



# 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/Homeroom. This is a 45-minute MTSS block Tier 1 level of instruction as well as multiage, based learning from 8:30-9:15 every morning in which students are provided targeted intervention providing flexible learning opportunities to engage all students in learning. 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

- 1 Minimum Day
- 7 PTA Board Meeting 7PM via Zoom
- 8 International Walk & Roll to School Day
- 8 Minimum Day
- 15 Unity Day - Wear Orange
- 15 Minimum Day
- 16 CA Shake out
- 21 Family Craft Night 4-5
- 22 Minimum Day
- 23 Pumpkin Patch / Trunk or Treat 5pm
- 24 NO SCHOOL; Staff Development Day
- 27-31 Red Ribbon Week
- 28 SSC & ELAC Meetings, rm. 1, 3:30 /4:00
- 29 Minimum Day
- 30 Snack with the Principal
- 31 Halloween Parade
- 31 MINIMUM DAY Gr. K-5



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## 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 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.



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## Fall Book Fair: Grimmer Book Fair November 18-21

**Our Fall Book Fair is going to be a blizzard of fun! Join us in the Artic, where it's always cool to chill with a good book! No time to wait! *There's Snow Much to Read!***

Visit the **Grimmer Book Fair** home page at [Grimmer Fall Book Fair](https://www.scholastic.com/bf/grimmerelementaryschool1) or navigate to: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/grimmerelementaryschool1> where you can: get information about eWallet set-up, sneak-a-peek at our upcoming fair, and visit our online store, which opens October 27<sup>th</sup>!

Interested in volunteering? Sign-up here: [Fall Book Fair Volunteers](#)

For more information, please contact Patti Young at [pyoung@fusdk12.net](mailto:pyoung@fusdk12.net) or 510-656-1250 ext. 42061.

Thank you for your support!

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## After School Academy (ASA)



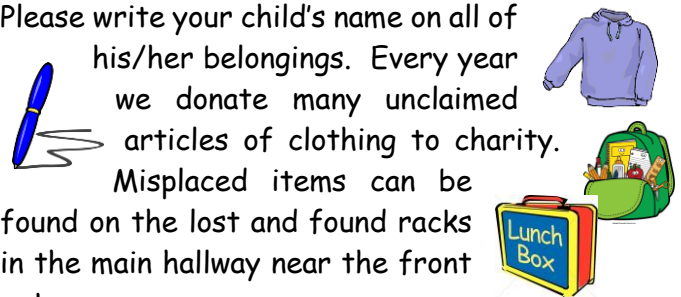
Grimmer is happy to welcome back the City of Fremont's After School Academy. The ASA program services students in grades TK-5.

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

## 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.



## Grimmer PBIS Poster Contest

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

**" How can heroes use their powers to follow the Bear Necessities?"**

**DEADLINE:** Posters should be turned in to Ms. Silva (Rm.13) by October 16<sup>th</sup>. Winners announced October 20th

Rules:

- Each poster should be completed on 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  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.

## 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 Ms. Pereira ([bpereira@fusdk12.net](mailto:bpereira@fusdk12.net)). Please return the completed form to the office.

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Absences

## PTA News and Activities:



### Trunk or Treat, Oct. 23

Grimmer PTA is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat event for our community on October 23rd 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 5:00 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.

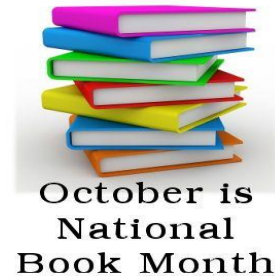
The PTA is also asking for candy donations for the event. Donations may be dropped off to the school office.



## JOIN GRIMMER PTA!

Your PTA Membership supports various programs:

- Student Events (Movie Night, Carnival, Holiday Bouquet, etc.)
- Teacher & Staff Appreciation
- Recess Equipment
- Classroom Contributions
- Computer Fund Contributions
- Emergency Kits
- And so much more!



## PTA Reflections Contest 2025

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 (TK-K- Grade 1-2), 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 "I Belong".

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

Deadline for Nominations due by September 30th, submissions due by October 24th. For guidelines on artwork, please connect with PTA at [grimmerpta@gmail.com](mailto:grimmerpta@gmail.com) / [reflectionsgrimmerpta@gmail.com](mailto:reflectionsgrimmerpta@gmail.com) .

[PTA Art Program](#)

[Why participate](#)

## Makeup Picture Day



Picture Day will be on **Tuesday, October 9<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!

## 2025-2026 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

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