2023 Social Media Toolkit

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Georgia Pre-K Week

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Thanks for being here! Whether you're an educator, a parent, an advocate, a community leader, we're thrilled that you're joining Voices for Georgia's Children and the Department of Early Care and Learning to celebrate Georgia Pre-K Week 2023.

This toolkit has everything you need to spread the word across social media about the importance of a quality early childhood education. Thanks for all you do for Georgia's youngest learners!
What is in the 2023 Toolkit?

- Social media graphics and posts for Facebook, Instagram, and/or Twitter
- Social media profile and cover photos
- Virtual meeting background
- Activities for this year's book, **Cheer: A Book to Celebrate Community**
- Spanish language shareable resources
  ...and more!
What is Pre-K Week?

The research is clear: children who enter Kindergarten with the skills, knowledge, and attitudes they need to succeed are more likely than their peers to experience later academic achievement and attain higher levels of education.

Georgia’s Pre-K Program is a voluntary, free program available to all of Georgia’s four-year-olds regardless of parental income. Since its inception in 1992, over 2 million Georgia students have been served by Georgia’s Pre-K. The program continues to be nationally recognized for its success.

This is the 13th year of Georgia Pre-K Week! During the 2009-2010 recession, Georgia's Pre-K Program was nearly eliminated by the Georgia Legislature due to funding constraints. Since then, the first week of October has been dedicated to raising awareness of the importance and benefits of a quality Pre-K across our state by providing leaders the opportunity to engage with classrooms in their local communities.

Check out our Georgia Pre-K Week Factsheet for more details!
Quick Social Media Tips

• Use the hashtag #GaPreKWeek in all posts to boost your post’s visibility (and to be automatically entered in the photo contest!)

• Keep your posts short.

• Add a picture to every post.

• Encourage your teachers, parents, and staff to like, share, and repost your messages (or create their own!)
Quality early learning for young children improves third grade reading proficiency and increases high school graduation rates. One of the many reasons I support #GaPreKWeek

*Always attach a picture (like the graphics you'll find further in this toolkit) to grab your audience's attention

Did you know? More than half of the Pre-K providers in Georgia are Quality Rated — a voluntary, quality rating system for early and childcare programs. #GaPreKWeek

#GaPreK has grown! It started as a pilot program in 1992 serving 750 children and now serves over 73,000 children annually. #GaPreKWeek

Research has proven that early childhood experiences and education shape the brain. One of the many reasons that quality early learning is essential for young children #GaPreKWeek

Demand is still high! At the end of the 2022-23 school year, there were still 2,611 kids on the waitlist for #GaPreK. One of the many reasons I support #GaPreKWeek
Facebook Graphics

More than 2 million students have been served by Georgia’s Pre-K program since it began in 1992.
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Georgia’s Pre-K Program has laid the foundation for future academic success for more than 2 million of Georgia’s youth.
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Children in Georgia's Pre-K show significant growth across all learning domains including math, language & literacy, and social-emotional skills.
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Georgia Pre-K students are more prepared for kindergarten compared to four-year-olds who did not attend a Georgia Pre-K program.
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Georgia’s Pre-K has been shown to significantly improve children’s school readiness skills across a wide range of measures.
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Instagram Graphics

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Los estudiantes preescolares están más preparados para el kinder comparados a otros niños de cuatro años que no asistieron a un programa preescolar de Georgia.

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Quality early learning leads to higher graduation rates, and actually saves money for the government. That's why I support #GaPreKWeek!

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Did you know in the first few years of a child's life, more than 1 million new neural connections are formed every second? #GaPreKWeek

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Children enrolled in Georgia's Pre-K continue to show gains through the end of first grade. That's why I support #GaPreKWeek

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Join us from Oct. 2 – Oct. 6 in celebrating quality early learning for #GaPreKWeek!

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Save the Date Pre-K Week Graphics

Twitter/Threads:

Facebook:

Instagram:

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Additional Pre-K Week Graphics

Instagram:

Twitter/Threads:

Facebook:
Virtual Meeting Background

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- How to change your background on Zoom
- How to change your background on Microsoft Teams
In-person Media Tips

On-site Media Coverage:
Invite media to your Pre-K Week event, especially if you expect a legislator or prominent community members to attend:

1. One week before your Pre-K Week event, call your local newspaper and/or TV station. Ask for the assignment desk. Get the name, email address and phone number of the person who covers education or community events. Many news outlets no longer have a dedicated education reporter, so this may be an assignment manager, producer or the general news email.
2. Send a press release to the email you were given. Be sure to paste the press release into the text of the email.
   - Attachments are rarely opened. (A template for the press release is available on our Pre-K Week webpage: www.GaPreKWeek.com.)
In-person Media Tips

On-site Media Coverage (continued)

3. Two days before your Pre-K Week event, follow up with your contacts with an email and a phone call. Confirm that they received your press release, and see if they have it assigned to a reporter or photographer, and if they plan to attend. They will not give you a guarantee. Be prepared for them to quickly tell you they cannot guarantee coverage.
   a. Remind them of the details and tell them if anything has changed, especially if a legislator or community leader has confirmed that he will be at the event.
   b. If a newspaper can’t send a reporter, ask if they can send a photographer.
   c. If they can’t send a reporter or photographer, ask if you can submit a photo with caption for inclusion in their newspaper and website. Ask for the name and contact information for the person responsible for receiving this information.
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- Spanish Language Resources
- GA Pre-K Week Style Guide
- Book Activities
- Fact Sheets
- Preparing for a Visit

Sample press releases, leader invitation, and more on our website at:

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