

Galva Elementary School
“Where It’s Always a Great Day to Be a Wildcat”
Weekly Wildcat Newsletter

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Good Evening Galva Elementary Families:

I want to personally thank all of our families for your support with this year’s Parent/Teacher Conferences. It is no secret that the best interests of our students are ensured when our school is connected with home. We appreciate you taking the time out of your schedules to meet with our teachers and discuss the needs of your children. Please remember that you can connect with your child’s teachers throughout the year by calling our office or sending an email. Teacher contact information can be found quickly at our district website noted above.

Please note the Movie in the Park Night being sponsored by the Youth Services Bureau! YSB provides many services to students in our local communities and this event continues their effort to provide meaningful outreach services to local students and families. Our Elementary PSO will be there selling popcorn as well! Details are provided below.



[Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember](#)

- 10/9 – No School, Columbus Day**
- 10/11 – Elementary PSO Meeting, 6:00 PM, Elementary Cafeteria**
- 10/13 – YSB Halloween Movie in the Park Night**
- 10/16 – Kindergarten Field Trip to Tanner's Orchard**
- 10/19 – Picture Retake Day**
- 10/20 – End of QTR 1**

10/27 – QTR 1 Report Cards Dispersed
10/31 – 11:30 Dismissal, No PreK Classes
11/10 – 11:30 Dismissal, No PreK Classes
11/10 – Veterans Day Assembly, Galva Jr/Sr High School, 10:00 AM
11/21 – QTR 2 Midterms Dispersed
11/22 to 11/24 – No School Thanksgiving Break
12/5 – PreK Christmas Concert, Elementary Gym, 6:00 PM
12/14 – Elementary Christmas Concert, Jr/Sr High School, 6:00 PM

Updates from the Galva Elementary Staff

Nurse West: October 15 is the deadline to turn in State Required Exams for those students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 2nd Grade, and 6th Grade. Please get these documents turned in ASAP, otherwise your child's education will be interrupted until this is taken care of. If you have an appointment scheduled, please email me with the date, time and location for the exam(s).

Health Tip: Keep it predictable

Setting regular schedules for healthy eating and physical activity is important, especially for young children, because they're more likely to adopt them as habits. Kids respond well to the predictability of regular schedules because it makes them feel secure.

KB & KK: Thank you to everyone for attending parent/teacher conferences! We will continue to learn about apples as we prepare for our field trip on October 16th. For our field trip, please remember all students will need a cold lunch, need to wear tennis shoes, and dress appropriately for the weather. We will introduce sight words "at" and "am" next week. For math, we will be working on numbers 6-9. Keep practicing letters, letter sounds, numbers 0-10, and sight words as we approach the end of the 1st quarter!

2C & 2L: Thank you to everyone for attending parent/teacher conferences! We will start a new story on Tuesday, so look for new spelling and sight word lists. We will be reaching out soon about our Halloween parties! Please remember to work on your reading minutes for the October calendar that was sent home!!

3D & 3M: Thank you to every family that attended conferences! We appreciated talking with you and about your child's progress. Remember that the October reading calendar has been sent home and encourage your child to meet their monthly goal. We hope you all enjoy your weekend!

4D: Thank you families for attending conferences! It was wonderful to check in with you about your child. Home support is so VERY important to your child's education, and I appreciate all that you do. If you were unable to attend a conference, please be on the lookout for information from me.

We have the same spelling list this next week, homophones (words that sound alike but are spelled differently). We are also continuing with our science topic of chain reactions. Please continue practicing those basic multiplication facts. Knowing them will help greatly help!

4Q: Thank you to all who took the time to attend conferences. If you need anything from me this year, please do not hesitate to email me. If you could not attend conferences, please look in your email to schedule a time to meet. If I do not hear back from you, I will send your child's file folder home with important information for you to review and a write-up of what would have been discussed at conferences. Please read that as soon as possible and let me know if there are any questions. I hope everyone is enjoying the four-day weekend!

Homework this week:

1. Read 20 minutes or more a day and fill in your reading calendar
2. Study Spelling Words (if your child does not pass the pre-test on Tuesday)
3. Practice multiplication facts for 20 minutes (if facts are not memorized)
4. Missing/Latework and Redos

5D: Thank you to all the parents that came to conferences. It was so nice to see you and talk about your child's progress, so far. October reading calendars came home last week. Students should aim to read at least 20 minutes per night. This is not required, but highly encouraged. Each student that reaches their first quarter AR reading goal, will be able to attend the "Starbooks" party. I will set up the room like a cafe, and I will serve the students donuts and drinks while they do book "tastings."

6W: Thank you to all the families who attended our conferences. It was great to sit down and learn more about your students! If you haven't seen the October reading calendar, please ask your student about this. Document at home reading to earn rewards each month!

K-Kids Organization: All permission slips and photo releases are due by our next meeting date, October 10. At this meeting we will hold our initiation ceremony for new members. We raised over \$100.00 for JDRC through our first fundraiser, "Crazy Sock Day!" Way to go!

Mrs. Fahner Music/Choir: We have started our mini-unit on playing music with lots of spooky repertoire. Halloween fun abounds as we practice on boomwackers and bells getting our brains used to looking at sheet music again!

Mrs. Norway/Mrs. Richards Library & Computers: Parents, please remind/help your children to bring back their library books each week, so they can check out something new to read.

Library days are as follows:

Mondays: Mrs. Wangelin's 6th Grade, and all 4th Graders

Tuesdays: Mrs Peters' 5th Grade, and all 2nd Graders

Wednesdays: Kindergarteners

Thursdays: Mrs. Dulla's 5th Grade, and all 3rd Graders

Fridays: Mrs. Maertens' 6th Grade, all 1st Graders, as well as (afternoon) Pre-K

Take care,

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