

**Galva Elementary School**  
**“Where It’s Always a Great Day to Be a Wildcat”**  
**Weekly Wildcat Newsletter**  
**12-10-23**



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**Good Evening Galva Elementary Families:**

This past week was a busy one at Galva Elementary and this coming week will be much the same! We hope this year’s Penguin Shoppe was an enjoyable experience for students that chose to do some shopping for the holiday season. Our junior high and high school students were a tremendous help in making the Penguin Shoppe a success once again! This week brings our annual Galva Elementary School Christmas Concert. The Grandparents Matinee performance will take place at 1:30 PM and the evening performance will occur at 6:00 PM in the Junior/Senior HS Gymnasium. We hope everyone enjoys the “Season of Bells” performance. Mrs. Fahner and our students have dedicated a lot of time and energy to making this year’s concert an enjoyable one.

Our K-Kids Club has been extra busy this holiday season. Last week saw them collecting items each day in conjunction with our Lion’s Club. The goal of the drive was to collect a wide variety of items for those in our community who are most in need. The donation drive was a massive success and we are so proud of

their efforts in making it happen! We want to thank all students, parents, and the community for helping them to make this collection drive a success in order to serve our broader community. Ms. Dulla was able to capture a photo of the K-Kids Team and all of the donated items over the past week.



Finally, please consider joining us in our “Twelve Days of Christmas” Dress-Up Days. These days were created by 4th-6th Grade Students in our K-Kids Club. The days are meant to be a fun way to celebrate the holiday season. Do not feel the need to participate in all days. Simply join in on the ones where you have those items and avoid buying anything new or special. As always, these are simply optional, fun days!

### The 12 Days of Christmas

“Dress Up Days brought to you by the K-Kids of Galva Elementary”



Thursday, December 7th-North Pole Day (Santa, elves, reindeer, tree, presents- be creative)

Friday, December 8th-Christmas hats, stocking cap, or other holiday headwear); and an 11:30 dismissal

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Monday, December 11th-“Feeling Frosty” (wear white)

Tuesday, December 12th-Zoom/Google Meet (At School)Day-wear regular shirt on top and pajama pants on the bottom

Wednesday, December 13th-Wear red and green

Thursday, December 14th-“Dress Your Holiday Best” Day (Holiday Concert afternoon rehearsal and evening program)

Friday, December 15th-Stocking Day (wear your favorite holiday socks)

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Monday, December, 18th-Whoville Day (dress like a Grinch or crazy hair like Cindy Lou Who)

Tuesday, December 19th-Candy Cane Day (wear red and white)

Wednesday, December 20th-Merry, Merry Holiday Morning (wear your pj's)

Thursday, December 21st-Christmas Vacation Day (wear a Hawaiian shirt or other vacation shirt, sunglasses, etc....) 1:55 dismissal

Friday, December 22nd-Ugly Christmas Sweater Day (1:55 dismissal)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!





## Weekly Breakfast Menu

11 Biscuit & Sausage Gravy	12 Scrambled Eggs & Sausage links	13 Muffin & Yogurt/w Granola	14 Combos	15 Breakfast Burrito
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## Weekly Lunch Menu

11 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Apple Sauce	12 Tenderloin on Bun Chips Peaches	13 Cheese Burger Mac Peas Grapes	14 Creamed Chicken Mashed Potatoes Corn Fresh Fruit	15 Pizza Strawberries Peppers
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## Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

**12/13 – Elementary PSO Meeting, Elem Cafeteria, 6:00 PM**  
**12/14 – Elementary Christmas Concert, Grandparents Matinee, 1:30 PM**  
**12/14 – Elementary Christmas Concert, Jr/Sr High School, 6:00 PM**  
**12/19 – PreK Christmas Concert, Elementary Gym, 6:00 PM**  
**12/21 & 12/22 – 1:55 Dismissal**  
**12/22 – End of Quarter 2**  
**12/23 to 1/8 – No School Winter Break**  
**1/9 – Students Return, Start of Quarter 3**  
**1/12 – QTR 2 Report Cards Dispersed**  
**1/15 – No School Martin Luther King Jr Day**  
**1/31 – Kids Heart Challenge Kickoff**

## Updates from the Galva Elementary Staff

**Nurse West:** Please make sure to keep your phone number(s) updated in Power School. As illnesses continue to spread throughout the school, kids get sick during that they need to go home.

**Health Tip:** You get a call halfway through your day that your child is ill and needs to be picked up from school. How long should they stay home before returning to the classroom? Consider these guidelines on when to keep a child home:

- If your child is running a fever, they should be kept home from school. A good rule of thumb is that a child should not return to school until they are fever-free for at least 24 hours without medication.
- If your child seems too sluggish and lethargic to pay attention in school, odds are they probably aren't able to learn much in class and should be kept home.
- If your child is experiencing a loud cough, frequent trips to the restroom, or any other symptoms that may be disruptive to both your child's learning and their classmates, they should be kept home until symptoms subside.
- If your child is contagious with an illness such as pink eye, they should be kept home until a doctor approves returning to school.

Your child should see a physician at an urgent care facility if they have:

- A persistent cough
- Ear or sinus pain
- A fever, cold, or the flu

- Frequent or painful urination
- Mild to moderate asthma attacks
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- A rash
- A sore throat
- A sprain or strain

**KB & KK**: We will review letters Jj and Ww and introduce sight words: not, got, on. Please continue to send any November reading calendars and gingerbread disguises as you get them done. Thank you to everyone who has sent supplies for our gingerbread houses! We will continue to collect those until our Christmas party. We are looking forward to our Christmas program on December 14th!

**2C & 2L**: We are continuing with our dress up days this week. Please look at the flyer that was sent home. Our holiday concert will be on Thursday, Dec. 14th! Please remember your child needs to have warmer clothing to go outside. I hope you are working on your December reading calendar!!!

**3D & 3M**: We are going to be starting our division chapter. Keep practicing those multiplication facts it'll help with the division facts. We have dress-up days continuing into next week. We look forward to our Christmas concert next Thursday

**4D**: As the weather is getting colder, please be sure your child has appropriate clothing for our recess outside. As long as the temperature and wind chill is above 20, we go outside. Many students are only wearing a sweatshirt. Winter coats soon will be essential for those colder recess days. We are currently working on long division. We have begun the "traditional" method. We will continue practicing next week. Don't forget about reading for the December Reading Calendar. All it takes is 20 minutes per day/60 minutes per week.

**4Q**: This week is our holiday concert, Thursday, December 14th 6:00 PM at the High School. Please have students at the school by 5:45 PM (a special performance for Grandparents will happen during the day at 1:30 PM at the high school, please spread the word). The fourth-graders have been working hard to prepare bell and singing performances. We are very proud of them and hope they can all make it to our performance Thursday night! If your child wants, they can participate in the dress-up Christmas days that were created for fun by our 4th-6th grade K-Kids; these are all optional. Please keep filling in your December reading calendars. Those can be turned in before or after winter break. Homework this week:

1. Read 20 minutes or more and mark the December Reading Calendar each night

**5D & 5P:** We have been having a lot of fun with our 12 days of Christmas dress-up days, so far. If you have not sent fold top bags with your student for our Christmas craft, it is not too late to do so. We are reading a realistic fiction book titled, "Woods Runner" to learn more about life during the American Revolution in ELA and Social Studies. Books and questions will be sent home Monday, December 11. Students will have reading homework, and questions to answer on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. All packets are due Friday morning.

Continue reading for the December Reading Calendar. Our reward party for reading 60 minutes each week of December will take place in early January.

**6W:** Math may look a little different over the month of December as I am piloting some new math curriculums. Our math curriculum committee is adopting a new program next year and we are trying out some possible choices. So far I have some great student feedback about new programing and the students are excited to try out some new styles of learning!

Please continue to read and record minutes read on the December Calendar! We will have a Holiday celebration in class on December 22nd and more information will come home soon! Only two weeks to go until our winter break!

**Mrs. Fahner Music/Choir:** We are busy preparing to see you at the December 14th Concert! Flyers went home last weekend highlighting what room at the JRH/SRH to drop off your students as well as the concert times (1:30pm and 6pm). We have new bells/chimes this year to show off for you thanks to Kiwanis and are looking forward to celebrating the season with you! If you are interested in a commemorative Galva Holiday Concert Ornament our stock is running low, though if there is enough interest we will do a second round of orders for more ornaments. Thank you for supporting Galva Arts!

**K-Kids Organization:** Our last K-Kids meeting of the year is on Tuesday, December 12. We will be having our holiday celebration party.

**Elementary Parent Staff Organization (PSO):** Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6 PM in the Elementary Cafeteria so the next meeting is Dec.13 at 6 PM. Please join us! We have a lot going on! We are working on raising money for school projects/events in the future, being more involved as parents in the school district, and also working on bringing back the school carnival in the Spring!

Take care,

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