



# Grimmer Elementary School

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## Principal's Message:

Dear Grimmer Community,

As the leaves begin to change and the air turns crisp, we warmly welcome the beautiful season of autumn! This time of year brings a sense of renewal and excitement, with plenty of opportunities for learning and community engagement. Autumn is a wonderful time to explore nature and observe the changes around us. We encourage families to take walks, visit local farms, or engage in outdoor activities to appreciate the season's beauty. This month, our students will be diving into exciting new units across all grade levels. This month we will begin our first cycle of BEARS TIME. This is a 45-minute MTSS block Tier 1 level of instruction from 8:30-9:15 every morning in which students are provided targeted intervention to meet the needs of all students. The staff has been working extremely hard at evaluating data, assigning groups, creating goals, and designing lessons/assessments. We encourage families to engage with their children about what they're learning and to explore ways to reinforce these concepts at home.

### School activities

We will have several fun school activities that engage students and foster a sense of community.

### Community Involvement

We are grateful for the ongoing support from our families. If you're interested in getting involved, consider volunteering for upcoming events or joining the PTA. Your contributions make a significant impact!

### Reminders

- As the weather cools, please ensure students are dressed appropriately for outdoor activities.
- Keep an eye on backpacks for important notices and forms located in the Thursday folder.

Thank you for being a vital part of our school community. Let's embrace this season of change together!

Warm wishes,  
Matt Kaufman  
Principal, Grimmer



## Dates to Remember

### October

- 2 **Minimum Day**
- 8 PTA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Zoom
- 9 PTA International Walk & Roll To School Day
- 9 **Minimum Day**
- 11 **NO SCHOOL; Staff Development Day**
- 16 PBIS Posters are due
- 16 Unity Day - Wear Orange
- 16 **Minimum Day**
- 21-25 Red Ribbon Week
- 22 SSC & ELAC Meetings, rm. 1, 3:30 /4:00
- 23 **Minimum Day**
- 23 Coffee with the Principal, rm. 1, 8:30 am
- 29 Make Up Picture Day
- 30 **Minimum Day**
- 31 **MINIMUM DAY Gr. 1-5**

**Kinder is on REGULAR schedule**



## Schedule Change

### Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

TK	8:30 - 11:50
K	8:30 - 1:45
Gr. 1-5	8:30 - 1:40 <u>MINIMUM Day</u>



## Makeup Picture Day



Picture Day will be on  
**Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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!

## 2024-2025 Math Club

Math Club meets on Wednesdays at 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. on Zoom.

All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who love thinking about math and solving interesting math problems are welcome to join our weekly meeting!

Where: Zoom

Meeting ID: 871 0958 8585

Passcode: 936509

## Computer

### Lab:

### Makerspace

Mrs. C, our Computer teacher, also runs the Makerspace lab.

This lab is a place where students use their imagination and creativity to create and problem solve collaboratively. Students share



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ideas, materials and knowledge to plan and build things. Donations needed for upcoming projects. Here is the Amazon wish list for the Makerspace. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Please remove items from the Amazon wishlist, once purchased

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/2dBHXdE?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/2dBHXdE?ref=wl_share)

Thank you!

## Fall Book Fair:

### November 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Wanted: Readers! Saddle Up Grimmer Bears! The Scholastic Wild West Book Fair is coming to Grimmer



the week of November 4<sup>th</sup>! For more information about volunteer opportunities, eWallet set-up, a link to the online fair (which starts November 1<sup>st</sup>) and more, check out our Book Fair home page at [Grimmer Book Fair Homepage](https://www.scholastic.com/bf/grimmerelementaryschool2) or navigate to: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/grimmerelementaryschool2>. Yee Haw! It's time to lasso up some great books!

## Grimmer PBIS Poster Contest

Students and Staff are invited to interpret the following theme in an original poster:

**“How do you follow the yellow brick road to success at Grimmerland?”**

DEADLINE: Posters should be turned in to Ms. Martin by October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Rules:

- Each poster should be completed on 8 ½ x 11 plain paper and should be the original work of the student
- The following information must be included on the back of the poster: Student's Name, Teacher, Grade, Room Number
- Posters will be judged on overall appearance, effectiveness in conveying the theme, originality and creativity.



## Label Student Belongings!

Please write your child's name on all of his/her belongings. Every year we donate many unclaimed articles of clothing to charity. Misplaced items can be found on the lost and found racks in the main hallway near the front entrance.



## 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](#).

## Sick Students

Sick students should remain at home. Parents should notify the office of the 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 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 after symptoms have stopped or with medical provider documents stating the student can return to school.

- Covid. Student may return once symptoms have subsided. Please help us keep everyone healthy by keeping sick students home.

## 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! 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.

## JOIN GRIMMER PTA!

Your PTA Membership supports various programs:

- Student Events (Movie Night, Carnival, Holiday Bouquet, etc.)
- Teacher & Staff Appreciation
- Library Books
- Classroom Contributions
- And so much more!

## PTA News and Activities:



### Trunk or Treat, Oct. 25

Grimmer PTA is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat event for our community on October 25<sup>th</sup> in Grimmer's parking lot. PTA is looking for parent volunteers to decorate their trunks in whatever fashion they'd like. They can do a Halloween theme that matches their costumes or they can do a fall theme. If they'd like to have a little game to go along with their trunk, they are welcome to do that as well. It is really up to them how they want to do it!

If you wish to participate, please scan the QR code below to sign up. Participating cars should arrive at Grimmer at 4:00 p.m. to begin setting up their trunk. During the event, students will come by and look at the trunk and collect a prize (candy/small token item). PTA will provide the candy/small items to pass out.

The PTA is also asking for candy donations for the event. Donations may be dropped off to the school office.



## PTA Reflections Contest 2024

PTA Reflections is largely managed on the state level, so participation in the program is based upon the specific forms, deadlines and guidelines which are required by each state PTA. We at Grimmer have been facilitating this program for more than 4 years. The Reflections program offers several categories and divisions.

Students create and submit original works of art in the areas of Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts. Students participate in the appropriate division for their grade: Primary (Pre-K - Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3-5), Middle School (Grades 6-8), High School (Grades 9-12), Accessible Arts (All grades welcome). The Accessible Arts division offers modified rules and guidelines for students with disabilities, who may receive services under IDEA or ADA: Section 504, to participate in the Reflections program. Topic for this year is "Accepting Imperfection".

Kids learn this important lesson in life, it's ok to make mistakes but learning is more important and aim to succeed after you learn :)

Deadline for Submission of Artwork is **October 15, 2024**. For guidelines on artwork, please connect with PTA at [grimmerpta@gmail.com](mailto:grimmerpta@gmail.com) / [reflectionsgrimmerpta@gmail.com](mailto:reflectionsgrimmerpta@gmail.com).

Will share the submission link as well QR code tomorrow morning as well. Videos for details (To share with kids on Monday mornings) -

[PTA Art Program](#)

[Why participate](#)



October is National Book Month