

CC Chronicle



Georgia O'Keeffe Elementary
August 2026

WELCOME BACK!! Your 2026 Staff Line-Up:



*A Word From Your
Site Director*

Hi! My name is Beliz Burnaz and I am so excited to begin another great year Georgia O'Keeffe Elementary. I have been with the CC family since 2014 and this year will be my 6th school year as the Site Director here at GOK! I am especially excited to see everyone after their summer break, and meet our new kindergarteners! My staff and I are very much looking forward to working with all of you to maintain this incredible community and create new and wonderful memories!



Jade Gallegos
Associate Director

Jade joined Children's Choice in March of 2024. She likes working with kids because she enjoys being a role model. She enjoys making jewelry and doing arts and crafts in her free time. She wants parents to know that she is very kind and compassionate. She wants the kids to know that they can come and talk to her about anything.



Ethan Chino
Associate Director

Ethan joined Children's Choice in October of 2023. He likes working with kids because he enjoys being a role model. He enjoys hanging out with family and friends, watching football, and playing basketball in his free time. He wants parents to know that he is responsible. He wants the kids to know that he is energetic and easy to talk to.



Kori Baca -Admin

Kori joined Children's Choice in January of 2022. She likes working with kids because they are so full of life, and she enjoys inspiring young minds. She enjoys art, going on nature walks, learning about crystals, and building miniature houses in her free time. She wants parents to know that she is trustworthy, caring, honest, and outgoing. She wants the kids to know that they can trust her, and if they need to talk about anything she is here for them.

Helpful Information

Site Phone: (505)504-4943

Office Phone: (505)296-2880

Email: gok@ccabq.org

Financial Assistance: (505)841-4800





Audrey Ward -Admin

Audrey joined Children's Choice in March of 2023. She likes working with kids because she feels it's important for kids to feel safe and happy in the environments they are learning in, and she likes being a role model. She enjoys making art, being in the outdoors, and working out in her free time. She wants parents to know that she thinks that learning makes life fun and interesting. She wants the kids to know that she is funny and caring, and that she loves art.

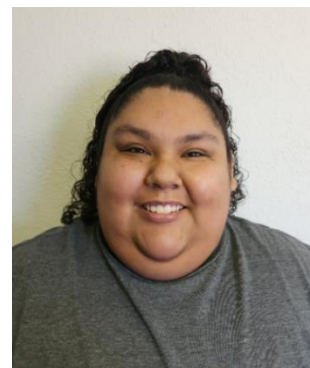
ABSENCES

If your child will not be attending Children's Choice on a day they are scheduled to be there and/or if your child has any after school clubs, please call the site phone, (505) 504-4943, to let us know.



Rosie Mbala

Rosie joined Children's Choice in November of 2025. She likes working with kids because of how exciting it is. She enjoys reading, roller skating, making clothes, and trying new foods in her free time. She wants parents to know that it's important to her to make a positive impact on their children. She wants the kids to know that she is looking forward to learning from them and hopes that they learn from her too.



Thelma De La Cruz-Admin

Thelma joined Children's Choice in November of 2022. She likes working with kids for all of the different experiences it provides, and the joy that children have. She enjoys spending time with family and gaming in her free time. She wants parents to know that she is caring, and she is happy to help them in any way she can. She wants the kids to know that they can trust her, and they can come and talk to her about anything.



Edmund Ford

Edmund joined Children's Choice in June of 2025. He likes working with kids because he enjoys their perspectives, it brings him joy, and likes watching them learn. He enjoys reading, writing, cooking, hiking, exercising, and spending time with friends and family in his free time. He wants parents to know that he caring, and that their children will be safe and well taken care of. He wants the kids to know that he is fun and will bring the silliness out them through games, conversations, and activities.



Caden Armijo

Caden joined Children's Choice in September of 2025. He likes working with kids because he enjoys making connections and being a positive influence in their lives. He enjoys going to the gym, watching football, and golfing with friends and family in his free time. He wants parents to know that he will always put the kids first and wants them to look forward to the activities. He wants the kids to know that he is very fun, energetic, and relatable.



Jasmine Sigler

Jasmine joined Children's Choice in November of 2022. She likes working with kids because they are authentic and fun, and she hopes to brighten their days. She enjoys music and dancing, doing graphic design, and hiking in her free time. She wants parents to know that she wants to make a positive impact on their kids' lives. She wants the kids to know that she wants to ensure they have fun and feel safe.



Lexi Garcia

Lexi joined Children's Choice in April of 2025. She likes working with kids because of how creative they are, and they brighten her day. She enjoys painting and being active in her free time. She wants parents to know that she is fun, caring, and compassionate. She wants the kids to know that she is a creative and fun person.



Iliana Lujan

Iliana joined Children's Choice in July of 2025. She likes working with kids because she remembers all of the cool things she got to do when she was a kid. She enjoys going to the gym, and walking her dog in her free time. She wants parents to know that she is very responsible. She wants the kids to know that she is looking forward to doing activities and playing with them.



Cisco Gutierrez

Cisco joined Children's Choice in July of 2025. He likes working with kids because he enjoys making them smile, and watching them grow up. He enjoys playing sports, spending time with friends, and playing video games in his free time. He wants parents to know that he is friendly, thoughtful, and patient. He wants the kids to know that he is there for them, and he is always up to do anything fun.



Seth Lopez

Seth joined Children's Choice in October of 2022. He likes working with kids because it's refreshing to interact with them and see them grow in a variety of ways. He enjoys video games, exercising, writing, trying new recipes, and traveling in his free time. He wants parents to know that he is here to support them in any way he can. He wants the kids to know that he loves to laugh and sing, he is super-fast, and he loves snacks.



Rhianna Manes

Rhianna joined Children's Choice in April of 2024. She likes working with kids because she enjoys assisting in their development. She enjoys making jewelry, going for walks, and painting in her free time. She wants parents to know that their kids will be safe with her. She wants the kids to know that she is funny and is here to support them.



Priscylla Salas -Admin

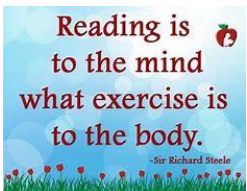
Priscylla joined Children's Choice in October of 2019. She likes working with kids because they are curious, and it's exciting to help them learn new things. She enjoys writing poetry and playing with her younger brother in her free time. She wants parents to know that she is motivated and dedicated to meeting the needs of their children. She wants the kids to know that she will listen to them, and that she loves to make slime.

REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Lost and Found: Our lost and found is filling up quickly. Please take a moment to check for any missing items. Unclaimed items will be donated every Friday.**
 - **Please bring a labeled water bottle each day, if possible!**
 - **If your child needs specific sunscreen please send it with them!**
 - **We kindly ask each family to donate two bottles of sunscreen if possible.**
- Thank you for your continued support!**

GEORGIA O'KEEFE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES 2026

August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 	4 	5 	6 	7 Getting to Know You! Getting to Know All About You!! WELCOME 1st Day of School Celebration
10 What's for snack, Jack?  Manners Matter!	11 Welcome Kindergarteners!  Getting to know what to do and where to go!	12  YOU'RE GIVING ME AN ART ATTACK!	13 CC Constitution Creating OUR Community 	14 Let's Get Moving 
17  Let's Get Dramatic	18  Beat the Heat Water Trivia!!	19 We are ALL SCIENTISTS! 	20 Shall We Play a Game? 	21  Tell Us What You Want, What You Really, Really Want!!
24 Numbers Up!  Adventures in Math	25 If You Build It... Exploring Construction 	26 SENSORY EXPLORATION! 	27 A Quiet Place Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. -Sir Richard Steele 	28 CC Sound Machine 

