

Garfield Elementary Newsletter

OCTOBER, 2022

GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Fall! Can you even believe we have been in school for 5 weeks! The students and staff at each of the GMC schools continue to impress. We have so many new things students are learning and yet everyone continues to come to school with a smile and ready for more. We have spent the month of September reconnecting with all of our students and getting to know our new kindergarten friends. We had a lot of fun with our Homecoming dress up days and festivities and are looking forward to having even more fun in October! As some of you may know, October is anti-bullying month. Many staff and students are choosing to wear blue with positive messaging to promote a healthy school culture. Throughout the month, we will be working hard to promote and educate students on kindness and empathy. By understanding what bullying is, we can work together to prevent it. We also teach students what conflict is vs bullying and sometimes conflict is normal and can be healthy. Learning interpersonal relationships and how to problem solve is a life-long skill that we hope to instill in all students. However, if something is getting in the way of your child's learning, please contact their classroom teacher as soon as possible so we can work as a team to find a solution.



Students will have Parent/Teacher Conferences for three days starting October 17th, just before our MEA Break. These first conferences are important because they provide direction and focus for months to come until our next conferences in March. The focus this early in the year will be more on getting to know you and your child and less on sharing achievement data. Teachers truly welcome an opportunity to meet with parents during conferences to discuss your child's education. While developing rapport and setting goals will be the main thrust of the conference, please feel free to ask questions about social and emotional development, behavior, study skills, and so on



CRITICAL BUS DRIVER SHORTAGE

Transportation is short on bus drivers! If you would be interested or know of anyone interested in driving a bus please apply on-line at www.alexschools.org. Or call the transportation department at 320-762-3317.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR FREE OR REDUCED MEALS?

If your child(ren) was approved for Free or Reduced Meals last school year and you haven't yet applied for this year, those benefits will be expiring October 18th.

Families need to reapply for Free or Reduced Meal Benefits each school year.

Paper applications are available at your child's school and may be dropped off there or at our Food & Nutrition Services Office on school days between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

You may also complete an on-line application at family.wordwareinc.com.

Did you know? If approved you can also receive discounted sports and activity fees for your students!



FUN RUN RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. Furth's 4th grade class for getting 4th place at the Fun Run! Way to go to all the runners!! Also, CONGRATULATIONS to Austin Meichsner, Ms. Furth's 4th grade class for winning the bike drawing.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 7th - Fundraiser Ends
- October 10th - Vision and Hearing
- October 17th - Conferences 3pm-7pm
- October 18th - Conferences 3pm-7pm
- October 19th - No School Conferences - 7:30-3:30
- October 20-21st - No School MEA Break
- October 27th - Picture Retakes
- October 27th - Pizza fundraiser pickup at 5:00pm



November 6th - Daylight Savings ends, Fall Back
November 7th - No school Professional Dev Day
November 11th - Veterans Day
November 24-25th - No School Thanksgiving Break



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