



Title One School

Gilbert Primary School

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Principal's Porch

September 16, 2014

Dear GPS families,

What an amazing first several weeks we have had at GPS! Our classrooms have their expectations and procedures in place so instructional blocks of time are running smoothly! Our teachers are collaborating regularly with their grade level and team co-workers which benefits all children.

I hope that your children have started talking to you about our Scout Shout-Outs! We have a school wide expectation system in place and are using these shout-outs for positive reinforcement. Students will be able to purchase rewards in their classrooms with these (ex: buy the teacher's chair for the day, eat lunch with a friend, etc.). Students will also be able to save these shout-outs for our school-wide celebration each 9 weeks! Details on this will be coming soon!! These special celebrations will "cost" a little more, but with *Being Pro-active* and *Beginning with the End in Mind*, students have choice over what they do with their shout-outs.

Teachers will be scheduling parent-teacher conferences soon as our scheduled dates for this are September 25th and October 2nd. We look forward to working side-by-side this year to have each student reach their fullest potential!

Have a great week!
Mylisa Apperson, Principal

Important Dates:

September 16	Lex. One School Board Mtg. (7:30 PM)
September 17	Citizenship Day
September 22	Interims (2nd grade)
September 24	Book Fair Begins!!
September 25	Parent/Teacher Conferences (3-6 PM)
September 26	School Spirit Day
September 26	AM Carlines: Cinnamon Rolls (PTO will send details.)
October 1	Collaborative Planning Day (11:30 dismissal)
October 2	Parent/Teacher Conferences (3-6 PM)
October 3	Book Fair Ends
October 7	Domino's Dough Night
October 8	Individual School Pictures
October 9	PTO Meeting (4 PM)

Focus Habit for this week: Put First Things First

With this habit, we want students to manage their time wisely. In order to stay organized, adults use "to do" lists, calendars, digital organizers, timers, etc. Prioritizing and organizing tasks doesn't always come easy to children. Show your child how you organize your time and prioritize your busy schedule.

Family conversation starters could be:

- "How can we plan to make sure your (homework, chores, project) is completed on time?"
- "I bet you felt proud to have completed _____."
- "How can we plan better for next time?"
- "Thank you for putting first things first. It is great to know I can count on you."

Book Fair

So exciting! Reading is key to so many things in life and the Scholastic Book Fairs always offer such wonderful choices.



Fall Book Fair is scheduled for
September 24-October 3.

We hope that you will plan a time during the book fair dates to visit the Learning Commons with your child to purchase a book!

Meal Accounts:

It is important that your child's meals are paid for in advance. We are not able to keep a negative balance in accounts at the school; however, we realize that situations arise where you may not send in payment with your child or that it is accidentally left at home. We will allow up to 3 meals to be charged to the account before your child receives an alternative meal option. The alternative meal option will include a cheese sandwich and water. You will be contacted before your child receives the alternative lunch.

This is not a new district policy, although this is the first time this is being implemented at Gilbert Primary School. We appreciate your support in our efforts to be fiscally responsible. We appreciate your efforts to help us keep our accounts paid for and in the positive. If you find that you have special circumstances, please contact an administrator.

2014-2015 Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Amy Van Horne for being our Teacher of the Year!



Other top candidates:
Whitney Umbarger, Amy Hislop,
and Angie Kelly-Lewis

2014-2015 Support Staff Member of the Year

Congratulations to Melanie Burbank!!



Other top candidates:
Mr. Richard and Lucy Ortiz

Mr. Richard will be retiring at the end of this month! We are telling you now so you have time to wish him well before his last day at GPS! He will be missed by all!!



International Dot Day @ GPS was wonderful! We had great participation from students and staff! This is just one example of our students enjoying the special day! We had learning opportunities in art and in the Learning Commons! It was exciting to see our second graders using an app to make their dots come to life!

Thank you to the teachers who organized this opportunity!