

GRIZZLY GAZETTE

October 2023



Inside Edition



**MESSAGE FROM
THE PRINCIPAL**

**Attendance is
everything!**



FLYERS - UPCOMING EVENTS AT GIS

Mark your calendars!



ATTENDANCE IS EVERYTHING!

This year at GIS, we are promoting positive school attendance. Research shows that being present at school has a measurable, positive impact on learning. The opposite is also true. Being absent has a negative impact on learning. Students who have poor attendance in the early years have a much lower reading achievement level. Additionally, chronic absenteeism in middle school is a leading factor for high school dropout rates (Source: Applied Survey and Attendance Works, April 2011 and Baltimore Education Research Consortium, February 2011).

GIS is tracking students attendance monthly. So far, we have 132 students considered “chronically absent” meaning they have missed more than 10% of the school year, either for excused or unexcused absences. We have 39 students we consider to be “truant” meaning they have at least 3 unexcused absences. If your child is one of these students, you have already received a notice or will receive it through email.

GIS is required to inform you of your child’s status and help raise awareness of the importance of attending school. We also want to support families and help them overcome challenges to attendance. We have Regional Transport passes for any student that needs one, so please reach out to the front office to get one. They can use this pass any day of the year for the bus or light rail on any RT route. Daily phone calls and Aeries access allows you to easily monitor your child’s attendance. In addition to that, you can report absences through the GIS app on your phone.

When student’s struggle with attendance and/or academics, we hold a meeting called a “Student Study Team” meeting or SST. This allows the parents, teachers, administrators, and support people to brainstorm ideas that help meet all of a child’s needs. Parents can also request this meeting on behalf of their child. At GIS, we strive for every child to have a positive learning experience and that begins with being present and on time every day.

Thank you,
Deep Dhillon, Principal

NOTIFY THE OFFICE


Whenever a child is absent from school, the school must receive an explanation from the parent/guardian.


Parents may:

- send notes
- email
- call the office
- fill out a form

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:00am - 4:30pm

 916-286-1985, Option 1

 gis@gcccharters.org

 www.gischarter.org

Independent Study:

Parents have to request Independent Study **5** school days in advance.

Minimum Days allowed - 3 days. The IS work has to be completed & submitted to the teacher(s) on the 1st day back to school.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **OCTOBER 23-27:** RED RIBBON WEEK
- **NOVEMBER 3RD:** SNACK SHACK
- **NOVEMBER 8TH:** PASTRIES WITH THE PRINCIPAL
- **NOVEMBER 8TH:**
 - MINIMUM DAY
 - PYP JOG-A-THON
 - STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES
- **NOVEMBER 9TH:**
 - MINIMUM DAY
 - MYP JOG-A-THON
 - STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES
- **NOVEMBER 10TH - NO SCHOOL, VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY**
- **NOVEMBER 17TH - HOUSE COLOR DAY**
- **NOVEMBER 20-24: NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING BREAK**



STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Student-led conferences are scheduled for November 8th and 9th from 1:00 PM-5:00 PM. We request that you and your student participate so that they can share their learning journey with you.

PYP FAMILIES:

Keep an eye out for a link to your teacher's Sign up Genius, where you can conveniently select a time slot that suits your schedule.

MYP FAMILIES:

Please sign up for MYP conferences by clicking [here](#) or scan the QR code below.



RED RIBBON WEEK

Be Kind
to your

MIND!

OCT 23-27

• *Monday*

Character Day

Dress as your favorite book, movie, or cartoon character!
(masks not allowed)

• *Tuesday*

Twin Day

Find a buddy and wear matching outfits!

• *Wednesday*

Animal Day

Wear your favorite animal print or shirt with your favorite animal!

• *Friday*

House Colors Day

TK-2 Green
3-5 Red
6-8 Blue

• *Thursday*

**Backward/
Inside-out Day**

Wear your clothes backwards or inside-out!





Gateway International School

November IB Learner Profile Attribute

Communicator



We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

"The way we communicate with others and with ourselves ultimately determines the quality of our lives."

Anthony Robbins

GET READY

ANNOUNCEMENT

Visit Student Council
at the

SNACK SHACK

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 3, 2023
at the dismissal gates

AFTER SHOOOL





Pastries

with the Principal



Wednesday, November 8 at 8:30am in the Inquiry Center

Parent & Guardians join Principal Dhillon for conversation, coffee/tea and pastries to hear about events, meetings, share ideas and ask questions.

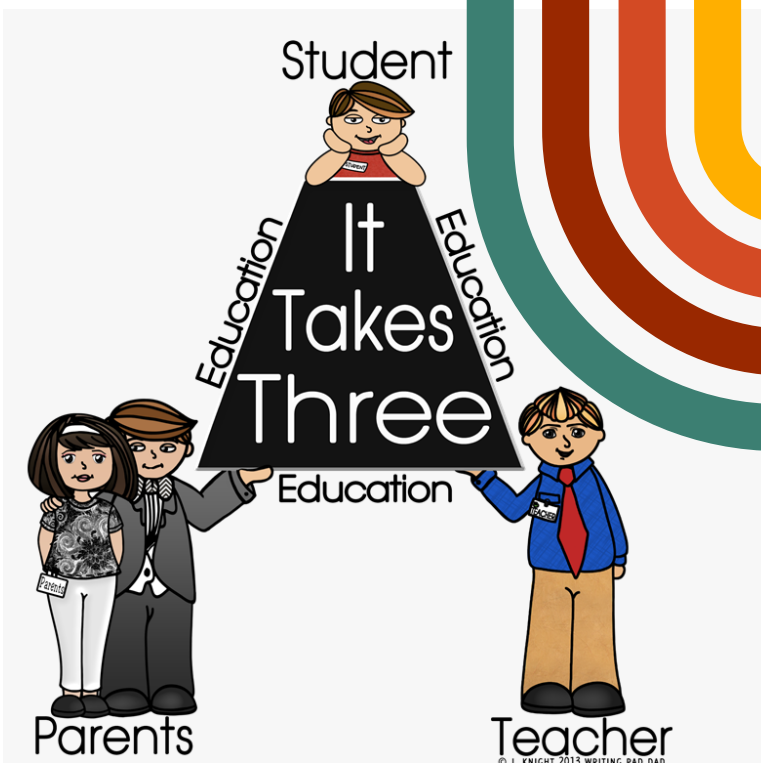
Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 13 at 8:30am





Student-Led Conferences

CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER



RUN

PYP - 11/8/2023



MYP - 11/9/2023

JOGG*ATHON



Put on your running shoes, grab your pledge sheet and let's run for fun!

Ask you family, friends & neighbors to sponsor your run.

Want the best seat in the house? Volunteer spots available!

Collect & return all your pledge sheet & money to school by 11/6/2023

Get Ready and Get Excited!

The GIS Jogathon is a school wide fundraiser that raises funds for our school and promotes health and wellness. Students ask friends, family and neighbors sponsor them in the run with a donation.

They can give a \$1 , \$25 or more if they are feeling generous.

LET'S REACH
OUR GOAL OF
\$5,000!

We're raising money for field trips, PBIS store, house color competitions and more!

VETERANS DAY

A soldier in silhouette, wearing a helmet and a satchel, stands on a grassy field, playing a trumpet. To his left, a large American flag waves on a tall pole. The background is a dramatic sunset sky with orange and blue hues.

ARMY
MARINE CORPS
NAVY
AIR FORCE
SPACE FORCE
COAST GUARD

NOVEMBER 10TH, 2023
NO SCHOOL

**GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON**



NOVEMBER 20TH - NOVEMBER 24TH

**IN OBSERVANCE OF THE
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**