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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

- PTO Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 19, 2017

- Hispanic Heritage Program @ 6:00 p.m. (Cafeteria)

Monday, October 23 - Friday, October 27, 2017

- Red Ribbon Week (see calendar for more details)

Saturday, October 28, 2017

- Fall Festival: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES

- 11/6 – 11/9: Book Fair
- 11/9: Literacy Night



MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL THOMPSON

Dear GVE Parents,

School is your child's place of work and learning is serious business. Please help your child develop good attendance habits by bringing him/her to school on time every day. Children who arrive to school between 7:15-7:30 have time to visit with friends and relax before the busy workday begins. **The tardy bell rings at 7:45 a.m.** Students arriving after the tardy bell must get a pass from the office.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

GVE has perfect attendance celebrations for students each nine-weeks. Make sure your student doesn't miss out!

STAY IN TUNE WITH US!

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Volunteers Needed!

Parent volunteers are needed to help prepare our school library for students to check out books. We

need volunteers to come and label books with reading levels. This will allow us to ensure that our students are reading books that are on their reading level.

Volunteers, that have been VIPS cleared, are welcome each day from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you have not already completed the volunteer form, please visit www.houstonisd.org/vips to do so.

Let's get our GVE Eagles READING!!

Lunch with your Student(s)

Beginning the week of October 9, 2017, parents are welcome to come and eat lunch with your student(s). Below is a reminder of the rules (found in handbook): Each grade level is assigned a day when parents can visit and eat lunch with their child.

- Monday- PK
- Tuesday – Kindergarten
- Wednesday – 1st Grade
- Thursday – 2nd & 3rd Grade
- Friday-4th & 5th Grade

Please remember that lunch is an important time for socialization among students. Be sure to "space" your lunch visits so that your child also has time for socialization with his/her peers. Parents must first be cleared in **VIPS before being allowed to eat in the cafeteria with their student(s).** Any person desiring to eat lunch with a student must be VIPS cleared. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**