



Title One School

Gilbert Primary School

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Principal's Porch

September 2, 2014

Dear GPS families,

This year is off to a wonderful start! As we begin this third week of school, I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we have adjusted some of our arrival and dismissal procedures. In the afternoons, we now have 3 announcements for dismissal. This is helping with congestion in the hallways and with keeping students engaged in the classroom longer. Definitely a "win-win"!!

As you may have noticed, we have many new Scouts among our faculty and staff! I want to officially welcome them and introduce them to you!! They are already adding so much to our Scout family.

Chip Spradley, Assistant Principal
Lauren Harmon, 1st Grade Teacher
Abby Hilderbran, 1st Grade Teacher
Darby Scott, 1st Grade Teacher
Melissa Crumpton, 2nd Grade Teacher
Marlee Pepper, 2nd Grade Teacher
Sherell Stepp, Media Specialist
Michelle Warren, Preschool Speech
Kim Mills, Preschool Assistant
Lisa Yarbrough, Preschool Assistant

Gloria Quave, Kindergarten Immersion Teacher
Nahikary Aldecoa, 2nd Grade Immersion Teacher
Christine Ellis, Literacy Coach
Ashley King, Art Teacher
Rebecca Walsh, PE Teacher
Dondra Boswell, Housekeeper
Rebecca Horsey, Preschool Teacher
Mandy Drew, Preschool Assistant
Carol Moore, Preschool Assistant

Gilbert Primary is implementing the "**7 Habits of Highly Effective People**" and have developed our school-wide expectations around leadership and our Scout theme. Ask your child about our Scout Shout-Outs and how he/she is earning these at school.

I am looking forward to the most amazing year ahead!!
Mylisa Apperson, Principal

Important Dates:

- September 2 Preschool Classes Begin
- September 2 Grandparents Luncheon (A-F)
- September 2 Dominos Dough Night
- September 2 2nd Grade Parent Orientation—6 PM
- September 3 Grandparents Luncheon (G-L)
- September 4 Grandparents Luncheon (M-R)
- September 5 Grandparents Luncheon (S-Z)
- Sept. 8-19 MAP testing for 1st and 2nd graders
- September 8 Computers for Education Booklets go home
- September 10 Collaborative Planning Day
- Students are dismissed at 11:30 AM

GPS focus on "The 7 Habits"

As a school and in our classrooms, we will dig deeper into a habit each week. Our upcoming weeks look like this:

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| Sept. 2-5 | Habit 1: Be Proactive |
| Sept. 8-12 | Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind |
| Sept. 15-19 | Habit 3: Put First Things First |
| Sept. 22-26 | Habit 4: Think Win-Win |
| Sept. 29-Oct. 3 | Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood |
| Oct. 6-10 | Habit 6: Synergize |
| Oct. 13-17 | Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw |

Title One Information

Title One funding helps our students by providing:

- Additional staff
- Additional resources in the classrooms
- Additional technology resources
- Professional development
- Summer reading books for students

These are just a few of the benefits of being a Title One School. Next week, your child will be bringing home several important Title One documents (Parents Right to Know Brochure, Family-School Compact, Parent Involvement Policy, and the Signature Compact). Please sign the two documents that need your signature and return them to your child's teacher. Thank you for partnering with us!

Instilling Independence

As we embark on this new school year, consider ways you can help your child with independence and building responsibility. Do you have an evening routine where your child can have an active role (ex: setting the table, feeding the dog, etc.)? When it comes to homework and studying in the evenings, do you have a routine established where your child is responsible for getting everything ready for school the next morning?

We will have Parent/Teacher Conferences at the end of this month and beginning of October. Your child's teacher can help you with other ideas for encouraging independence and responsibility.

Book Fair

Our **Fall Book Fair** is scheduled for **September 24-October 3**. This is a great opportunity to get a new book for home!

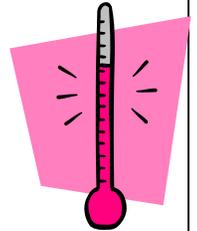
We are so excited about all that is happening in our Media Center this year. Please stop by and check it out. Ms. Stepp and Ms. Taylor would love to show you the new set-up and areas for learning!

PTO Memberships

We already have more parent and staff memberships this year than we had all of last year! Thank you so much! Having an active parent community helps our school in so many ways!

If you haven't joined yet, membership is \$5.00 and goes directly to the PTO budget to sponsor events for students and staff!

Our goal is 100% participation.
We currently have 48 (44%) staff members who have joined and 175 (22%) parents.



Asbestos Management Plan Available

Lexington School District One completed a comprehensive inspection of all facilities for asbestos containing materials in 1988, in compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986. Subsequent inspections were performed in 1991, 1994, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006, and 2009 as required by AHERA.

NO material regarded as posing a hazard of health was found. While asbestos-containing materials are still in several of the district's schools, the materials are not friable, thus, not expected to release fibers into the air. As outlined in the law, the district monitors all asbestos-containing material by conducting semi-annual inspections and provides needed information to appropriate employees of the district.

Copies of each school facility inspection and management plan are on file at the District Office and at each school. They are available at any time for public review.