

Gate City Charter School

April News

Full Return Updates

In order to prepare to accommodate full day, in-person instruction, beginning April 19th, 2021, there will be **NO SCHOOL TOMORROW**, Wednesday April 14th.

We will be offering 3 different modalities of instruction beginning the 19th:

- REMOTE- all virtual
- HYBRID- 8:20-12PM
- FULL DAY- 8:20-3PM

We have received many great questions regarding this new journey and have prepared a document that contains responses to several common themes among these questions. [You can find this document here.](#)

In order to effectively create a seamless transition for our students, your help is needed! If you have availability in your schedule to volunteer, please reach out to Astrid Alvarado at alvaradoa@gccs-nh.org to sign-up to volunteer between the hours of 12-3PM. If you know of anyone who may be interested in proctoring one of our classrooms, send them this newsletter that contains information below with job descriptions and link to apply! If for any reason, we do not have staffing available due to COVID quarantine or lack of proctors to adequately meet the needs of full in-person learning, we will need to adjust to remote scheduling for as many classrooms as needed. Your flexibility and understanding is a MUST during this transition and for the remainder of the school year.



April 14th: NO SCHOOL for students; Staff preparing building space for full day in-person return

April 15th: Board Meeting at 7pm

April 19th: Beginning Full day in-person

April 23rd: Showing of GCCSA Talent Showcase

April 26th-30th: School Vacation

May 7th: Turn in art for Art Auction

May 27th: Band Concert from 6-6:30PM

May 31st: Art Auction Event

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HAVE YOU LET US KNOW WHICH **MODEL OF INSTRUCTION** YOU ARE SELECTING FOR APRIL 19TH?

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NO SCHOOL MONDAY APRIL 14TH, 2021

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DOES YOUR STUDENT REQUIRE MEDICATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS? **FILL OUT OUR FORM HERE.**



Willa Johnson



Emelia Overton



Aria Ward



Isaac Mendes



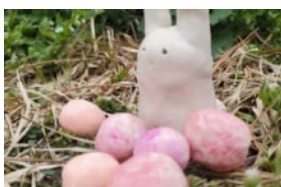
Daniel Bashore



Calissa Bell



Eliza Blanchette



Chelsey Henderson



Aaliyah Rose-Tardiff

April's Artist of the Month

Eric Carle

ART FORM: COLLAGE WITH PAPER & WATERCOLOR

INTERESTING FACTS

1. Eric Carle liked to sneak parts of his friend's names into his collages—even the collages in his books. The most common hidden name is "C&R" which is the first letter of his children's names: Cirsten and Rolf!
2. The non-scientific explanation for The Hungry Caterpillar butterfly coming out of a cocoon and not the more scientifically-accurate chrysalis is that when Eric Carle was a child his father would tell him to "come out of his cocoon" and be more receptive to the world around him. He liked the sound of that much more than "come out of your chrysalis". In his words: "Poetry won out over science!"
3. Eric Carle and Mr. Rogers are the same age, and he taped a short segment on *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood* with him. Eric Carle has said of his and Rogers' work: "I think he and I try to do the same thing, which is to take a subject we consider important and explore it with our audiences and readers. We don't tell children, we let them discover for themselves."

March Artist's of the Month

Come Join Our Gate City Staff!

GCCSA is seeking 7 proctors/monitors for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year to work within our school community. The hours are 12PM-2PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 12PM-1PM Wednesday, for \$25 per day. Additional hours may be available, for a rate of \$13 per hour.

Responsibilities are not limited to but may include: proctoring students while a teacher instructs remotely, monitoring lunch and recess activities, ensuring the school's child safety policies, including COVID safety measures, and assisting with student movement throughout the afternoon. Training will be available to ensure that all proctors are consistent with knowledge of COVID protocols while in the GCCS building or outdoors. Proctors should be flexible in their duties and have basic knowledge of technology.

Proctors will be required to complete a background check. GCCS will be responsible for the financial cost.

The ideal candidate will be available starting April 19, 2021. If you are interested, [please complete the application found at this link.](#)

We look forward to having new staff join our Gate City community.

- Eric Carle is bilingual, speaking both English and German. He was born in Syracuse, New York and spoke English until he was 6, but moved to Germany and then spoke only German. When he moved back to the United States, he was 22 and he spoke English once more.
- The iconic Hungry Caterpillar almost never existed! Eric Carle's original idea was a green "bookworm", and it was to be called "A Week With Willi the Worm". His editor, Ann Beneduce, wasn't fond of the idea of a worm character, and suggested a caterpillar instead!

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF CHANGES

GRADES 4-8

Students in Grades 4-8 will continue to be dropped off at 8:20 at their designated doors.

Students will also be picked-up at their designated doors for dismissal at 3PM.

GRADES K-3

Students in these grades will continue to utilize the SAME designated doors; However, they will need to be dropped off beginning at **8:35 AM**.

Please note this is a change to their schedule!

Students will be picked up at their designated door beginning at **2:45PM**. **Please note this is an additional change to their schedule!**

HYBRID STUDENTS

All students who have chosen hybrid, will be dropped off with their classroom at their normally designated drop-off locations.

Pick-up will be at the main entry door at the front of the building at 12PM.

SAFETY DURING DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

- Students should exit their vehicle on the passenger hand side regardless of car seat placement.
- Drive slowly! Drivers' speed should not exceed 15MPH when driving through the parking lot.
- Please ensure your student(s') names placard is located on the passenger's side window EVERY DAY.

Art Auction

We hope all families will find a way to get involved in our first annual Art Auction!

Gate City Charter School for the Arts is hosting an Art Auction on **May 21, 2021 from 6PM until 7:30PM** outside the school and online. All proceeds will be used to help the school with needed funds to support student learning. Artwork will be exhibited both outside the school and online. Online bidding will continue through the weekend until Monday at midnight on **May 24th**.

Families are invited to donate their best original artworks, created by family members or by students, to Gate City Charter School no later than **May 7th** to be included in the auction. Please contact Mrs. Ashton for extensions. One canvas will be available per interested student to pick up from the school lobby. Photography and other artwork is welcome as well and should be framed prior to submission.

Each contributing artist will be entered into a drawing for a raffle basket filled with art supplies using the submission slip. A name will be drawn for each of three different baskets. One basket will include drawing supplies, one will include watercolor supplies, and one will include acrylic painting supplies. If you are interested, please drop off your artwork in the lobby with an entry slip attached to the back of the artwork. Please email any questions to the Art teacher, Mrs. Ashton, at ashtonb@gccs-nh.org. [Follow this link to participate!](#)