



# Grimmer Elementary School

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## Principal's Message:

Dear Grimmer Bear Families,

Thanks to all parents/guardians who attended our Parent/Teacher conferences before Thanksgiving Break, and to those who had conversations with your children about their academic progress thus far. The partnership between home and school, and the participation of our students' adults in their school life are the most important things in creating success for our students in every aspect of their lives.

We so appreciate our teachers and staff who not only work to provide engaging lessons, but always pour their hearts into relationships with your children and families.

Thanks once again to our PTA for the wonderful Diwali Festival! It was very well attended and was a lot of fun for all. I loved seeing the students dressed in their traditional attire or holiday clothes with smiles on their faces! Look for some exciting PTA events coming in December and January such as our Holiday Boutique and Winter Fest.

Our students continue to amaze me on a daily basis! It is with great pride that I interact with them every day, and watch their academic and social growth. So many students are clearly realizing what it takes to be true scholars. This starts with attendance. Students who arrive to school every day and on time are benefiting from these essential habits for success now and for their future. We have so many students who always show traits of excellent citizenship, leadership, and outstanding organizational skills allowing them to be ready learners. We are so proud of you!

Finally, please take a look at the information being sent home through Parent Square, email, and teacher newsletters regarding our December 7th Apex Fun Run! All money raised will go directly to your child's classroom. Thanks for your support! Looking forward to seeing many of you at the event.

Sincerely,

Judy Nye, Principal



## Dates to Remember

### December

- 5 SSC/ELAC Meeting #2, 3:30 p.m.
- 6 **Minimum Day**
- 6-12 Computer Science Education Week
- 7 Apex Fun Run Fundraiser,  
9:00 a.m., grades TK - 2  
10:30 a.m., grades 3 - 5
- 13 **Minimum Day**
- 15 PTA Winterfest, 5-8:00 p.m., Cafeteria
- 18-22 PTA Holiday Boutique
- 19 Coffee with the Principal, 8:30 a.m.,  
Room 1 or via Zoom
- 20 **Minimum Day**
- 22 **MINIMUM DAY**, Grades 1 - 5  
TK & Kinder are on Regular Schedules

December 25 - January 5



**School resumes on January 8, 2024**



## Winter Spirit Week, December 18 - 22



- Monday - **Penguin Day** (dress as a penguin or in white and black)
- Tuesday - **Grinch versus Santa Day**
- Wednesday - **Candy Cane day** (wear red and white)
- Thursday - **Ugly Sweater Day** (wear your holiday sweater)
- Friday - **Winter Cozy Day** (wear your coziest pajamas, sweats, hats, jackets)



## Grimmer Food Drive

We are teaming up with the Alameda County Food Bank to host a Food Drive here at Grimmer. We need your help! We will be collecting non perishable, canned, or dry foods December 4<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. Collection barrels will be located near the office, at the Kinder gate near room 4 and in the parking circle near room 30. Together we can spread kindness!



## LOST and FOUND Items



Once again, our Lost and Found racks have a large amount of unclaimed clothing items. Every Friday we will roll out the racks to the front entrance. Parents please check the racks

for items that may belong to your student(s).

All unclaimed items will be donated to the One Warm Coat drive in December.

## One Warm Coat Drive

Donate coats, sweaters or sweatshirts to Grimmer Elementary coat drive! We are teaming up again this year with One Warm Coat to hold a coat



drive and we need your help! Stop by to drop off gently worn or new items. The drop off box is located outside the main office. All coats collected will be donated locally to our neighbors in need. The One Warm Coat drive ends December 1st. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



## Basketball Tryout (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders)

Basketball tryouts will be held the week of December 4 - 8. Fourth and fifth grade students are eligible to tryout for the Grimmer basketball teams. Any student, who wishes to participate in the tryout sessions, must have a recent physical, and all forms from the Basketball packet turned in to the office prior to the tryout sessions. Students without the completed paperwork will not be eligible to participate in the tryout sessions.

The boys will have tryout sessions on Monday and Wednesday (12/4 & 12/6). The girls try out sessions will be Tuesday and Thursday (12/5 & 12/7).

## Computer Science Education Week, December 6-12

Grimmer students (grades 1 - 5) will be celebrating Computer Science Education week for the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row with special guest speakers from the technology industry who will be inspiring our students to learn computer science and participate in an Hour of Code.



## Parent Volunteers Needed

Our Computer Prep teacher, Mrs. C., is looking for volunteers who work in the technology industry to be guest speakers to inspire students to learn programming during Computer Science Education week, December 6-12. If interested, please email Mrs. C at [schattopadhyay@fusdk12.net](mailto:schattopadhyay@fusdk12.net) by

November 30<sup>th</sup>. **REMINDER: all volunteers must register, and be cleared, via the CiviCore app BEFORE arriving on campus.**



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## PTA Activities and Events

December 18 - 22  
Holiday Boutique, room 2.

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### Find the Books!

Please take a few minutes over the Winter Break to look for any overdue library books. Overdue notices will be sent home on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Library books love to hide! Please check under beds, in closets, in cars and in any bookshelves you have at home.



Mrs. Young thanks you for your help!

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### PROCEDURES FOR VOLUNTEERS:

- Volunteers will be admitted with teacher approval ONLY, and must be under the direct supervision of a certificated employee for the duration of their visit.
  - Prior to entering Grimmer, ALL volunteers must submit and have approved an application through CiviCore - [CiviCore LINKED HERE](#)
  - Volunteers who are independently supervising students, for any reason, must also undergo fingerprinting and a background check at their own expense.
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### Cold and Flu Session is here



Sick students should remain at home. **Parents should notify the office of a student's absence.**

Students should remain home if they exhibit one or more of the following symptoms:

- Temperature. Student may return to school when they have been without a fever for 24 hours without medication.

- Nasal discharge that cannot be controlled with tissue & hand washing.
- Sore throat and/or persistent cough. Students may return to school when symptoms are resolved.
- Vomiting or Diarrhea. Student may return to school 24 hours after symptoms have stopped or with a medical provider document stating the student can return to school.
- Parents/Guardians of a student who is experiencing **symptoms of COVID-19** or who has a positive result/diagnosis should report their student's absence to their student's **school office**.
- Timeline for Student Return After COVID-19
  - o Day 0  
Day student first experiences symptoms of COVID-19, or performs a test that returns a positive result, whichever comes earlier.
  - o Days 1 - 5  
Student isolates and should not return to school.
  - o Days 6 - 10  
Student may return to school if: Symptoms are not present or are resolving and, they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication
- A negative test result is not required to return on or after Day 6. Face coverings are recommended for students returning to school before Day 11 per CA Department of Public Health guidance.

Please help us keep everyone healthy by keeping sick students home. Free Covid test kits are available in the school office.

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## Extended Absences TK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

As many families may be traveling during the holiday season, we wanted to remind everyone of absence procedures.



### Extended Absences

Parents must notify the school office in writing of intentions to go on a trip or to be absent for non-medical reason. This notification should be received a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of the absence. Written notification must include: student name, room number, teacher name, dates of absence, trip destination and the reason for travel. You may pick up an **Extended Absence Form** in the office or email our secretary ([kmitchell@fusdk12.net](mailto:kmitchell@fusdk12.net)). Please return the completed form to the office.

## Independent Study Contracts (ISC)

### K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Detailed information on Independent Student Contracts may be viewed under Board Policies, 6158 AR*



**We strongly encourage families to schedule all vacations during the summer time.** There are only 180 days of school and students need to be present for every one of them if possible! Therefore, independent study contracts will only be granted in extreme circumstances with the mutual consent of the principal/teacher/parent. Schools are not obligated to provide an ISC. Students should only be placed on an ISC if the student can successfully accomplish their academics.

A short term voluntary ISC may not be issued for **less than five (5) consecutive school days and may not exceed ten (10) consecutive school days.** The student/parent must notify the school administrator and teacher of intentions to go on a trip or to be absent for other non-medical

reasons at least ten (10) school days prior to the absence.

- Students whose achievement is below grade level standards, based on multiple measures, in Language Arts or Math may not be eligible for short term Independent Study.
- Students may not be on short term Independent Study more than three (3) times while in Grades K-12.
- NO Independent Study Contracts will be issued the first 20 school days of the year, the last 20 days of the school year, or during state testing times.
- Independent Student Contract work packets can only be picked up by the student from the office on the last school day before their contract begins.
- The student must return the completed ISC work packet to the school office on the return date listed on the ISC.



**School resumes January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024!**

