



# Grimmer Elementary School

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**April 2024**

## ***Principal's Message:***

Dear Grimmer Bear Families,

Eid Mubarak! May this special day find you surrounded by family and friends, and may your heart be filled with love and gratitude.

It's at this time of year that we take time to acknowledge our absolutely incredible Grimmer Bear Staff. CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. Martin, our school counselor who goes above and beyond the call of duty each and every day of the year. Her impact on our school and the support she provides to our students is truly amazing! She was recognized last week by our school board as our Grimmer Teacher of the Year! Thanks too to all of our outstanding teachers and staff. As you know, their hard work and dedication to our school and your students' academic progress is unprecedented. Please join us in honoring our staff during Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week the first week of May. You can show special appreciation to all of them at that time!

There are some things to consider this spring that have a tremendous impact on all students' academic success:

### **LATE ARRIVALS:**

There has been a significant increase in the number of students who are arriving late to school each day. Please make sure students are getting up earlier. Please leave home earlier to account for traffic snarls and unforeseen situations. Arriving late not only significantly impacts the habits children will develop for their future, it often influences the kind of day that your child will have, and acts as a distraction to other students in the classroom.

### **ANNUAL STATE TESTING:**

Our English Language Proficiency testing is ongoing, and our annual SBAC Assessments will begin on April 25. These tests go through May 17. All students in grades 3 through 6 will be taking these annual

California SBAC Standardized tests. Your child's teacher will let you know the exact dates for their grade level. Please help by making sure that your children get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time every day.

### **PARENT INVOLVEMENT:**

There are just two committees that REQUIRE parent participation, and that participation is absolutely necessary, School Site Council and English Language Advisory Committee. This group should be representative of our entire student population. We have combined these committees into one meeting five times a year. There is only one meeting remaining. Annual goals and budget allocations will be placed into our annual Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) based on school data that was shared at our meeting last month. This will be discussed and we must vote to approve the SPSA as a school community. It is very important that we have parents attend. Our last meeting will be on April 23, 2024 at 3:30 - 4:30 pm here at Grimmer in Room 1. Please give one hour of your time to this important work. As was done last month, we will have a parent meeting via Zoom to discuss the items from the SSC/ELAC meeting. However, you will not be able to vote unless you are present in person at 3:30 pm. This is a state requirement.

Finally, as we anticipate the arrival of warmer weather, please be sure that your child dresses with the FUSD Dress Code in mind. Please check the [Parent/Student Handbook](#) available on our district website for more information.

Judy Nye, Principal



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# In the Spotlight

**SPOTLIGHT ON GRIMMER at the April 17<sup>th</sup> FUSD Board Meeting!!**

**SAVE THE DATE-April 17, 2024 @ 6:30 pm**

As you may know, the school board has been featuring one school at every board meeting to show all the wonderful things we are doing at our sites. Grimmer's turn is on April 17 at approximately 6:30 pm. It will last no longer than 20 minutes. We will have one student and one parent in addition to Mrs.



## Dates to Remember

### April

- 1-5 NO SCHOOL; Spring Break
- 9 PTA Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., rm 1
- 10 **Minimum Day**
- 16 Coffee with the Principal, 8:30 a.m., rm.1
- 17 **Minimum Day**
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 SSC/ELAC Meeting, 3:30 p.m., rm. 1
- 24 **Minimum Day**
- 26 Grimmer Career Day

April 29 - May 1

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp



# Welcome Spring



## 2024-2025 Enrollment Timeline

Mar 1 - May	Inter-District Transfers Period Opens
Apr 22 - 25	Kinder Lottery (for schools that need to participate)
Jul 1 (on or near)	Kindergarten Placement Notifications mailed out
Apr 15 - June	Open Enrollment, TK-12 (students new to FUSD)
May 1	Intra-District Transfers Period Opens

For full Enrollment Timeline Schedule and Details, refer to FUSD website Enrollment [page](#).

## HORNER Middle School



For parents of students moving to Middle School next year, please make visit Horner's website, the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade [Information page](#), for information about 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Horner Middle School for 2024/2025.

## Grimmer Career Day

### April 26, 2024

Grimmer is hosting a Career Day in April. Career Day gives students an up-close look at different career paths and connects their learning to the real world. Parents/guardians and community members will come into the school setting to share insights about their career and details about necessary education and training for career success.

Please submit an [interest form](#) if you are interested in speaking to our students about your career, including education and training needed for career success.

## Spring Book Fair: May 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>



Hello Happy Campers!

The Scholastic Happy Camper Book Fair is coming to Grimmer the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>. Check out our Book Fair home page at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/grimmer/elementaryschool> for more information, including volunteer opportunities, eWallet set-up and book previews!

Have s'more fun with books at the Happy Camper Book Fair!

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## Makerspace Lab

The Grimmer Makerspace is a thriving place for collaboration, learning, and hands-on STEAM activities for our students. We would appreciate donations from the community to replenish our Makerspace supplies.



- white paper plates
- white paper bowls and cups
- Craft sticks- Medium and Large
- Pom poms (any color)
- Pipe cleaners(any color)
- Cotton balls
- Sewing needles and Thread( any color)
- Beads (to make jewelry- medium sized holes)
- Toilet paper rolls
- Empty tissue boxes
- Yarn
- Food coloring

The Grimmer STEAM club students will participate in the 2024 Engineering Expo on April 11 from 5 - 7:30 pm at the Fremont Downtown Event Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the events. They are free!

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