



Imagine Schools at West Gilbert West Gilbert Newsletter

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Dates to Remember:

October Break **October 3rd- 17th**

Red Ribbon Week *October 20th-24th*

School Pictures Retakes (Out of Uniform) *Tuesday, Oct. 22nd*

Parent/Teacher Conferences- Early Dismissal at 12:15p.m. *Thurs., Oct. 23rd & Fri., Oct. 24th*

S.S.C. (School Site Council) Meeting *Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 6:30p.m.*

PAWS (Parents At West Gilbert School) *Tuesday, Oct. 28th at 6:30p.m.*



Joy at Work

by Dennis Bakke, co-founder of Imagine Schools

Quote of the month:

Joy at work starts with individual initiative and individual control.

The Principal Press

Can you believe it is the end of the first Quarter already?! Therefore, it is time for Fall Break! When we return from Fall Break it will be time for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Parent Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, October 23rd and Friday, October 24th with an early dismissal on both days of 12:15p.m. for all grade levels. This will be a time where you and your child's teacher will discuss and review the variety of assessments that have been given to your child during the first quarter. Together you will create a Student Success Plan for your child and set the individual goals that your child will achieve this year at Imagine Schools at West Gilbert. We know that parent, guardian, and other family members enhance the educational learning experience. Therefore we would like all stakeholders to participate and actively assist their child to become successful learners.

Also, we am so pleased to give families an update on our recent decision to combine first and second grade students into new classrooms. The activities to form strong peer connections have been a great success, resulting in increased learning opportunities and a heightened excitement about the learning environment. As I have spent time observing the class, I have seen students forming friendships, working in groups, and engaging in project-based learning. There have been lots of smiles and "ah-ha!" moments as the children have experienced academic success!

National Red Ribbon week will also be occurring during the week of October 20th. There will be many fun activities to remind the student how fun life can be without the use of drugs. There will be a letter sent home from the Red Ribbon Week Committee to notify you of all the activities the students will be participating in.

In closing, this week your child will be bringing a copy of the annual notification to parents regarding confidentiality and FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act). These laws affect every child enrolled in a public school. After reading this, everyone will hopefully have a better understanding as to why specific incidents are not discussed openly. If you have questions regarding anything concerning the school please call and/or schedule an appointment. In addition, Imagine Schools employees are obligated to maintain confidentiality of information in accordance of applicable laws and regulations.

Thank you again for your support and for trusting us to provide positive experiences for our students and faculty. We hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing fall break!

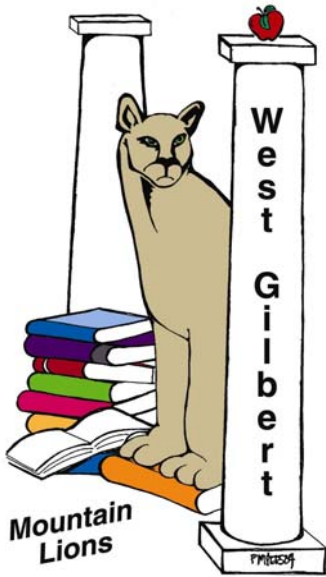
Mrs. Horner Ms. Lanigan
Principal Assistant Principal



Character Development

The Character Pillar we focused on during the month of September was again, **Respect**. The students needed to learn how important it is to be respectful within their school community and that is why he focused on it for two months this year. The following students have received a certificate that represents them mastering the Respect Pillar throughout the month of September.

Student of the Month: Ariba Mirza(Leal) Alyssa Farhoud(Lambert) Emily Black(Richards) Taliah Cayce(Alcantara)Bradley Rosenow(Pusch) Madison Murphy(Yeagley) Adelyn Patten(Chapman)Anastasia Culibrk(Black) Mackinsey Langley(Petterson)Alivia Zais(Bernal) Sophia Frey(Rosado) Jared Go(Tofighi) Karissa Nader(Jahnke)Garrick Mendoza(S. Nelson) Megan DiConti(Kyle) Onaje Owens(Hardy) Andrew Youkhana(Crockett) Alexa Zais(Ferris) Owen Kyle(Onnen) Haley Hernandez(Graham)Deven Fulton(Kalina) Liliana Hernandez(Maack) Tremain Koiquaptewa (T.Nelson) Yvonne Delannoy(Parrish) Corbin Derks(Schmitz) Hannah Last(Dunn)



P.E. Pivotal Points

It's such a great feeling to be back to work here at West Gilbert! Although I miss my son Maxwell - I missed all the students here just as much. Just as a reminder please make sure to send your child to school with a water bottle. It is very important that we keep the children hydrated throughout the day. Once we return from October break we will be accomplishing the following activities: the mile run, basketball, soccer, skip ball, parachute, and much more... I would also like to ask all parents to truly work on teaching their child/children on how to tie their shoes. I cannot stress enough how important it really is that they are tied for class. This helps to prevent any injuries from occur during PE time! Thanks for your support and enjoy your 2 week break!

If you ever have any questions or comments about P.E. please feel free to email me at

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Musical Message

Recorders can still be purchased for \$5.00 (all 4th and 5th graders) Check out their progress on the bulletin board outside our room.

Middle school is finishing their study of George Gershwin (composer of the month), and trying their hand playing melodies/ostinatos from America's early years.

2nd grade has composed terrific pirate so-mi songs! Third graders enthusiastically sing songs from Music Express magazine. Primary students are singing/acting out songs about animals. They love to show how well they have mastered the dynamics in Haydn's Surprise Symphony. It is a favorite!

Music class is now meeting in room #401 and enjoying every square inch of the space!

All classes have had greater access to the awesome instruments that we have scattered throughout. Please stop in and take a peek!

Sports Section

Girl's Volleyball

- Final Tournament-
Week of October 20th-24th

Thank you to Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Heslap for coaching again this year!

Boy's Football

- Final Tournament -
Week of October 20th-24th

Thank you to Mr. Dunn and Mrs. Richards for coaching again this year!

“Good Friends are Good for your health.”

- Irwin Sarason



Office Info.

ATTENTION PRESCHOOL PARENTS AND BEFORE AND AFTER CARE PARENTS:

Your monthly payment is due on the **first of every month**. If it is not received by the 11th of the month your child will be unenrolled in the program.

Thank You!

Just a reminder regarding :

Custody

In cases where custody/visitation affects the district, the

school will follow the most recent court order on file with the district. It is the responsibility of the custodial parent, or of parents having joint custody, to provide the district with the most recent court order. We are required by law to follow the most current court documents in our files.

It is important for parents to make certain that their children attend school on a regular basis. Regular attendance is directly related to student achievement and success in school.

Also, it is important that you have your child arrive on time every day. Children need to have that morning routine and consistency each day in order to have a successful day at school. Otherwise they are playing catch-up and not starting the day out smoothly.

Also, please check out our new website at <http://www.imagine-westgilbert.com>

Our P.A.W.S. committee also has developed a new website so parents are up to date with the different activities the parent of West Gilbert are organizing. The PAWS website is www.imaginewestgilbert.110mb.com

