

TATE ELEMENTARY - HOME OF THE BULLDOGS

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The start of a new school year brings feelings of excitement and joy to me as your principal. It is always fun to watch familiar faces light up as they enter our building once again, and a privilege to see and welcome new families.



**Stephanie Hall
Principal**

Summertime has been busy around the building in preparation for your arrival. We look forward to seeing you at our Open House. I hope you have had some time to do something fun in addition to a little reading! This year is sure to be full of fun, exciting learning experiences. My door is always open to you should you have questions or concerns. I do encourage you to talk with your child's teacher and establish lines of communication early in the year. Together, we will work to make this the best year for your child!

What we want our Parents to know

Tate Elementary places great value on uniting with parents and guardians whose children we care for, nurture and love each day. As parents of our students, we want you to know we believe family involvement is important to a child's success.

Our faculty and staff see students, parents, guardians, and grandparents as part of our school family. We take a personal interest in each of our students and getting to know more about them. This helps to build a culture within our school where students feel

safe to take academic risks and try new things that might be outside their comfort zone.

What we want our Students to know

We hope our Tate Bulldogs are ready for a positive and productive year together! Our teachers have worked to plan fun, engaging learning experiences for you. It is important for you to show up each day and work hard. Remember, if you never try, you will never succeed. Stumbling is how we learn. Keep trying! Never, never give up. You have many people at home and at school cheering for you!

Before School Care

Parents who wish for their students to participate in before school care must walk their student into the gym from 7:15 - 7:55 a.m. Students must be signed-in by an adult.

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

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.

Afternoon Pick-up: 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 lane 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!

What's new at TES this year?

After a successful experience last year in the media center, Ms. Holt will extend Maker Space for the upcoming year. Maker Space inspires students to be creative and work collaboratively with each other in making, learning,



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exploring, and sharing ideas and projects. Through our media center's incorporation of Maker Space, students will experience hands-on learning which will help develop critical thinking skills and even boost their self-confidence.

Some other important things

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 Kaitlyn Setser by emailing her at setser.kaitlyn@yahoo.com. You can also message her on our Facebook page. We all depend on our PTO! Get involved and help make a difference.

Let's Connect!

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



Tate Elementary students work in their raised garden beds. The food is used in preparing meals in the Bulldog Café.