

Today is Report Card Day!!!

Report Cards

Your child's second quarter report card is ready to view via Family Web Access.

Happy New Year

Happy 2021! I can't believe how quickly this school year is flying by. Everyone is so excited to see your kids back in "school" as we begin this second semester. Welcome Back!!!

Parent Survey

I'd like to thank each of you who participated in the parent survey. As a team, we took each comment seriously and are taking them all into consideration as we continue to plan for second semester and grow as a team. I thought I'd take some time to share some of the overall responses that seemed to resonate from many of you. I'll also share a little from each section about what can be done from school/home to help address concerns etc.

- ***I Wish the School Would...***
 - Be back in person!
 - So many of you mentioned this. And, we concur! More than anything, we wish we had your children here full time as our students. But, until we can do that safely, we will continue to do our best, with you, to provide instruction for your children. We appreciate all of the support you are providing at home. Please know we couldn't do this without you!!!!
 - Offer a regular schedule.
 - Hopefully you have found that the schedule remains consistent when we are remote and when we come back in person. To better help families, teachers have kept the same remote learning times throughout our school closure. When we come back in person, we will revert back to the hybrid schedule with school starting at 8:45am and dismissing at 1:30pm.
 - Review attendance policy.
 - More to come on attendance later in the newsletter.
 - Nothing! You are all doing a great job!

- So many of you shared that you believe all is going well. Thank you! We are trying our best!

Retakes

We will have a picture retake day on Friday, January 29th. If your child needs retakes, you will need to bring your child to Gilson Brown between 7:30 – 11:00 am. If you received a picture packet from the first picture day, and you want retakes, you need to return those pictures in order to get retakes. If you are new to the school and were not here in October for the initial school picture day, please stop by to have your child photographed so he/she will be in the yearbook.

Importance of attendance

While we are still on Remote Learning, please, please, please have your child on his/her Zoom meeting with the teacher every day. This is your best opportunity to provide your child with the greatest chances of academic success. Also, most classes have an opportunity for a second session with a language arts teacher. These extra 30 minutes are essential for your child to continue to grow. When we return to hybrid learning, it will also be important to have our child log on during the time the teacher provides even on their “at home” learning days including Fridays.

This year has thrown more challenges at you than you had ever expected. I realize it must be a great challenge some days to get students on the computer to learn. But, in order for them to be acquire the necessary skills for them to be ready for the next grade level, they must attend school, even via zoom, Each and Every day. Again, I cannot thank you enough for making this a daily priority.

Valentines/Family Involvement

Keep watching for another opportunity for a family fun night drive through. We are planning another family fun event hopefully in February.

Also, Valentine’s day is fast approaching. If we are back in person, we would like for the children to be able to exchange Valentine cards. Because we want to be able to quarantine the valentines that you send in for three days before we hand them out, we are asking that, if we are back in person, that Red students have their cards here, in a bag, signed by Wednesday, February 3. Gray kids....Thursday, February 4. This will give us time to quarantine them and handed out by the teacher on Wednesday, February 10 for the Red group and Thursday, February 11 for the Gray group. If we are not in person, go ahead and do the cards anyway and we will celebrate when we get back. Students should fill out a card for each member of their class, both Red day students and Gray day students. Your teacher will provide you a list of names, soon.

Here's a funny for you: I spoke with one parent and he said that he was going to add to his resume that he has been a teacher this year....I wonder if that will help when he looks for a new job!!! You all now have that "experience".

Have a wonderful weekend and please let us know if you have any needs. We are here for you! Thank you for being a part of our Gilson Brown instructional team!