



The Craig Chronicle



Craig Elementary School

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Hello Craig Families,

We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! We can't believe that the holiday season is upon us already and that the school year is almost at the halfway point. The Winter Choral Concert and PTA General Assembly is Thursday, December 10th at 6:45 pm. We hope to see everyone there.

It is also time to start thinking about the PTA officers for the upcoming school year. During the general assembly you will be asked to approve the Nominating Committee responsible for putting together the slate of officers for the 2016-2017 school year. The members being brought before you are Catherine Noble, (teacher of the year), Sarah Eastman, Susan Carter, Danielle Orr, Michelle Thebert, and Andre Lacour. We are in need of positions and helpers for next year including co-president. Please consider giving your time to help the PTA support all the wonderful students and staff here at Craig. PTA is part of what makes every day a great day to be a Craig colt.

Tiffany Sanders, our Community Outreach chair, is hard at work organizing the "Toys for Tots" toy drive again this year. Our Craig families can donate a new unwrapped toy to school the week of December 7th through 11th. Thank you to our families for helping spread some hope and joy to children this Christmas season.

We still have lots more fun ahead with Skate Night on December 17th. You are also invited to the PTA Board meeting on January 8th at 9:30. Mark your calendars for "Bingo Night" on Friday, February 26th. This is one of our most popular events and space is limited, so keep your eyes open for more information coming soon. Thank you to Kristen Wilson for organizing the fabulous annual event!

Don't forget to purchase your yearbook on-line only. Please see the link on the Craig PTA website - www.craigpta.org. The cost goes up January 1st! Don't miss out!

As always we thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns or would just like to volunteer, don't hesitate to call us, Kathy Culbertson at (770) 517-7869 or Lauren Wickerham (714) 925-9117.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Kathy Culbertson and Lauren Wickerham, PTA Co-Presidents
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COLT ROUND-UP:

Tuesday, December 1st
Dogwood Pizza Night

Wednesday, December 2nd
4th Grade Colonial Days

Friday, December 4th
Spelling Bee

December 7th-11th
Toys for Tots Drive

Thursday, December 10th
Winter Choral Concert & PTA
General Assembly

Friday, December 11th
Fifth Grade Western Day

December 16th, 17th, & 18th
Class Party Days

Thursday, December 17th
Kindergarten Program
Skate Night

December 22nd-January 5th
Winter Break

Friday, January 8th
PTA Board Meeting
@ 9:30 am

Thursday, January 14th
Science Fair

Monday, January 18th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holi-
day-No School

Tuesday, January 19th
Zaxby's Night

Friday, January 22nd
100th Day of School

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Dear Parents and Students,

As we close out the first semester, I would like to share all of the wonderful things we at Craig are thankful for...

- We are thankful for our dedicated staff who give endlessly to our students.
- We are thankful for our hard-working students who come to school each day ready to learn.
- We are thankful for our committed parents for their endless support to our school.
- We are thankful for our PTA and their countless volunteer hours.
- We are thankful to be a part of the BEST cluster in the district...The Brookwood Cluster.
- We are thankful to be a part of a progressive school district that puts student learning first.
- We are thankful for our abundant instructional resources to ensure all of our student needs are met.

All of us feel extremely blessed to be a part of the Craig family, and we are thankful for your support as we work together in creating a safe and learning-focused environment.

In addition, I would like to share the "Top 3 Things for 2016" at Craig. Beginning in January, ALL visitors will be "buzzed" into the school. You will need to ring the doorbell and state the purpose of your visit. This new safety measure will assist us in monitoring who is coming/going within Craig. In addition, we will be HIGHLY encouraging parents to support the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) initiative in grades 2-5. Teachers and students are utilizing eCLASS on a daily basis and it would be extremely helpful to ensure the success of this initiative. Finally, we will be adding one additional homework assignment to students in grades 3-5. Students will be asked to practice 10 minutes each evening on fluency in either typing or math. Fluency in math will focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Fluency in typing thus allows students to spend their thinking and processing time unpacking problems and making meaning from them. For resources to support typing and math fluency, please access your child's portal.

Over the holidays, I would encourage your students to stay connected by visiting My eCLASS. The Student Portal gives students access to a selection of digital textbooks and resources, the online research library, a media catalog, database of general references, eBooks, and much more.

Thank you again for your dedication to your child's education and to Craig. Together we will create an environment which fosters a solid foundation for our children's future! Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,
Angie Wright

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CRAIG ELEMENTARY 2015-2016 PTA MEMBERSHIP LEVEL FAMILIES

PLATINUM

Nancy Goodsell & Family *VanSoelen & Associates*
The Smith Family *The Stephen Wilson Family*

GOLD

The Frink Family *The Spenninck Family*
The Silvers Family *The Brian Williams Family*

SILVER

The Carter Family *The Mann Family* *The Thebert Family*
The Gunawan Family *The Munro Family* *The Lindsay Williams*
The Koch Family *The Orr Family* *Family*
The Lilly Family *The Showell Family* *The Wright Family*

COLT

The Akande Family *The Ervin Family* *The Master Family*
The Alaba Family *The Fortune Family* *The McLarin Family*
The Almeida Family *The Garcia Family* *The Morgan Family*
The Ballentine Family *The Greene Family* *The Patrick Family*
The Battle-Hall Family *The Hamrick Family* *The Roberts Family*
The Branch Family *The James Family* *The Rouse Family*
The Culberson Family *The Kim Family* *The Teal Family*
The Culbertson Family *The Koch Family* *The Tesfalem Family*
The Dick Family *The Krauss Family* *The Tomme Family*
The Dothard Family *The Livingston Family* *The Townsend Family*
The Eastman Family *The Lumanog Family* *The Turner Family*
The Elliott Family *The Marchman Family* *The Yacobucci Family*
The Erie Family *The Martin Family* *The Wickerham Family*

WE'RE IN IT TOGETHER.

2015-2016 Craig Elementary School

YEARBOOK

All-Color Yearbook

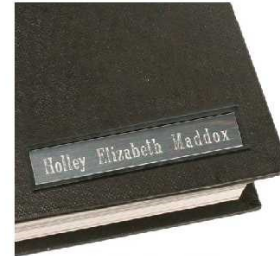


Yearbook

<i>August</i>	\$23
<i>Sept.- Dec.</i>	\$25
<i>Jan. - March</i>	\$30

PERSONALISATION

*One-line
Name Plate*



One Line Name Plate

\$5 until January 16

TO ORDER

866.287.3096 (toll free)

or

www.YearbookOrderCenter.com

Craig Elementary School is Code #762.

**No orders will be taken at the school.*

*Order Now.
Don't delay.
We ran out
last year!*



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**Attention 5th
Grade Parents:**

**It's time to submit
a baby picture for
the 5th grade
slideshow!**

**Just email the
picture, along with
your child's name
and teacher, to**

craig5thpics@gmail.com.



Winter Break
December 21st — January 5th

2015 TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE!

DECEMBER 7-11



HELP US BRING SMILES OF HOPE AND JOY TO LESS FORTUNATE BOYS AND GIRLS THIS CHRISTMAS BY DONATING A NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY. YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND SHOW OUR COMMUNITY THAT COLTS CARE!

PLEASE PLACE DONATIONS IN THE DESIGNATED COLLECTION BINS IN THE SCHOOL LOBBY.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CRAIG PTA COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Craig Media Center Needs You!

We still have volunteer shifts available Monday through Friday. You only work one shift every other week. It's a great way to meet all the folks at Craig!

Morning shifts are from 8:45am -11:30am
Afternoon shifts are from 11:30am -2:30pm

Please contact Betsy Keszler at betsy_keszler@gwinnett.k12.ga.us if you are interested in helping out our Media Center.

HELP US FEED THE BIRDS!

Donations of bird seed and/or black oil sunflower seed are needed to fill Craig's bird feeders. Please contact Karen Greenblat if you would like to make a donation.

Karen.Greenblat@Gwinnett.k12.ga.us

Thank you for helping Craig's bird habitat flourish!!!



Bring in your BOX TOPS!!
Each Box Top is worth 10¢ for our school!!

Earn Cash for Craig Elementary. Find Box Tops on hundreds of products!
Look for the "Box Top\$ for Education" logo or see the Craig webpage for the link to the *Box Tops for Education* website.

SCIENCE FAIR
January 14, 2016 @ 6:30 pm

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Back2 School Report Card Incentives

Here is a list of some companies that reward students for getting good grades on their report cards. Some of these may be at participating locations only, call ahead to ensure that your particular store is offering these freebies.

Krispy Kreme: offers one free donut for every "A" on your report card up to 6 A's, up through the sixth grade. This only applies to Krispy Kreme stores – not Krispy Kreme displays you will find in convenience and grocery stores.

Justice 4 Girls: \$5 discount on merchandise for a report card with passing grades on it.

Chuck E. Cheese. Have your child bring in their most recent report card and they will receive FREE tokens for good grades. Valid only with a food purchase. Up to 15 tokens maximum per child. All grading systems accepted.

Melting Pot: Bring in your report card with all A's and you will be rewarded with the free Straight A's Club Fondue Dinner at The Melting Pot Restaurant. The K to 8th grade feature dinner will be the Three-Course

Baskin-Robbins – Get a free scoop of ice cream for good grades on your report card!

Chick-fil-A – Bring in your report card showing all A's and B's, and receive a FREE 8-pack of nuggets!

McDonalds – Students with straight A's can get a free Happy Meal!

Pizza Hut – Each marking period, any child who has 3 A's or the equivalent thereof, will receive one Personal Pan Pizza and a small soft drink or carton of milk by presenting his or her report card to the manager.

Limited Too – Get \$5 off any Limited Too purchase when you take your report card into any retail store within 30 days of issuance!



Please contact Michelle Thebert @ CraigChronicle2015.16@gmail.com if you discover any of the discounts are no longer being offered.