



GEORGE HALL NEWSLETTER

****August 1, 2021** Mrs. Chennault, Principal** A Kind & Inclusive School Community****

Class Supply Lists: Please visit <https://www.yubbler.com/school/george-hall-elementary> for purchasing school supplies for the year. This is an additional option provided by the PTA.



Class placement: Families and their students will find out the teacher and class placement for the 2021-2022 school year via email on the afternoon of Tuesday, August 10th. If you have not received an email by Wednesday August 11th, please call the office. [\(650\) 312-7533](tel:6503127533).

Virtual Back To School Nights (BTSN): On **Tuesday August 17th** at 6:00, there will be a virtual Principal's BTSN with information for all families. There will be a virtual General PTA Association meeting immediately following. The PTA will share a zoom link. Translation will be available. On **Tuesday August 24th**, teachers will host classroom virtual BTSNs. Preschool, TK, Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade will begin online at 6:30, upper grades (3rd, 4th, and 5th) will begin online at 7:00. Your teacher will share the login information with you.

PTA and Our School Theme:

This year the PTA has chosen "Reconnecting our community through service" as the theme for 2021-2022. Community is at our core here at George Hall – and the PTA is about bringing the community together to build a better future. Service changes lives and not just those who it directly benefits. People grow as individuals simply through the act of helping others. Here are some of the benefits:

1. Helping others feels good. When you help others, it promotes positive physiological changes in the brain associated with happiness. Helping others improves social support, encourages us to lead a more physically active lifestyle, distracts us from our own problems, allows us to engage in a meaningful activity and improves our self-esteem.
2. It brings a sense of belonging and reduces isolation. Being a part of a social network leads to a feeling of belonging. Face-to-face activities such as volunteering at a drop in centre can help reduce loneliness and isolation.
3. It helps to keep things in perspective. Helping others in need, especially those who are less fortunate than yourself, can provide a real sense of perspective and make you realise how lucky you are, helping you to achieve a more positive outlook on things that may be causing you stress.

Volunteers: We are anticipating a return of volunteers on campus after August 12, 2021. This includes Art-in-Action, Room Parents, CAPP, and Parents@Play. **All volunteers working inside a classroom with unvaccinated children are required to be vaccinated.** Please see the health and safety guidelines below. As in pre pandemic times, all volunteers are required to sign in at the office and get a visitor's badge.

Health and Safety: As we transition back to school, we are monitoring changes to health guidance and updating recommendations. In July, the California Department of Public Health [updated](#) its recommendations for Pre-K-12 schools. As of right now, **masks are optional outdoors** for all elementary school settings. However, **all students are required to wear masks indoors.** Adults in school settings are required to mask when sharing indoor spaces with

students. All adults who are on campus are encouraged to wear face masks when gathering in groups or having meetings indoors, even when children are not present. Visitors to the front office must wear masks. On Tuesday, both the CDC and the AAP strongly urged all students, teachers, and staff to wear a mask at school at all times, because the Delta variant is much more transmissible and virulent than the prior COVID strains.

Construction Update: You may have seen the exciting third play structure erected over the week-end. You also probably noticed the mounds of dirt and construction equipment. Crews are working diligently to get us ready for the new school year. Projects underway are: prepping the plumbing for the new MPR, relocating portable rooms 28 and 29, making bathrooms ADA compliant, adding fire hydrants, and creating a new playground.

