



The Craig Chronicle



Craig Elementary School

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COLT ROUND-UP:

Friday, Oct. 2nd

Staff Grab-n-Go
Breakfast @ 7:15 am
PTA Board Meeting
@ 9:30 am

Tuesday, Oct. 6th

Dogwood Pizza Night

Friday, Oct. 9th

Reflections Deadline

Monday, Oct. 12th

Holiday-Columbus Day
NO SCHOOL

Friday, Oct. 16th

Fall Picture Makeup Day

October 19th-23rd

IOWA Testing
Grades 2 & 5

October 19th-22nd

Gwinnett Great Days of
Service Toiletries Drive

Tuesday, Oct. 20th

Zaxby's Night

Friday, Oct. 23rd

Fall Festival-Halloween
Dance Party @ 6:30 pm

Sunday, Oct. 25th

Fall Family Portrait Day

October 26th-30th

Red Ribbon Week

Dear Craig Families,

I hope that everyone is settling into the routines of the fall season and looking forward to cooler temperatures! The PTA has been very busy getting programs going and planning for events throughout the year.

As the Fall Fundraiser is winding down, we'd like to thank Marti Hamilton and everyone who helped out for all their hard work to make it a huge success. Thanks to our amazing Craig families and Marti, we've had another incredibly successful sale. The funds raised will bring many different programs to our students and improvements to our new book/reading room.

Be sure to not miss Craig's always anticipated Fall Festival on Friday, October 23rd. Andre Lacour is busy coordinating this fantastic event. It's a Halloween Dance Party, with games, dancing, and prizes. We'll have a DJ, games, and a photo booth! Order forms will be going home soon in the Friday Folders.

October also brings with it Red Ribbon week, October 26th-30th. Our Health, Safety, and Nutrition chair, Erika Munro, is busy planning ways for kids to remember to stay drug free.

Thanks to the hard work of Sarah Eastman and Jennifer Wellborn, Craig students can, once again, participate in the Reflections fine arts contest this year. The theme for this year is "Let Your Imagination Fly." Please consider helping your child show his/her creativity by participating in this amazing program. All entries are due October 9th and will be collected in the front lobby at the start of the day. Entry forms and rules and guidelines for each category are available on our website at www.craigpta.org under "forms" or on the state PTA website, www.georgiapta.org.

As you can see, October is a very busy month at Craig! If you would like to get more involved, please let us know. You can look on the back of your student handbook, located on-line at craigpta.org, to contact the committee chairs directly. We couldn't be successful if it wasn't for all of our wonderful volunteers!

Please feel free to contact us at any time with comments, questions, or suggestions.

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Dear Parents-

There are so many ways parents can support Literacy and Mathematics instruction at Craig! Teachers utilize the Balanced Literacy and Balanced Numeracy approach when designing their lessons and you can talk with your student about their day by asking about specific pieces of the lesson. These frameworks provide students with several different opportunities for learning. From mini-lessons to small group guided instruction and independent practice there are so many ways that students are gaining information. You can provide support by asking your student to explain the concept that was taught in the mini-lesson or a strategy they learned during their small group time. Be sure to ask your Craig Colt what they learned today!

Literacy: Have your student write about the best part of their day or their favorite character in the book they are reading. Family journal writing is also a great strategy. Writing your student a brief note in a journal each day and having them respond is a great way to connect! Your student is also involved with sharing their writing with teachers and their peers. Have them share with you what “good writers and readers” are doing at Craig! Everyone should be reading for homework every night. Asking your student to retell and predict after they read are strategies the teachers use to maximize reading comprehension.

Mathematics: Practice makes perfect when learning math facts! Turn flash cards of basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts into a fun game at home. Cooking and shopping are also great ways to practice real-life problem solving situations.

Don't forget to check out the Craig Curriculum Connections on eCLASS for more great ways to review!

Blair Binion
Assistant Principal
Craig Elementary School



PTA Membership News

Greetings Craig Families—

We hope you are having a great start to the school year!! As we mentioned in our summer mailer, last year we kicked off our membership levels. PTA membership is the cornerstone of parental commitment and involvement at Craig Elementary School. The money raised from these packages and other school fundraisers has supported some wonderful PTA sponsored events including new and exciting cultural arts programs and other great school-wide events such as:

- ◆ Guest storytellers, musicians and artists with Cultural Arts;
- ◆ Science exploration with our Outdoor Classroom;
- ◆ Community building events outside of school like skate nights, BINGO night and Fall Social;
- ◆ Healthy Habits education with Germ Busters and Red Ribbon Week;
- ◆ Community Outreach programs for those in our community in need;
- ◆ Reflections, the Nation Wide PTA Fine Arts Competition, Parent & Family life programs;
- ◆ Brunches and so much more!

Donating at the Colt level and above helps meet our PTA's budget needs and would offset our need for numerous fundraisers. Danielle Orr (dani041767@gmail.com), our membership chair, is available to answer any questions about how PTA membership levels help Craig.

Thank you to all of the families that have already purchased a membership level package, and to those of you that have not had a chance to purchase a package, there is still time. Don't delay!!

Thank you for your consideration, and remember it's always a
Great Day to be a Colt!!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERSHIP LEVEL
FAMILIES LISTED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE!!!!**



CRAIG ELEMENTARY 2015 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

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

Start Dusting Off Those Recipes....

For our trusted bakers and those new to Craig, each year the PTA Hospitality Committee hosts two Teacher and Staff Appreciation luncheons. This year they will be held on **November 2nd** and **March 14th**. While the catered lunch is always delicious, the *****STARS***** of the show are always the wonderful desserts donated by parents! This year, we've moved the dates up a few weeks as we know the holiday and end of the year are so busy! November 2nd will be here before we know it, so get those baking pans ready!

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH DESSERTS...CALLING ALL BAKERS!!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Send in any baked item or one from your favorite bakery. We can also use contributions of soda and water.

WHEN: Monday, November 2nd, before 10am

WHERE: You can send in with your child, or you may drop off to front lobby

Please clearly label all items "NUTS" or "NUT FREE" - this includes nut extracts and oils, as we have staff with nut allergies!

Our faculty and staff work so hard all year for our children; this is a great way to let them know how much we appreciate their tireless dedication! Every year you all wow them with an amazing assortment of goodies...Let's keep up this tradition.

Please email Shauna York at stork71302@yahoo.com with what you'd like to contribute or if you have any questions. We would really appreciate it!!

Shauna and Dawn

Co-Hospitality Chairs

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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.

WE'RE IN IT TOGETHER.

2015-2016 Craig Elementary School

YEARBOOK

All-Color Yearbook

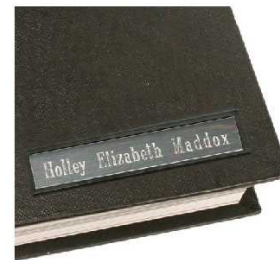


Yearbook

<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!*



Sunshine Committee News

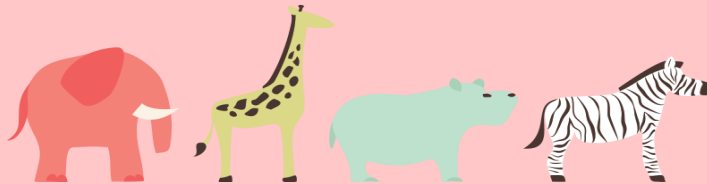


Staff Grab-n-Go breakfast will be on Friday, October 2nd starting at 7:15am in the Common Learning Room. Look for an email from Ms. Hanagriff for additional information on this special event .

We will be doing a RAFFLE where at least 2 or 3 Staff members will win a prize!!



Thank you so much to Ms. Carmen Deedy, children's author, for visiting the Students on September 9th & 10th!



The children really enjoy her stories!



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.

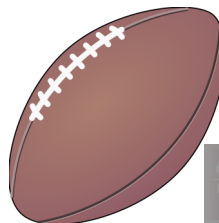
Karen.Greenblat@Gwinnett.k12.ga.us

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



Red Ribbon Week
October 26th-30th

Signs of Fall...



CRAIG PTA COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE & STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENT:

2015 GWINNETT GREAT DAYS OF SERVICE

FOOD & TOILETRIES DRIVE!



OCTOBER 19 - 22



MANY PEOPLE ARE LESS FORTUNATE IN OUR COMMUNITY. LET'S SHOW THEM WE CARE BY DONATING ITEMS TO BENEFIT LOCAL FOOD BANKS.

WE ARE COLLECTING CANNED PROTEINS (TUNA, HAM, BEANS, VEGGIES), PEANUT BUTTER, TOILET PAPER, TOOTHPASTE & TOOTHBRUSHES, DEODORANT, AND BAR SOAP.

LET'S MAKE OUR GIVING FUN! THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR THE WINNING CLASSES IN EACH GRADE LEVEL!

 **1ST PLACE - ICE CREAM!**

 **2ND PLACE - A POPCORN PARTY!**

 **3RD PLACE - A BOOK FOR YOUR CLASSROOM LIBRARY!**

COLLECTION BOXES FOR EACH CLASS WILL BE LOCATED IN THE SCHOOL LOBBY & MAIN HALL. PLACE YOUR ITEMS IN THE BOX FOR YOUR CLASS.

THANKS FOR HELPING US SHOW OUR COMMUNITY THAT COLTS CARE!



CRAIG'S FALL FAMILY SOCIAL

is going to be

A HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY!!

Put on your favorite Halloween costume and join us for a night of dancing, games and prizes!

Friday, October 23rd

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Tickets \$4 per person (\$12 max per family)

Tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis due to our fire code capacity.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

We are a friendly group of ghosts so no weapons, masks or scary costumes are allowed and all school dress code rules apply.

Student: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

of Adults attending: _____ # of children age 5 and older attending: _____

of children age 4 and under attending: _____ (no charge, needed for capacity count)

\$4 per person X number age 5 and older attending (max \$12 per family): \$_____

Please make checks payable to CRAIG PTA. Admission tickets will be sent home with the student by Wednesday, October 21st.

** PTA Membership Levels are still available that include your choice of Fall Social or Bingo tickets.

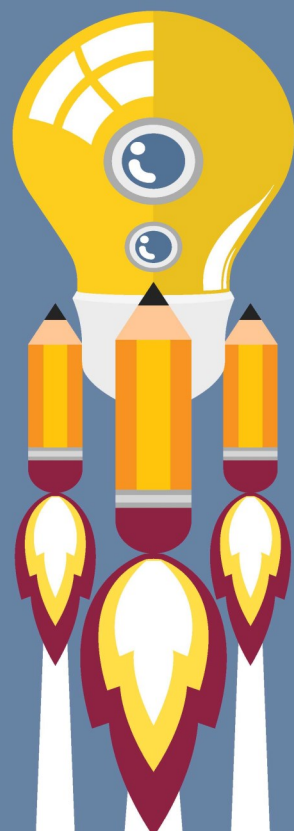
Contact Danielle Orr at Dani041767@gmail.com for more info **

If you would like to volunteer, please write your name and contact information below:

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Be Part of PTA's Reflections® Program



2015-2016 Theme:
Let Your Imagination Fly

Entries from all grades and all abilities welcome.

**Dance Choreography • Film Production • Literature
Music Composition • Photography • Visual Arts**



Deadline for entries:
For details, contact:

Learn more and get involved!
PTA.org/Reflections



Important Front Office Procedures

Thank you so much for volunteering your time at Craig. We couldn't do half of what we do for the children without you.

Because you're our trusted volunteers and the pillars of our school community, we ask that you set the highest example for all of our parents as we strive to maintain the best learning environment that we can.

School rules with which you can help:

- ◆ Sign in at the desk, state your purpose for visiting, and put on the corresponding sticker.
- ◆ Honor volunteer schedules and times set by the teacher when going into a classroom.
- ◆ Do not use the time that you are volunteering in another capacity to stop by your child's classroom unannounced, ask to chat with the teacher, or deliver messages or forgotten items to your child.
- ◆ Do not pop into empty classrooms to leave items or notes unless invited to do so in advance by your child's teacher. This is a privacy and security issue.

We have a system in place for getting items to the students. Please ask the person at the desk in the lobby to send a message to your child's teacher that a certain item has been dropped off. She will email the teacher who will check her emails at appropriate times during the day and let the child come get the item during a break in instruction. We never beep into classrooms, as this is very distracting to both the teachers as well as the students.

Please understand that our teachers love to have you help them. They know how much you do for them, and it is very awkward for them to be the ones to ask you to follow these rules.

Fall Picture Makeup Day:
Friday, October 16th

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.