



PUP Talk

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Gonzalez Puppies!

Although it is already autumn, the high temperatures seem to want to stay longer! I hope you take advantage of this temperature to spend time outdoors with your children and the whole family.

September was a fun month! We started with a special time to show our loved grandparents how much we love and appreciate them, pictures are on pages 5 & 6. The Dot Day brought a lot of fun and dots to our school, see pictures on page 7. We appreciate how involved you want to be in the education of your child, we have some pictures of our Informational Night for Parents on page 7. As we are getting closer to finishing the 1st grading period, we wanted to share with you the student work that we have on our walls, pictures are on page 8.

Our teachers scheduled appointments to meet with parents or guardians to discuss their students' academic and socio-emotional progress. During these conversations, the results of the state tests given to pre-kindergarten students called the Children's Learning Institute, CLI, are also shared. These tests are given at the beginning and end of the school year to determine academic growth. Please take this opportunity to share with your child's teacher any concerns or celebrations that you have in the education of your child.

The second week of October, parents and guardians will have access to their students' electronic report cards. In this report, teachers will inform parents about the academic and social/emotional progress of the students. In the social/emotional part, the areas of behavior and emotion management, social awareness, relationships with others, and self-concept will be reported. In the academic area, progress in mathematics and language arts will be reported.

October will be a month full of fun activities for our kids and families, including First Responders Day, Fire Fighters will visit Gonzalez SYC, Red Ribbon Week, Good Character Day, and our big Fall Festival. I hope you enjoy all of our activities!

Thank you,
Dr. Calvo



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL

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. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is here every day and on time.

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@dentonsd.org or at 940-369-4360.

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>

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ms. Bills
Attendance Clerk

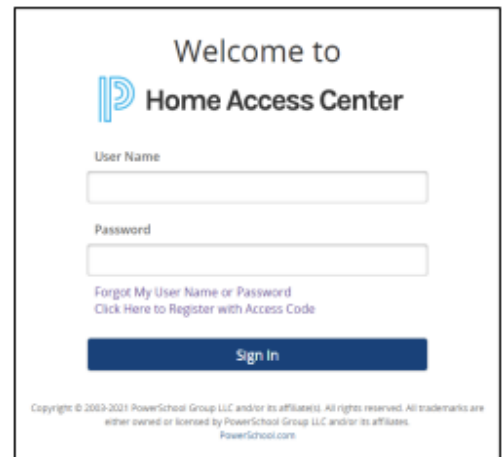
MESSAGE FROM MRS. ANGUIANO-LAUREL, OUR SCHOOL SECRETARY

Home Access Center is a parent portal that allows a parent/guardian to view attendance, bus schedules, contact information, grades, and print report cards. If you already have a HAC account, please login with your current Username and Password. If you cannot remember your login information after the initial setup, please choose "Forgot My Username or Password" at the Home Access Center (HAC) login page and follow the prompts to request a new password.

1. Go to the Denton ISD Website www.dentonisd.org Choose the Parents – Resources for Parents tab.
2. Choose "HAC-Check Student Grades."
3. Click "Please click here to access HAC."
4. **Username** is the **email address** on file with the student's enrollment campus.
5. Temporary Password is: **P@ssword99**
6. Once logged in you will be required to change your password and set up two of your own challenge questions with answers.
7. The **Forgot My Username or Password** option can be utilized after the initial password is created in HAC.

If you need assistance accessing HAC, please contact me.

Mrs. Anguiano Laurel
School Secretary



MESSAGES FROM GONZALEZ PTA

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Gonzalez PTA Today! Please email gonzalezpta1@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the board or to be a PTA volunteer.

Join our Gonzalez PTA: www.joinpta.org

Follow us on Facebook: [Gonzalez School PTA](#)



- ✓ We are in need of candy donations for our Fall Festival. Your child can put it in our candy monster that will be set out each morning or give it to their classroom teacher.
- ✓ We are extending our donation drop off for Stock the Snack Bar to Friday, October 6th.
- ✓ We are still in need of more items for our snack bar. Our snack bar is a way to show the Gonzalez staff our appreciation for all that they do.

Please use the link if you would like to donate to our Snack Bar for our staff:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COF44A8AC2EA0F4C16-44333273-stock#/>

- ✓ We are in need of volunteers to help us with Popcorn and Pickles on Friday,

October 6th. Please use the link below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COF44A8AC2EA0F4C16-44328970-popcorn#/>

CURRENT PTA EVENTS

October 6th - Popcorn and Pickles

October 13th – Chuck E Cheese Spirit Night, 3PM to close, make sure to mention Gonzalez PTA when ordering.

October 27th – Fall Festival 5:00PM – 7:00PM,

We will have bounce houses, face painting, games and more.

More information to come!



MESSAGE FROM MS. MACK, OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Counselor Connection:

This month our lessons focus on making good choices and bully prevention (appropriate for pre-k). You can access the Bully Prevention lessons here:

We will have a theme week of dress up days for Making Good Choices week (Oct. 23-27). A flyer will be sent out through SeeSaw with more information.

Ms. Mack
School Counselor

**BULLYING
PREVENTION**
lessons & activities bundle

MESSAGE FROM MRS. CROSSLAND, OUR SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

Hello families!

What a fun September we had in the library! We celebrated Dot Day by creating our own unique dots after reading *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. We welcomed guest readers. We talked and sang songs about the parts of a book and how to care for our library books. And we ended the month with our first Scholastic Book Fair of the year! A special THANK YOU to our families for helping us exceed our sales goal and get even more books into the hands of our students and teachers!

In October, students will begin checking out library books for the first time. For the Fall semester, library books will stay at school. We will revisit this policy when we return from Winter break. October is also the time when we begin our lessons on digital citizenship. Librarians are required to do at least 3 lessons on digital citizenship per school year. Check out these tips for practicing good digital citizenship together as a family!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Crossland
School Librarian

> Family Tips: Children Age 3-8

Help Your Family Use TV, Phones, and Tablets in Healthy Ways

As young kids get older, their interest in TV shows, movies, apps, and video games changes. You might wonder how much screen time is too much for kids age 3 to 8. You might also wonder how you can get anything done at home if you don't give them some screen time! These four tips can help you support your child's healthy development and make the best choices for your family.



Check out these 4 tips

1

Balance screen use with other activities.

Aim for a healthy balance that includes time with family and friends, outside play and exercise, and plenty of sleep. Set family rules about when, how long, and where the family can watch television, use phones and tablets, or play video games. Let your children help define the rules for themselves (and for you!).

Ask yourself: What rules does my family have for television, phones, tablets, or video games? Are they interrupting family time, such as at meals or bedtime?

2

Choose shows, videos, or apps that match your child's age and interests.

Set household rules about what TV shows, movies, apps, or games the family can use. Use sites like Common Sense Media to find high-quality content. Look for shows or games that encourage children to actively think, create, or play along. Try to avoid content with loud sounds, flashing ads, or other distracting features.

Ask yourself: Does my child seem interested, or are they bored or frustrated? What are they learning from the TV show, video, or app?

3

Make screen time social.

When your child is watching a TV show or video, or playing a video game, it's great to watch or play with them. It's important that time spent with screens doesn't replace time spent with a loving caregiver. If you can't watch with them, talk with your children about what they watched or played after the fact. Draw connections between what they saw on screen with experiences they have in the real world.

Ask yourself: When my young child is watching a TV show or video, or playing an app, is there a sibling or adult who can watch or play with them? What can I talk to my child about after they watch or play something?

4

Think about your own habits.

Research shows that having the television on in the background at home can lead to fewer interactions with your child. Try to keep the TV set off if no one is watching it, and silence your phone to reduce the distractions. Do your best to model self-control when it comes to your devices.

Ask yourself: Am I distracted by my phone or the TV when playing with my children? What are some adult "tech-free times" I can set for myself and for the family?

MESSAGE FROM MRS. RABAGO, OUR NEW PARENT LIAISON

Hello,

My name is Genesis Rabago, I am the new parent liaison for Gonzalez School for Young Children, and I am super excited to be part of the Pups family.

My job at Gonzalez SYC is to promote the development of effective communication between home and school by providing resources and information to parents to enhance parent involvement in their children's academic and social emotional life.

As parent liaison I can provide information and resources such as:

- ✚ Local Assistance Programs
- ✚ School Procedures
- ✚ Child Safety Resources
- ✚ Parent Engagement Opportunities
- ✚ School Supplies
- ✚ School and Community Events
- ✚ Volunteering
- ✚ Clothing from School Clothes Closet



In October, we will have two opportunities to connect and help our community. One to support the cure of cancer and the other one to support the beautification of our courtyard.

You can use this [LINK](#) to volunteer in our beautification project:



The month of October is breast cancer awareness month and research shows that 1 in every 8 women will be affected by breast cancer. It is very important to make sure women get the screenings done on time according to their age for early signs.

Gonzalez SYC would like to demonstrate support to all those women who are going through this tough process by wearing pink on October the 20th.

We would really appreciate if your child attends school wearing something pink to show support as well.

Thank you!!

GONZALEZ PARENTS AND FAMILIES

We are looking for volunteers!



OUR COURTYARD NEEDS YOUR HELP. WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP MOVE BIKES, PAINT ARROWS, PARKING SPOTS AND PAINT SEALANT. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! WE ARE LOOKING TO COMPLETE THIS OCT. 6TH & 13TH IN THE AFTERNOON.

You are more than welcome to come by our front office, and I will be glad to assist you or you can contact me at grabago@dentonisd.org or by phone at (940) 360-4392 to schedule a meeting.

Always remember that regardless big or small the need, I will be here to support you, as guardians, and your children as much as I can.

Mrs. Rabago
Gonzalez SYC Parent Liaison

DISTRICT MESSAGES OR EVENTS

Dear Families,

Denton ISD will provide engagement for students on the upcoming early release day, October 20th, 2023, from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm for elementary children. The Extended School Day program will coordinate with each campus to provide engaging activities for students while teachers are participating in Professional Learning Communities. Transportation is not provided for Pre-K students.

Parents must sign up each month to participate. If your student currently attends ESD, you do not need to sign up.

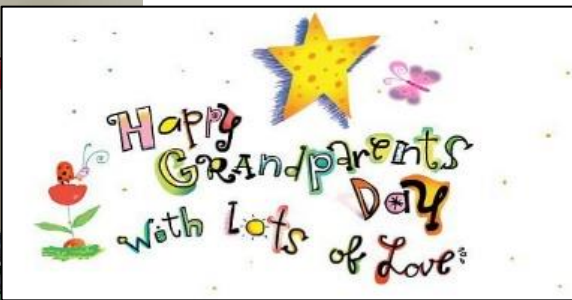
If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the Extended School Day office at 940-369-0080.

Participation in this opportunity will require completion of the form below. All forms must be submitted no later than October 13, 2023, to participate.

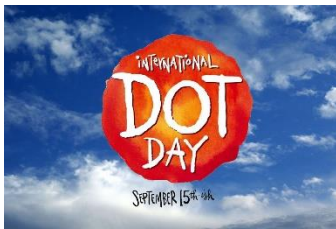
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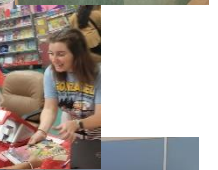
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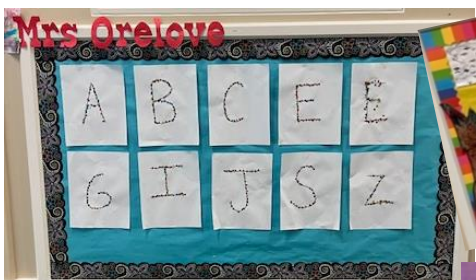






PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT







NEXT IMPORTANT EVENTS

October 6

PTA Event: Popcorn and Pickles
Bundle \$3 - Popcorn \$2 – Pickle \$1- Juice Box \$0.50



October 9

Labor Day
No School



October 13

First Responders Day
Let's honor our first responders. Come dressed up as a police officer, fire fighter, doctor, or nurse.



October 13

Gonzales SYC PTA Event
Spirit Night, 3PM to close, make sure to mention Gonzalez PTA when ordering.



October 20

Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Wear pink to show your support for the Breast Cancer Cure



October 20

Early Release
Students are dismissed at 12:00 pm.
Plan accordingly to pick up your child on time.



October 20

PTA Membership Meeting



October 23- 27

Red Ribbon Week

Ms. Mack will be sending a flyer with more information about this.



October 27

Good Character Parade

Dress up like one of the good characters of your favorite book.



October 27

Gonzalez SYC Fall Festival

Come and join our fun!

From 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

