



# Giesinger Elementary

October 2017

Dear Giesinger Families,

Thank you for a wonderful start to our new school year! The students seem happy to be back and so am I. I enjoy getting smiles, hugs and high-fives as I walk down the halls each day by our awesome Eagles! Thank you for sharing them with us. It is always fun seeing everyone at Open House. I look forward working with you and your students this year.

We kicked off our fall fundraiser catalog sales on September 19th. The catalog orders are due on October 3rd.

Our Watchdog Program for “Dads of Great Students” kicked off on Thursday, September 26th. This program provides dads the opportunity to be a presence at school. We look forward to having our male role models participate in our students’ school day. A reminder: if you are interested in being a part of this program please call the front office to receive more information about participating.

We are hosting a Kindergarten Parent Information Night on Thursday, October 5, at 5:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to introduce the new Standards Base Report Card for kindergarten students. Students may go to our Activity room with our Sam Houston University pre-service teachers where they will participate in fun literacy activities that the teachers have designed for them.

Pre-Kindergarten will be hosting a Family Engagement Night also on October 5th at 5:30 pm. We hope that our parents and pre-kindergarten students attend and evening of fun with Mrs. Kainer.

Other October events include:

- October 23-27th - The Scholastic Book Fair
- October 25th - Donuts with Divas 7:30-8:00 am
- October 26th –Third Grade Music Program 6:30 pm

We look forward to you participating in our fall activities!

Sincerely, Melissa Hammond, Principal



### From Our Assistant Principal...

Nominations are now open for CISD Gifted & Talented program. Although testing will not take place until the end of January, nominations are accepted at this time. Nominations can be made by the parents and/or teachers. If you are interested in nominating your child, you may want to discuss this with your child's teacher at conferences. Nominations will be accepted now through December 20th. You may request a nomination form from your child's classroom teacher or Amy Barber. You can also find the nomination form and other GT information on the CISD GT homepage.

Students who are Never Ever Absent or Tardy (N.E.A.T. Kids) earn a special reward at the end of each grading period. Regular and punctual attendance is the greatest single factor in a child's school success. At Giesinger Elementary, students are allowed to enter the building at 7:30 a.m., they are considered tardy at 8:10 a.m.

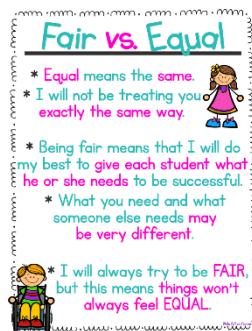
Amy Barber  
Assistant Principal

### From Our Counselor...

I have had so much fun getting to meet all of your children at Giesinger. They are precious! Starting this month, I will be scheduling guidance lessons for each classroom. See below for more details. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email or call. Thank you for sharing your children with us.

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This month's character pillar is Fairness. One student from each class will be chosen to represent this character pillar. During morning announcements this character trait will be reviewed and special guest students will be highlighted. Fairness is a trait that some elementary students struggle with. We try to explain this to them by teaching them the difference between fair and equal. Fairness is defined as "impartial and just treatment or behavior without favoritism or discrimination." Sometimes things don't seem fair because we are just trying to make them equal. For example, if a student has to sit at the front of the classroom because they have trouble seeing the board, other students may have to sit a little further back. They may feel that it is not fair that they have to sit there. When we explain that this seating is due to eyesight, many students understand. We want the opportunity for education to be equal for everyone.



For the first guidance lesson with each class room the students will be learning about teamwork, anti-bullying, and that everyone counts. I will be using the book One by Kathryn Otoshi to teach this. This book uses colors and numbers to teach these lessons. Here is a link to a video of students reading this book. Please use this at home and enjoy the story with your children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbgsROSP0y0>

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