



Gorman Elementary School

“Paw Prints” Newsletter

January 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back! As we welcome in the New Year, there always seems to be long discussions of New Year’s resolutions. Many of us are in deep thought about ways to set ourselves on a positive path for the coming year. Everything from more reading, eating better, exercise, and home improvements. We are looking for ways to make a more rewarding and successful year ahead. This year, I’ve thought about resolutions and how we could apply it to the PBIS implementation and recognized that I needed to think beyond the school and myself but into the greater community.

With PBIS implementation this year, the practice of “Pay It Forward” came to me. We have all heard of this notion and perhaps some of us have practiced it on occasion. The idea is to do a random act of kindness for someone else, without them knowing your intention or realizing it was you. I recognize that if every day I did one nice things for another, perhaps I could make someone’s day a little better. Perhaps I could change my little world one kind act at a time. Something as simple as a smile, a kind note, holding a door open for another, helping a stranger load their groceries, sharing an umbrella, saying “Please” and “Thank you”. These are but a few of the kindnesses I have thought of sharing, but I’m excited to look for new ones throughout the year. It is in this spirit that I have decided to make “Pay It Forward” a Gorman School resolution as well. I encourage you to ask your child which random act of kindness they are practicing each week. Additionally, please help your child think of other ways to “Pay It Forward” through small, kind acts. Feel free to practice and model these as well. With any luck, we will help the students and ourselves realize the goodness that surrounds us each day, and our ability to create a more positive world with a simple act of kindness. We thank you for all of your efforts and dedication to your children during the first half of this school year. We also look forward to your continued support and involvement as we move forward together in 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- 3 Return to School
- 3 PTSO Meeting 3:00PM
- 6 Student Council Meeting
- 10 School Board Meeting 3:00PM
- 11 Arts Team Meeting 3:00PM
- 13 Progress Reports Go Home
- 13 PBIS Reward Day
- 13 PTSO Movie Night 4:30PM
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-NO SCHOOL
- 18 MINIMUM DAY- Staff Development
Students dismissed at 1:00PM
- 27 Boxtop collection for classroom competition

February

- 3 Awards Assembly 8:45AM
- 7 PTSO Meeting 3:00PM
- 10 Science Fair 6:00PM
- 10 PBIS Reward Day
- 13 Lincoln’s Birthday-NO SCHOOL
- 14 School Board Meeting 3:00PM
- 20 President’s Day-NO SCHOOL
- 22 MINIMUM DAY-Staff Development



**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**



Our next collection date for the classroom competitions will be on Friday, January 27th. The classroom that brings in the most boxtops will win a hot chocolate party!

NEXT MEETING:
TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 7TH
AT 3:00PM



We need donations of candy conversation hearts for our next PBiS reward day. Please send in donations by February 3rd.



COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

Gorman School PTSO is creating a cook book to be used as a fundraiser. Your assistance and participation are needed to make this fundraiser a success!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Please submit your favorite recipes for inclusion in our cookbook. You can do this by sending it by email to gormanschoolptso@gmail.com or by sending it in to the front office.



Our next movie night will be Friday, January 13th at 4:30. We will be showing two movies, one in Ms. Stanford's class, "Middle School: the Worst Years of my Life", and one in the auditorium, "Finding Dory". We will have frito boats and corndogs, as well as chips, sodas, and candy for sale.

Our classrooms are in need of donations of the following:

- Pencils
- Kleenex
- Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Dry Erase Markers
- Hand Sanitizer



WINTER WEATHER/SNOW DAYS

As winter approaches, the possibility exists for storms that would require the Superintendent to order a delayed opening of school or an emergency early closing. We encourage you to listen for BrightArrow Notification System Announcements for information about delays and emergency early closings. The school will call the main number on the emergency card using BrightArrow Notification System. Please make sure the school has your correct/current phone number so that we can contact you. Please listen to your message before you call the school.

COOLER WEATHER

It is time to bring out the jackets! As cooler weather approaches, please make sure your student has appropriate clothing. Please make sure your child wears a warm coat, hat, gloves or mittens, and boots to protect him/her from the cold weather. **Please look in the Lost and Found for items that may belong to your child.**

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Gorman Elementary School would like to thank everyone that volunteered their time during the very busy month of December.

Maria Paz
 Heather Allison
 Tonya Spellins
 Bonnie Palo
 Lourdes Bonilla
 Patty Edwards

Veronica Sandoval
 Lindsay Call
 Teresa Green
 Arlene Angeles-Cherlet
 Leah Cetani



STUDENT COUNCIL

SPEAK OUT BE HEARD MAKE A CHANGE
 WE MUST BECOME THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE



CONGRATULATIONS
 TO MS. STANFORD'S
 CLASS FOR WINNING
 THE PENNY WARS!

Join us at SkyHigh in Valencia on Friday, January 20th for a Camp KEEP fundraiser. Admission will be \$15 per person. Each person that attends must present the flyer at the door in order for us to get credit. Keep an eye out! They will be sent home soon!



NEXT MEETING:

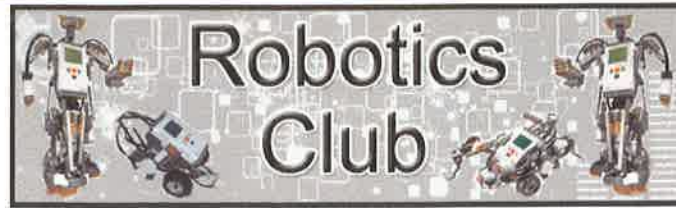
FRIDAY,
 JANUARY 6TH

AT 3:00PM

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS,
 PLEASE WEAR YOUR STUDENT
 COUNCIL T-SHIRTS!



****Progress reports will be sent home on Friday, January 13th. Please sign and return a copy to your child's teacher as soon as possible.**



Congratulations to our Gorman School "GoBots". Our school's very first robotics team is heading to the Central California FIRST Lego League Championships on January 28th in Clovis. They qualified by winning 5th place out of 32 teams in their very first competition on December 10th in Visalia. We are very proud of them and wish them well in their next competition!

One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: going to school every day. In fact, research has shown that your child's attendance record may be the biggest factor influencing her academic success. By attending class regularly, your child is more likely to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments, and take quizzes and tests on time. There are other benefits as well:

- **Achievement:** Students who attend school regularly are more likely to pass reading and math assessments than students who don't attend school regularly.
- **Opportunity:** For older students, being in school every day gives them a chance to learn more about college and scholarship opportunities, and to take the important exams they need to build a successful academic record.
- **Exposure to the English language:** Regular school attendance can also help students who are learning English by giving them the chance to master the skills and information they need more quickly and accurately even in other subjects.
- **Being part of the school community:** Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view.
- **The importance of education:** Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success, and that it's important to take your responsibilities seriously including going to school.