



# Grimmer Elementary School

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## January 2026

### Principal's Message:

Dear Grimmer Community,

As we begin the new year, I want to extend my warmest wishes to all of you. I hope that the holiday season was filled with joy, rest, and meaningful time with loved ones. The staff are excited to welcome back our students!

January is a time of reflection and new beginnings, and our staff is committed to creating a fun, safe learning environment where all students learn at high levels. As always, we encourage open communication between home and school to ensure that every student has the resources and encouragement they need to thrive. We have many resources available to support students and our goal is to help you find connections to these resources to support our students' growth.

This month, our staff will be focused on analyzing data to reflect on the current progress of our school goals. We look forward to upcoming school events, activities, and opportunities for families to engage with our school community.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you around campus! I hope for a promising and successful new year!

Warm regards,

Matt Kaufman, Principal

### Dates to Remember

#### January

- 6 School Reopens
- 7 **Minimum Day**
- 12 Mobile Bike Repair, 3 pm onwards
- 13 PTA Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Basketball games @ **Grimmer** vs Warm Springs, 2:30 Girls & 3:30 Boys
- 14 **Minimum Day**
- 16 PTA: Lazy Dog Fundraiser
- 19 **NO SCHOOL** / **Martin Luther King Day**
- 21 Basketball Games @ **Grimmer** vs. Weibel, 2:30 Boys & 3:30 Girls
- 21 **Minimum Day**
- 22 Snack with the Principal, 3.00 pm, Rm. 1
- 26-30 Great Kindness Challenge Week
- 27 SST/ELAC 3.30-4.30 pm, Zoom
- 28 Basketball Games @ **Warm Springs** 2:30 Boys & 3:30 Girls
- 28 **Minimum Day**
- 30 **ASA Closed**



## RESIDENCY VERIFICATION FORMS - Coming soon

Every year submission of a Residency Verification document, and two proofs of residency documents, is **required** for all students (TK-5<sup>th</sup>). The district will email parents the Residency Verification form(s), for each student(s), in early February 2026 via InformedK12 application. The Proof of Residency documents must be current, within the last 30 days, clearly show the residency address and parent name. Failure to return the Residency Verification form and proof of residency documents may result in your student losing their seat for the next school year.



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

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

## 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. Students 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.



## The Great Kindness Challenge (GKC)

This month, January 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>st</sup>, our Grimmer Community will be participating in The Great Kindness Challenge (GKC). The GKC is a global initiative that promotes kindness, respect, and unity in schools. It's a week-long event where our students, educators, and staff perform acts of kindness to create a positive school culture.

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## Fall Book Fair Recap



Thank you SNOW MUCH for the flurry of support we received during our recent Scholastic Book Fair! Our total sales were \$3,658.38 and the library will earn \$1,250 for new books. Many thanks to the volunteers that helped with set-up, during the fair and take-down. I couldn't do it without you! Look for our spring Book Fair in May!

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## CS Ed Week

We want to thank you for the bottom of our hearts for the guest speakers who took the time to inspire our students to continue to learn computer science during CS Ed Week. It was a very successful event with multiple guest speakers from many tech companies as well as Stanford hospital. The students were truly inspired and made me proud with their awesome questions. We are truly grateful.

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## Student Absence Policy and Procedures

We kindly ask that you **do not email teachers directly regarding student absences**. All attendance-related matters must be reported to the school office. This allows us to accurately document the reason, location, and duration of each absence.

### 1) Extended Absences (3 Days or More)

If your child is going to be absent for **three or more consecutive days**, please visit the office to complete an Extended Absence Form.

### 2) Independent Study Contract (ISC)

Independent Study Contracts are available for students in Grades K-12. To request an ISC, please submit the Independent Study Request Form to the school office. Requests must be submitted at least 12 -14 school days in advance of the intended leave. Once received, the office will review and notify you regarding approval of your request and further steps that need to be taken

### Contact Information

For further information or assistance, please contact:

- **Ms. Pereira**, Secretary  
- bpereira@fusdk12.net
  - **Ms. Jogai**, Attendance Clerk  
- kjogai1@fusdk12.net
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### Reporting Absences

Parents/Guardians must communicate each day a student is absent. You can report a student absence by phone or email.

Email: [kjogai1@fusdk12.net](mailto:kjogai1@fusdk12.net)

For Phone Options: Dial 510-656-1250, press 7 for Attendance.

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