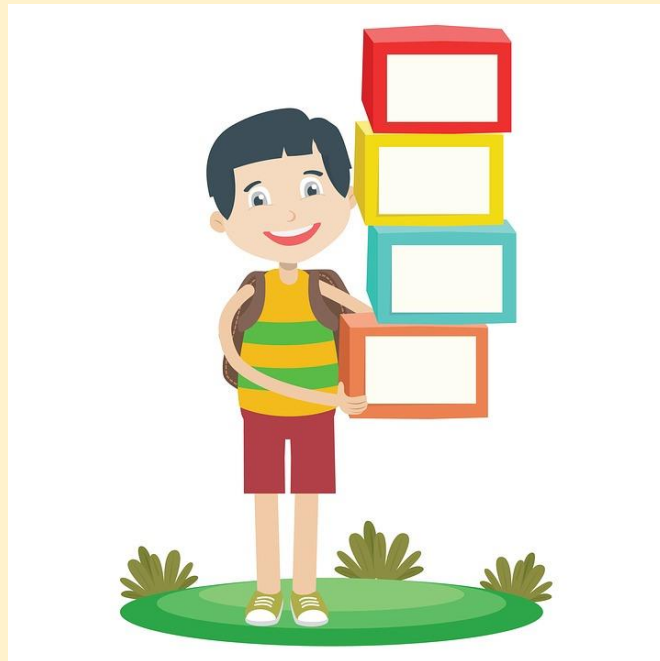


- Kindergarten is very academic.
- We follow the state standards and Forsyth County guidelines for our instruction. These have increased rigor.
- Curriculum is taught in ***small, differentiated groups*** during the majority of our day.
- Instruction is assessment driven.
- Kindergarteners are amazing and can learn so much! Practicing learned skills is very important.



# What Does Differentiation Mean?

Assess students from where they are and move from there.



# What does differentiation and small group teaching look like?









***Calling All Car Riders!***

**Drop Off/ Pick Up**

**Car Line:**

**7:00-7:40 am (drop off)**

**2:20-2:45 pm (pick up)**

***\*Expect heavy traffic the first 2 weeks.***

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsevAditOKc&t=2s>**



# Teachers Deliver Children to Our Car Rider Line and Buses

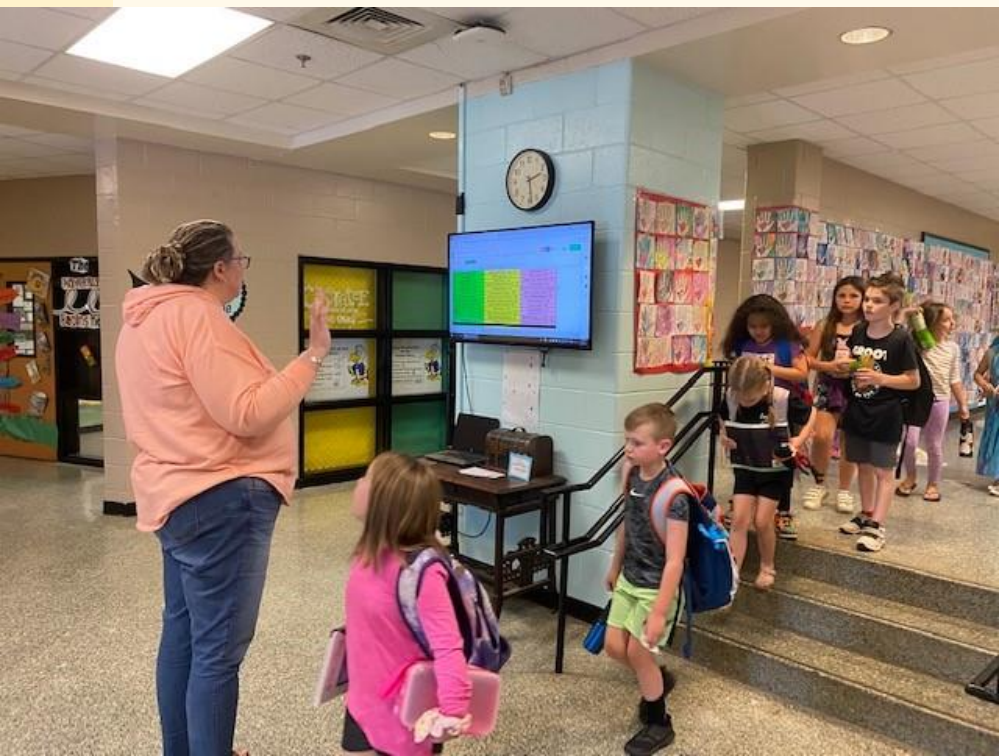
















# *Calling All Bus Riders!*







Handshakes, hugs, or high fives  
say goodbye!







# “Bread Crumbs” Help Kids in the Morning





# How can you help this ?

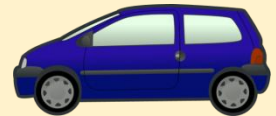
- Click this link of kindergarten readiness skills.
- Practice letter names and sounds.
- Practice writing first name.
- Practice number identification 0-10 in random order
- Practice phone number and birthday.
- Know the colors and shapes: circle, rectangle, square, triangle (we will learn 3D shapes this year)
- Practice counting 1-20
- Check out the library for summer resources, books, and activities.
- Read to your child often.
- Practice opening food containers independently.
- Check out our Facebook page this summer:  
<https://www.facebook.com/ChestateeES/>
- [View Our Chestatee Intro Video](#)

# Important School Policies



## Transportation

You MUST write a handwritten note for any transportation changes. Emails and phone calls will not be accepted. We cannot allow checkouts after 2:00 p.m.



## Absences

For an absence to be excused, you need to send an excuse within 5 days of your child missing school. Three tardies = 1 absence. An early checkout needs a doctor's note to be excused.

Attendance is taken very seriously at Chestatee. You cannot "make up" missed days.







# Ways to Communicate with Teacher

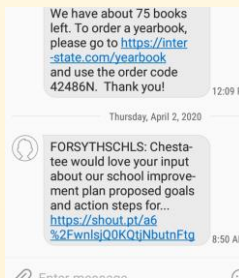
Daily Folder	Newsletter	Email	Notes	Voicemail	Canvas
<p>Please use for notes and money.</p> <p>Label money with name, purpose, and amount.</p> <p>Folders are checked every day.</p>	<p>*Curriculum for the week</p> <p>*Important dates and reminders</p> <p>*Special notices and events</p> <p>*Sent home on Fridays</p>	<p>A favorite of teachers!</p>	<p>Handwritten notes for transportation changes, excuses for absence, etc.</p>	<p>770-887-2341</p> <p>Extensions will be sent in August.</p> <p>Teachers usually are unable to answer the phone during class.</p>	<p>We will show you this online learning platform in the fall.</p> <p>Teachers post lesson plans, newsletters, homework and learning links.</p>

# School Communication

## Facebook



## Messenger

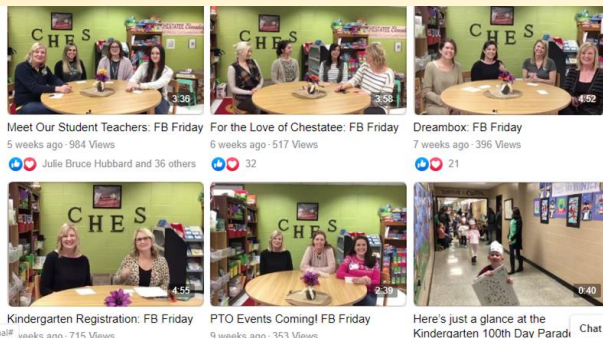


## Monthly School Newsletters



## Grade-Level Newsletters/Gold Folders

## Videos



### 3RD GRADE NEWS + NOTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2018

**Standards Focus:** These are the things we will be learning next week.

**Reading:** Compare and contrast the theme of two fables.

**Grammar:** Explore the use of multiple-meaning words.

**Writing:** Write a piece that expresses an opinion.

**Math:** Explore strategies for adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers.

**Science:** Experiment with the use of different materials to prevent heat loss.

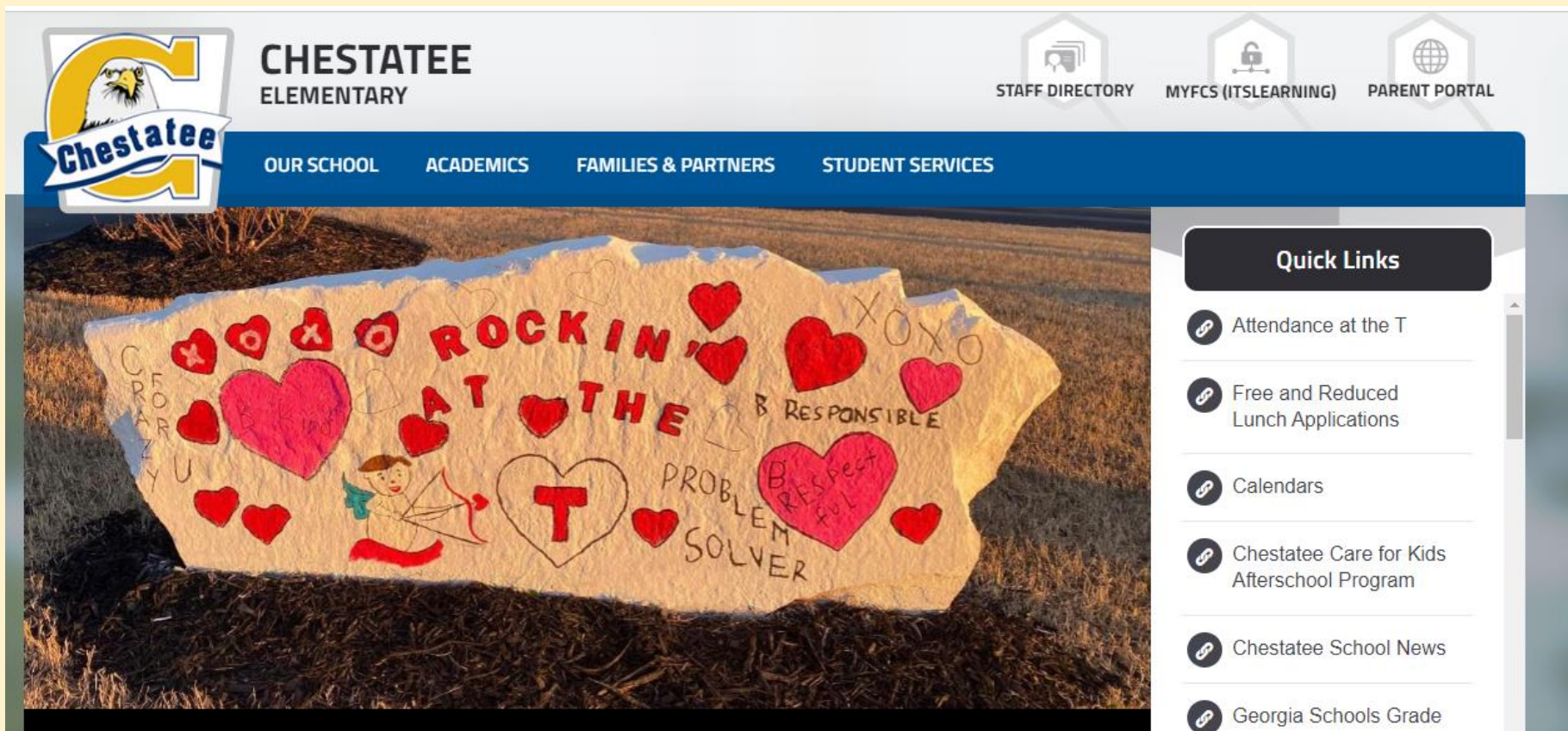
<b>Dates to Remember</b> Feb 8 APTT for 3-5 6PM Feb 13 Chick-fil-a Spirit Night Feb 16 No School Feb 19 No School Feb 20 Professional Development- No School for Students	<b>Healthy Habits:</b> We are in the midst of cold and flu season. Here at school, we are encouraging good handwashing and other healthy habits. Here are a few things you can do at home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wash coats and bookbags</li> <li>Remind your child about the importance of handwashing.</li> <li>Keep children at home if they are running a fever and/or vomiting</li> </ul>
<b>Did you hear . . . ?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our 2nd APTT Night is coming up on February 8 at 6PM. We are excited to share your child's progress on the multiplication goal. We will also be discussing strategies to use for reading comprehension. We can't wait to see you!</li> </ul>	<b>Heart for Giving</b> On February 12th - 15th, Chestatee will be teaming up with the other 6 schools in the North Forsyth area to participate in various activities to show others that we appreciate them. Below is the list of each day's theme, and the attached flyer provides more detail. <b>Monday - February 12th</b> - Hey Day - All students and staff will wear a blue shirt and jeans.





# Not on Facebook? No problem!

<https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/chestatee>



The screenshot displays the website for Chestatee Elementary. The header features the school's logo on the left, which includes a stylized 'C' with an eagle and the word 'Chestatee'. To the right of the logo, the text 'CHESTATEE ELEMENTARY' is displayed. Further right are three icons with labels: 'STAFF DIRECTORY', 'MYFCS (ITSLEARNING)', and 'PARENT PORTAL'. Below the header is a blue navigation bar with the following links: 'OUR SCHOOL', 'ACADEMICS', 'FAMILIES & PARTNERS', and 'STUDENT SERVICES'.

The main content area features a large image of a rock with a message written on it. The message reads: 'ROCKIN' AT THE T PROBLEM SOLVER'. The rock is decorated with several red hearts, a drawing of a person with a bow and arrow, and the words 'BE RESPONSIBLE' and 'RESPECT'. On the left side of the rock, the words 'CARE FOR YOU' are written vertically.

On the right side of the website, there is a 'Quick Links' sidebar. It contains the following links:

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- Free and Reduced Lunch Applications
- Calendars
- Chestatee Care for Kids Afterschool Program
- Chestatee School News
- Georgia Schools Grade

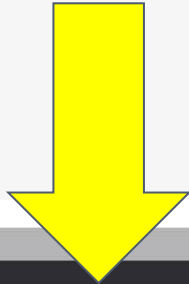
# Click Facebook on our webpage



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Our monthly newsletter is a great way to be in the know without joining Facebook.

# April 2025 Newsletter

Chestatee- Serving the Community Since 1931

## A Letter from our Principal, Ms. Williams

Dear Chestatee Families,

As you know both of our assistant principals, Angela Perry and Abby Gaines, will serve as principals for the 2025-26 school year. Last month, we announced that Nick Sexton would be joining the Chestatee family as one of the assistant principals.

This month, we have more exciting news to share with our Chestatee Family. On March 11, the FCS Board of Education named Mrs. Brianna Hundt as an Assistant Principal at Chestatee Elementary for the 2025-26 school year.

Many of you know Mrs. Hundt as she has called Chestatee her school home for the past 14 years. She has served as the Administrative Assistant this school year. In her 15 years as an educator,



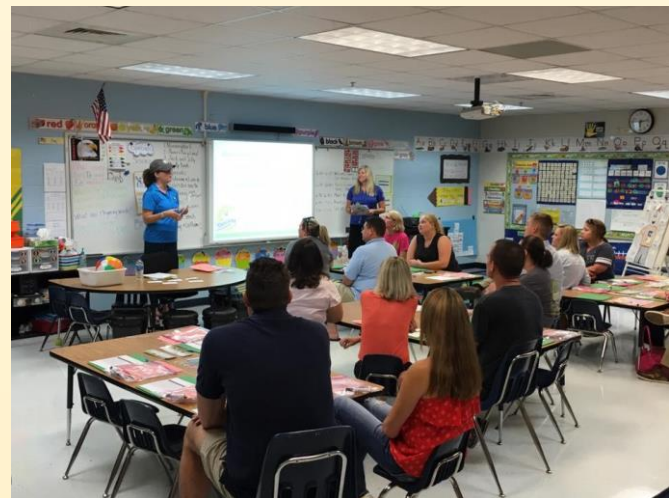
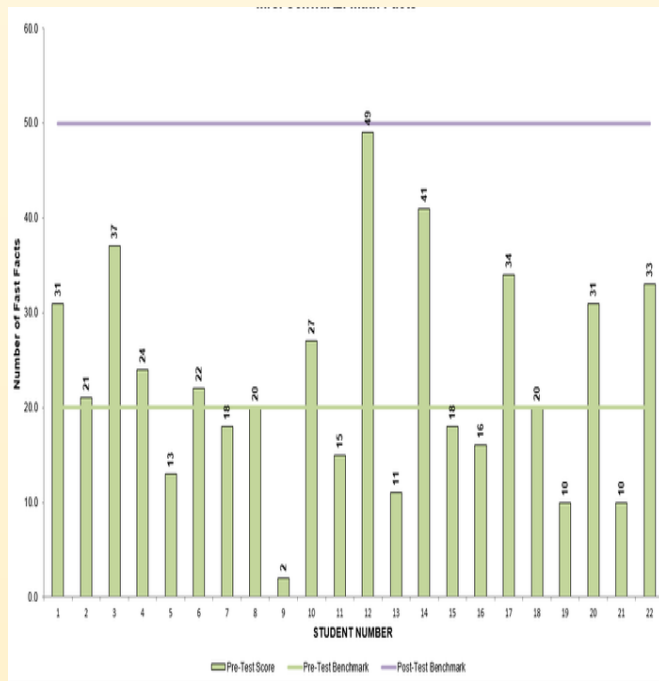


# How to help your child next year...

- Check the daily folder.
- Look over graded work.
- Read the weekly newsletter.
- Discuss each day (special activities, behavior, favorites).
- Contact your child's teacher when needed.
- Come to conferences and Academic Parent Teacher Team Meetings (3 times throughout the year).
- Practice skills with the tools sent home.
- Volunteer if available.
- Visit for lunch.



# Academic Parent Teacher Teams





# Get Involved! Parent Leadership and Volunteers







## Get Connected at Chestatee!

<b><u>PTO</u></b> 	<b><u>Classroom Volunteer</u></b> 	<b><u>Room Parent</u></b> 	<b><u>Watchdog Dad</u></b> 	<b><u>Mentors</u></b> 
Become a member, Sign-up to volunteer	Help as needed with centers, copy work, send in items	Help coordinate parties/ special events, help celebrate teacher	Come 1 day a year, Visit news, car line, buses, lunch, classrooms	Come 1 time a week for one child, build a relationship
Contact PTO	Contact classroom teacher	Contact classroom teacher	Contact Meg Killingsworth	Contact Robin Mitchell
<b><u>Donate Items</u></b> 	<b><u>Media Center</u></b> 	<b><u>School Store</u></b> 	<b><u>Gardening</u></b> 	<b><u>Emails</u></b>  Meg Killingsworth <a href="mailto:mkillingsworth@forsyth.k12.ga.us">mkillingsworth@forsyth.k12.ga.us</a>  Robin Mitchell <a href="mailto:rmitchell@forsyth.k12.ga.us">rmitchell@forsyth.k12.ga.us</a>
Classroom needs, funds for field trips, books, student needs, clothing for closet, and food for Blessings in a Backpack	Shelve books/ help with checkouts, assist media specialist	Help kids shop and "pay"	Weed or beautify outdoor classrooms, greenhouse, gardens	Sarah Wiggins <a href="mailto:Swiggins@forsyth.k12.ga.us">Swiggins@forsyth.k12.ga.us</a>  Cheryl Thomas <a href="mailto:cthomas@forsyth.k12.ga.us">cthomas@forsyth.k12.ga.us</a>
Contact Meg Killingsworth	Contact Sarah Wiggins	Contact Cheryl Thomas	Contact PTO	PTO <a href="mailto:chestateelementarypto@yahoo.com">chestateelementarypto@yahoo.com</a>

# Some Advice from our Kindergarten Kids



- "School is fun! You get to learn so much!"
- "Be respectful. Be responsible. Be a problem solver."
- "Do your best! You are going to learn a lot!"
- "You will learn to read!"
- "Listen to your teacher."
- "You are going to be tired!"



# Chestatee is FUN!





# Expect Mail this Summer!



Postcards go out to welcome students back and give Open House information. Your child's teacher will call before Open House on ***Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>***. Come see the classroom and meet your teacher! Get your car rider tags, lunchroom info, after school care and much, much more!

First Day of School: ***Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>***.