

Giesinger Newsletter

January 2018

Welcome back! It is great to welcome our Eagles back to school after the winter break! Thank you Giesinger PTO for welcoming the staff back with a delicious breakfast on Monday, January 8th. It was a great way to begin our workday!

We have reached the mid-point of the 2017-2018 school year. Our district curriculum follows the state TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) curriculum. If you would like to look at the TEKS by grade level and subject on the internet the address is www.tea.state.tx.us/teks/. TEA (Texas Education Association) has a very informative and extensive web site for teachers and parents. Please take the opportunity to visit this site.

A few reminders:

- There is a school holiday on Monday, January 15th.
- Report cards will go home on Tuesday, January 16th.
- The last day to order a 2017-2018 yearbook is February 2nd.

Happy New Year!

Melissa Hammond, Principal



A few words from our Assistant Principal:

Winter break was a wonderful blend of chaos and rejuvenation. It was nice to have extra family time and hopefully you were able to accomplish some things that you can't seem to schedule during the rest of the year. It was wonderful returning to school to see our Eagles excited and eager to begin this new semester. Getting back into the routine can be hard but our teachers quickly have their classes humming like clockwork again. We missed your little ones!

Our teachers will continue monitoring progress and evaluating how your child is doing at this point in the year. I would encourage you to reach out to schedule a conference to check for progress. Our teachers have lots of resources with the curriculum they teach and collaborate with their colleagues continually so they are full of ideas to support you with your children.

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Amy Barber

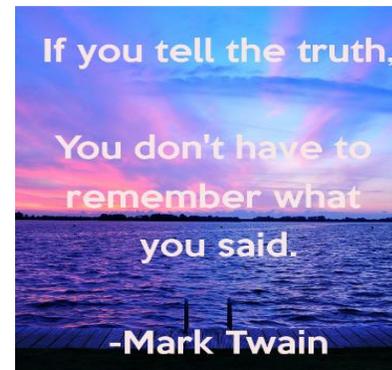
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A few words from our Counselor:

This month's character pillar is TRUSTWORTHINESS. The definition of trustworthiness is the ability to be relied on as honest or truthful. Many students tell me it hard to be honest when they feel like they are going to get in trouble. I usually then tell the student that there is a chance they will get into even more trouble once it is found out that they were not being honest. This picture sums it up well.

Some ways to promote honesty are:

- Try to understand why your child is finding it hard to be honest
- Teach your child about why lying doesn't work
- Respond with clear consequences for dishonest behavior.
- Set a good example.
- Praise honesty.



The week of February 12-16, Giesinger Elementary will be celebrating Acts of Kindness Week. This week students and staff will step out of their normal routines and attempt new acts of kindness each day. Students will learn about kindness on the announcements and in their classrooms. Some students have been chosen to participate in random acts of kindness throughout the week and all students will participate in the creation of our school's Kindness Rock Garden. This is going to be a fun week filled with love and learning. I thought this video was very fitting for the New Year and our Acts of Kindness week February 12-16, 2018. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQOcEDD5hR8> (I personally love #14.)

Giesinger YEARBOOKS are still available to order online. www.balfour.com (Type Giesinger in the search bar.) Special personalization options available, such as photo messages ("yearbook ads") to your child. The last day to order your yearbook is February 2nd.

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A few words from our Nurse:

Illness at school is evaluated by the clinic staff in the clinic area. A child that demonstrates the following symptoms will be sent home:

- Fever of 100 degrees or more
- Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Severe stomachache, earache, or headache
- Suspected contagious condition or disease
- A child who is too ill to function in the classroom

Due to possible restroom accidents, wet/muddy clothes, food/drink spills in all grades please make sure to keep an extra complete change of underwear/pants in your child's backpack. This will eliminate a lot of extra time out of the classroom searching for clothes in the clinic (which are very limited), as well of unnecessary call to parents to bring extra clothes to the clinic.

Thank you!

Happy New Year!

Nurse Corbit

