

The Bark and Howl Gonzalez PTA Newsletter

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Happy Fall. The first six weeks has gone by so quickly and the children are learning so many great things. October is here and we have wonderful things to look forward to in the next month.

I would like to say thanks to you all for making our drop off and pick up procedures run so smoothly. Mrs. De Los Santos and I usually monitor the doors during drop off and pick up times. Please introduce yourselves to us if we have not had an opportunity to meet you personally, as it is important to both of us that we know each of you and your children.

In October, the children will continue to learn about different letters of the alphabet, shapes, colors, and numbers/counting. Concepts such as Fall, pumpkins, and five senses will be discussed. Also, parent/teacher conferences will be held during the first weeks of October. Hopefully the information you discuss with the teacher will help you to learn about your child's learning strengths and how they are progressing in all developmental areas.

Thanks again for sharing your children with us. It is truly a privilege to work with our young students and to serve as partners with our families to make this school the best it can be. Thanks for your continued support of the Gonzalez School for Young Children.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sprayberry
Principal

Our Motto: **"Gonzalez SYC-Our kids are "Paws"itively Awesome!!"**



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Thank you for your generous donations for our upcoming PTA Family Night.

Success for Life through Reading We need You! English & Spanish Volunteer Readers

Success for Life through Reading (SLR) is a volunteer and service-learning program whose mission is to increase early childhood literacy in North Texas. SLR will provide literacy activities and take-home books to students in our school.

For more information contact: Tania Seda - PTA Secretary at (214) 235-6474 or taniaseda@gmail.com





PTA Family Night

Oct. 11th 5:30-7:00pm

Join us for a night of FUN!!

PTA will be selling hot dog dinner for \$2.00 with pre sale ticket or \$2.50 without ticket.
Dinner includes a hot dog, chips, cookie and lemonade.

Hot Dog Dinner tickets will be on sale next week (Tuesday & Wednesday) in the Activity Center during drop off and pick up times.

In order to have a successful night we are asking for donations of the following items:
small pumpkins, gourds, hay bales, bags of candy, small reward prizes.

Please bring your donations to your child's teacher by **Oct. 5th**. Thank you for your support!

We are also in need of volunteers for this night. If you are interested please contact,
Laura Alcantar at (940)391-1436 or llalcantar@hotmail.com



Pickles & Popcorn/ Snack Attack Every Friday

NEW Dates!!! See below... We need at least 3 parents from each class to volunteer during their designated Pickles & Popcorn times. To volunteer please sign up with your teacher or contact Meredith at (940)206-5419 or Laura (940)391-1436.

Oct. 5- Snack Attack - PTA Volunteers

Oct. 12- Phillips/S. Jones

Oct. 19 - Snack Attack - PTA Volunteers

Oct. 26- Orelove/R. King

Nov. 2 - Snack Attack - PTA Volunteers

Nov. 9- Hollander/Harrison

We are also accepting donations such as Capri Sun juices, soft drinks, and pre-package cookies/snacks. You may drop them off with your teacher or in the office.

We appreciate your help, THANK YOU!



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Sonic Discount Cards

PTA will be selling Sonic Cards during Pickles & Popcorn for \$3. They have great discounts such as buy one get one free, discount Kids meals, and more!



Pre-K News

October is going to be a very busy month. Your child will be learning about Community Helpers, Fire Safety, Living Organisms (spiders, bats, and birds), and Fall (exploring leaves and pumpkins). Each week your child's teacher will be sending home a newsletter with more information about how the above ideas will be incorporated in the classrooms.

Our character development for this month is "How to deal with a bully." We will be exploring this topic with Travis and Presley on this month's adventure.

Halloween is just around the corner and our family project this month will get your little ones excited. Each child will get a copy of Clifford the Big Red Dog and they will decorate him in a Halloween Costume.

On **October 26th** the children are invited to **Dress – Up** like their favorite storybook character. Start talking to your child about who they may want to dress-up as.

Here are some fun websites to check out with ideas you can do at home to support your child's learning.

<http://www.cdc.gov/family/kidautumngames/>
<http://familyfun.go.com/>



Visit our local libraries on the following days for fun story times.

Spooky Story Time

Fri. 10/26 and Sat. 10/27 South Branch Library at 10am

Tues. 10/30 Emily Fowler Library at 7pm

Wed. 10/31 North Branch Library at 11am

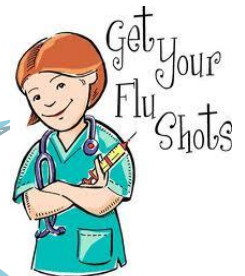
Preschool Play and Read

Wed. 10/10 South Branch Library at 9:30-10:30am

Sat. 10/27 North Branch Library 10-11am

Firefighter Story Time

Wed. 10/10 Emily Fowler Library at 11am



FLU SEASON is here.

What is influenza (flu)? The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu **vaccination** each year.

How does the flu spread? Flu viruses spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing of people with influenza. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

What are the symptoms of the flu?

Symptoms of flu include:

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| • fever (usually high) | • sore throat |
| • headache | • runny or stuffy nose |
| • extreme tiredness | • muscle aches |
| • dry cough | • Stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea |

Protect yourself and your family from the FLU:

Here are six simple steps you can take to reduce your chances of getting – or spreading – the flu:

1. Get vaccinated.
2. Wash hands frequently.
3. Cover coughs and sneezes.
4. Keep your child home if they are sick.
5. Stay home if you're sick.
6. Convince those around you to follow steps 1 - 5.

Find more great information at www.texasflu.org



DATES TO REMEMBER



Friday, Oct. 5

**Spirit Day – Gonzalez Shirt
Snack Attack**

Monday, Oct. 8

No School

Thursday, Oct. 11

**PTA Family Night
5:30-7:00pm**



Friday, Oct. 12

**Spirit Day – Mismatch Day (wear clothes that don't match)
Pickles and Popcorn (Phillips/S. Jones)**

Monday, Oct. 15

Cookie Dough Fundraiser ends

Friday, Oct. 19

**Spirit Day – Crazy Hair
Snack Attack**



Wed, Oct. 24

Picture Day

Friday, Oct. 26

**Spirit Day – Animated Movie Character Day
(wear your favorite animated movie character costume)
Pickles and Popcorn (Orellove/R. King)**

Looking Ahead...

Nov. 8

PTA General Meeting & Pre-K Program, 6:00pm

Nov.19-23

Thanksgiving Break

2012-2013

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cut out the barcode/UPC and bring to your child's teacher before **Oct. 19th**.

A list of participating products for 2012-2013 was sent home last week in your child's folder. Make sure to clip the UPC/barcode from any of the participating products you have at home and send them to your teacher as well.



GIVE USED CANDY WRAPPERS A SECOND LIFE!

This is the perfect time to start collecting **HUGE** amounts of candy wrappers for the candy brigade. As we get closer to holidays and kids start eating candy (and adults too), please remember to save **ALL** candy wrappers & bags and drop off your collections in the blue recycling containers (under TerraCycle sign) by the Activity Center or with your child's teacher.

THANK YOU!



If you have any questions, contact Lorena Medina (940)594-2503.



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If you are not already a member of the PTA, please ask your child's teacher or stop by the office to pick up a membership form. Dues are only \$7.50 per person.