



Carlos Gilbert PTK News

A Great School is a Community Project!

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2017-2018 Teachers/Staff

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Fourth Grade

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Fifth Grade

Elaine Blaser
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Get Involved!

Every CGE parent, teacher and kid is automatically a member of the PTK. We don't charge dues, we don't require a minimum commitment. We love and appreciate all levels of participation and support, and there are countless ways to help.

Examples of participation include serving as classroom representatives, organizing or volunteering at events like the parking fundraisers and back-to-school night, or helping with the Halloween carnival put on each October.

Speaking of our famed carnival, **the first carnival planning meeting will be Wednesday, September 13 at 8:00 am in the Teachers' Lounge.** The carnival is a massive event that includes games, food, a haunted house, costume contest, cash raffle and incredible theme basket raffle. Come and learn more about how you can participate!

Last year the carnival raised \$34,801. It is our single major fundraiser of the year. We don't sell wrapping paper or candy bars – we fill the school and grounds with hundreds of people one day a year and have FUN!

Welcome, new teachers!



We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new teachers and staff members!

A full list of the 2017-2018 teachers and staff can be found to the left here.

Stay in Touch!

In addition to this newsletter, which we place in the Thursday envelope once a month, we send a weekly e-blast filled with important school news.

To sign up, go to

CarlosGilbertPTK.com!

Mark your calendar for the Pet Parade! Saturday, September 9th

CGE's theme this year is:

SUPER READERS

Come with your kids dressed as your favorite super heroes and help us hand out bookmarks to the crowd!

Blackhawks Assemble!

Meet between 8:30 and 8:45 am in the parking lot behind the New Mexico School for the Arts (at the corner of East Alameda and Paseo de Peralta). Look for Cindy Matsushita holding a sign high for the Blackhawks.

T-shirts

CGE t-shirts are for sale throughout the school year at the front office for \$10 each.

Zip-up hoodies are also for sale for \$30 each through special orders.

Proceeds support the PTK.

To reach the PTK, email cindyf@carlosgilbertptk.com or sara@carlosgilbertptk.com

2017-2018 Teachers/Staff (Continued)

Sixth Grade

Erin Cherry
Daisy Padilla
Stephen Winterstein

Special Education/Gifted

Anna Olausson
Jenni St. Claire
Martin Pacheco
Anthony Cisneros (Assistant)
Marie Sisneros (Assistant)

Physical Education

Kristy Filbin

General Music/Band

Kachina Walker

Art

Katy Hees (M,T,W,F)
Kate McCarthy (Th)

Library

Frances Carreon

Literacy Coach

Kate McCarthy

Speech Language Pathologist

Heather Doerner

Occupational Therapist

Aya Romero

Physical Therapist

Siglinde Schwentzl

Social Worker

Alicia Apodoca

School Counselor

John Delamater (T, W)

Kitchen

Griselda Guevera

Custodians

Martha, Mario, Luz

Important Dates

Friday, September 1

Zozobra Parking Fundraiser
4:00-7:00 pm

Monday, September 4

Holiday (School Closed)

Saturday, September 9

Pet Parade, 8:45 am

Wednesday, September 13

Carnival Planning Kickoff
Teachers' Lounge, 8:00 am

Parking Fundraisers

The 93rd annual burning of Zozobra will take place this Friday, September 1. The PTK will be offering paid parking to revelers in the CGE parking lots.

**Help us get these cars
parked!**



Sign up for an hour-long shift via the link at CarlosGilbertPTK.com or email sara@carlosgilbertptk.com.

Our Indian Market parking fundraiser raised an amazing **\$2,500** dollars on August 19th and 20th! That's enough to fund one at least one grade-level program!

A **BIG** thank you to our amazing family volunteers: Dawn Kaufmann; Michaelann Cavazos; Melody Sandoval and her mom, Sandra, and 4th-grader Keyera; Susanna Space; Jessie Lawrence; Lynette & Daniel Guevera (and dog, Luna); Sarah LeBlanc; Katy Fitzgerald and her kindergartner Ryland; Dan and Sara April and their 3rd-grader Adam and 1st-grader Nathan; and Jeffrey Thompson, Caroline Yamashiro and their 2nd-grader Marcello and kindergartner Amaya.

What does the PTK do for students?

Each year, the PTK funds an enrichment program for each grade. The grade-level programs and activities funded last year are listed below. The programs for this year are still being finalized, but it looks like much of this successful lineup will be repeated. Keep a lookout for more information!

Kinder - Yoga

1st - Dance

2nd - Theater with Wendy Chapin

3rd - Adobe Building with Joe Abeyta

4th - NDI-NM Outreach Program

5th - Wise Fool Circus Program

6th - Cooking with Kids at the Santa Fe School of Cooking

The PTK also provides every teacher a stipend of \$300 per semester for classroom materials, gives every club and team a yearly stipend of \$100, pays teachers to tutor students in need of extra assistance, and supports other programs and activities as needed.

Sustainability Program Expansion

With the help of Earth Care and its Americorps volunteers, the PTK is expanding CGE's sustainability education program.

We now have a dedicated volunteer to help develop and maintain our outdoor garden, lead the after school "Green Team" Garden Club (which meets Tuesdays from 3-4 pm) and provide in-class instruction every other week on the issues of nutrition, sustainability and environmental stewardship. Sustainability education will be treated as an additional "special," like art, music, PE and library.

Upcoming PTK Meetings

PTK meetings will be held the last Wednesday of the month at 8:00 am in the Teachers' Lounge. Please join us if you can!

We know not everyone is free that time of day, so you can stay up to speed by reading the meeting minutes at: CarlosGilbertPTK.com/ptk/ptk-meetings