



Gourley Gazette



David Gourley Elementary

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Principal's Message



Learning Options Forms: Quarter 2 is quickly approaching. We need all families to submit a Q2 Learning Options Form between September 28th to October 9th. The 2nd quarter begins October 26th and goes through January 14th. Forms were emailed to all parents who have a current email registered with the school, you can also pick up a form at the office or visit our website. It is important that all families turn one form in for each child that attends school. You can email the forms to smhope@graniteschools.org or send them to school with your child. We anticipate that we may need to do some teacher or class adjustments in each grade level depending on the changes in number of students choosing distance learning or face to face learning. We are committed to continue providing quality, engaging instruction to all students whether they are attending school physically or digitally.

A Healthy School Environment: The health and wellbeing of all students is a priority for us here at school. We take very specific actions throughout the day to ensure that regular cleaning and handwashing occurs. Students are spaced out the best possible distances in the classrooms, hallways and lines, and everyone is required to wear a mask. We need your help to continue to see the success we have had in the building.

- If your child is sick for any reason, COVID or non-related symptoms, please keep them home and contact the main office @385-646-4846.
- Be sure that your contact information is up to date. If we need to call home, it is essential that we have access to a reliable contact that can come to the school to pick up your child.
- Continue to model a positive attitude about mask wearing, and be sure your child has a clean, well fitted mask to wear to school before they walk out the door each morning.

If your child is healthy and well, it is so important for them to be attending school every day, whether that means they are coming to school physically or logging on everyday digitally to participate in learning. You can do your part as a parent by encouraging a consistent bedtime each night, limiting electronics at night, and letting your child know that you think attending school daily is important. We have implemented an attendance program here at school to positively encourage daily attendance as well. Students who report their absence to the office, due to illness, receive an excused absence for the day and are not penalized for missing school.

a.m./p.m. School Safety: Pick up and drop off times can be a very busy time around the school. I would like to remind parents to pay careful attention to their surroundings when entering the school grounds. Please use the designated north parking lot drive thru for dropping off and picking up children. The front lot is not a safe area for loading or unloading. Cones have been placed at the entrance to remind all patrons to not use this lot for drop of or pick up. This parking lot is designated for patrons who are planning to park and come into the school. Please do not use the Handicap spaces unless you have a handicap license plate or hanging tag and plan to get out of your car to access your child or come into the building. Please do not ever park in the bus only lane. We have had many parents parking across the street to pick up their children. This is not a legal or safe zone for picking up children. Please model safe crosswalk use with your children. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

PTA Message:

Reflections are due Oct 26th. Our PTA is getting ready for White Ribbon Week, at the end of October, to help your children understand the importance of Internet Safety and a respectful digital presence. Children do better with the support and guidance of their parents while online, resources will be shared with families as well.

Halloween/Fall Celebration:

We regret to inform you that we will not be hosting a Halloween parade this year due to several factors:

- COVID 19 restrictions and limits on large groups
- Large groups of volunteers in our building with COVID restrictions
- Costumes may conflict with mask wearing requirements, please do not send your child to school in a costume
- Parades will impede our ability to adhere to health restrictions on keeping classrooms contained for contact tracing purposes

This is an unusual school year and many of the traditions and activities we normally enjoy will need to be postponed for future years as we continue to modify our programs to meet health restrictions. This WILL NOT limit specific class level activities and lessons that appropriately abide by current health guidance. Please contact your child's teacher for information about their in class fall celebration.

We appreciate your understanding during this time.



Upcoming Events.....

- Oct. 2 – Distance Learning day for all students
- Oct. 5 – Fall Picture Day
- Oct. 6 – PTA Board Meeting 3:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6 – Community Council Meeting 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 9 – Distance Learning day for all students
- Oct. 9 – Quarter 2 Learning Options Forms due
- Oct. 16 – Distance Learning day for all students
- Oct. 20 – Distance Learning Day for all students
- Oct. 21-23 – End of term, No School for all students
- Oct. 26 – PTA Reflections due
- Oct. 26-30 – White Ribbon Week
- Oct. 30 – Distance Learning day for all students

