

TATE ELEMENTARY - HOME OF THE BULLDOGS

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Welcome Back from your Principal! I want to officially welcome all of you to the 2018-2019 school year! For those of you who are new to our school, I want you to know that you are coming



Stephanie Hall
Principal

to an absolutely wonderful place. I had the honor of moving to Tate as Principal at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. The teachers and staff at Tate are caring, innovative, and always learning something new for the benefit of their students. We are a collaborative and driven group of educators who strive to have our students reach their highest potential.

I look forward to meeting our new students and parents, and seeing our ones from last year. I am excited to continue our partnership to ensure a productive and fun educational experience for your children. I believe that building strong relationships between home and school is a key factor in increasing student achievement. As your child's principal, my door is always open and I welcome your input. My goal for the Tate Elementary School is a simple one. I want every child that enters our building to feel loved, safe, accepted, successful, and prepared for the next level. I'm hopeful that our families will feel welcome, respected, and will become our partner in their child's education. Lastly, I want our staff to feel highly valued and respected by all stakeholders as they persistently work to ensure the success of every child at Tate Elementary. The mission

of Tate Elementary School is Teaching All To achieve Excellence (TATE).

What we want our Parents to know

We place great value on being united with the parents and guardians whose children we care for, nurture, and love each day. As parents of our students, we want you to know three things about our school:

- 1) We strongly believe that parental involvement is an essential component to student success, as research continues to show a strong correlation between increased involvement and high student success;
- 2) Tate's student population and family atmosphere allows each member of our faculty and staff to take a personal interest in each of our students.
- 3) We strive to provide instruction that challenges each student to reach their full academic potential whether we are working to close gaps in skills or extend beyond the required standards.

What we want our Students to know

Our students are outstanding! We want them to know and understand some important things before our year begins:

- 1) We hold high expectations for our students in both academics and behavior.
- 2) We will provide a learning environment where students can feel safe to take academic risks and learn from their successes and mistakes.
- 3) If you never try, you will never succeed. Stumbling is how we learn.

Our Daily Routine

Learning begins at 8:30 each day. Doors will open for morning care at 7:15 a.m. Doors open for drop-off at 7:55 a.m. Breakfast will be served from 7:55 a.m. until 8:25 a.m. daily. Car Rider dismissal will begin at 3:30 p.m. Early Bus Rider dismissal will begin at 3:30 p.m. Bus Rider dismissal will begin at 3:45 p.m.

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

Before-School Morning Care – Before-School care will be located in the gym. Parents who wish for their student to participate in the before-school care must walk their student into the gym from 7:15 – 7:55 a.m. Students



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must be signed-in by an adult.

Regular Drop-off – Doors will open at 7:55 for students and will remain open until 8:30. Drop-off will begin at 7:55 a.m. in front of the building. The lane furthest from the building will be used for drop-off. School personnel will be on duty to assist and monitor students, as well as the traffic.

Car Rider Dismissal

Pick-up will begin at 3:30 p.m. in front of the building. Both lanes will be utilized for the purpose of expedience. Cones will be placed near the cafeteria to indicate where the first cars in each row will begin the pick-up process. Students' names will be called and when the students are in the vehicles, a school staff member will release the cars one at a time.

We kindly ask that parents be attentive when dropping-off and picking-up students, avoiding distractions which may draw your attention away from the movement of students, adults, and other traffic. Our goal is to keep everyone safe!

Parent – Teacher Organization

If you are looking for a way to get involved at Tate Elementary, please join our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). You can contact Janelle Ritz by emailing her at janelle-buchanan1650@yahoo.com or on our Facebook page.

We all depend on our PTO! Get involved and help make a difference at TES!

Open House

Kindergarten through Grade 4 will be Monday, July 30th from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Morning Care and After-School Programs

Before-School Morning Care is free and will run from 7:15 a.m. until 7:55 a.m. This will be located in the gym. You must walk into the gym and sign your child in each day.

After-School Program is \$7 if paid in advance or \$9 if paid on the day care is provided. After-School runs from 3:30 until 6:00 daily. We do provide a snack to students who participate.

Stop by the front office to register or sign-up at Open House.

Let's Connect!

Our website is tateele.pickens.k12.ga.us/ Find us on Facebook: Tate Elementary

Final Thoughts

We look forward to a very positive and productive year together! We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We want, need, and value your involvement and support in your child's education. Your active participation is the key to your child's success. Here's to an awesome new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!