

# 5th Grade Newsletter

## Contact Information

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## General Greene Mission, Vision and Theme

**Mission:** We are building a foundation for a successful future through staff and students.

### **Vision:**

Growing lifelong learners,  
Achieving excellence,  
Tying in science and technology,  
Opening doors to our community,  
Recognizing the power of yet,  
Securing a foundation for ALL.

**Theme:** Chomping Towards Excellence

## Important Upcoming Dates:

- 8/29 - First Day for Students
- 9/5 - No School - Labor Day
- 9/8 - Fall School Picture Day
- 9/22 - 5th Grade Vision Screening
- 9/23 - Q1 Interim Reports Go Home

## Mrs. Karl

Hello! My name is Kaitlyn Karl and I have lived in Greensboro, NC for 3 years now. I have bounced around inside and outside of the United States as I was growing up and have lived in New York, Ohio, North Carolina, Massachusetts, and Switzerland. I came back to North Carolina after I graduated from high school because I loved it so much when I was a kid. I attended UNC-Charlotte, which is where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, K-6.

I got married in December 2019. Together my husband and I have a 7-year-old cat named Stella, a 5-year-old Golden Retriever named Bailey, and 1-year-old Australian Shepherd named Morgan! I love to share photos and stories about them.

I am excited to begin my 6th year of teaching and my 4th year at General Greene Elementary School as a 5th Grade Science and Social Studies teacher.

## Mrs. Kyslinger

My name is Becky Kyslinger and I am delighted to be part of the fifth grade team at General Greene. While I love teaching all subjects, my specialty is English Language Arts. I attended Wake Forest University for my Bachelor's degree in English and received my Master's in Elementary Education from UNCG. This is my second year teaching at General Greene, and my fourth in Guilford County. I have also taught in Forsyth County.

Enough of the boring stuff. Here's what you really need to know about me. I love the following things in no particular order: chocolate, music, figure skating, family, reading, writing, crafting, and learning with children. Well, maybe chocolate is in the right place. :- ) I know that all children can not only learn well, but can love learning. It is my goal to help make this year one that lifts up each child and helps them see how much fun learning can be.

## Mr. Nance

My name is Michael Nance and I am so excited to be your fifth grade math teacher!! This is my fifteenth year teaching in Guilford County Schools, and my sixth year at General Greene. I've taught 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade. This is my first year in 5th grade and it's going to be GREAT!!! I went to the University of North Carolina in Greensboro for my undergraduate degree, and the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University for my Masters in Elementary Education.

My favorite things include anything chocolate, time with family, reading biographical and historical nonfiction, and that A-ha moment on children's faces when they first learn or understand something we're working on. I do believe that our greatest challenges are the limits we place on ourselves. It is my greatest joy to help students push through their perceived limits and discover their truly amazing potential!!!

# Important General Greene Information

## 5th Grade Schedule

7:20-7:45 – Arrival/Breakfast  
7:45-7:55 – Harmony  
7:55-9:25 – Block 1  
9:25-10:20 – Block 2, Part 1  
10:20-10:50 – Recess  
10:50-11:25 – Block 2, Part 2  
11:25-11:55 – Block 3, Part 1  
11:55-12:25 – Lunch  
12:25-1:30 – Block 3, Part 2  
1:30-1:40 – Silent Reading  
1:40-2:20 – Specials  
2:20-2:30 – Silent Reading/Pack-up  
2:30 – Dismissal

Please see our General Greene webpages for a more detailed schedule. This schedule will include what time your child will have each teacher.

## Birthdays

Families can send in treat bags, stickers or pencils but please do not send in edible treats. If you have questions about acceptable celebration items, please contact me via email. I look forward to celebrating this special day with your student!

## Grades

Please check PowerSchool for your child's grades throughout the quarter. These will be the most accurate.

**A** 100-90  
**B** 89-80  
**C** 79-70  
**D** 69-60  
**F** 59 & Below

## Attendance

Students may enter the school at **7:20 AM** when the first bell rings. Breakfast will stop being served at **7:40 AM**. The second bell rings at **7:45 AM**. Any students arriving at **7:45** will need to be signed in at the office and will be marked tardy.

*If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent, please contact me via email or written note. Notes should be sent to school within 3 days of an absence.*

## Communication

Please be sure to check your student's take home folder every Monday as important information will be sent home weekly.

Newsletters will also be sent via email each week with curriculum updates and upcoming events. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us via email.

## Snack Time

Students will be provided a short amount of time in the morning to eat a snack (time is TBD). Please be sure to make a snack for your student that will be easy for them to eat while working.

## Lunch Menu (8/29-9/2):

- Aug. 29 - Salisbury Steak, Pizza Crunchers, or PB&J
- Aug. 30 - Chicken Chunks, Grilled Cheese, or Yogurt Parfait
- Aug. 31 - Beef Hot Dog w/ Chili, Protein Pack, or PB&J
- Sept. 1 - Cheeseburger, Hamburger, Turkey Wrap, or Yogurt Parfait
- Sept. 2 - Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Pizza, or PB&J