



# Imagine Schools at West Gilbert West Gilbert Newsletter

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West Gilbert

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## Dates to Remember:

## The Principal Press

Welcome back to a new school year at Imagine Schools at West Gilbert. Your children have been doing an excellent job in their classrooms and the staff is please to have such awesome students and supportive parents.

Hopefully, every family received the Parent/Student Handbook several weeks ago. If not please come by the office for your copy. It contains important information that will be extremely helpful this year.

The Parking Lot Safety Guidelines were included to help parents/guardians be aware of our school policy regarding the safety of our students and their families. **Following the traffic patterns, obeying the 10 miles an hour speed limit, and not using your cell phone during pick-up and drop-off will help ensure everyone's safety. Please do not enter or park on Galveston and in the Fire Lanes. Signs are posted; the Gilbert Police Department will be strictly enforcing this. Everyone should be obeying the law.**

Terra Nova Assessments have been completed. We are anxiously waiting the results.

The teachers will use data from this test to set academic goals for each student in their classroom. We will share the results and goals with you in the future.

We also completed the Fall DIBELS benchmark testing for grades K-3. DIBELS stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills and is a program to assess the students on different reading components. The teachers will analyze the results and set goals for each student. We will then reassess in the winter and spring to see the progress they have made. It is always great to see the growth throughout the year!

Finally, maximizing educational resources available to you children is a priority. Beginning, Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, there will be significant changes within our learning environment. We will be working closely with teachers to ensure that there are not disruptions to learning opportunities. Communication between school and home is essential. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns, and/or comments regarding your child's academic, social, and emotional success.

This week your child will be bringing home their first progress report for the year. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email or call your child's teacher with any questions regarding your child's progress report. Parent-Teacher conferences for the first quarter report card will be held at the end of October. Teachers will be sending home conference times prior to October Break.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Horner      Ms. Lanigan  
Principal        Assistant Principal

Mid-Term Progress Report Distributed      Friday, September 5th

PAWS (Parents At West Gilbert School)      Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30p.m.

School Pictures (Out of Uniform)      Wednesday, September 10th

S.S.C. (School Site Council) Meeting      Wednesday, Sept 17th at 6:30p.m.

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



## Joy at Work

by Dennis Bakke, co-founder of  
Imagine Schools

### Quote of the month:

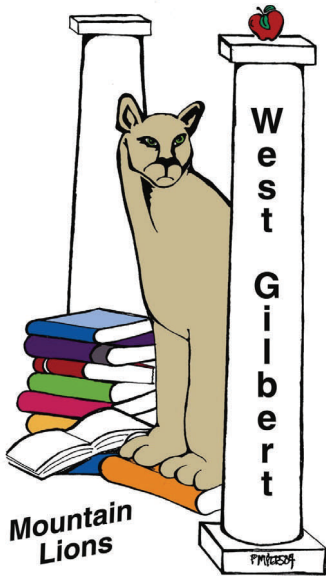
People generally know best when they're ready to take on a particular responsibility and, in the process, contribute to the team.



## Character Development

The Character Pillar we focused on during the month of August was **Respect**. The students needed to learn how important it is to be respectful within their school community. The following students have received a certificate that represents them mastering the Respect Pillar throughout the month of August.

**Student of the Month:** Adrian DeCossio, Ava Edison, Jesse Horne, Madysen Perro, Hailey Starks, Kolten Koele, Maceo Minardo, Saajan Maslanka, Christian Guymon, Natalie Flores, Luis Garcia, Kellan Chipman, Samantha Gorgia, Laura Mamook, Nina Grogg, Kaitlyn Starks, Chanti Delannoy, Anthony Lucas, Garrett Mortensen, Leanne Maine, McKenna Weaver, Ashley Clancy, Dusty Bennett, George Sack, Breana Hardy, Brendon Delgado, Annelise Flores, Aaron Alex-



## P.E. Pivotal Points

Coach Tidd and I would like to thank Mrs. Lee for working with the West Gilbert students while I have been out on maternity leave. I will be back on Monday, September 15th and even though I will miss my son Maxwell, I will be excited to see all the students again at West Gilbert.

The Activities for the Month of September are *Volleyball, flagtag, scooters, parachute!*

Also, please remember to bring a water bottle!

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

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Thanks and see you all very soon!

## Musical Message

There's always great things happening in music class!

There is not enough room here to tell you about it! We are learning to 'listen' at every grade level! Our composer of the month in middle school has been John Williams. Ask your student to name one of his many compositions! The younger grades have had fun exploring steady beat with Leroy Anderson's Syncopated Clock, as well as learning the difference between 'beat' and 'rhythm.'

The Yamaha recorders have arrived today! More information will come home with your 4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> grader.

If you are musical, please share your talents with us!

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Looking forward to a creative year!

Mrs. Griffith

## Sports Section

### Girl's Volleyball

- Monday, September 8th @ Heritage 4:30
- Monday, September 15th @ Avalon 4:30
- Friday, September 19th @ West Gilbert 3:00
- Tuesday, September 23rd @ West Gilbert 4:00 & 5:00
- Tuesday, September 30th @ West Gilbert 4:00 & 5:00

### Boy's Football

- Wed., Sept. 10 @ WG 4:30
- Wed., Sept. 17 @ WG 4:30
- Mon. Sept. 22 @ Avalon 4:30
- Thurs., Sept. 25 2 Dobson 4:30

"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!

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Just a reminder that all students need to be following the **uniform policy**. Below are a few highlights from the student/parent handbook.

- No jumpers, skorts, skirts or shorts shorter than 3 inches above the knee.

- No sweat pants, pajama pants, baggy pants, or pants with hems dragging on the ground.
- Shoes must have rubber soles, closed toes, and supportive backing. Heels must not be over 1 inch. Shoes with wheels are not allowed. Shoes with laces should be kept tied at all times.
- For all students 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above, any pants with belt loops require a belt.
- Shirts must be worn tucked in at all times

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.

