

Knightly News

May 17, 2024

Every Student, Every Day Deserves to Learn, Lead, & Excel!



Message from our Principal~ Ms. Tamara Perkins

Next week we will finish the last three days of the school year.

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, is the last day of school for all students. Students are asked to bring their backpacks to school each day.

Join us on **Monday, May 20, 2024**, and **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**, as we celebrate our 5th grade students before they head off to middle school. We are so proud of each student and wish them the best as they take the next step in their educational journey. All ceremonies will begin at **8:30 am** and will be held in the Simonton

ES cafeteria.

This will be our last Knightly News to go out for the school year. We thank you for a great school year and all of your support. Our next newsletter will come out in July welcoming everyone back for a new school year. Open House for the **2024-2025** school year will take place on **Wednesday, July 31, 2024**.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Honor Ceremony Recordings

1st Grade Ceremony

2nd Grade Ceremony

3rd Grade Ceremony

4th Grade Ceremony

S&S Students at the STEM Showcase!



Fine Arts Night





Medication

Students may **NOT** carry medication of any kind to school. For student safety, we need to be aware of the medication and dosage in case there are any adverse reactions. The clinic worker is authorized to administer medications to students when proper paperwork is completed. Medications should always be in the original containers when brought to or picked up from school by an adult. **Medication may not be brought to school by a student.** These procedures are a safety precaution for your child, both on the bus and when they visit the clinic. Parents should inform the school if their child has a contagious disease.



If you have medication in the clinic, please contact Ms. Tammy Jones to pick up your medicine by **Wednesday, May 22, 2024.**

Upcoming Events at Simonton

Monday, May 20

- 5th Grade Celebration (Colclough, Vlaic, & Shoemake)~ 8:30-10:00 am

Tuesday, May 21

- 5th Grade Celebration (Battle, Elliott, & McCree)~ 8:30-10:00 am
- 5th Grade Walk ~ 2:00 pm

Wednesday, May 22

- Last Day of School
- Report Cards sent home



Yearbook Update

The following email was sent through ParentSquare yesterday:

Dear Parents,

An email was sent to let you know of an unexpected delay in the production of this year's yearbook. Typically, our yearbooks arrive in early May for distribution and we were recently informed they will not arrive on time. We understand how important these keepsakes are for capturing and preserving the memories of the school year, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Our team is working diligently with Balfour, the yearbook publisher, to resolve the issue quickly. At this time, we anticipate that the yearbooks will be shipped to Simonton ES at the beginning of June. Our representative is providing timely updates and will inform us if there are any additional changes. As soon as they arrive, families will be contacted.

We share your frustration and disappointment at this turn of events. Balfour is a trusted vendor that many Gwinnett County Public Schools have worked with for multiple years and this delay is unprecedented. Thank you for your understanding and patience. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Ms. Tamara G. Perkins
Principal
Simonton ES



Student Dress Code



Student dress should not cause any distraction from the instructional program. Students are encouraged to dress appropriately for the school setting, suitable to weather conditions, and in good taste. **Short skirts, short shorts, or halter tops/crop shirts are not considered appropriate dress for school. Hats, bandanas, and sweatbands should not be worn in school. Students should not wear any clothing that advertises alcoholic**

beverages, drugs, or violence. Students should wear shoes that allow for safe play at outside time and PE class. **All shorts/skirts should come to the student's knee.**

Report Cards

- Report Cards will be sent home with your child(ren) on the last day of school, Wednesday, May 22nd.
 - Report Cards will be attached to the Student Documents sections in the Portal the week of Tuesday, May 28. Parents and students can access these documents through the ParentVUE/ StudentVUE window.
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2024 GLRS Special Needs Directory

The Georgia Learning Resources System (GLRS), a statewide network of eighteen resource centers offering free services to parents and educators of students with disabilities, has recently published its 2024 Special Needs Directory. This directory includes a plethora of contacts for summer offerings, including disability specific camps, as well as contact information for providers.

2024 Special Needs Summer Recreation & Respite Directory for Parents

Georgia Special Needs Scholarships: SB10 and SB47

What: Under state laws passed by the Georgia State Legislature, parents of students who receive special education services or accommodations under a Section 504 Individual Accommodation Plan may request to transfer their child to another public or private school in Georgia.

Who: Any student who currently receives special education services, grades PK-11th and any returning 12th grader, as well as students who are eligible for a Section 504 Plan and are in grades Kindergarten-11th.

For more information click on the link below.

[Georgia Special Scholarship \(SB10/SB47\) - Gwinnett County Public Schools \(gcpsk12.org\)](https://www.gcpsk12.org/special-needs-scholarship-sb10-sb47)

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GA Special Needs Scholarship Letter- Vietnamese.pdf

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End of Year Celebrations

Friday, May 17, 2024

First Grade ~ 12:45 - 1:45 pm
Kindergarten ~ 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Monday, May 20, 2024

Pre- K ~ 11:30 - 12:30 pm
Third Grade ~ 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Fourth Grade ~ 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Second Grade ~ 11:10 - 12:10 pm
Mrs. Shoemake ~ 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Mrs. Willis ~ 1:00 - 2:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE

SIMONTON ES 5TH GRADE CELEBRATION

MAY 20, 2024 ~ COLCLOUGH, SHOEMAKE & VLAIC

MAY 21, 2024 ~ BATTLE, ELLIOTT & MCCREE

ALL CEREMONIES WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 AM IN THE SES CAFETERIA

class of
2031
CONGRATULATIONS!



Availability of Student eCLASS Course Pages and Digital Textbooks

- eCLASS course pages: All students with 2023-2024 access to eCLASS will continue through July 19th.
- Summer School students will have access based on their start date.
- eCLASS course pages: Access to their 2024-2025 course pages will be available on August 4th.
- For students who have current access to 2023-2024 digital resources, their access will continue through July 5th.
- Access to digital resources for the 2024-2025 school year will be available on August 4th.



Virtual Zoom "EVERY DAY MAGIC" Camp

Learning and performing magic tricks have been shown to benefit children and adults with disabilities. The approach is being shown to be an effective treatment technique as it promotes motivation and improves physical, psychological, perceptual, or social functions in those who participate. For this reason, the University

of Alabama at Birmingham is hosting EVERY DAY Magic camp free of charge to students with disabilities.

Who: Students with disabilities ages 9-18 years of age.

What: Parent Mentors Present: "Locating and Understanding Resources within the Community"

When: Camp 1: June 3 to June 28, 2024

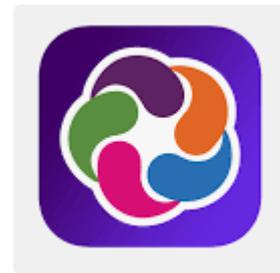
Camp 2: July 8 to August 2, 2024

Where: virtually via Zoom. For additional information, email Arts in Medicine at artsinmedicine@uab.edu

GCPS Parent Portal Transition to ParentVUE

On March 25, 2024, family accounts were moved from Parent Portal to ParentVUE. This change will require parents/guardians to reset their passwords.

The district sent out an email notification through ParentSquare on March 25th to families of active students with an email address in Synergy. The message to parents will contain a link parents should click to initiate the password change.



If you received the email, [CLICK HERE for more guidance on resetting your password.](#)

If you did NOT receive the email message, see below for steps to help access your account.

- Open the link for the new ParentVUE access page:
https://ga-gcps.edupoint.com/PXP2_Login_Parent.aspx?regenerateSessionId=True
 - Click the red lock icon with **Forgot Password**
 - Enter the email associated with your Parent Portal account and click Send Email.
 - When the email arrives, follow the link in your message.
 - Enter the First Name and Last Name associated with your Parent Portal account. *(Sometimes this is where errors occur. Please contact your school's SDMC to confirm the name on your account if you experience problems.)*
 - Enter the new password twice.
 - You'll get a message that you've successfully changed your password with a link to the login page.
 - Login with the email as your username and the new password you just set.
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Camp Invention

Hello Simonton ES families!

We are excited to host Camp Invention **June 3, 2024 – June 6, 2024** here at Simonton Elementary School. A special thank you goes out to the Nordson Foundation who have made a generous

donation that will allow us to offer scholarships for Simonton ES students who attend Camp Invention. 30 scholarships will be awarded to the first 30 students who sign up using the google link below. The scholarship award will be \$200.00. Parents will be responsible for paying the remaining \$85.00. Scholarship funds are for currently enrolled Simonton ES students only.



<https://forms.gle/m5J3G32gZp8uH3u76>

Hola familias de Simonton ES!

Estamos emocionados de organizar Camp Invention de **Junio 3, 2024 - Junio 6, 2024** en la Escuela Simonton. Un agradecimiento especial a la Fundación Nordson que ha hecho una generosa donación que nos permitirá ofrecer becas para los estudiantes de Simonton ES que asistan a Camp Invention. Se otorgarán 30 becas a los primeros 30 estudiantes que se registren utilizando el enlace de Google a continuación. El premio de la beca será de \$ 200.00. Los padres serán responsables de pagar los \$85.00 restantes. Los fondos de la beca son solo para los estudiantes actualmente matriculados en Simonton ES.

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TIME FOR KINDERGARTEN

Will your child be **5 years old by Sept. 1?**

If **yes**, it's time to **register for kindergarten!**

It's as easy as **1 • 2 • 3!**

- 1** Scan the QR code below or go to www.gcpsk12.org, and click on the **New Student Enrollment** icon. Create your parent account and confirm your email address and password.
- 2** Upload your required documents with your phone or computer, or bring them to the school. You'll find a list of required documents on the New Student Enrollment webpage.
- 3** Get ready to visit your school!

**KINDERGARTEN
Registration
DRAWING!**



**We can't wait to
welcome your new kindergartner,
so register today!**

All new kindergartners registered by **May 3** will be entered into a drawing for cool learning prizes—tablets, games, puzzles, summer reading book bags, LEGO sets, school supplies, and more!



Register now at
[gcpsk12.org!](http://gcpsk12.org)



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2024 Kindergarten Flyer_ENG.pdf

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TIME FOR KINDERGARTEN

¿Habrá cumplido su niño los **5 años para el 1 de septiembre?**

Si su respuesta es **sí**, entonces llegó la hora de la **¡matrícula para kínder!**

¡Es tan fácil como 1 • 2 • 3!

1 Escanee el código QR que aparece abajo o vaya al sitio www.gcpsk12.org y haga clic en el icono que indica la matrícula para estudiantes nuevos (**New Student Enrollment** en inglés). Cree su cuenta para padres y confirme su correo electrónico y la contraseña.

2 Suba en la computadora o en su teléfono los documentos que son obligatorios o tráigalos a la escuela. Encontrará una lista de los documentos necesarios en la página web para la matrícula estudiantil.

3 ¡Prepárese para visitar la escuela!



¡Inscríbese ya mismo en gcpsk12.org!

2024 Kindergarten Registration – Spanish

Al inscribirse para **KINDERGARTEN** ¡Participa de un sorteo!

Esperamos darle pronto la bienvenida a su niño de kínder, así que ¡complete la matrícula hoy mismo!

Todos los niños que entran a kínder y que estén inscritos para el día **3 de mayo** participarán en el sorteo de unos geniales premios educativos; tabletas electrónicas, juegos, rompecabezas, bolsas de libros para leer en el verano, juegos LEGO, útiles escolares y ¡más!



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Simonton's Kindergarten Registration:



Simonton Elementary School
"Every student, every day, deserves to learn, lead and excel"



2024 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Must be 5 by September 1, 2024

Go to the Simonton ES Website for more information

<https://www.gcpsk12.org/SimontonES>

770-513-6637

STEP 1: Set up a Parent Vue Account OR Access your existing Parent Vue Account.

STEP 2: Complete online registration and upload all required documents

STEP 3: A Simonton ES staff member will contact you to schedule an appointment for your student to complete the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment

No internet access? Trouble uploading documents?
Call the Simonton ES Front Office
770-513-6637



The first 100 students to have all registration paperwork completed will receive a Simonton ES Welcome to Kindergarten packet.



SES Kindergarten flyer 2024-2025 English.pdf

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REGISTRO DE KINDERGARTEN 2024



Debe tener 5 años antes del 1 de septiembre de 2024

Visite el sitio web de Simonton ES para obtener más información

<https://www.gcpsk12.org/SimontonES>

770-513-6637

PASO 1: Configure una Cuenta del Vue de Padres **O** acceda a su Cuenta del Vue de Padres existente.

PASO 2: Complete el registro en línea y cargue todos los documentos requeridos.

PASO 3: Un miembro del personal de Simonton ES se comunicará con usted para programar una cita para que su estudiante complete la evaluación de Kindergarten.

¿Sin acceso a Internet? ¿Problemas para cargar documentos?
Llame a la oficina principal de Simonton ES
770-513-6637

Los primeros 100 estudiantes que tengan todo el papeleo de inscripción completo recibirán un paquete de Bienvenida a Kindergarten de Simonton ES.

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Other Kindergarten Registration Information:

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2024 How to Prepare for a Great Kindergarten Experience booklet.pdf

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KR24 Summer Learning at Home for Rising Kindergartners_ENG.pdf

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Annual Parent Involvement Survey

Who: Families of students who are receiving special education services

What: Each state is required to conduct a parent survey to measure parent/family perceptions of the success of parent engagement between home and local schools.

When: Available now through May 31, 2024

Where: Parents can complete the survey via the survey link below. We ask that a copy of the attached letter be sent home with every SWD student. Additionally, we ask that the letter(s) and survey link be posted on your special education teachers e-class pages as well as your school website. Our goal is to ensure that all parents are aware of the survey and have the opportunity to participate.

Please use the following [link](#) to access the survey:

Gwinnett Community Services' Event Calendar

MAY EVENTS

MAY 3 – 4
Jones Bridge Camp Out
 6:00pm – 9:00am | Ages 5+ | \$15/person
 Jones Bridge Park, Peachtree Corners
 678.277.0920

MAY 4
Cross-Culture StreetFest
 5:00pm – 9:00pm | All ages | FREE
 Best Friend Park, Norcross
 678.277.0222

MAY 10
Bogan Kids Club: Aloha to Summer
 6:00pm – 9:30pm | Ages 6 – 12 | \$8/child
 Bogan Park Aquatic Center, Buford
 678.277.0853

MAY 10 – 11
A Night in Nature Camp Out
 6:00pm – 9:00am | All ages | \$15/person
 Lenora Park, Snellville
 770.978.5271

MAY 11
Kids Fishing Derby
 9:00am – noon | All ages | FREE
 Lenora Park, Snellville
 770.978.5271

Community Health Fair:
Mental Health Month
 10:00am – 1:00pm | All ages | FREE
 Exhibitors wanted!
 George Pierce Park, Suwanee
 770.822.3197

Pinkies Up: Mom & Me Tea
 2:00pm – 4:00pm | All ages | \$36/person
 Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, Lawrenceville
 770.822.5450

MAY 15
Special Hearts Arts & Craft Day
An event for individuals with disabilities and their families and caregivers.
 10:30am – 12:30pm | Ages 18+
 \$6/person (Caregivers are free)
 Lucky Shoals Park, Norcross
 678.277.0860

MAY 18
Kids to Parks Day
 10:00am – 1:00pm | All ages | FREE
 Participating parks:
 Bogan Park, Buford
 George Pierce Park, Suwanee
 J. B. Williams Park, Lilburn
 Rhodes Jordan Park, Lawrenceville
 Shorty Howell Park, Duluth

Schools Out Celebration!
 10:00am – 1:00pm | All ages | FREE
 OneStop Buford, Buford
 678.225.5360

Train Day
 10:00am – 2:00pm | All ages | FREE
 Vines Park, Loganville
 770.554.2284

KIDS NIGHTS
 5:30pm – 9:00pm | Ages 7 – 12 | \$12/child
Kids Night: Cool Escape

MAY 10
 OneStop Buford, Buford
 678.225.5360

Kids Night: Pizza & Play

MAY 17
 OneStop Norcross, Norcross
 678.225.5400

RESALE MARKETS
 10:00am – 1:00pm | All ages | FREE admission
 Vendors wanted!

MAY 17
 OneStop Norcross, Norcross
 678.225.5400

MAY 18
 OneStop Buford, Buford
 678.225.5360



Register today!
GwinnettCommunityServices.com
 Non-Gwinnett resident fees apply.



News from the Gwinnett County Public Library

Featured Student Events:

VR Field Trip: Machu Picchu - Tuesday, May 14th @4:30pm

Doggie Tales - Saturday, May 18th @11am

Words of Affirmation Button Making - Tuesday, May 21st @5pm

Un Poquito de Espanol: Resiliente - Wednesday, May 22nd @4:30pm



GWINNETT COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY



NO COST EYE EXAMS AND PRESCRIPTION GLASSES (IF NEEDED)



**MAY, JUNE & JULY
SPOTS AVAILABLE
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**

Gwinnett County Public Library will be hosting Vision To Learn this Summer!

In Coordination with Vision To Learn, Gwinnett County Public Library will be offering vision screenings, eye exams, and, if necessary, glasses for children. Quality vision care is an important component of education; students who cannot see often struggle to learn to read, see the board, and succeed academically. **The eye exams and eyeglasses are available free of charge to all students who need them at no out-of-pocket cost to parents or children.**



What to Expect

If your child is chosen to get an exam, they will go through a basic screening. If this screening is failed, a trained and licensed Optometrist will perform a basic eye exam and prescribe glasses if appropriate.

If follow-up care is needed, you will be informed of this. If prescription glasses are needed, your child will be given the opportunity to pick from a variety of frames and submit an order. Vision To Learn will return in 4-6 weeks once the prescription glasses are ready for pick-up. Library staff will notify you when this occurs.

If no prescription glasses or follow-up care is needed, you and your child can enter the new school year with the peace of mind that their vision is sound.



Registration

No walk-ins will be accepted!

Exam appointments are on a first-come-first-served basis. Your appointment is not confirmed until you receive a confirmation from Vision To Learn.

If an appointment date and time is not available, please email georgia@visiontolearn.org to be added to the waitlist.

[Register Here!](#)



Challenge Dates: June 1 – July 31 (Pre-registration begins on May 1)

Our Summer Reading Challenge is for readers of all ages. You do not need to have a library card to sign up.

How To Participate: Sign up, log minutes, and win prizes!

SIGN UP: To sign up, ask a staff member for help registering OR go online to your library Beanstack account and register for the Summer Reading Challenge. You can also download the Beanstack app for your mobile device and use it to sign up and track your progress.

LOG MINUTES: Keep track of your reading minutes this summer and earn prizes along the way. There are two ways to track your minutes:

- Visit the library and ask a staff member for a paper log. We will give you a picture of a bookshelf to color in. Color a book each time you read for 30 minutes. When you've colored a whole shelf, you win a prize! **OR**
- Visit the library Beanstack page to log your minutes. You can either go online or download the Beanstack app for your mobile device. Beanstack will let you know when you've reached a new prize level.

WIN PRIZES: Each time you reach a new reading goal, you qualify to win a prize.

Here are the prize levels:

AGE	300 MINUTES	600 MINUTES	900 MINUTES	1200 MINUTES
0 - 5	Wall of Readers, play scarf	Shaker egg	Grand prize drawing entry, 1 free book	2nd grand prize drawing entry, 2nd free book
6 -18	Wall of readers, Stars & Strikes arcade coupon	Coupon for Canes combo meal	Grand prize drawing entry, 1 free book	2nd grand prize drawing entry, 2nd free book
19+	Grand prize drawing entry	Grand prize drawing entry	Grand prize drawing entry	Grand prize drawing entry

*All prizes are while supplies last.

GRAND PRIZES: You could win free tickets/passes to one of the following fun places:

Zoo Atlanta, Medieval Times, Pirates' Cove Mini Golf, Tree Top Quest, Catch Air, Yellow River Wildlife Sanctuary, and Andretti Indoor Karting & Games.



Summer is a great time for kids to get away with their families. It's also an important time to keep up their math skills so they don't lose what they learned during the school year. The good news is they can do both, with Mathnasium! Our summer math program builds up kids' math knowledge and prepares them for the school year ahead. And we offer the flexibility that allows your child to learn from wherever you are this summer. Best of all, we make it fun! They'll receive:

- A comprehensive assessment and customized learning plan that details summer goals for long-term success
- Live, face-to-face instruction, whether they learn in-center or online
- A proven teaching method that results in true understanding and increased confidence

Additional \$50 OFF if enrolled for 6 months or \$100 OFF for 12 months!
Offers available for new customers. See center for details.

\$60 OFF
in June and July when
registered before April 30

\$40 OFF
in June and July when
registered between May 1-31

\$25 OFF
in June when registered
between June 1-30

Mathnasium of North Lawrenceville
678-756-1392 • mathnasium.com/northlawrenceville
900 Duluth Hwy Ste. 400, Lawrenceville GA 30043

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The Math Learning Center

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Parent's Guide to Summer Enrichment & Activities (K-8)

Summer Enrichment Activities2024.pdf

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We are excited to announce that the Office of Family Engagement in the Department of Federal Programs, in collaboration with the Directors of Teaching and Learning, is providing videos and handouts for all GCPS families in elementary schools to help prevent the summer slide.

The ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies Directors recorded instructional videos highlighting resources and activities for families to support their children at home over the summer. The videos are posted in the GCPS "[Engage Equip Empower](#)" series website (bottom of the page). Captions are available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, and Chinese.

Preventing Summer Slide: K-2 Language Arts



Word Recognition Activities

Phonological Awareness, Decoding, Sight Word Recognition

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Preventing Summer Slide: K-5 Math

Kindergarten- 2nd grade activities focus on foundational understanding of addition and subtraction. The choice board allows parents and children to choose the level of addition and subtraction they would like to practice. The grade level listed shows what grade this skill was taught.

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Preventing Summer Slide: K-5 Science

Use these activities throughout the summer to support your science learning.

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Preventing Summer Slide: K-5 Social Studies

Use these activities to learn more about the history of Gwinnett County.

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Reasons to Keep Your Child Home from School

You should keep your child at home if he/she might spread an illness to other children. Children who are sick have a difficult time participating in class and learning.

Fever Children with a temperature of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher should stay at home until there is no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications. If your child returns to school with a fever, he/she could still be contagious.	COVID-19 Notify the school immediately if your child has tested positive or has been in contact with someone who has COVID-19. Follow the school's return guidance for COVID-19.	Vomiting Any child who has vomited twice in 24 hours should stay home. Your child may return to school after 24 hours of NO vomiting or fever.	Diarrhea One event of watery diarrhea is reason for your child to stay home from school. Your child may return after 24 hours of NO diarrhea. Call your child's doctor if fever, rash, dehydration, or weakness are present.
Persistent Cough If your child's cough is worse than you would expect with a cold, keep your child home from school. If he/she suddenly develops a cough, has a hard time breathing, or has a fever, call your child's doctor.	Sore throat If your child has a severe sore throat or a sore throat with a fever, headache, or stomachache, keep your child home and call your child's doctor.	Pain (ear, head, stomach) If pain disrupts your child's participation in regular activities or is accompanied by fever, nausea/vomiting, or sore throat, keep child home and call your child's doctor.	Chickenpox Your child should stay at home until all bumps are scabbed and no new bumps have shown up for two days. **Most children have received the vaccine for chickenpox (Varicella vaccine)
Pinkeye/Conjunctivitis If your child has red eye(s) with drainage that is cloudy or yellow, crusting, and/or pain, call your child's doctor. If child has bacterial conjunctivitis, he/she may return after beginning treatment.	Scabies Your child should stay home for 24 hours after treatment. Scabies is a contagious disease caused by a mite. Itching and a rash will be noted.	Head Lice Keep your child home and treat, making sure all live lice are eliminated. Nit removal will need to be done daily. Contact your school for more information. **Child cannot return to school with live lice.	Impetigo If your child has impetigo (red, oozing blister areas with yellow-gold scabs on the body or face), he/she should stay home until doctor says it's OK for child to return.

- When there is doubt in your mind about sending your child to school, consult your child's doctor.
- Make sure that your child's school knows how to reach you during the day. Remember to update your phone contact numbers throughout the school year.

Resources:
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
American Academy of Pediatrics

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From our Counselors...

ATTENDANCE

in the early grades

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even preK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically absent in your school or community?

Who Is Affected

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

1 in 10 kids

In kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent. In some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4.¹



2 in 10 low-income kids miss too much school. They're also more likely to suffer academically.¹



2.5 in 10 homeless kids are chronically absent.²



4 in 10 transient kids miss too much school when families move.²



¹ Chang, Hedy; Romero, Marijose. Present, Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades. National Center for Children in Poverty. NY: NY, September 2008.
² Chronic Absence in Utah, Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2012.

Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.³

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?³



³ Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes. Applied Survey Research, May 2011.

What We Can Do



Engage Families

Many parents and students don't realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. Community members and teachers can educate families and build a culture of attendance through early outreach, incentives and attention to data.



Fix Transportation

The lack of a reliable car, or simply missing the school bus, can mean some students don't make it to class. Schools, transit agencies and community partners can organize car pools, supply bus passes or find other ways to get kids to school.



Address Health Needs

Health concerns, particularly asthma and dental problems, are among the leading reasons students miss school in the early grades. Schools and medical professionals can work together to give children and families health care and advice.



Track the Right Data

Schools too often overlook chronic absence because they track average attendance or unexcused absences, not how many kids miss too many days for any reason. Attendance Works has free data-tracking tools.

These are a few steps that communities and schools can take. How do you think you can help?

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Information for Parents: New Resource for K-5 English Language Arts

EL Education - for Families.pdf

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Addressing Concerns at School

Gwinnett County Public Schools finds that the quickest and most effective way to resolve a concern regarding your child is by addressing it at the most direct level.

START HERE

In our school district, we care about each and every student. We also believe that open and honest communication between parents and teachers is a key to student success. Thank you for partnering with your child's teacher and school to address any concerns.

Teacher

1

First, talk to your child's teacher or a counselor at school for assistance. Most concerns are resolved at the classroom level.

Assistant Principal

2

If the concern is not resolved at the classroom level, please visit with your child's assistant principal.

Principal

3

If working with the AP does not adequately address the issue, please meet with the school principal.

Assistant Superintendent

4

If the issue persists, please call 678-301-6000, and ask to speak to the assistant superintendent who is assigned to the school your child attends.

Associate Superintendent's Office

5

If, after following steps one through four, your concern has not been resolved to your satisfaction, please contact the Associate Superintendent for School Improvement and Operations.



Other Resources

If you are experiencing an emergency, dial 9-1-1. The GCPS Hotline for anonymous reporting of potential violence is 770-822-6513. If you have a non-emergency criminal concern, please contact local law enforcement.

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Abordar las preocupaciones en la escuela

Las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Gwinnett encuentran que la manera más rápida y efectiva de resolver una inquietud con respecto a su hijo es abordarla al nivel más directo.

EMPIEZA AQUI

En nuestro distrito escolar, nos preocupamos por todos y cada uno de los estudiantes. También creemos que la comunicación abierta y honesta entre padres y maestros es clave para el éxito de los estudiantes. Gracias por asociarse con el maestro y la escuela de su hijo para abordar cualquier inquietud.

Maestro

1

Primero, hable con el maestro de su hijo o con un consejero en la escuela para obtener ayuda. La mayoría de las preocupaciones se resuelven en la misma escuela.

Subdirector

2

Si la inquietud no se resuelve a nivel del salón de clases, visite al subdirector de su hijo.

Director

3

Si trabajar con el subdirector no resuelve el problema adecuadamente, reúnese con el director de la escuela.

Asistente del superintendente

4

Si el problema persiste, llame al 678-301-6000 y pida hablar con el asistente del superintendente asignado a la escuela a la que asiste su hijo.

Oficina del Superintendente Asociado

5

Si, después de seguir los pasos del uno al cuatro, su inquietud no se resolvió a su satisfacción, comuníquese con el Superintendente Asociado para el Mejoramiento Escolar.



Otros recursos

Si tiene una emergencia, marque el 9-1-1. La línea directa de GCPS para informes anónimos de posibles actos de violencia es 770-822-6513. Si tiene una inquietud criminal que no sea de emergencia,

Free & Reduced Lunch Application

The application for free and reduced lunch is now available. **There will be no waiver in place to offer free lunch for all students.** Please complete the application if you feel this is a service your family will need. **All students who have not been approved for free or reduced lunch service will be charged the full price each day.**

Free and Reduced Lunch Application

<https://www.nlappscloud.com/Welcome.aspx?api=78f8fee54716f21218e523747d37a13c>

Clinic Card

Does your child have a medical concern that we need to be aware of? Stop in to see Mrs. Tammy Jones in the clinic.

Complete the clinic card if your child has any medical concerns that we need to be aware of. We also need to know any medication your child is taking and directions of what to do while we are caring for your child until you arrive.

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ParentSquare

We are excited to announce that our school district has adopted a new form of school-to-home communication called ParentSquare. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with your child's school and Gwinnett County Public Schools.

ParentSquare provides a safe way for district administrators, school principals, teachers, staff, and parents to receive and send

information, such as:

- Weather-related closings & delays

- School and class information
- Share pictures and files
- See calendar items
- Upcoming class activities

District & school information will now be sent to your computer or phone via email and/or text via ParentSquare. For even more convenience, download the ParentSquare app (available for free for iOS and Android devices).

ParentSquare Activation & Helpful Resources

Download the ParentSquare app today!

Stay involved with your child's learning and activities at school. From anywhere.



MyPaymentsPlus

We encourage all families to create a MPP account. No purchase is necessary to have a MPP account. You will be able to read and digitally sign documents and/or make necessary payments. It is a great way for you to manage and keep track of all of your student payments and forms in one place throughout the school year.



MyPaymentsPlus is linked directly to your school's student information system (SIS), enabling us to show real-time balances and invoices, and eliminating the need to call or visit your school in search of information.

Whether you're viewing what your 2nd grader ate for lunch, renting a locker for your middle

schooler, or purchasing a parking permit for that new driver in your family, MyPaymentsPlus ensures you never miss a beat, from Pre-K to graduation day.

Simply create a free MyPaymentsPlus account to get started today.

MyPaymentsPlus- Create an Account

NOTICE

Students, Parents, Employees, and Visitors

Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability. You should speak with your Local School Title IX Coordinator if you:

- believe you have been discriminated against
- believe you have been sexually harassed
- need assistance with website accessibility
- have questions about accessibility or accommodations

You may contact your Local School Title IX Coordinator for assistance by writing or calling:

Joe Sanfilippo
Local School Title IX Coordinator
Simonton ES
275 Simonton Road
Lawrenceville, GA 30045
Joe.Sanfilippo@gcpsk12.org
770-513-6637

You may also contact the Division of Human Resources and Talent Management for assistance by writing or calling:

Dr. Michele Smith
Office of Employee Relations
District Title IX Coordinator
Gwinnett County Public
Schools 437 Old Peachtree
Road NW Suwanee, GA 30024
678-301-6811
michele.smith@gcpsk12.org

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30th Anniversary Google Site

(Pictures taken during the event have been uploaded here)

30th Anniversary Ceremony Video

SIMONTON ELEMENTARY- WHAT WE STAND FOR

Vision

Simonton is committed to dynamic high quality instruction resulting in a passion for learning, leading and excelling.

Core Belief

Every Student Every Day, Deserves to Learn, Lead, and Excel

Commitments

- We commit to giving our students a fresh start every day.
- We commit to preparing quality and engaging lessons that will prepare our students to be successful in school.
- We commit to teaching, modeling and holding our students accountable for appropriate school behavior.
- We commit to providing our students with a structured and safe learning environment.
- We commit to a great year of learning, leading, and excelling



Simonton Elementary School

Superintendent ~ Dr. Calvin J. Watts

Board Member ~ Mr. Steven B. Knudsen

Principal ~ Ms. Tamara G. Perkins

Assistant Principal ~ Mr. Nicholas Gilmore

Assistant Principal ~ Dr. Joe Sanfilippo

Assistant Principal ~ Mrs. Amy Steinberg

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