



Monthly Update from Gabriela ~ January 2018

It is time for Registration for 2018-2019 school year!

Registration Procedures for the 2018-2019 school year:

IN HOUSE REGISTRATION:

In-House registration is for children currently enrolled in the preschool morning program and their siblings. In-house registration runs from January 16 through January 26, 2018. **Registration forms will be available at each campus on Tuesday, January 16th. Please make sure the registration check is submitted with the registration form no later than 4:00pm on Friday, January 26, 2018 to receive in-house priority. Each campus will have a designated & labeled drop box for In-House registration forms inside or outside the offices.**

NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION:

If you have friends or neighbors inquiring about our school, please refer to the information below.

New Family registration runs from January 28th, to February 8th, 2018. **Applications and fees must be received no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, February 8th, 2018 to be eligible for consideration.**

New families interested in enrolling at the preschool are required to attend one Open House session in order to learn about the nature of our cooperative preschool.

Open House dates are:

- Sunday, January 28th, 2018, 3:00 pm at the Grant Park Campus, 501 Grant Street
- Saturday, February 3rd, 2018, 10:00 am at the Cabbagetown Campus, 177 Estoria Street

Each Open House will last approximately 2 hours. The Open House consists of a presentation about the school's history and philosophy, a question/answer session and a tour of the campus in which the Open House is being held. If a family attends a session at one campus and wishes to tour the other campus, tours will be held as follows:

- TUESDAY, January 30th, 2018, 10:00am – Tour of Cabbagetown Campus, 177 Estoria St.
- TUESDAY, February 6th, 2018, 10:00am – Tour of Grant Park Campus, 501 Grant St.

Families are only required to attend one Open House, but can apply to one or both campuses.

Lottery Procedure

If the number of applications received by the application deadline (4:00 pm, February 8th, 2018) exceeds the number of available spaces, a lottery will take place following the close of the application period. The lottery drawing is closed to the public and will be attended by the

Executive Director, the Operations Manager and a board member. Families will be notified in writing of the outcome of the lottery as soon as possible, but no later than the February. After available spaces have been filled through the lottery draw, the draw will continue to determine the order of placement on the waiting list.

Kindergarten Readiness

This is usually the time when families in the multiage class start thinking about the future education of their children and begin questioning, "Is my child ready for Kindergarten?" OR "Should my child stay at GPCP or go to a Georgia Pre-K Program?" I know that this is usually a very personal decision as I am well aware that the topic of education is a subjective and delicate matter. I have been down this road for many years with my own children, and my husband and I have had to make decisions, some that we feel very good about and a few that we regret.

We appreciate this opportunity to be in dialogue with you and to support your decision-making. We embrace the challenge of substantiating what GPCP has to offer to your child during the second year in the multiage class. Therefore, we invite you to stop by for conversation with Gabriela and educators. We will share examples of our children's work that give visibility to the ways in which GPCP supports the development of children's competencies, including early literacy.

Join us for a cup of coffee. Get your questions answered in regards to registration for next year, possibilities for Kindergarten and anything else that may be on your mind!

When?

Wednesday, January 17th - 8:30 am at Cabbagetown Campus

Thursday, January 18th – 8:30 am at Grant Park Campus

Parents: feel free to attend the breakfast social at either or both campuses

Tuition Express is here!!!

Tuition Express is a part of the Procure System with which we use at the sign in computer. The possibilities are vast and we hope to engage more of the program options in the future. At this time, we have set up online payments with credit cards. To make a payment, simply sign on to myprocure.com and enter your email on file with the school. This will take you to your procure account and allow you to make a payment from home, from your phone, or anywhere you have access.

We hope to integrate Tuition Express and QuickBooks so you can see your current amount due, but until then, please refer to your monthly statement sent to your email for balance due.

Campus meetings – Thursday, January 18th 7 to 9pm

We have another opportunity to gather next week. This time, the meetings will begin as a whole campus and then break off into classrooms. Families will gather at each individual campus starting at 7pm - Ct Campus will meet in the Community room, and GP Campus on the 2nd floor of St. Paul. Educators will share aspects of our school year's research and parents will have an opportunity to sign up for Parent Helper days for the remainder months of the school year, February through May. Please remember to bring your calendar and patience as we cooperatively and systematically sign up for the remaining parent helper days for the year.

Turner Grants for Volunteerism:

Turner Broadcasting offers the possibility for Turner employees to obtain a grant for an organization where they volunteer. For many years, GPCP has been very fortunate to receive these grants from our families who work for Turner. If you work for Turner, please let us know and we will be happy to share more information. If you know Turner employees who would be willing to volunteer at GPCP and select us as their grant recipient, please let us know. Thank you in advance for participating in this important opportunity to support GPCP's fundraising efforts!

If your company has a similar program that supports a non-profit organization, please let us know.

CALENDAR

Monday, January 15th, School Closed - Martin Luther King Holiday

January 16th thru 26th – In-House Registration

Wednesday, January 17th-Kindergarten Readiness social breakfast @ CT campus-8:30-10 am

Thursday, January 18th - Kindergarten Readiness social breakfast @ GP campus - 8:30 to 10 am

Thursday, January 18th - Campus Meetings 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Saturday, January 20th - Workday at each individual campus

Sunday, January 28th - GP Campus Open House

Saturday, February 3rd - CT Campus Open House