



# Grimmer Elementary School

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## Principal's Message:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'd like to first say a special thank you to all the families who attended back-to-school night. It was wonderful talking with so many of you. Seeing our diverse community come together for a common purpose is always inspiring! As we step into September and the year is in full swing, I want to extend my gratitude for welcoming me into the Grimmer family. September brings a change of season, and as we say goodbye to summer and hello to Fall I hope you are settling into the school year as a family.

This month marks an exciting time of fresh beginnings and renewed energy. Our dedicated staff has been working diligently to lay a strong foundation for a successful year ahead, and we are thrilled to see our students return with enthusiasm and curiosity.

Here are a few key updates and reminders for September:

1. **School Events and Activities:** We have a variety of events and activities planned for this month, including. Please check our school calendar and website for more details.
2. **Health and Safety:** The health and safety of our students remain a top priority. We continue to follow all recommended guidelines to ensure a safe learning environment. If you have any questions or concerns regarding health protocols, please feel free to reach out.
3. **Academic Focus:** Our teachers are excited to engage students in a range of new and stimulating learning experiences. We encourage you to stay connected with your child's progress and support their academic journey.
4. **Communication:** We believe that strong communication between school and home is essential. Please make sure to stay informed through our newsletters, emails, and school website. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need assistance.

5. **Parent Involvement:** We greatly value the involvement of our parent community. Your support and engagement make a significant difference in our students' educational experiences.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to a fantastic school year filled with growth, learning, and success. Together, we can make this year a memorable and impactful one for all our students.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful September!

Matthew Kaufman,  
Principal



## Dates to Remember

### September

- 2 **NO SCHOOL** - Labor Day
- 4 **Minimum Day**
- 9 Kinder Students begin Extended Day Schedule, 8:30 am - 1:40 pm
- 10 PTA Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 11 **Minimum Day**
- 18 **Minimum Day**
- 23 Fall Picture Day
- 25 **Minimum Day**
- 25 Coffee with the Principal, rm. 1, 8:30 am



## Schedule Reminder

Every **Wednesday** is Early Release schedule for grades K - 5<sup>th</sup>.

Early Dismissal Schedule:

Kinder 8:30 am - 11:50 am

Gr. 1 -5 8:30 am - 1:40 pm

Please mark your calendars and be on time for pickup.

The schedule for TK students remains the same, 8:30 - 11:50 am.

## 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](#).

## JOIN GRIMMER PTA!

Your PTA Membership supports various programs:

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

Check out the PTA Membership flier for more details.

## CAFETERIA MEALS

Just a reminder: school lunch and breakfast are available for all students, free of charge. Students must take a full lunch in order to get a milk or juice. Food must be eaten on school grounds. Lunches may not be taken off campus.



## 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:

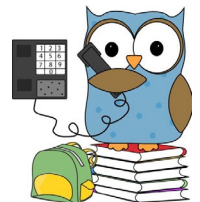
- Temperature. Student may return to school when they have been without a fever for 24 hours without medication.
- Nasal discharge that cannot be controlled with tissue & hand washing.
- Sore throat and/or persistent cough. Student may return to school when symptoms are resolved.
- Vomiting or Diarrhea. 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 once symptoms have subsided.

Please help us keep everyone healthy by keeping sick students home.

## ATTENDANCE REMINDER FOR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS:

# SCHOOL Attendance

Anytime your child will be absent, a parent or guardian must call the school office the same day to report the student absent. When leaving a message on the school's attendance line; please include your student's full name, the date of the absence, the name of the student's teacher, and the reason your student is absent. A valid explanation verifying the reason for the absence must be provided by the parent/guardian, (BP/AR 5113, CCR 306).



To report an absence, please call 510-656-1250, select option 7.

## MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

All medications, prescription or nonprescription, must be kept in the office along with a school Medication Form D. This form shall be completed by both the parent and the physician. This form MUST be renewed each year. Blank copies are available in the office or on FUSD website [Health Forms](#) page. Parents please complete the parent section on the form D. Then have the student's physician complete and signed the doctor's section per the instructions. Return the form to the office, along with the medications.



Reminder that no medications, of any kind, can be sent to school with a student. This includes over the counter items such items as cough drops/lozenges, etc.

## Fall School Picture Day



Picture Day will be on **Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Flier coming soon!

## 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!

*Kindness*  
STARTS WITH  
*you.*

## 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.



## 2024-2025 Math Club

Begins Wednesday, September 11, 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

## Grimmer Bear Spirit Week

### September 16 – 20

We are kicking off our school year with our first Grimmer Spirit Week September 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. For details on how your student can participate in Spirit Week, please refer to the separate Spirit Week flier.

Soon students will also participate in our first Grimmer Bear Necessities assembly where they will learn about our school wide expectations: **Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Your Best.**

## PROCEDURES FOR VOLUNTEERS:

- All volunteers always sign in at the front office.
- 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 an application through CiviCore - [CiviCore LINKED HERE](#). You will receive an email with clearance or denial of your request.

- 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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## Computer Lab: Makerspace

Mrs. C, our Computer Lab 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 ideas, materials and knowledge to plan and build things. Donations 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)

Any, and all, donations are greatly appreciated.  
Thank you!

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## STEAM Club

The Grimmer STEAM club is a bimonthly club run on 1st and 3rd Fridays from 4-5 pm at the Grimmer Makerspace Room 24. This club is for Grimmer 3-5th graders. We inspire the students to think creatively, collaborate, and solve problems with fun and engaging hands-on activities at the Makerspace. Please sign up by Sept. 20.

<https://bit.ly/3X5XuL0>

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## Noon Supervisors Needed



Grimmer is looking for additional Noon Supervisors. Noon supervisors are needed daily, Monday through Friday. This is a paid position through FUSD. You may apply for the position through FUSD utilizing [Edjoin](#). Or contact FUSDs Human Resource department at 510-659-2545.

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