



# PANTHER PRESS



FAY GALLOWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - November 2022

## PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

Dear Galloway Family,

Happy Thanksgiving! We are looking forward to our short break from school this week.

What an exciting month! Thanks for all of your support and participation in our school and PTA hosted events this month. We have been quite busy! Color Me Mine was well attended with increased participation from last school year. We appreciate the display of so many artistic abilities at various levels.

The staff and students of Galloway Elementary are excited to announce our first Turkey Trot raised \$7,256.80! Thanks to all who donated! Students will begin receiving their prizes starting this week.

Backpack buddies will be given out this week: \$10 donation

Extra Recess will take place next week (11/28 - 12/2) \$25 donation

Lunch with principal will take place 12/5 - 12/9: \$50 donation

Sizes are being collected this week for students receiving the limited edition t-shirt: \$100 donation

Winners' class party will take place 12/5-12/9: \$250+ donation

Top three donations winners will receive gift card prizes next week (11/28 - 12/2)

While we did not reach our goal of \$20,000, we appreciate all who donated. We thank you so much for helping us get one step closer to our goal! We are also grateful for those who came out and walked or ran with your child(ren). This was our first Turkey Trot and we hope to do it again next year. If you did not get the opportunity to donate, we will have one more fundraiser in the spring, our Read-a-thon. More details will come closer to that time.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

No School: November 23rd - November 25th due to Thanksgiving Day

MAP Growth Testing: November 29th - December 1st

Holiday Dress Calendar (Spirit Weeks: December 5th - December 16th (Optional Participation)

Guest visit from Lucky, the Silver Knights Mascot: December 8th

Guest visit from Santa: December 16th

Report Cards Available on Infinite Campus: December 16th

No School: December 19th - January 2nd due to Winter Break

Thanks so much for all you do to support our school community.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Smith, Principal

## FROM THE OFFICE

We have a few Galloway SPIRIT WEAR items for sale in the school office:

2 youth large hooded sweatshirts \$25 each

3 ladies t-shirts - 1 - adult Medium, 2 adult large, 1 2x and 2 - 3x \$15 each

1 adult small sweatshirt - \$22

1 adult small hooded sweatshirt - \$25

1 adult 2x hooded sweatshirt - \$34

Please see Kathy in the school office if you are interested in these items. First come, first served!

## PTA

Galloway PTA would like to thank all our volunteers for helping make Gobble Grams and our Color Me Mine events amazing! Help support Galloway PTA by purchasing a volunteer shirt now available at our online store at [gallo-waypta.memberhub.com/store](http://gallo-waypta.memberhub.com/store). Stay tuned for a special surprise in December coming to visit our school! Our next meeting is December 6th at 6:30pm at Shastas Sweet Treats, we hope to see everyone there! Please email us at [gallo-waypta@gmail.com](mailto:gallo-waypta@gmail.com) with any questions or to volunteer.

## TO CONTACT THE OFFICE

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[Schools.ccsd.net/galloway](http://Schools.ccsd.net/galloway)

Have Questions? Visit our school website.

Need your child's teacher's email address? Want to know what the school is serving for lunch?

Need a prearranged absent form.

You can also submit a student absent note easily online.

This and more can be found on our school website.



## Art News from Ms. Heffner

In September, I had quite a group of students participate in a pumpkin drawing contest held by Walker Furniture and we just got our results. I want to mention the six students who won an honorable mention for the contest. A big shout out to the following students for winning an honorable mention certificate for the Walker Furniture Annual Pumpkin Drawing contest: Samantha Ayala Orellana, Angelica Kranzler, Jayleen Hernandez, Paul Jamerson, Nayeli Hill, and Ava McNabb. Congratulations!

## Music News from Ms. Mendiha

Students in Grades 3-5 have been doing well in their 'ukulele progress! We now know how to play 6 notes, and in the coming weeks we will begin our section on 'ukulele chords. We also discussed how practicing our music performance skills will help in other subjects and real-life situations, such as: reinforcing our presentation skills, continuing on with what you are doing even if you make a mistake, proper audience and performer etiquette, and becoming comfortable with talking in front of a group of people. Additionally, students in Grades K-2 have been continuing to develop their singing and listening skills through various music activities and games. We also discussed how not just in our music routine, but for anything that we do, it is important that we take some time to stretch so that our minds and bodies can be ready and focused for what is coming next.

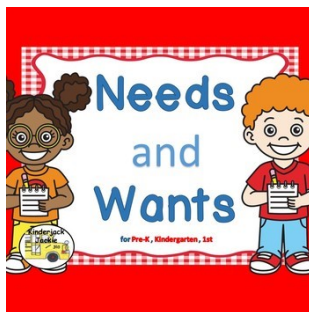
# KINDERGARTEN

Howdy from Kindergarten! We are continuing to learn so much as we near the end of our first semester. We are still learning all of our uppercase and lowercase letters, as well as our letter sounds. We can now build short CVC words using the vowels a and i, as well as produce rhyming words! We even know 13 sight words now! Please keep practicing sight words at home. In math we are learning how to compose and decompose teen numbers using a base 10 and will start more addition next month. We are becoming excellent writers and have been practicing starting our sentences with a capital letter and ending them with a period, as well as proper spacing. We have written all about pumpkins and turkeys! In science, we have been learning all about plants and animals. We are so proud of all the hard work our kindergarteners are doing, and we appreciate the support from you at home.



# FIRST GRADE

Happy November, 1st Grade Parents! In reading, our 1st graders have been learning about needs and wants. We have also been learning about goods and services, and why some items cost more than others. In math, we have been working on solving for the missing number as well as a sprinkle of adding 3 numbers together into the mix. Please spend 15 minutes a night reading with your child. We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



## SECOND GRADE

Our second graders are working hard this month to increase their reading fluency and comprehension while learning about good citizenship in our Reach for Reading curriculum. You can help your child tremendously by reviewing their sight word lists each night. Their goal is to pass at least one sight word group per week. There are 40 groups total. The nightly spelling homework is also crucial in helping them read and spell the more difficult sight words as well as words with specific vowel patterns. We also encourage your child to work on Lexia each evening if they are struggling with reading. Many of our students need to put in extra effort at home in order to catch up. In science, we continue to learn and write about plants and how their seeds are dispersed. In math, the students are learning strategies to regroup to solve subtraction problems and word problems. DreamBox can provide additional support at home for those who are trying to catch up with their math skills. In writing, we are now learning to write informative papers with a topic sentence and supporting details. The students love sharing what they have learned in science and social studies. After the Thanksgiving break, the students will be taking the winter MAP tests for reading and math. We are working on goal setting with the students and offering incentives and rewards in class for improved scores. We are excited to see all of their reading and math growth. We want to thank you for sending in donations for our food drive. We do appreciate all that you do for our Gallo-way families. We wish you all a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

## THIRD GRADE

This month in reading we are beginning Unit 4 of Reach for Reading. The big question we are exploring in this unit is "What's the best way to get things done?" To answer it, we are reading, writing, and talking about how working together can make things better using various texts and activities. Please read at home for at least 20 minutes every night to build lifelong reading skills. In addition to getting your child to read at home, reading aloud to your child is a great way to get kids into books. 3rd graders are also beginning to write informative pieces about a topic. We will be exploring different kinds of informational texts during this writing unit. In math, we are beginning Topic 7 and learning how to read and create bar graphs and picture graphs. We are also working on answering one and two-step "how many more" and "how many less" problems using information in graphs. As always, please continue memorizing and building fluency with multiplication facts at home. In science, we have started a new unit all about plant and animal life cycles. We would like to wish you a happy holiday season and hope you enjoy this time with family and friends. As always thank you for your continued support.



## FOURTH GRADE

Hello, fall! 4th graders are ready to rock and roll for the map accelerator assessment. It will begin with Science Map Accelerator scheduled on November 29, 2022. Next is math on December 6, 2022, and reading on December 8, 2022. The class Dojo celebration will be on November 30, 2022, celebrating positive paws for all 4th graders. It will be outdoor activities.

Trouting our way through November, 4th grade is learning about factors and multiples. They explored and navigated the text features. As they continue their learning journey, Map smart goal is shared, and discuss possible strategies for attaining their goal. We are grateful for your children and your support.



## FIFTH GRADE

There are so many exciting things going on in 5th grade as we enter the holiday season. We were so happy to have all the family support for the Turkey Trot and we look forward to seeing you around for all our holiday activities!

In writing, we have started informational writing. Our students will be researching different topics of interest and reporting on them. They are learning how to write introductions and conclusions without talking to their audience. They will also be working on citing multiple sources within their essays.

In math, we have just finished the Topic 6 test on dividing decimals. Next, we will be moving onto fractions in Topic 7. Mainly we will focus on finding common denominators to add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators.

In reading, we have started to read the novel *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*, by C. S. Lewis. While reading this novel we will focus on finding elements of fantasy, listening to the language of setting, exploring the effects of character's decisions, analyzing plot conflict, and determining themes.

In language, we have learned all the different types of figurative language. Moving forward we will practice identifying figurative language in text and using figurative language in our writing.

The end of the semester is quickly approaching on December 16th. Please be checking your students' grades on Infinite Campus and Canvas to see if there is anything they want to retake. No more retakes will be accepted after December 9th. Thank you for your continued support from home and happy holidays!

## SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Mrs. Forbes and Mrs. Thompson's classes has been busy learning about the fall season. We have also been talking about what it means to be thankful. We all have so much to be thankful for. Our family engagement days have been full of music and dancing. Thank you to the families who joined us. We are looking forward to our next one at the Shark Reef. More information to follow. We also loved seeing all our little turkeys running around during our Turkey Trot.

Happy Thanksgiving! We've been working hard in Ms. Calo's class. In math, we have been working on comparing numbers from 0-5. In reading, we've been working with our letters and phonics. In writing, we are still learning how to write our names, numbers and letters following correct letter formation and sizing. We are also focusing on listening, taking turns, sharing and following directions. We are looking forward to learning more skills! Thank you dear parents for your great support!

Mrs. Mason's class has been working hard so far this year! We are continuing to work on recognizing uppercase and lowercase letters as well as letter sounds. Please keep practicing your ReadWell letter cheers at home! In math, we are covering correct number formation and beginning addition as well as understanding word problems in a few of our groups. We are continuing to strengthen our handwriting skills in writing as well as learning to use correct capitalization, finger spaces, and punctuation when writing sentences. We look forward to our upcoming holidays and learning more about how each one of our students celebrate!

We have been very busy in Mrs.Carr's and Ms.Gabby's class. We have been getting ready for the holidays and learning all about world traditions and cultures. We have been working hard on our sight words and working our way towards our math goals. Ask your student about Harvey the Turkey and how he has been observing our class and bringing rewards.

Mrs. Holman's Intermediate Autism class has been busy. We had our fifth graders participate and graduate from the DREAM program where they learned all about saying no to drugs and harmful substances. All our students are learning how to speak in front of a group as we are expressing our gratitude everyday and talking about what we are grateful for. The students have been working on lots of fun projects to go with the holiday seasons.

Mrs. Vargas' primary resource has been working on consonant blends with short and long vowels during reading pull-out services. Students are producing the sounds for the blends and decoding the words. For writing, students are learning about sentences and what makes it complete. We use Brainpop Jr and other video clips in order to reinforce our lessons. For math, students are learning addition and subtraction with and without regrouping. For our 3rd grade students, we are reviewing basic multiplication skills using different strategies. To make it more engaging, we utilize interactive games and other manipulatives.



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## Mr. Vargas

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Happy Thanksgiving!

## Counselor / Social Worker Corner

The month of Thanksgiving began with some big things to be grateful for at Galloway! We welcomed our new Safe School Professional/School social worker, Megan Kelsey, on Halloween and she has been amazing working to support our Positive Panthers social/emotional well-being. She will be working closely with our kindergarten- second grade students as they learn more about emotions and managing big feelings. Beginning after the Thanksgiving break, selected students in grades will be invited to attend social/emotional skills support small groups. If you have any questions about the support services available through the school social worker or school counselor, please feel free to visit Mrs. Lynch's School Counseling website (link accessible through the Fay Galloway Elementary School Website) or contact Mrs. Lynch at [reavekm@nv.ccsd.net](mailto:reavekm@nv.ccsd.net) or Ms. Megan Kelsey at [Kelsemm@nv.ccsd.net](mailto:Kelsemm@nv.ccsd.net).