



**Hey GCA Families!**

How's it going? We hope you and your family are doing well! The school year is off to a great start and we're excited about all the awesome things that are in store!



# #1: Class is in session!

Learning and laughter have filled the classrooms of GCA again! Does it feel like time is flying, yet? Soon, we'll be waving goodbye to 90+ degree weather and saying "Hello!" to pumpkin spice and everything nice about the Autumn season!

Get ready for Fall with us by participating in these events:

## Upcoming GCA Events & Updates

**Labor Day | Monday, September 4th: There will be no school on Labor Day.** Fire up the grill! It's time for food, fun and fellowship. Enjoy your day with the ones you love!

**Grandparents' Day | Friday, September 8th @ various times:** Welcome Grammas, PaPas, GiGis, Grandads and Grandmas! It's time for books and grandparent hugs. Let the grandparents in your child's life know that there is a special day planned just for them.

*Grandparents of Elementary students (K-5th grade)* are invited to attend our grandparents day program beginning at 9:45 AM and ending at 11:15 AM on Friday, September 8th. The church doors will open at 9:30 AM for grandparents to enter, then head to the Worship Center.

*Grandparents of Pre-K4 (Barnyard Kids, Busy Bees, and Wise Wolves)* students are invited to a sweet treat with your grandchild's class at 11:30 AM on Friday, September 8th.

*Grandparents of preschool students (2 yr and 3 yr)* are invited to come take their student(s) to the Book Fair anytime between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM on Friday, September 8th.

*Grandparents of our 1's Owls Class:* Since class is not in session on Fridays, we are inviting the Grandparents to come to celebrate Grandparents' Day. Please feel free to come to the school anytime between 11:30 AM-1:00 PM.

*No pizza on this day so please be sure to make the necessary arrangements.* Check the email sent from our Head of School, Mr. Monte Beaver, for more important details and dismissal specifics on this day.

## Douglas County's September Saturdays Festival | Saturday, September 23rd & 30th

According to the Celebrate Douglas website, the September Saturdays festival "...is the largest annual festival and community event in Douglas County." There will be vendors, food trucks, activities for kids and more. It's also free to attend! [Click here to learn more about the event.](#)

**Parent Advisory Committee Meeting | Monday, September 11th:** Calling ALL GCA Parents! Your opinion is valuable. We would love to have you join the Parent Advisory Committee.

Preschool PAC Meetings: 9:15 - 10:15 AM

9/11, 10/16, 11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12. 3/11, 4.15, 5/6

Elementary PAC Meetings:

Two meeting options: 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM

9/14, 10/19, 11/9, 12/7, 1/11, 2/8, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9

Please email Monte Beaver ([monte.beaver@gcafbcd.org](mailto:monte.beaver@gcafbcd.org)) if you plan to attend.

## #2: Join us in Prayer

### Prayer for our GCA Family:

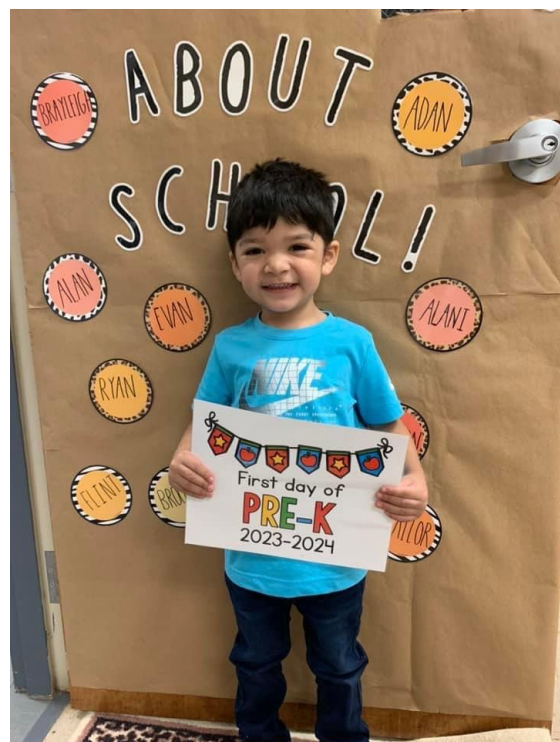
By now you may be aware of the incredibly devastating fires in Maui. The fires have affected GCA directly as we have three staff members and three of our students who have family there who have been impacted. These GCA Lions have lost a cousin and two of their family homes have been burned.

Additionally, there is no electricity or running water on their side of the island. A relative of our GCA family has posted a GoFundMe site to help support both their family members who have been displaced and to assist those who are living under these difficult conditions. Please be in prayer for everyone affected by the fires.

If you feel led to donate to the GoFundMe, you may [click here for more information](#).

### Prayer for our School:

If you missed our Prayer Walk during the summer, we'd like to invite you to join us in prayer. Let's continue to pray without ceasing! Please continually be in prayer for our school enhancements, students, teachers, faculty, staff, chapel services, and the school's relationship with First Baptist Church of Douglasville. Let's be fervent in prayer together!



### **#3: Lion Legacy**

By now, you probably have heard about the plans to expand the school to serve sixth to eighth grade, as well as make some enhancements to the school as a whole.

The purpose of this fund is to benefit the whole school – preschool, elementary and middle. To accomplish this, it'll take all of us and our community.

Consider and pray about partnering with GCA by making a monthly \$25 donation to help these advancements happen. You may join the initiative by clicking on the button below and selecting "GCA" in the drop-down menu. Contact Monte Beaver ([monte.beaver@gcafbcd.org](mailto:monte.beaver@gcafbcd.org)) for more information about how to get started.

### **#4: Parent to Parent: Put your own mask on first**

As parents, there are so many things demanding our attention but few things truly require it. Our children are among those things that truly require our undivided attention and so is our well-being. Our children are often our top priority but how can we help them if we aren't helping ourselves?

This is a gentle reminder to put your oxygen mask on first. Find some time to breathe, walk, go to counseling, pray, journal, nap, or whatever is necessary for you to be your best self for the people who are counting on you!

Well, that's all for this month's newsletter! Don't forget to mark this email as important and ensure that your inbox knows this email address is one you definitely don't want in the junk folder.

See you all soon,

The Parent Newsletter Team