



# PUP Talk

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Hello PUPS!

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving spending time with family and loved ones. It is hard to believe that we are in December! December is a month full of celebrations around the world and we want to celebrate with all our students! See page 6 to find out the outfit or activity that we will have each day until the winter break!

We are very excited to announce two of our big events for December, Santa will be here on campus to take pictures with students on December 8 and our Winter Festival will also be on December 8, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Make sure to check the information that your child's teacher sends home about winter parties, as each pod has a different time and day assigned.

I would like to highlight that without the support of our volunteers the work that we do as educators would not be complete. We started to recognize our volunteers of the month, and we celebrated Mrs. Marva Lambert grandmother of Jaiden Cattrell as our volunteer for the month (pg. 3).

On pages 3 and 4 you will be able to see the learning that is taking place here at Gonzalez SYC. It is amazing to see the progress that every student is showing daily in their academic and socio-emotional development.

As we move closer to the second semester, I would like to remind you about the importance of your child attending school every single day and on time. At this early age, consistency and routines are very important for the appropriate development of a child. When children are absent from school, they miss out on consistent instruction that is needed to develop basic skills. Children in early grades are particularly susceptible to falling behind in fundamental reading skills, which can have a snowball effect that impacts future learning.

**Please help us by making sure that your child comes to school every day.**

I look forward to seeing each and all of you at our Winter Festival and during the classroom parties!

As always, I am just an email or a phone call away.

Stay warm!

Dr. Calvo



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE DISTRICT

*Dear Families,*

*Denton ISD will provide engagement for students on the upcoming early release days, December 20th and 21st, 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. In addition, Denton ISD transportation will be provided at both the early release time (12:00pm) and the regular release time (3:00 pm) for all eligible elementary bus 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 December 14th, 2023, to participate.***

**English**

<https://forms.gle/xG4EejweMEgDdPsg6>

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL

### MESSAGE FROM MR. HIGGINBOTHAM, OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### MESSAGE FROM MRS. BILLS, OUR ATTENDANCE CLERK

#### 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

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](mailto: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

## MESSAGES FROM GONZALEZ PTA

### PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Join our Gonzalez PTA: [www.joinpta.org](http://www.joinpta.org)

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

 Join PTA Today!



### CURRENT PTA EVENTS

December 8 – Pictures with Santa

### MESSAGE FROM MS. MACK, OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

### MESSAGE FROM MRS. CROSSLAND, OUR SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

Counselor Connection:

This month we are learning about making healthy choices. Students will learn that healthy choices keep use safe, our bodies healthy, and our brain doing its best. We will also have Happy Bear visiting our school for a presentation about personal safety, for students whose parents opted in at registration. You can access all information about our lessons at the link below:

<https://sites.google.com/g.dentonisd.org/prevention-and-intervention/home>



Ms. Mack  
School Counselor

A Little from the Library

Hello Families!

We are so fortunate to live in a community that values reading for all ages. Reading is a precious gift that no one can ever take away from you. I hope you will take a moment to check out the wonderful opportunities the Denton Public Library is offering in the month of December.

[Denton Public Library Events for Kids - December](https://www.dentonpubliclibrary.org/events/kids-december)

Happy Reading!

Enjoy your holidays!

Dixie Crossland  
Librarian



Dear Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place from **December 4-8** in the **Gonzalez Parent Room**.

Say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Book Fair online**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/gonzalezschforyoungchildren>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Dr. Claudia Calvo  
Principal  
Gonzalez School for Young Children





We honored Mrs. Lambert as our Volunteer of the month October. Thank you for all your support!



We honored and celebrated these two amazing educators, for their dedication and work in Denton ISD. They received their 15 Years of Service pins. Mrs. Bowers is one of our spectacular special education teachers and Ms. Mack is our amazing counselor! CONGRATULATIONS!!! We are truly blessed to have both of you at Gonzalez SYC.



LEARNING  
IS  
FUN











## NEXT IMPORTANT EVENTS

### December 8

Pictures with Santa  
Remember to place your order by  
December 7



### December 8

Come and have fun with us during our Winter Festival  
from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm  
It will be fun!



### December 20 and 21

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



### December 22 to January 5

Winter Break  
Enjoy this time around your loved ones!





# 14 Days of Winter

**December 4**

MONDAY

*It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!*

**Wear a Santa hat**

**December 5**

TUESDAY

*Whoville Day!*

**Dress like a character from the Grinch or have a crazy hair day**

**December 6**

WEDNESDAY

*Deck the halls!*

**Wear an ugly or a checked out sweater**

**December 7**

THURSDAY

*Winter Wonderland!*

**Wear hats, gloves, and scarves to keep you warm**

**December 8**

FRIDAY

*Candy Canes!*

**Wear red or white or stripes to take a picture with Santa**

**December 11**

MONDAY

*Rudolph the rednosed reindeer!*

**Wear red and dress as Rudolph the rednosed reindeer**

**December 12**

TUESDAY

*Stocking Day!*

**Wear holiday socks**

**December 13**

WEDNESDAY

*Happy Elf Day!*

**Wear green or dress like an elf**

**December 14**

THURSDAY

*Dashing through the snow!*

**Wear all white or sparkles**

**December 15**

FRIDAY

*Oh Christmas Tree!*

**Light up your wardrobe like you would light up your tree. Wear holiday stars, lights, glitter or light-up necklaces**

**December**

MONDAY 18

*Polar Express Day!*

**Wear school appropriate pajamas**

**December**

TUESDAY 19

*Jingle Bells*

**Wear bells so that SANTA knows where you are!**

**December**

WEDNESDAY 20

*Plaid Day!*

**Wear your favorite flannel or go mad with plaid!**

**December**

THURSDAY 21

*Merry Christmas - Kwanzaa  
Feliz Navidad - Hanukkah*

**Wear the colors that represent the holiday that you like the most**

**Participation for**

**any day is optional**