



# Grimmer Elementary School

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## Principal's Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you to those who attended our first School Site Council / English Language Advisory meeting on Tuesday afternoon. This group assists in creating annual student academic, social emotional goals for the year based on data, as well as aligning the budget to these goals. Documents and presentations will be shared through Parent Square. Please take a moment to review the information provided. In order to support all students at Grimmer, it is critical that we have parent input. There are only five meetings for the entire year. Our next meeting will be on 12/5/2023 at 3:30 pm. Please join us!

We are still seeing a number of students arriving at school late each day. Please help your children get to school on time. It is very important for their future success.

We have many opportunities for student enrichment coming up in the near future, and ask that you keep an eye on the Thursday folders and Parent Square for these events.

You have received information regarding Halloween. I look forward to welcoming families to our school. Siblings are welcome to attend in costume to join in the activities. Students who do not celebrate Halloween will have activities planned for them in our library.

As the Thanksgiving Holiday quickly approaches, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to parents and guardians for your continued support of our teachers and school staff. As you know, we have an amazingly talented team of teachers

designing learning opportunities for all students. I am so grateful to have this community around me as we work together to provide a quality education for your children.

Sincerely,

Judy Nye, Principal



## Dates to Remember

### November

- 1 **Minimum Day**
- 2 **Picture Makeup Day**
- 5 **Daylight Savings - Fall Back 1 Hour**
- 8 **Minimum Day**
- 10 **No School** - Veterans Day Holiday
- 13-17 **Parent & Teacher Conference Week**
- 13-17 **Early Dismissal days**
- 15 **Minimum Day**
- 19 **PTA Diwali Event, 5:00 p.m., Cafeteria**
- 20-24 **No School** - Thanksgiving Break
- 29 **Minimum Day**

## School Picture Makeup Day

School picture makeups, or retakes, will be on **Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**.





Parent & Teacher conferences will be the week of November 13-17. Parents/Guardians should have already received a letter from your child's teacher with the date and time of your scheduled conference. Parents may choose to hold conferences in person or virtually. If the conference is held virtually, you will also receive an email with the zoom link from your child's teacher.

## SCHEDULE CHANGE

Parent / Teacher  
Conference Week

**November 13 - 17**

**Early Dismissal ALL WEEK**

Grades 1-5: 8:30 - 1:31

Kinder: 8:25 - 11:45

TK: 8:25 - 11:45



## 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

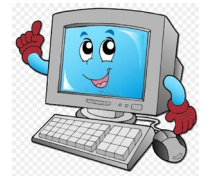
who has a positive result/diagnosis should report their student's absence to their student's [school office](#).

- 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.

## 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 CS Ed week Dec 5-12. If interested, please email Mrs. C at [schattopadhyay@fusdk12.net](mailto:schattopadhyay@fusdk12.net) by November 10<sup>th</sup>.



## PBIS Poster Contest Winners

Congratulations to our winners!



TK: Noorvi S.  
1st: Tyler X.  
2nd: Niyant J.  
3rd: Anika S.  
4th: Sivaluxmy S.  
5th: Liliana M.

## PTA Activities and Events

**Friday, November 17**

PTA Diwali Event, 5 - 8:00 p.m., in the cafeteria.

**Fridays, starting October 27 - May 3**

Grimmer Art Class, 4 - 5:00 p.m., room #2. Irvington Visual Art Club is hosting an Art Class at Grimmer school. Please refer to the flier emailed to previously emailed to parents for sign up instructions and a list of needed materials. Sign up via the QR code sent home via email.

## LOST and FOUND Items

Once again, our Lost and Found bin has a large amount of unclaimed items. Every Friday we will roll out the racks of Lost and Found items. Parents please check the racks for items that may belong to your student(s).

All unclaimed items will be donated to a local agency in December.



## 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.

## 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 must 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.

