



Grimmer Elementary School

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Principal's Message:

Dear Grimmer Families,

As we approach the end of another exciting and productive year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible accomplishments of our students and express my gratitude for your continued support.

December is a time of celebration and gratitude. This month, we have many activities planned, including our winter concert, Apex fundraiser, assembly, and classroom celebrations. These events not only showcase our students' talents but also foster a sense of community and togetherness.

I encourage all families to participate in our upcoming events. Your involvement makes a significant difference in the school experience and helps to strengthen the bonds within our school community. Additionally, please keep an eye on our calendar for important dates, including the winter break, which begins on 12/23/24.

As we wrap up the year, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the dedication and resilience of our students and staff. Together, we are creating a nurturing environment where all learners can thrive.

Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season filled with love, laughter, and precious moments together. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community.

Warm regards,

Matt Kaufman,

Principal



Dates to Remember

December

- 3 SSC (3:30) & ELAC (4:00) Meetings
 - 4 **Minimum Day**
 - 9-13 Computer Science Education Week
 - 11 **Minimum Day**
 - 12 Apex Fun Run Fundraiser,
9:00 a.m., grades TK - 2
10:30 a.m., grades 3 - 5
 - 13 **ASA CLOSED TODAY**
 - 17 Winter Concert, 8:45 a.m., Cafeteria
 - 18 Coffee with the Principal, 8:30 a.m.,
Room 1
 - 18 **Minimum Day**
 - 20 **MINIMUM DAY**, Grades 1 - 5
- TK & Kinder classes are on Regular Schedules*

December 23 - January 3



School resumes on January 6th, 2025!



Winter Spirit Week, December 16 - 20

Monday 🎄🎅 - **Holiday Head Gear:** wear your most festive and creative holiday headpiece.

Tuesday - **Winter Best:** wear your fanciest winter outfit for the Winter Concert (red, green or white).

Wednesday 🦌🧊 - **Reindeer vs. Snowman:** wear something that represents if you are team reindeer or team snowman.

Thursday - **Ugly Sweater Day:** wear your ugliest winter or holiday sweater. 🧶

Friday 🧣 - **Winter Cozy Pajama Day:** bundle up in your warm and cozy pajamas. Bring your stuffy to cuddle with.



LOST and FOUND Items



Once again, our Lost and Found racks have a large amount of unclaimed clothing items. Parents - please check the racks for items that may belong to your student(s). All unclaimed items will be donated during Winter Break.



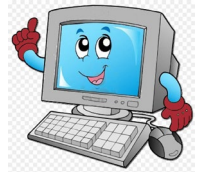
Basketball Tryout (4th & 5th graders)



Basketball tryouts will be held the week of December 2 - 6. Fourth and fifth grade students are eligible to tryout for the Grimmer basketball teams. Any student, who wishes to participate in the tryout sessions, must have a recent physical, and all forms from the Basketball packet turned into the office **prior** to the tryout sessions. Students without the completed paperwork will not be eligible to participate in the tryout sessions.

The boys will have tryout sessions on Monday and Wednesday (12/2 & 12/4). The girls tryout sessions will be Tuesday and Thursday (12/3 & 12/5).

Computer Science Education Week, December 9-15



Grimmer Elementary students will celebrate Computer Science Education Week (CSED Week) this year from Dec 9-15. This is our 10th year celebrating the Hour of Code. We have distinguished speakers from the technology industry present and inspire our students to learn Computer Science. If any of your family members work in the technology field and would like to inspire our students to learn Computer Science by being a guest speaker, please email Mrs. C. at schattopadhyay@fusdk12.net.

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 Computer Science Education week, December 9-13. If interested, please email Mrs. C at schattopadhyay@fusdk12.net by November 18th. **REMINDER: all volunteers must register, and be cleared, via the CiviCore app BEFORE arriving on campus.**

Cold and Flu Session is here



Sick students should remain at home. **Parents should notify the office when a student is absent.**

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. Students 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**. 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 to school. 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.

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 should 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.
- 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.
- Students enrolled in the Special Education program are not eligible for an ISC.

