



LEVEL CREEK PTA

Level Creek PTA General Meeting

January 16, 2026

14 in attendance

Welcome

Welcome – President Sun Park

Spring picture day February 2026 including retake photos

Approval of the Minutes from October 3rd, 2025

Motion to approve by Kim Canon and seconded by Neli Nikolava.

Future PTA General Meeting Dates

Next meetings on following days: 3/6/26 and May (TBA)

Remarks and Q&A with Mr. Skelton

The school is projecting a decline in enrollment next year, with approximately 120 students anticipated. This decrease is largely attributed to an increase in empty nesters within the community and rising housing prices, which are limiting the number of families with school-aged children moving into the area. In addition, the school expects to lose approximately 250 fifth graders, which is contributing significantly to the overall reduction.

Due to the enrollment decline, the school is projected to be down three teacher allocation points next year. The school is also expected to fall below 1,000 total students, which will further impact staffing allocations. Of the three-point reduction, one point is connected to Kathy Strauss's retirement, while the remaining reductions are related to changes in part-time and retiree staffing. In office staffing, three part-time staff members are not expected to return next year.

Other schools are experiencing similar impacts: Riverside and Roberts Elementary are each projected to lose three points, and Suwanee Elementary is projected to lose one point. While elementary enrollment is decreasing overall, it was noted that the middle school is growing.

Treasurer update

The Treasurer reported that all VPs have been sent the current budget, and the PTA will be voting on the proposed budget changes. Committee updates included the 5th Grade Committee reaching its goal and All Pro Dads receiving donations. The Community Care Team has been established and is working in coordination with school counselors, and a yard sale was hosted to raise funds for gift cards to support this effort. It was also noted that the PTA spent more on the Book Fair vouchers than in previous years, and to help offset this, funds are being transferred from the Kindness Committee budget. Financial highlights included lower-than-expected accounting fees and an increase in PTA membership; remaining membership funds will be applied toward yearbooks for members.

Motion to approve budget Jessica Calvert and Lidia Griffin.

VP updates:

Vice President Fritz Gandhi

- **Reflections:** Winners for the LCE students Area 2 competition were announced, with 15 LCE students moving on. The Area 2 Art event was scheduled for December 7, and awards are to be sent to schools but have yet to receive them.
- **All Pro Dads:** the next event will be January 23. All Pro Moms is planned for May 8.
- **Yearbook,** 5th grade dedications are underway and committees are reaching out to students. Additional photos from school events are still needed.
- **Membership:** 371 members currently, with all committee and board members signed up. Teacher participation increased this year, and membership signs were noted as helpful. A plan to provide wristbands to students did not work out due to Totem logistics. It was also shared that the PTA won a National PTA contest and received a pallet of coffee, which was distributed to the teacher lounge, custodians, and North Gwinnett school cluster.
- **Spelling Bee:** Chloe K. will advance to the next competition next month, with Zayan A. as the runner-up and alternate. This was the first year the bee progressed through all spelling words for grades 4–6 and continued into the 7th–8th grade word lists, with hopes of advancing to the state level.
- **Kindness Committee:** The initiative planned for February 2–5. The school will not be doing the food drive this year. Instead, themed activities have been organized to promote kindness from students to others and themselves. Students will write kind words to themselves on the first day, messages to staff and teachers on the second day, notes to friends on the third day, messages to the community on the fourth day, and letters to family members on the fifth day.

Vice President Jaime Jacobs

- **Faculty and Staff:** Teacher Appreciation Week scheduled for March 9–12.
- **Arts in Education:** 3 programs have taken place so far (for 1st, 2nd, and 4th grades). 6 additional programs are scheduled over the next three months.
- **Environmental:** No updates reported.
- **Spirit Wear:** Spring spirit wear is coming out soon. Friday Spirit Days planned for the spring.
- **Carnival:** Carnival scheduled for February 21, 12:00–3:00 PM. Presales begin January 26. Tickets/sales will be at the event.

Vice President Damaris Santamaria

- **Heritage Night:** scheduled for March 27 with a Soccer World Cup theme.
- **Media Center:** Book Fair scheduled for Friday, February 27 through Friday, March 6. Volunteers will be needed. The theme is Candyland.
- **Multicultural:** The bulletin board was updated this week for Lunar New Year. February focus is Black History Month. March focus is Around the World with the paper dolls decorated by students.
- **5th Grade:** Reached our fundraising goal of \$12,000! Going towards extra and increasing prices, possibly more events. The 5th Grade Panorama photo was taken this morning and students received their class shirts. Bingo Night is next Friday, January 23@6pm and we will need volunteers. Looking at hosting another 5th Grade After School Event in the next 2 months, date/activity TBD. Still plan on selling snacks at Spring Carnival, Chorus Concert and possibly the Talent Show.
- **New Parent Committee:** Proposal of creating a "New to LCE" committee to serve as an advising board for items coming out of PTA committees. Proposed maintaining a database/FAQ to help answer common "random questions" from new families. Discussion of possibly hosting a mixer for new parents to meet and connect (possibly in Kinderdaze).

Vice President Kayla Chesser

- **Classroom Coordinator:** Teacher Appreciation scheduled for March 9–12. Additional details will be shared soon, including what support and items are needed.
- **Newsletter:** No updates reported.
- **Square 1 Art:** Reported over \$6,000 in sales, helping fund the 5th grade tile wall.
- **Talent Show:** Working with Mrs Turner, date TBD
- **Fundraiser:** No update

President's Remarks

- Provided an update on the new screen installation. The screen will be framed, and trim/flashing will go around it; installation is forthcoming. The updated graphics software was reported to work much better. The red and

silver North Gwinnett logo sign will be placed above the screen.

- Media Center updates included new bookshelves added, with two more arriving in February. Additional bulldog spirit artwork was added.
- A new sound system is on the way and is expected to be installed before the next spring chorus concert.

Save the Dates

- 1/19 : Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
- 1/23: All Pro Dad & Bingo Night
- 2/19 : Spring Picture Day
- 2/20 : All Pro Dad
- 2/21 : Spring Carnival (2/28 rain day)
- 3/2-3/6 : Book Fair
- 3/6 : PTA Meeting #4 @ 9:30am, in-person
- 3/9-3/13 : Teacher Appreciation Week
- 3/20 : All Pro Dad
- 3/27 : Heritage Night

Know what is going on!

Questions: Contact Sun: president@levelcreekpta.org

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