

General George S. Patton School

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Mr. David L. Brown

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Dear General George S. Patton
Panther Family,

It is a humbling experience serving the Patton family. You have welcomed me with open arms and a joyous Patton spirit. Serving as Principal of General George S. Patton brings both immense responsibility and profound fulfillment. Every day, I am reminded of the power of education to transform lives and the critical role we, as school leaders, play in shaping the futures of our students.

Please encourage our students to continue striving for excellence. As we move into the next semester, our students will be completing important assessments, such as NWEA and IAR testing. Your partnership in ensuring our students are in attendance, on time and prepared to do their very best is appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we strive for excellence.

Principal Harper



Mrs. Kim Y. Harper
School Principal

Mrs. Leslie Williams, who we introduced previously as the Culture and Climate Support Personnel, has been elevated to Mrs. Harper's Administrative Assistant.

"I'm very excited, said Williams. "I'm passionate about supporting our students, staff, and families by keeping things organized, running smoothly, and always leading with a positive attitude."



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PROMOTION

Family & Community Engagement Specialist (F.A.C.E)

Ms. Anderson

After three years as a Preschool Paraprofessional at Patton, Ms. Anderson is excited to continue supporting students and families by fostering stronger school-community connections as our new Family & Community Engagement Specialist F.A.C.E). Her role centers on working with families, listening, planning, and connecting them to resources and opportunities for school and beyond. She ensures families have a voice in the school, feel welcomed, and receive community support.



Mr. Grabowski

7th grade Stem Class

Our 7th graders designed their own avatars using TinkerCad—and brought them to life with our Dremel 3D printer!



INNOVATIVE LEARNING IN ACTION

Ms. Brown

Preschool Class



Preschool Room 112 is home to Tootie P., our red-eared slider turtle, who brings hands-on, innovative learning to life for our students. Having Tootie P. in the classroom is more than just fun—it sparks curiosity and keeps students engaged by allowing them to observe a living animal up close. Through caring for Tootie P., students learn about habitats, animal needs, and responsibility in a real-world context. This experience naturally supports early science skills, vocabulary growth, and meaningful classroom discussions about the natural world. Innovative approaches like classroom pets help make learning exciting and memorable, encouraging empathy and teamwork while connecting lessons to everyday experiences. Tootie P. is not just a pet—he's an engaging part of our classroom community and a powerful companion in our journey of discovery.



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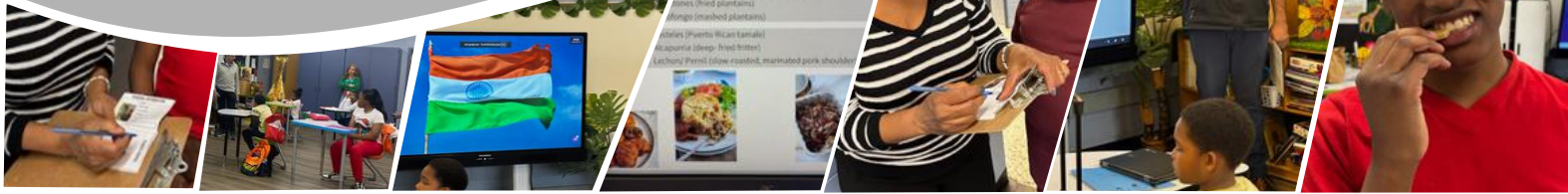


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Culture in the Classroom: Around the World in Room 110



Mrs. Fape

Room
110



At the start of the school year, Mrs. Nicole Fape invited staff to share their cultures with our students for a project called Culture in the Classroom. Every month, teachers and staff introduced global artifacts, music, cuisine, clothing, or photos for hands-on learning. She noted, "The staff's enthusiasm has made Room 110 a vibrant world tour and a highlight for all."

Mrs. Fape explained, "Culture in the Classroom has sparked curiosity, joy, and genuine connections, helping students appreciate the many cultures represented in our school. I'm deeply grateful to everyone who's shared their stories. The kids also created "thank you" cards, connecting these experiences with social emotional learning."



In October, Ms. Lebron transported us to Puerto Rico. Students explored the island's vibrant landscapes, traditions, and music, were enchanted by the coquí frog, sampled rice and peas, and learned Salsa dance steps.

November's adventure took us to India with our IT staff member, Mr. Dustin Anand. Students packed suitcases, got pretend passports stamped, and "flew" to India for an immersive experience. They discovered colorful spices, talked about traditions, tasted a sweet Indian pastry, and engaged in lively discussions.



In December, Mr. Loeza from Maintenance brought Mexico to life, sharing stories about climate, food, and music. Students located his hometown on the map, enjoyed homemade tamales, listened to Merengue, and even got a cardio workout dancing.



Ms. Wells and her students joined us for these journeys, adding to our classroom community's excitement.

Everyone is buzzing for our January trip to Greece with Mr. Katsikas—our "plane" is ready to board!



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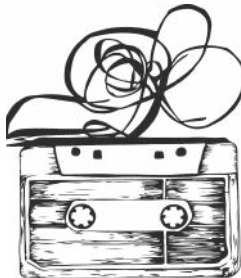


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Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- Saturday Academy-Jan-March
- Black History Month Program **Feb. 27th**
- Family Math Night **March 12th**
- IAR Testing-March
- Spring Break **April 3rd-April 10th**
- Science Fair-**April 30th**
- Career Day-**May 1st**
- Staff Appreciation Week-**May 4th-May 8th**
- 8th Grade Graduation-**May 27th @ 5pm**
- Pre-K & K Step Up **May 28th @ 10am**
- Last day of school - **June 5th**
- 1st Day Summer School - **June 8th**



REWINDING WINTER

Delightful moments from our family reading night and holiday assembly.

