



PUP Talk

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Gonzalez Puppies!

As the new principal at Gonzalez School for Young Children, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the magic place where little ones do big things!

The Gonzalez Staff is eager and excited to have your children ready to learn and have fun. It is amazing to see our little ones full of energy and curiosity and how they start to develop their social skills and independence. It is our mission to ensure that every student feels welcomed, connected, and a part of the Gonzalez SYC family.

Every month, you will receive our newsletter with important information from the school and the district, tips from the counselor, nurse, librarian. We will include pictures of the learning and fun activities that we had during the month and future events here at Gonzalez SYC.

I would like to encourage you to be part of the Gonzalez PTA. The PTA focuses on what students need to be successful in their learning, including nutrition, health, school safety, physical fitness and general well-being.

We would love to have you as a volunteer, you can complete the application [HERE](#). If you have questions about volunteering opportunities, please contact our parent liaison.

Lastly, don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#), we post our events and pictures there.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year alongside our little puppies!

Thank you,

Dr. Calvo



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MESSAGE FROM MR. HIGGINBOTHAM, OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ARRIVING ON TIME:

Besides our students' safety, a top priority at our school is student achievement and maximizing instructional minutes. Tardies constitute a significant disruption to the learning environment and student learning. Students miss the introduction and instructions for the day's activities. In addition, the learning & teaching stops while the tardy student settles into their seat. Parents & guardians of students arriving at school late (after 7:40 am) must sign in their children at the front office. For your child to obtain the maximum benefit from their educational experience, it must be a joint responsibility between you, your child, and the school. We look forward to working together with you to help your child succeed in school. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE & TRUANCY CLASSES

It is essential that your child attends school every day, all day! Therefore, all absence notes must be submitted through LaserFiche using this link:

<https://forms.dentonisd.org/Forms/absence-note>

The law states that students with more than 8 absences in a semester or 16 in a school year are considered truant. Students with more than seven absences will receive a letter indicating that due to their absenteeism, both the parent/guardian and the student will be required to complete a campus consequence.

Parents can access the [Denton ISD Attendance Page](#) Thank you for your cooperation.

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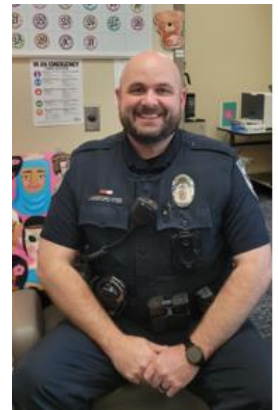
Mr. Higginbotham
Assistant Principal

MESSAGE FROM MRS. BILLS, OUR ATTENDANCE CLERK

If your little ones get sick, and they miss school, please notify the school. If you have questions about absences, doctors' notes, what absences are excused and which ones are not, truancy process, etc., please contact Mrs. Bills at: ybills@dentonisd.org or at 940-369-4360.

MEET OFFICER LANGFORD, OUR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

You might have seen a familiar face during arrival or dismissal. He is Officer Langford. He is the SRO (School Resource Officer) Assigned to Gonzalez SYC, Borman Elementary, and Denton HS. In an effort to increase the safety measures in our district, SROs are visiting campuses daily. They make rounds either during our arrival or dismissal procedures or during instructional hours. We want our students to get to know Officer Langford as he visit our campus and to know that he is here to ensure that we are protected and safe.



MESSAGES FROM GONZALEZ PTA

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Gonzalez PTA Today! Help take part in your child's school. When joining PTA, you can choose how much you want to be involved. By joining, you can volunteer to help with things like school events, popcorn & pickles, staff munchies or even being a board member. Please email gonzalezpta1@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the board.

Join our Gonzalez PTA:
www.joinpta.org



** If you would like to volunteer, please contact us at: gonzalezpta1@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook: [Gonzalez School PTA](https://www.facebook.com/GonzalezSchoolPTA)

CURRENT PTA EVENT

Gonzalez PTA Wants You!

OPEN POSITIONS:

- PRESIDENT**
 - Preside at all meetings of the association.
 - Coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the association.
 - Represent the Local PTA as a delegate to the Council PTA.
 - Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating and financial reconciliation committees.
- VICE PRESIDENT**
 - Coordinate PTA membership drives.
 - Maintain the PTA membership roster.
 - Distribute membership cards.
 - Submit paperwork for membership awards.
 - Preside in the absence of the president (in their designated order).
- SECRETARY**
 - Record the minutes of all meetings of the association.
 - Maintain all records of the PTA.
 - Be responsible for meeting communications.
- VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**
 - Work with executive board to identify volunteer needs for events/programs.
 - Communicate volunteer needs with community.
 - Create and maintain a list of willing volunteers.
 - Recognize and thank volunteers regularly.
- STAFF MUNCHIES**
 - Coordinate snacks for staff monthly.
 - Coordinate snacks for staff during teacher appreciation week.

MESSAGE FROM MS. MACK, OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Counselor Connection:

I am Ms. Mack, the School Counselor here at Gonzalez. This month's Social Emotional lessons are "Introduction to the School Counselor." Be looking for your student's color sheet that shows how the school counselor helps at school. My contact information is Kmack@dentonisd.org and 940-597-6866. I look forward to getting to know you and your child. Here are some tips that you can use with your child on those days when they have separation anxiety.

Ms. Mack
School Counselor

SEPARATION ANXIETY

Preparing for the 1st Day of School

Separation anxiety is a common developmental stage that many children experience. It is a normal part of a child's emotional development, but it can be challenging for both the child and the parent. Here are some strategies to help you and your child as they transition to school (perhaps for the very first time!)



Be Patient and Reassuring: Understand that separation anxiety is a natural part of growing up. Be patient with your child's emotions and provide reassurance that you will always come back. Let your child express their emotions and validate their feelings. Acknowledge that feeling sad or anxious is okay and that you understand.



Create a Predictable Routine: Children feel more secure when they know what to expect. Establish a consistent daily routine for getting ready for school and for drop-off and pick-up.

Avoid Lengthy Farewells: Prolonged goodbyes can make the separation more difficult for both you and your child. Once you say goodbye, leave promptly and confidently.



Say Goodbye: Always say goodbye to your child when leaving, even if they are upset. Sneaking away may lead to increased anxiety and distrust. Keep your goodbyes brief and positive.



Stay Calm: Children can pick up on their parents' emotions. Stay calm and confident during drop-offs to help your child feel more at ease..

Remember that separation anxiety is often temporary, and most children adjust to the school environment quickly! By keeping yourself calm and providing support, understanding, and patience, you can help your child navigate this new stage more smoothly. Please feel free to contact the school counselor with any questions or concerns!



MESSAGE FROM MRS. CROSSLAND, OUR SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

Hello Families!

Students recently began their first lessons in the library. We are learning how to be safe, kind, and ready in the library, as well as building our listening skills during story time.



We also began introducing procedures for how to check out books. The students have especially loved meeting Scooter the library book scanner and learning our song, "The More We Read Together."

Even though your child will be exposed to rich language and literature in the library and the classrooms, research tells us that children are *most* successful at developing language, literacy, and social/emotional skills when parents read and have conversations with them daily. Reading together is also one of the strongest ways to form a positive bond between parent and child. Check out these tips for reading together!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Crossland
School Librarian



www.ReadingRockets.org

TIPS for parents of Preschoolers

Read early and read often. The early years are critical to developing a lifelong love of reading. It's never too early to begin reading to your child! The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

- **Read together every day.**
Read to your child every day. Make this a warm and loving time when the two of you can cuddle close.
- **Be interactive.**
Discuss what's happening in the book, point out things on the page, and ask questions.
- **Give everything a name.**
Build your child's vocabulary by talking about interesting words and objects. For example, "Look at that airplane! Those are the wings of the plane. Why do you think they are called wings?"
- **Read it again and again.**
Go ahead and read your child's favorite book for the 100th time!
- **Say how much you enjoy reading.**
Tell your child how much you enjoy reading with him or her. Talk about "story time" as the favorite part of your day.
- **Talk about writing, too.**
Mention to your child how we read from left to right and how words are separated by spaces.
- **Read with fun in your voice.**
Read to your child with humor and expression. Use different voices. Hum it up!
- **Point out print everywhere.**
Talk about the written words you see in the world around you. Ask your child to find a new word on each outing.
- **Know when to stop.**
Put the book away for awhile if your child loses interest or is having trouble paying attention.
- **Get your child evaluated.**
Please be sure to see your child's pediatrician or teacher as soon as possible if you have concerns about your child's language development, hearing, or sight.

Visit www.ReadingRockets.org for more information on how you can launch a child into a bright future through reading.

HAPPINESS HAPPENS HERE!





Fun Learning







NEXT IMPORTANT EVENTS

September 1

Early Release

Students are dismissed at 12:00 pm.

Plan accordingly to pick up your child on time.

September 4

Labor Day

No School

September 12

Grandparents Day

Let's celebrate our grandparents!

September 18 - 22

School Book Fair

September 21

Picture Day

Wear your best smile!

September 21

Join us for an informational night to learn more about Pre-K. 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

September 29

Early Release

Students are dismissed at 12:00 pm.

Plan accordingly to pick up your child on time.

