



Grimmer Elementary School

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Principal's Message:

Dear Grimmer Bear Families,
Happy New Year! We are so happy to be back, and have some exciting things to share with you.

ARTS & MUSIC:You may have heard in the media about *Proposition 28—Arts and Music in Schools Funding*

The Arts and Music in Schools (AMS). This initiative provides additional funding for arts education in California public schools. I have spoken with our parent groups (PTA, SSC, ELAC) and discussed possibilities with our staff. I am happy to report that we have some volunteers to provide some after school classes in music, robotics, and digital art to our students starting in February. You may also know that our PTA has already sponsored an art class, which runs on Fridays through May. If you would like more information, please stop by Room 2 on Fridays at 4:00 pm. More information on the new classes will follow shortly.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER:We also have an exciting Service Learning Project coming up for our students on January 25, 2024. A flier with more information is included in today's Thursday folder.

- This is an opportunity for our students to learn about food insecurity in our community, our country, and our world.
- What's better, is that they will be empowered to contribute to a solution! Please check out the flier in today's folder.
- We will need at least two or three volunteers from each classroom! If you can help on January 25, 2024 from 8:30 to 11:00 please let your classroom teacher or our front office know!
- Also, we would appreciate it if you could speak with your children about earning money to donate to this project, teaching the value of helping where we can and the impact their help can have in our community.

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BASKETBALL SEASON:As you may have heard, we have a girls and boys basketball team this year! There are six games on Thursdays starting on January 18 and going to February 29, 2024. Please join us! Games dates and times can be found on our [WEBSITE CALENDAR](#).

PTA EVENTS:There will be a PTA Association meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. See flier in today's folder for the Zoom link! Please plan to attend!

There are some upcoming events that will not be possible without parent volunteers. We have a very small PTA board. They can't possibly bring fun activities and events to Grimmer without your help. Please come on Tuesday and volunteer for an upcoming event! An hour of your time will make these fun events possible for your students!

SUMMATIVE ELPAC TESTING:All students who speak English as a second language, and have not yet reached English Proficiency will be taking the Summative ELPAC Test starting in February. This is an annual assessment. More information is available in a short video [LINKED HERE](#). If your child(ren) is a Multi-language Learner, please take a look at the video for much more information.

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL ON TIME:

Finally, please be certain that your children are arriving to school on time each day. When they are late, their classroom routines are disrupted, affecting your children and their classmates. The habits we create and model for your children in elementary school will carry through their lives!

Happy New Year!

Judy Nye, Principal



Dates to Remember

January

- 9 PTA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 **Minimum Day**
- 15 **NO SCHOOL** / Martin Luther King Day
- 16 PTA Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 **Minimum Day**
- 18 Basketball Games @ Warm Springs, 3:30 Boys & 4:30 Girls
- 23 Basketball Games @ Weibel, 3:30 Girls & 4:30 Boys
- 23 SSC/ELAC Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- 24 **Minimum Day**
- 25 Basketball Games @ Warm Springs 3:30 Boys & 4:30 Girls
- 25 Kids Against Hunger Service Project
- 24 **Minimum Day**



RESIDENCY VERIFICATION FORMS - Coming soon

Every year submission of a Residency Verification document, and two proofs of residency documents, is **required** for all students (TK-5th). The district will send Residency Verification form(s), for your student(s), in late January via USPS mail and to parent emails.

The Proof of Residency documents must be current, within the last 30 days, clearly show the residency address and parent name. Failure to return the Residency Verification form and proof of residency documents may result in your student losing their seat for the next school year.



2024-2025 Enrollment Timeline

Jan 22 - Mar 27 Priority Enrollment (TK-5th);

January	Includina TK, K & Siblings Register at FUSD Enrollment . Continuing Students, K-4th: Residency Verification Forms mailed home.
January	Continuing Intra-District Transfers forms will be Emailed to parents.
Jan 8 - Mar 31	Dual Language Immersion Applications are accepted. Programs available in Spanish and Mandarin. Apply here . Notifications sent May 1-5, 2023.
Jan 8 - Mar 31	Science Magnet Applications Accepted. Apply here . Notifications sent May 22-26, 2023.
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 1 - June	Enrollment opens, All grades
May 1	Intra-District Transfers Period Opens
For full Enrollment Timeline Schedule and Details, refer to FUSD website Enrollment page .	

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.

