



PANTHER PRESS



FAY GALLOWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - April 2023

PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

Dear Galloway Family,

I can't believe this is our last Panther Press of the current school year! My message in this last edition will include lots of reminders.

- Registration is open for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Friday, April 28th there is ***no school due to Staff Development Day.***
- Tuesday, May 9th, 3:30pm ***Kindergarten Roundup***
- The Kindergarten Roundup is for incoming kindergarten students in preparation for the 2023-2024 school year. A flyer will be coming home soon for this event.
- Thursday, May 11th is ***Field Day for our PreK students only.***
- Friday, May 12th is ***Field Day for Kindergarten through 5th grade..***
- Friday, May 19th is the ***Kindergarten Promotion (families of students are welcome).***
- Monday, May 22nd is the ***5th Grade Completion Celebration (families of students are welcome to attend) and last day of school. Lunch will be served on this half day of school. Students will receive their final school year report cards on this day.***
- Below you will find a QR code. Please scan this code to express interest in enrolling your three or four year old in school.



Scan QR code for Interest Form or
Call (702) 799-7479 for information

Requirements:

- Students must be 3 years old prior to the first day of school.
- Student cannot be eligible for Kindergarten enrollment
- Parent / Guardian must transport to and from school.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Smith, Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

We have extra 2022-2023 classroom class pictures in the office for \$14. If you are interested, please come into the office or you can send \$14 (cash) in an envelope with your child, it will come home the same day! Supply is limited, so please act quickly!

PTA

Galloway PTA is excited to be coordinating activities for this year's Staff Appreciation Week, May 1st through 6th. If you would like to participate or have donations for the staff, please email us at gallowaypta@gmail.com. We would like to congratulate next year's Board of Officers: President - Sharon Bogden, Treasurer - Tiffany Bogden-Morris, and Secretary - Gabrielle Brumble. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:30pm at Shasta's Sweet Treats on Horizon Drive. We hope to see you there!

TO CONTACT THE OFFICE

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Have Questions? Visit our school website.

We do our best to keep you up to date and informed through our website.

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

Need a prearranged absent form. This and more can be found on our school website. Visit our school website

LIBRARY NEWS FROM MRS. CARNEY

In library, students are listening to the books that are nominated for this year's Nevada Young Reader's Award. There are eight books in total. Students all across Nevada will read these books and then vote for their favorite. At the end of the school year, the Nevada Library Association will announce which book had the most votes. Ask your child to tell you about some of the books they have read so far.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Apple Core Bookmark program. We will continue to collect bookmarks until the end of the school year. Additional bookmarks are always available in the library. Happy Reading!



P E

Kids Heart Challenge raised almost 1,800.00! Great job Galloway families! If you made a donation over fifteen dollars, prizes will be distributed when the order comes in. Field day is fast approaching! The big day will be on May 12th. If you are interested in volunteering please email Mr. Conway at conwajf@nv.ccsd.net



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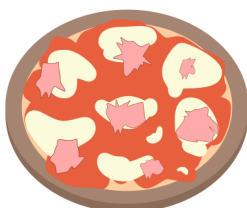
Grades 3-5 did an amazing job practicing and putting together the Spring Music Concert for all of you to experience. We hope you enjoyed it. For Grades K-5 we will now be moving forward with music composition activities. We will be utilizing Google Chrome Music Lab and other mediums to complete these activities.

As a reminder: If your child brought home an 'ukulele to practice with, please return all of the items that were taken home ('ukulele, case, tuner) if you have not already done so. All instruments need to be returned before the last day of school (05/23).



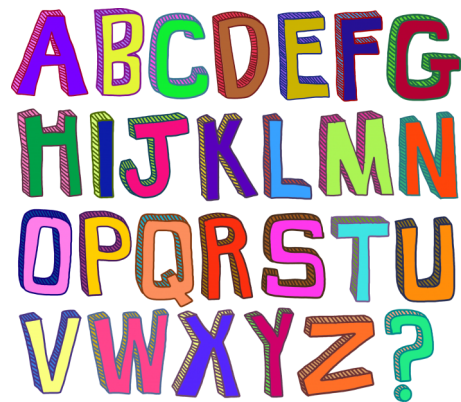
Art

Students in kindergarten have just finished making clay pizzas and will be learning how to draw butterflies. First graders are making paper necklaces in the style of Hawaiian leis. Second grade is studying how to print and make still life collages. Third graders are finishing making animal masks which will be on display at the school for two weeks before they take them home. Fourth graders just finished making coil pots and are currently learning how to draw one and two point perspective drawings. Fifth graders are working on special projects that are specific to each individual class and will be taking their projects home in the coming weeks.



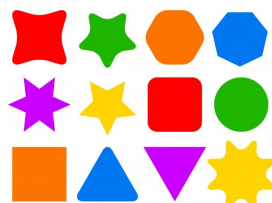
KINDERGARTEN

We are wrapping the year up here in kindergarten like champions! In language arts and reading we are finishing learning all 50 of our sight words. We have learned all the letters in the alphabet so we can read any CVC word we are given! We are pros now at reading our decodable books, and can retell the topic, main idea, and key details of stories. In writing, we have been working on personal narrative writing about our own lives. In math, we are now fluent in addition and subtraction to 5, and can identify, describe, and compare 2D and 3D shapes! In science, we have built pinball machines using what we have learned about forces. We are on our way to becoming engineers! We have had a great year learning and growing and are excited to promote and be first graders next year.



FIRST GRADE

The year is winding down, but we have a lot going on in first grade. We have finished our MAPS testing in reading and math. We have set goals with our students; so make sure you ask them how they did based on their goals. We have just finished unit 6 in Reach for Reading, and we have begun unit 7. The big question for unit 7 is: What is the difference between then and now? Make sure that you talk with your child about what it was like when you were their age. Compare your childhood with how things are for their childhood. In math, we have just finished our cumulative test for topics 1-12. We are now beginning to work with time, money, and shapes. For practice ask your child to tell you the time on an analog clock and also have them count out coins for you. Talk with your child about different shapes of items around your home; quiz them on how many sides different objects have. Remember to read with your child 15 minutes a day.



SECOND GRADE

Here we go second grade panthers! We are heading toward the finish line of another fantastic year and parents, we certainly have appreciated your support and dedication. Please continue to encourage and guide your children to meet their goals by completing their Lexia, Dreambox and reading goals. As summer approaches you may want to help your child get a library card and make some visits to pick out some great summer reading materials.

Currently, we are working on our own goals and embarking on our last Reach for Reading unit called, Our United States, which will lead to some interesting social studies topics. In science, we will continue to learn more about landforms and how they change over time. Along with the lessons we have done some wonderful experiments that model erosion. Finally, in math, we will be learning about geometry and data and how it relates to our lives.

Again, thank you for sharing your lovely children with us. It has been a pleasure teaching them.

As the year comes to a close we ask that you check the Galloway updates for special events, times and any changes that may occur.

- Take your child to work day is April 27th, fill out paperwork if interested
- No school April 28th for Staff Development
- Field Day is May 12th: sunscreen, hats, water, appropriate clothes
- Last day of school is Monday, May 22nd. We will pass out all personal items on Friday, May 19th

THIRD GRADE

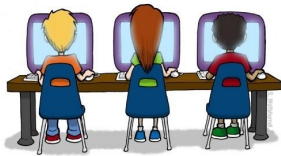
Let's talk about this SBAC test that your child recently participated in. The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) is a group of states that brought teachers, administrators and experts together to develop tests to measure how well students understand and are able to apply the skills and knowledge required by the state standards. This test is administered across the United States to grades 3-8 and is primarily measuring student progress towards future success in college and career. Over the summer, your child's test scores will be mailed to your house. The data you receive is nice to review because you are able to see how your child did compared to other third graders in our school district as well as other third graders across the country. You will also be able to see areas that your child may need extra support in, so you are able to work on these skills over the summer. The students all worked very hard on this test and we are sure proud of their best efforts!

Thank you for your continued support!



FOURTH GRADE

As we approach the fourth quarter of the school year, it is imperative to keep students engaged and working to the best of their ability. During the month of April, students have participated in both SBAC and MAP testing. Teachers will be meeting one-on-one with students to discuss MAPs goals and ways students can achieve their goals. Also, we are practicing for SBAC success by reviewing different question formats, strengthening student vocabulary and using SBAC practice prompts. To further support student success, we ask for parents/guardians to speak to their students about doing their best daily, owning their education in partnership with families/teachers and focusing their efforts to achieve their objectives



FIFTH GRADE

Wow! The year is almost over. Students have completed all their SBAC and MAP testing. They have worked very hard on these tests and are striving to reach the goals they have set for themselves. In writing, students have been working on persuasive writing. They have been learning to write about their opinion while giving reasons and facts to help support their view. In math, students just completed topic 13 which focused on the order of operations. In topic 12 we were learning about conversions in the standard and metric systems. We are now about to begin topic 14 which focuses on graphing and coordinate pairs. In reading we are about to complete Unit 6 which focuses on different areas of The Wild West such as Westward Expansion, The Old West, and Life on the Frontier. We have been learning about the different types of pronouns: possessive, demonstrative, and indefinite. We have also been focusing on cause and effect and rhyming schemes in poetry. Student grades are updated frequently in Infinite Campus. Please check your child's progress and contact your child's teacher with any questions.



SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Mrs. Forbes and Mrs. Thompson's classes been busy learning about spring, insects, and plants. Thank you to all the families who returned their Family Projects. We love displaying them in our classroom. We had a blast at Mission Hills Park for our Family Engagement Day! We only have one Family Engagement Day left, so if you missed it, we hope you can join us on our last one in May. Your child has been working really hard on learning how to write and spell their first name. Some students are even learning their last name too. Ask them to show you at home! Happy Spring!

It's almost the end of the school year. I want to thank all the parents for being supportive to their kids! In Ms. Calo's class, we have been working on reading number words, patterns, sorting objects and short word problems in math. In reading, we are on words that start with a certain letter, sight words and reading comprehension. We are also learning more about using kind words to adults and peers as well as the importance of friendship. We are also enjoying doing fun dance and movement activities too. We are looking forward to learning more skills!

In Mrs. Vargas and Mr. Vargas's classrooms, as we are nearing the end of the school year, students have been busy with testing including SBAC and MAP. In the second to third week of April, we will be doing our letter/sounds knowledge and word recognition survey using the CORE Phonics. We are hoping to see some growth in this area as compared to their fall and winter data. Apart from this, students have made growth with their skills including the goals that we are working on for reading, writing, math and social emotional/behavior. It has been an amazing school year! If you need to contact us, please feel free to email or message us on Class Dojo.

In Ms. Carr and Ms. Gabby's class we are learning all things spring and have planted seeds to learn about the plant life cycle. We are busy with Eureka Math and learning everything from two digit multiplication and double digit addition and more. We have sprung into reading with learning all about how to tell the difference between fact and opinions and sequencing in a story. We are excited to finish up our chapters in Reach for Reading and Eureka Math to end the school year with so much knowledge.

In Mrs. Mason's class we have worked hard this year to learn the letter cheers of ReadWell so we can show off our skills to our friends in class! Please ask your child to recite the Alphabet Cheer songs for you! In math each group has made progress in increasing their number sense skills and understanding the dynamics of addition and subtraction. Some groups have begun working on understanding the math language used in word problems to determine which operation to use in order to solve each problem. Each group is doing amazing! Our writing skills have come so far this year and we will begin to work on our End of the Year memory books very soon. Working with your child nightly by simply reading to them (or with them) and using simple addition and subtraction flash cards on a regular basis will help to increase their progress as well. Thank you for your continued support!

In Mrs. Holman's class we have been working really hard and can't believe that it is already the end of the school year! We have been focusing on our academics as we are in the midst of our SBAC and MAPs testing. Our students are doing amazing with their math and reading skills and have improved tremendously since the beginning of the school year. As the year winds down we have many fun things to look forward to. We are planning a field trip with our 4th grade friends to the "Dinosaur House" the first week of May, we also have a color run and 5th grade dance coming up. Our school wide Field Day is coming up the second week of May. It is a busy time of year and we are excited to be able to enjoy it with them.