



Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year! Galva Elementary School



Families and Friends,

My name is Adam Norway and I am the Principal at Galva Elementary School. I eagerly await the return of K-6 Students on Friday, August 16, 2024, and PreK Students on Monday, August 19, 2024! Galva Elementary has been a busy place this summer as crews continue to prepare classrooms and update facilities. Our new chairlift has been installed making our building once again handicap-friendly. New carpet has been installed on the entire 1st floor hallway. Please consider this Welcome Packet a look into everything you might need to know about the coming school year at Galva Elementary. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our Elementary Office at 309-932-2420. We look forward to everyone's return!

Galva CUSD #224 Mission & Vision

Mission: Galva Schools are committed to nurturing a strong sense of community, fostering meaningful relationships, and promoting academic excellence to empower student success.

Vision: Through unwavering dedication, we cultivate an environment where every individual thrives now and in the future.

Dates to Remember:

August 15 - No School, Teacher In-Service
August 15 - Elementary Backpack Night, 4:00-6:00 PM, Galva Elementary School
August 16 - K-6 First Day of Student Attendance, 1:55 Dismissal
August 19 - PreK First Day of Student Attendance
August 19 to 23 - 1:55 Dismissal
August 19 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, Jr/Sr High School Library
August 21 - Beginning Band Testing
August 23 - Beginning Band Testing
August 23 - Meet the Wildcats, 6:00-8:00 PM, Jr/Sr High School
September 2 - No School, Labor Day
September 6 - Elementary Fall Picture Day
September 10 - NED Show Assembly

September 12 & 13 - Mobile Dental Clinic, Galva Elementary School
September 16 to 20 - Scholastic Fall Book Fair
September 18 - 11:30 Dismissal, No PreK Classes
September 20 - QTR 1 Midterms Dispersed
September 23 - Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, Jr/Sr High School Library
September 30 to October 4 - Homecoming Week
October 2 - Custodian Appreciation Day

New Staff at Galva Elementary:

Brynn Patty - PreK Parent Coordinator
Cody Freeman - 4th Grade Teacher
Brooke Bachman - Speech Pathologist
Morgan Holthaus - Social Work
Cheri Grabbe - Paraprofessional
Emily McDonald - Paraprofessional
Casey Miller - Special Education Coordinator
Linda Norman - Recess/Bus Aide
Leia Thomson - Paraprofessional
Jennifer Walton - Student Mentor

Visitors to Galva Elementary:

Please remember that all exterior doors are locked throughout our school day. Visitors are limited to scheduled meetings, deliveries, repairs, or specified pick-ups.

1. All visitors must check-in at the middle doors of the building labeled "Galva Elementary School."
2. Please buzz in at the door, look at the camera, and state your name and reason for entering.
3. All visitors must check-in and sign-in at the Elementary Office. Visitors will be issued a "Visitor" lanyard.
4. Parents/guardians needing to pick up a student for an appointment are asked to contact the office in advance so their student(s) can be called to the office and signed out.

School Arrival Times/Location:

The first day of school for K-6 Students is Friday, August 16, 2024, from 8:00 AM - 1:55 PM. Lunch will be served that day. We expect students to arrive in the building between 7:45 and 7:55 AM and enter through the Gymnasium doors. *Doors will not open until 7:45.* Breakfast will be available for students, if desired, starting at 7:30 AM. Breakfast students would enter through the playground and into the Cafeteria doors.

K-6 Regular Schedule - 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The first day of school for PreK Students is Monday, August 19, 2024.

PreK 1:55 Dismissal Schedule:

AM - 7:55 AM to 10:30 AM

PM - 11:45 AM to 1:45 PM

1:55 Dismissal Schedule will be in effect from August 16-23

PreK Regular Schedule:

A.M. Pre-K- 7:55-10:45

P.M. Pre-K- 12:00- 2:50

Pick-Up/Drop-Off:

Car drop-off will take place on Morgan Road in front of the school. Cars are expected to drop off with vehicles moving towards the WEST. Students can enter through the Gym Doors. If a student is wanting breakfast, they can enter the playground and proceed through cafeteria doors. There is NO PARKING on Morgan Rd. in the morning prior to school.

Buses will line up first and pick students up. Cars cannot move until buses have left the front of the school. Cars will enter the line on Morgan Rd. and proceed moving toward the WEST. There is NO PARKING on Morgan Rd. immediately after school during pick-up.

**Elementary Student Handbook:**

The Galva Elementary Student Handbook can be accessed at the district website www.galva224.org. Menu>Elementary>Elementary Documents

A physical copy of the Student Handbook will also be provided to families at the beginning of the school year. Families & students agree to abide by the contents of the handbook by consenting during online registration.

Student Cell Phones:

Student cell phones are not permitted to be used at Galva Elementary during the school day. *Cell phones must be silenced and in student lockers during the entire school day.*

School Fees for 23-24:

Elementary Students (K-6) \$75.00/student

Participation Fee \$50.00/student

-One-Time/year fee for extracurriculars

-Elementary: only applies to 5th or 6th graders that might play JH sports

Yearbook (Grades PreK-8) \$20.00 and purchased at the Elementary Office. *No E-Pay available for yearbook purchases*

Athletic Event Admission:

JH & HS Events (Adults) \$5.00

JH & HS Events (Non-Galva Student/Child) \$2.00

Galva Students: FREE

Family Pass: \$80.00 and purchased at Galva High School. Please see HS Secretary, Anne Kaiser. *No E-Pay available for Family Pass purchases*

Lunch Fees:

Breakfast: FREE for ALL students

Lunch: FREE for ALL students

Fees can be paid via E-Pay

Health Forms:

Please bring all required health and medical forms to either Backpack Night or with your child on the 1st day of school. For any questions regarding health and medical forms, please contact our School Nurse, Krystal West at kwest@galva224.org

Technology:

If your child is in grades 3-6 and you need a Chromebook for use at home, please indicate that on the proper registration form so that Mrs. Norway can provide your child with the necessary technology for potential Remote Learning Days. For any questions on district technology, please contact our Technology Director, Amanda Norway at amandanorway@galva224.org

Contacting the Elementary Office:

Please use the following modes of communication for any questions you have regarding the Elementary School

Elementary Office: (309) 932-2420

Elementary Secretary, Olivia Clark: oclark@galva224.org

Elementary Principal, Adam Norway: anorway@galva224.org

For non-emergency questions, families are encouraged to utilize email for communication

Galva Elementary School will not utilize social media websites for communication purposes

Reporting Student Absences:

When your child is sick and you need to report an absence, please utilize email as often as possible. Include your child's name and reason for absence when emailing Mrs. Clark at oclark@galva224.org

Transportation Questions/Busing:

Please contact Transportation Director, Travis Spivey, at tspivey@galva224.org

Communication and Social Media:

All communication alerts will be sent through our new "Thrillshare" Technology. This could include phone calls, emails, notifications, and text messages.

The PRIMARY source of communication for Galva Elementary will be our district website at www.galva224.org. Once on the webpage, click on "Menu" and then "Live Feed." Our Live Feed will always have the latest updates district-wide. Additionally, you can navigate to our Elementary School page from the District Website.

****Our Mass Messages throughout the year can only be sent to you if we have accurate phone numbers and email addresses. These will be used to notify families of school delays, cancellations, emergency dismissals, buses running late, and general announcements as needed. PLEASE be sure that the school has all of your current email and phone numbers. It is your responsibility to keep the school informed of any changes in numbers or emails throughout the school year**

Facebook: Search for "Galva Elementary"

Twitter: @galvaelem

We strongly encourage you to download our new app. Download the Galva CUSD 224 app from the iOS App Store or Android Play Store and *enable notifications*.

Teacher/Classroom Communication:

All classroom communication between teachers and parents/guardians will occur in the following channels:

1. Apptegy Rooms - these are online classroom portals where teachers will post classroom updates, homework, and other announcements. Additionally, private messaging between teachers and parents is available through Apptegy Rooms. Teachers will send invitations to parents/guardians when the year begins.
2. Email - Parents/Guardians can contact teachers at their district emails. Emails are available on our district website at www.galva224.org
3. In-Person - Parents/Guardians can request in-person meetings with teachers by contacting them through email or by calling the Elementary Office at 309-932-2420.

Once again, the staff at Galva Elementary School is excited to welcome all of our students back for the 2024-2025 school year. We strive to continue building strong relationships with our students and families in the collective effort to help our young people be successful. We will see you all soon at Galva Elementary School, where it's always a great day to be a Wildcat!

Take care,

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