

# C.H. Gullatt Elementary School



Leading the way with Integrity, Equity, and Collaboration



## EAGLE UPDATES

September, 2018

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Great Gullatt Families,

It is with overwhelming pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed Principal of C.H. Gullatt Elementary School. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve you and this community. I have been dedicated to field of education for more than 17 years. I have worked with a variety of students in a variety of grade levels serving as a classroom teacher, assessment specialist, and most recently your assistant principal.

For five years, we have experienced big changes and huge gains in climate ratings and student achievement. We will continue moving, growing, and working to close the achievement gap for students. We are committed to helping students realize their true potential.

Along with teachers and staff, I will continue to build strong relationship with students, parents, and community partners. We will focus on ensuring that all students are reading on grade level by third grade. We will continue to support students emotionally and socially while promoting high academic achievement.

I have been a part of this community for the majority of my life and have made it my life's mission to support students in this community. My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or e-mail me to discuss your thoughts for making C.H. Gullatt the best school in Fulton County.

**Vision:** All students will be **equipped to meet the challenges of society** with courage, equity, and integrity.

**Mission:** We will **prepare all**

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**Transitioning From Good to Great!**

## Meet Our Assistant Principal



Hello Gullatt Family,

I am Kartisha R. Bentley your proud assistant principal of Gullatt. I have met some of you throughout the building informally, but I wanted to provide you with a little background knowledge on me. I began my career here in South Fulton 11 years ago. I have served as a classroom teacher at both Stonewall Tell ES and Cliftondale ES as well as an Instructional Math Coach at Liberty Point ES. My experiences in education have allowed me to motivate hundreds of students in exceeding academically and socially. I lead by example, encouraging teachers to provide rigorous learning for all students. I am committed to student success and inspiring students to overcome barriers that may prevent them from receiving a quality education.

A graduate of Georgia State University, I obtained my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education with a Math Endorsement. I continued my education and later received a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, a Reading Endorsement, and a Specialist degree in Teacher Leadership. Furthering my learning has been

a major influence in my success with student performance and achievement. My collaborative learning has supported and empowered students to perform above and beyond the expectations. I am devoted to providing infinite opportunities for students to excel, which will ultimately help close the achievement gap.

I am determined to work closely with all parents, community partners, and stakeholders of Gullatt to ensure that we can successfully reach the vision of the school. I am here to serve you all, so please do not hesitate to reach out to me with your suggestions, questions, and/or concerns.

Educationally Yours,

Kartisha R. Bentley

Assistant Principal, Gullatt ES

## Academic Calendar

## PTA

For the 2018-2019 school year our District has implemented Full Release Days. Our first Full Release Day will be **September 13th**.

There has also been a few changes to our school academic calendar, This school year, **November 6, 2018** has been changed from a regular school day, to a **teacher work day**. **March 8, 2019** has been changed from a teacher work day, to a **regular school day**.



What to make a difference? Want to be involved in our school community? Join PTA for \$5. Our goal is to have 150 active members for the 2018-2019 school year.



## Counselor's Corner

## Annual Title 1 Meeting

Greetings C.H. Gullatt Parents!

We're off to the start of another GREAT school year which brings about a new attitude and new beginnings. You are a VERY IMPORTANT part of your children's education, and we will be looking to you for support throughout the year.

There are a lot of exciting things ahead of us – *new leadership, new staff members, new friends to meet, new books to read, new skills to master*, and we look forward to you sharing in these exciting times. We encourage you to take some time to become familiar with our school, as well as create a homework-friendly home environment that will allow your children to excel.

Your children receive the best education when you and our teachers work together as a TEAM. Research shows that parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement inspire children to do their best!

Thank you in advance for your commitment to your child's education. We look forward to working with you!

Parents,

Please join us as we will host our annual title one meeting on Tuesday **September 25th at 4:30pm** in the cafetorium. This meeting will provide you with information regarding your child's education at C.H. Gullatt.



## Curriculum Corner

### Reading:

Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year. I am Mrs. Zeigler C.H. Gullatt's Literacy Coach. Throughout the year I will be providing simple yet effective literacy strategies to employ at home. Literacy is the foundation to education. Every core subject has a connection to reading and language arts. Here are some simple strategies when put into action can create strong independent readers.

☛ Invite a child to read with you every day. ☛ When reading a book where the print is large, point word by word as you read. This will help the child learn that reading goes from left to right and understand that the word he or she says is the word he or she sees. ☛ Read a child's favorite book over and over again. ☛ Read many stories with rhyming words and lines that repeat. Invite the child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as he or she reads along with you. ☛ Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?" ☛ Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story. ☛ Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, song books, poems, and information books. Remember, reading well is at the heart of all learning. Children who can't read well, can't learn.

### Math:

Things to Do at Home

K: Flash Cards to identify numbers, Practice Counting to 100, Count group of objects, Practice Counting While in the Car, etc.

Grade 1: Practice Counting to 120, Buy Flashcards to Practice Basic Addition and Subtraction Facts

Grade 2: Buy Flashcards to Practice Basic Addition and Subtraction Facts, Practice Telling Time

Grades 3-5: Buy Flashcards to Practice Basic Addition and Subtraction Facts, Buy Flashcards to Practice Basic Multiplication and Division Facts, Practice Telling Time

### Science:

On the first Monday of September we celebrate Labor Day. It is a holiday in which we honor the working men and women of our country. Think about all the community jobs in your town. Which one do you think is most important? Tell someone why you think that job is important to your community.

### Social Studies:

## Kindergarten

Kindergarten has gotten off to a great start! It's hard to believe that we are already rounding out the first month of school. August has really seemed to fly by. The children are settling into the routines of school, progress reports have gone home for the first time this school year, and we are already prepping for some exciting fall activities!

**Math:** Counting to 100 by ones and tens; Sorting

**Social Studies:** Community Helpers; Columbus

**Reading:** Identifying characters, setting, and major events in a story

**Science:** Properties of Matter

## First Grade

Greetings family and friends of our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Leaders! This year we have gotten off to a great start! We are encouraging our students to be their best and give us their best each day. Progress reports went home on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be sent home every three weeks. Please encourage your child to complete their homework independently (as much as possible). We appreciate you for helping to make this the best year yet!

**Math:** Place Value

**Social Studies:** Geography (Assessment 8/24)

**Reading:** Main Idea, Retelling the text including key details and distinguishing between information provided by the illustrations and information provided by the words in a text.

**Science:** Weather

## Second Grade

Dear Parents,

What a great start we've had in second grade! We have been busy building our classroom communities, learning new procedures as well as new skills. Parents, your support now and throughout the year will help make this school year memorable and successful for your child.

**Math:** Place Value

**Writing:** Narrative Writing

**Social Studies:** Georgia Regions and Rivers

**Reading/ LA-** Making Predictions and Understanding Text: Capitalization and Punctuation

## Third Grade

Dear Parents,

We have gotten off to a great start to the new school year! Please be sure to check your students agenda each day for daily communications. We thank you for your support so far and we look forward to a great year. In the month of September we will work on the following:

**Math:** The relationship between multiplication and division

**Reading:** Fables, character feelings, and emotions

**Science:** Habitats, Adaptations, and Environment

## Fourth Grade

Hello families! We would like to keep you updated about what your student is learning in school. It is very important that they are doing their homework each night and reading every evening to help them to keep making progress! Please sign up for Class Dojo if you haven't already. You can send messages to your student's teachers and see points earned for his/her behavior. Thank you for all of your support! We truly appreciate it!

**Math:** 4.NBT Place Value, and Adding & Subtracting Whole Numbers

**Social Studies:** American Revolution

**Reading:** Main Idea, and Character's Actions & Setting

**Science:** NA

## Fifth Grade

Greetings Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

We are off to a TREMENDOUS start on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade wing and are excited about what the first quarter will bring! We thank you for sending us your BEST student each day and look forward to great growth and success. **We ask that you please have students present and on-time daily.** Attendance really does matter!!! Additionally, we ask that you continue to donate Kleenex's, Clorox wipes, and sanitizer. We appreciate all that you do to support our thriving fifth graders.

To stay in the know about fifth grade, please text @ 7Kfcd to 81010 (join REMIND).

Below are the current standards of study:

**Math:** multiplication, area model, distributive property

**Social Studies:** inventors and their inventions(Wright Brothers, Thomas Edison, A.Graham Bell, etc.)

**Reading:** compare/contrast stories