

Gateway International School Newsletter

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School News

Greetings GIS families,

Last week an officer from California Highway Patrol visited our campus and spoke during our 3 assemblies. He reminded students of road safety rules and I'd like to share the highlights with you:

- Cross the street only at a designated crosswalk.
- Wear your seatbelt at all times in a car.
- Use a car seat or booster seat until 8 years old.
- Sit in the back seat of your car until 12 years old.
- Wear a helmet when riding a bike (and fasten it).
- Follow the same path of travel as cars when walking and riding your bike.

The CHP will be sending some officers to monitor our drop off and pick up routines

on an occasional basis. Be mindful of the speed limit and respectful of our rules. As a reminder:

- Do not park in a red zone.
- Do not park in drop off zone and leave your car.
- Do not do your child's hair in the morning in the drop off line, etc.
- Do not leave children unattended in your car.
- Do not move our cones to go through them.
- Do not cross with children in the middle of the street.

I appreciate all of the parents who daily support these procedures and do not make us remind them personally. This is all for the safety of your children. GIS continues to grow and we have to work together and be respectful of the rules if we are to make this a safe place for all.

Mrs. Tikoi

Houses News:

GIS students, families and staff are doing wonders on our fundraisers.

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

Red House: 2033 points
Blue House: 2144 points
Yellow House: 2195 points
Green House: 2214 points
Purple House: 1684 points

Congratulations
to the Green
House again for
being in lead!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Wednesday, February 1st
 - 11:15 - 12:45 - Student Store in MPR
- ◆ Thursday, February 2nd
 - 8:30 - 9:00 - K-2nd Grade Monthly Assembly
- ◆ Friday, February 3rd
 - 8:30 - 9:00 - 3rd - 5th Grade Monthly Assembly
 - 9:30 - 10:00 - 6th - 8th Grade Monthly Assembly
- ◆ Wednesday, February 8th - Tuesday, February 14th
 - Valentine's Candy Gram after school
- ◆ Friday, February 10th
 - Team Buddy Reading
- ◆ Monday, February 13th
 - 3:30 - 4:30 - School Site Council/ELAC Meeting
- ◆ Thursday, February 16th
 - 4:00 - 5:00 - Spelling Bee
- ◆ Friday, February 17th
 - Box Tops are due
- ◆ Monday, February 20th - Friday, February 24th
 - No School, Presidents' Week Break
- ◆ Monday, February 27th - Friday, March 3rd
 - Read-a-thon
- ◆ Tuesday, February 28th
 - End of Trimester 2

February 20th - 24th
NO SCHOOL, PRESIDENTS' WEEK BREAK

School Counselor's Corner



Thank you for your generous donations of Box Tops. We are getting closer to our \$500 goal with each passing month. In November/December, Mrs. Nguyen's class won the ice cream party! We are \$300 closer to our \$500 goal.

Finding Time for family.

Families today are busier than ever, and life can get even more hectic when school is in session. How can you make "together time" possible for your family? Here are several ideas.

Commit. Decide how you'll spend your time together, and make it a priority. Examples: shared mealtimes, evening

read-aloud Schedule.

Mark everyone's schedule on a calendar, including family time. You'll be more apt to take this time seriously if you plan ahead.

Trim. Help everyone pare down busy schedules. Set an example by saying no to activities that make you feel rushed or that interfere with family time.

"Go-o-o School"

If you want to get your child pumped up about learning, a pep rally may be going a bit overboard. Instead, try some of the following suggestions. They're not as flashy as a pair of pom-poms, but they're sure to put some "Rah, Rah!" in your youngster's school experience!

Talk the talk Kids pick up their parent's feelings about school and learning. Whenever possible, look for opportunities to express your enthusiasm. Example: "Wow! That's really interesting. Can you tell me more?" Your child just might get the idea that school is an exciting place to be.

Be a model Actions speak louder than words, so don't forget to show your youngster that learning is cool, too. Examples: go on-line or to the library to find out how a DVD player works; share an interesting article about a favorite celebrity; invite your child to learn to make a craft with you.

Make it real Does your child have a hobby or interest he/she absolutely loves? Try linking her obsession to school subjects. For example, if she's wild about ponies, you might relate her social studies homework to horses. ("I see you're reading about Asia. Did you know the Mongols were famous horse riders?") Even tough subjects will seem more fun when your child connects them to something she enjoys.

A little humor by student council!

Questions:

- Teacher: What happened in 1809?
- Teachers: What happened in 1819?
- Why did the skeleton leave the party?
- Where do TVs go on vacation?
- What vegetable should you not take on a book?

Answers:

- Student: Abraham Lincoln was born.
- Student: Abraham Lincoln was 10.
- He had no body to dance with.
- To remote places.
- A leek!

