



Grimmer Elementary School

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Principal's Message:

Wow! What a Grimmer Bear welcome back I received. I told the staff that I felt like royalty. Thank you to our PTA for the huge sign in the front and for the chalk messages on the sidewalk! Those were the first things I saw when I returned. Thank you parents and guardians for assisting your children with cards, flowers, plants, notes, etc. and for your kind words and warm welcomes. To finish the welcome, the students all sang a beautiful song to me in the morning's assembly! Yes, there were tears! I am very happy to be back to our wonderful school!

Unfortunately, we have had a tremendous number of students arriving late every day. Let me remind you that getting students to school every day and on time is critically important! They are being given tardy slips and this will count towards truancy. I know that mornings can be a challenge, but please do everything you can to leave earlier so we don't have this problem.

I am looking forward to meeting with parents and guardians next Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:30 pm for our Principal Welcome Back meeting! I plan to share many things about teaching and learning here at Grimmer including budgets and procedures. Please plan to attend. The meeting will be held in person in the Cafeteria and also on Zoom for those who feel more comfortable meeting virtually!

Have a great month! Enjoy the beautiful fall weather!

Sincerely,

Judy Nye, Principal



Dates to Remember

October

- 3 PTA Board Meeting, rm. 1 or zoom, 4:00 p.m.
- 3 Parent Meeting with Mrs. Nye, 6:30 Cafeteria
- 4 PTA Walk & Roll to School Day
- 4 **Minimum Day**
- 5 Picture Day
- 9-12 Book Fair Week
- 10 Coffee with the Principal, rm. 1, 8:30 am
- 11 **Minimum Day**
- 13 No School - Staff Development Day
- 18 **Minimum Day**
- 19 PBIS Posters Entries are due
- 20 PTA Bike Mobile, 2:50 - 5:00 p.m.
- 23-27 Red Ribbon Week
- 24 SSC/ELAC Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- 25 **Minimum Day**
- 27 PTA Grimmer Spirit Wear Sale, Cafeteria, 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 31 Halloween PE Activity

Fall School Picture Day



Picture Day will be on **Thursday, October 5th.**

After School Academy (ASA)



Grimmer is happy to welcome back the City of Fremont's After School Academy. The ASA program services students in grades TK-5.

The [ASA](#) registration and information can be found on Grimmer's [website](#).

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. Student may return to school when symptoms are resolved.
- Vomiting or Diarrhea. Student may return to school 24 hours after symptoms have stopped or with medical provider documents stating the student can return to school.
- Covid. Student may return to school 5 days after positive test result and once symptoms have subsided.

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

Classroom Donations

Our classroom teachers could use your support. Monetary donations help our teachers prepare for classroom projects, provide all students with learning materials, and so much more.



Donations can be given to the office (with the student's classroom number written in the notes section) or directly to your student's teacher. Please make check donations payable to **FUSD/Grimmer Elementary**. Thank you for your generous support!

Fall Book Fair coming soon!

Reading is OUT of THIS WORLD! The Fall



Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the Grimmer Library the week of October 9th! Check out our Book Fair web page, <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/grimmerelementaryschool2> for more details!

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.

Global Maker Day, October 18th, and Makers Space Lab

The Makerspace lab is a place where students use their imagination and creativity to create and problem solve collaboratively during morning recess time. Students share ideas, materials and knowledge to plan and build things. Donated items are needed for upcoming projects:

- Paper Cups
- Paper Plates and paper towels
- Pipe cleaners, any color
- Elastic string/cord & beads (to make jewelry)
- Origami paper
- Popsicle sticks
- Cardboard toilet paper rolls
- Playdough or Air dry clay
- Tacky glue, bottle
- Masking tape, different colors
- Straws
- White glue
- Baking soda (to make slime & volcanos)
- Pompoms and Googly eyes
- Aluminum foil
- Paper lunch bags (to make puppets)

All donations greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Extended Absences TK – 5th 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). Please return the completed form to the office.

Independent Study Contracts (ISC) K – 5th 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.

PTA Activities and Events

Wednesday, October 4 - PTA

International Bike/Walk/Roll to School

Calling all students and their families! Walk, use wheels, or carpool to school that day. In collaboration with Safe Routes to Schools and Grimmer's PTA, Grimmer is encouraging families to leave the car at home on October 4th in order to help our school show up as one who cares about our environment.

Friday, October 20th - PTA Mobile Bike Clinic

2:50 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Free bike repairs will be taking place on the Intermediate playground.

Friday, October 27th - Spirit Wear for Sale

PTA will be selling Grimmer Spirit Wear in the cafeteria from 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Red Ribbon Week

October, 23 to 27 -

Red Ribbon Week

Students will get a sticker to wear every day of this week

showing their pledge to be drug-free for themselves and kind to others. This week is one of personal goals that benefit the student, their families, their school, and their community, so join us each day for a fun theme. Look for a detailed flier coming in October.

