



# 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. At Grimmer we have seen an increase in family engagement! Our PBIS program awarded 96 students with a golden ticket! Our Bears time data showed tremendous growth! Our students are loving our center of creative learning (CCL) multi age project-based learning with a focus on writing, science, and social studies.

December is a time of celebration and gratitude. This month, we have many activities planned, including our winter concert, hour of code, youth authors, 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 12/23/25.



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

- 2 SSC (3:30) & ELAC (4:00) Meetings
- 3 **Minimum Day**
- 8-12 Computer Science Education Week
- 10 **Minimum Day**
- 16 Winter Concert, 8:45 a.m., Cafeteria
- 17 **Minimum Day**
- 19 **MINIMUM DAY**, Grades K - 5
- TK *classes are on Regular Schedules*

December 22 - January 5



School resumes on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026!



**2026 - 2027 Enrollment Timeline At-A-Glance**

November 3-7, 2025	2026-2027 Enrollment information posted on website
November 2025	School sites send information out in Newsletter to parents regarding enrollment timeline - Elementary - highlighting priority All - highlight start date for the grade span
December 1, 2025	2026-2027 Enrollment Applications open
	2026-2027 Immersion Applications open
	2026-2027 Science Magnet Application opens
Nov 17-20 & Dec 2-4	In person enrollment information meetings
December 8, 2025	2026-2027 Enrollment appointments open for TK/K only
January 12, 2026	2026-2027 Enrollment appointments open for grades 1-12
April 17, 2026	2026-2027 TK/K/Sibling enrollment and program priority ends
February 2, 2026	Residency Verification forms sent out. Due 2/27/26
February 2, 2026	Continuing Intra District Transfers sent out. Due 2/27/26
March 1, 2026	Inter District Transfers Open within Alameda County
April 6, 2026	Open School Lottery applications open: Due 4/20/26
July 15, 2026	New Intra District Transfers open



## Winter Spirit Week, December 15 - 19

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



Thursday - **Elf, Reindeer, or Snowman:** Wear something that represents if you are team Elf, Reindeer, or Snowman.



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



## Computer Science Education Week, December 8-12

Grimmer Elementary students will celebrate Computer Science Education Week (CSED Week) this year from Dec 8-12. This is our 11th 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](mailto: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 8-12. If interested, please email Mrs. C at [schattopadhyay@fusdk12.net](mailto:schattopadhyay@fusdk12.net) by November 24<sup>th</sup>. **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 – 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 reasons. 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 attendance clerk ([Kjogai1@fusdk12.net](mailto:Kjogai1@fusdk12.net)). Please return the completed form to the office.

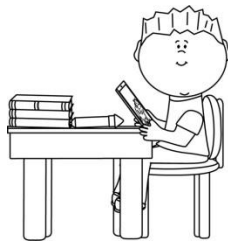
A short term voluntary ISC may not be issued for **less than five (5) consecutive school days and may not exceed ten (10) consecutive school days**. The student/parent must notify the school administrator and teacher of intentions to go on a trip or to be absent for other non-medical reasons at least 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 on 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.

## 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 summertime.** 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.

