



Monthly Update from Gabriela ~ March 2018

Kindergarten Readiness Conversations – April 13th and 20th

We would like to offer a new opportunity for parents and educators to gather to discuss the meaning of Kindergarten Readiness and how GPCP prepares our children for the next phase in life.

There is not one single or simple factor to determine whether a child is ready for kindergarten. A child's development needs to be evaluated on several fronts. The ability to think logically, speak clearly, and interact well with others, as well as the child's physical and emotional development, are all critically important to success in school.

Please join us on Friday, April 13th at CT Campus or Friday, April 20th at GP Campus from 8:30 to 10:00am. We welcome the opportunity to share examples of children's competencies being developed through our style of daily, meaningful and relevant work, as a way to highlight the ways in which our school supports this important process.

Welcome new educators to the GPCP team!

Over the past month, we have welcomed two new educators, a support educator and two volunteers at GPCP. If you have not had a chance to meet them yet, please join us in welcoming them to our school community!



Ashley Owens holds the full time position as co-educator in the Ladybugs class. "I was born and raised in west Texas. I recently moved to Atlanta in August of 2017 with my older sister and have fallen in love with the city and all it has to offer. I received my bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University in Anthropology in the summer of 2015. I have three years of previous early childhood educational experience, but I have not been in the classroom for a little over a year. My passion is in human rights, specifically the rights of women and children. I am very excited to restart this journey in early childhood education, and exploring the rights of children at GPCP."



Shaquira Campbell, better known as Ms. Kira, is the new co-educator in the Cats class. She is replacing Jamely, who took on maternity leave for the remainder of the school year. Ms. Kira also holds the full time position for this class, working closely with Britt in the mornings and with Ms. Clara in the afternoons.

"Hello Everyone! My name is Shaquira Campbell. I am originally from Brooklyn, NY. I currently live in Villa Rica, GA with my fiancé and our two children. I enjoy crafts and spending time with my family. I am new to the Grant Park family. This year I will be your Cats Co Educator. I am delighted to be a part of such a positive and caring team. I look forward to teaching your children and getting to know you! In June 2008 I graduated from Chester

Academy and Orange Ulster C Tech with a Regents Diploma and Certification as a Nursing Assistant. In June 2017, I acquired my Child Development Credentials from Our House."

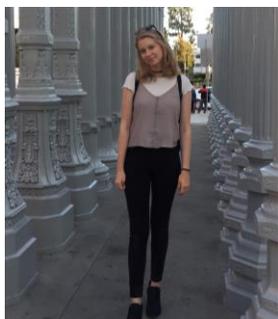


Waketa Robinson is the new Support Educator for both campuses. Keta's role is to cover for educators and parent helpers as needed.

"I was born in Savannah, Ga but I grew up in Boston, Mass. I come from a really large family (lots of siblings, Aunts, Uncles and cousins)! I have lived in Georgia for 10 + years. I have also lived in New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island. I am passionate helping children develop and excel in all areas of their lives. I believe a quality school setting allows children to grow as individuals. As a teacher, I understand that it is my responsibility to help children develop to the best of their abilities by paying close attention to their strengths and other areas that could use development. Working with

children has been my passion for over 10 years. I have taught all ages from infantry to high school as a paraprofessional. I am an Alumni of Atlanta Technical College, where I obtained a degree in Business Management with a focus in Human Resource management. I believe in being a team player who allows me to better assist and help all of my team members. I spend some of my spare time volunteering in my community. Helping others who do not have the resources to help themselves is very important to me. On my personal time I enjoy reading, traveling, cooking exotic food and spending time with friends and family."

I would also like to introduce two young volunteers, Sophie Wofford and Chrissie Roque, to you. Sophie and Chrissie are high school students at The New School and they are volunteering their time at GPCP on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.



Sophie spends her time with the Frogs class at the CT Campus in Extended Day.

"My name is Sophie Wofford and I'm currently a high school senior at The New School Atlanta. I have been lucky enough to be interning at GPCP since August 2017 and I have absolutely loved it! The preschool and the kids here have brought me so much happiness these past couple of months, and have assured me that I want to continue to look into early childhood education."



Chrissie works with the younger classes at GP Campus also in Extended Day.

"My name is Chrissie Roque. I'm from Atlanta, GA. I decided to intern at the Grant Park because I've never had the chance to really bond with young children. I always wanted to grow a connection with them and to understand how they interact with adults and with each other. So far, it's been great! I've got to know many of the kids and they seem to recognize who I am too. I hope to make a small impact in their lives and that they teach me material I don't know."

CALENDAR

Saturday, March 10th – Workday

Saturday, March 24th – ANNUAL AUCTION

April 2nd- 6th- Spring Break- School Closed

April 2nd- 6th- Spring Break Mini Camp at CT campus

Second round of Family-Educator conferences coming up in April after Spring Break