



Gator Gazette

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Thank You Gator Families!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who supported the PTA and Alston Ridge and came out to the Triangle Rock Club!

Thank you so much for your partnership and support!





“Do you enjoy getting your hands dirty?”

Do you want to help Alston Ridge but don't have time to donate during the weekdays? Come join the Garden Committee!! 2016 was a big year for the Alston Ridge outdoor learning space. Through our fundraising campaign, we were able to add several garden boxes to compliment an already large group of classroom owned gardens. The school gardens are a wonderful way to use the schoolyard as an outdoor classroom. They allow students to reconnect with the natural world while learning valuable skills. The upkeep of these can be demanding, however, and we would love to have extra hands to keep them beautiful for our kids. Join the Garden Committee Hub for more information and to sign up.

We are also looking for gently used tools to aid in ease. If you happen to be “spring cleaning” and come across anything from the below list you no longer need, we would gladly take them off your hands. These will also be used in the science classes.



- Labels for plants
- Hoes for kids
- Tomato cages
- Hand rakes
- Garden Storage Box for all the tools (to be left outside for easy access)
- Large Shovels
- Small Trowels
- Bypass Pruner
- Gloves
- Vegetable Scale
- Fertilizer
- Black tarp weed blocker
- Bean Trellis

Please contact Courtney Matrunick at cmatrunickdpt@gmail.com or through the MemberHub site to donate. Thank you!!

PTA Happenings



SUPPORTING ARE PTA FUNDRAISERS IS A *GATORIFFIC* WAY TO SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

- ❑ YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS ARE OUT - ON SALE FOR \$16 UNTIL DEC 1. \$20 AFTER DEC 1.
- ❑ GO, PLAY, SAVE BOOKS - *THERE IS STILL TIME TO ORDER CONTACT: PRESIDENT.ARPTA@GMAIL.COM TO ORDER.*
- ❑ BOX TOPS WINNERS:
 - ❑ 1ST PLACE = MS. MINNICH,
 - ❑ 2ND PLACE = MS. WORLEY
 - ❑ 3RD PLACE = MS. BLOODWORTH
 - ❑ TOP 2 WINNERS WON ICE CREAM PARTY AND 3RD PLACE WON ALSTON RIDGE SWAG.

KEEP COLLECTING!

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT WITH *GATOR GEAR*!

PURCHASE T-SHIRTS, CAR MAGNETS, HEADBANDS, PENCILS, TRACK-OUT BAGS, ETC. WITH THE ALSTON RIDGE ELEMENTARY LOGO.

THESE ARE GREAT FOR WEARING ON FRIDAYS TO SHOW SCHOOL SPIRIT.

- [Gator Shop](#) (spirit wear and gear)



Join Alston Ridge PTA

Become a member of the PTA today!

Partner with the PTA via MemberHub. The PTA aids with the book fair, movie night, Reflections program, Science Olympiad, teacher treats, etc.

Without parent help, these programs cannot exist.

ARE Teachers Celebrating Birthdays in November

Chelsy Davis, Kindergarten

Ching-Shing Chan, TA - Kindergarten

Cindy Marsh, Kindergarten

Sarah Baxter, Kindergarten

Johnathan Akers, 4th Grade

Allayah Cherry, 4th Grade

Colleen Wackerman, 3rd Grade

Alena Reyes, TA - 1st Grade



Mark Your Calendars and Stay in the Know...



❖ Wellness Fair and Art by Me coming soon.

❖ Gator Reader sign ups are coming in soon. Sign up with your child's teacher to read for 15 minutes about the current character traits. Materials are provided.



Caswell's Corner

Greetings Gator Families!

Welcome to November and another wonderful month at the best school/school community in the STATE!

First and foremost, I'd like to give a huge **Thank You** and let you know that in this time of giving thanks, I am thankful for our ongoing parent support and participation! I enjoyed seeing the families who attended the PTA movie night two weeks ago and look forward to future events! Upcoming is our Bookfair family nights! This year those nights are scheduled for November 29th where Mr. Cline will read aloud and December 6th where I will read several stories! Bring the kids and have them settle in with a treat and a read aloud as we all bond as a community.

There is no staff harder working than those at Alston Ridge!

I sincerely appreciate parent donations to the PTA early release treats for the staff - I know they enjoy it and feel how important they are to you. The Assistant Principals and I also like to spoil our Gator Staff and each year in November host a "Admin are Thankful for You Breakfast" where we do the cooking!



We have also recently voted and named our new **Teacher of the Year: Ms. Jennell Little!** Ms. Little is our ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher and a true teacher leader! She supports all grade levels with so much more than ESL. She is a member of the Intervention Team, collaborates with other staff with best practices, and coordinates our Safety Patrol, just to name a few of her day to day actions!

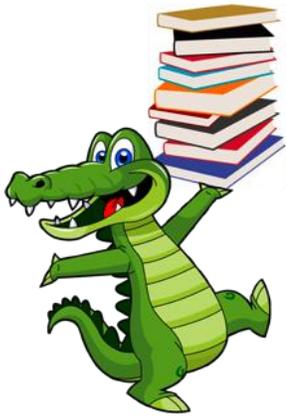
Congratulations Ms. Little!

Thank you for your continual support and best wishes for a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Your Proud Principal,

Teresa Caswell





Join us for our
Gator Book Fair
Tracks 1 and 3: Nov 27 - Dec 1
Tracks 2 and 4: Dec 4- Dec 8
in the Media Center

Students will have an opportunity to preview and purchase books during the school day. Each class will have a preview day and a purchase day. On preview day, students will fill out a Wish List of books they would like to purchase. Their purchase day will be listed on their Wish List. Please provide cash or check so that your child/ren can purchase books during their purchase time. Checks should be made out to Alston Ridge PTA. Parents and students may also shop before school Tuesday-Friday from 8:45-9:15 am both weeks. Thank you for your Support!

Family Nights

We hope to see you there!! Choose either night.

Wednesday, November 29th, 5-7:30 pm

Mr. Cline will be reading stories for students

Wednesday, December 6th, 5-7:30 pm

Ms. Caswell will be reading stories for students



Pizza can be pre-ordered until November 27th via form sent home. Pick up in the cafeteria 5:30 to 6:30pm.

Sign Up to VOLUNTEER
at the Book Fair, click [Here](#)

Book Fair sponsored by

<https://tinyurl.com/ateamhomes4u>





REFLECTIONS PROGRAM 2017-18

The theme for this year is “Within Reach”

Congratulations to our finalist!!

PRIMARY (K-2):

1. Shyla
2. Tori Cusie
3. Ravi Long
4. Sashvath Sai Senthil
5. Arabella Macgrogan
6. Raina Kim
7. Veera Changela

INTERMEDIATE (3-5):

1. Madalyn White
2. Aarav Parikh
3. Lohitha Sai Vaddem
4. Hannah Tang
5. Akshita Rana
6. Anushka Shridhar
7. Charitha Kamuni
8. Hannah Welborn
9. Ashmi Parikh
10. Kenneth Phung



CONGRATULATIONS ON A GATORIFFIC PERFORMANCE





Remember to register at rcityrocks.com, visit [our local business partners](#), take a photo of your receipt and submit it to rcityrocks within two weeks, and they will donate 5% of your purchase to the PTA. Check out the latest contributing business partners, the list is growing!



If you shop at Harris Teeter, remember to **link or re-link your VIC card** to Alston Ridge Elementary. This must be done every year. Harris Teeter's **Together in Education** program helps raise funds for our school. It's easy and it's **FREE**. Simply give the cashier our code, **8396**, and your VIC card when you check out and your card will be linked for the entire school year. That's it! You only have to link your VIC card once each school year. Once your card is linked, Alston Ridge PTA will receive a percentage of your Harris Teeter brand purchases. This program does not interfere with your VIC savings or cost you.

VIC cards may also be linked at the customer service desk or online at harristeeter.com.



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