



# PUP Talk

March 1, 2024.

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Hello PUPS!

February just passed by so quick and we are now ready for spring! We welcome spring with open arms!

This time of year, here at Gonzalez SYC, we learn to dress in layers! In the spring, we experience winter and summer all in one week and sometimes in one day! Take note of this and please make sure that your child has a jacket (labeled with their name) here at school, every day! It is very cold in the morning and warm in the afternoon.

Make sure you set your clock forward one hour, daylight savings is approaching! That means more sunlight and more time for our little PUPS to play in the sunshine!

In honor of the Read Across America program in March, I would like to share the benefits of children reading more books in today's day and age. I emphasize that parents and guardians should read with their children every day and actively encourage their children to read more books because this skill helps children develop strong vocabulary, exercises their brain, and build strong and fun family relationships. According to various studies, children who grown up in homes where reading is part of their daily routine, their brain retains more knowledge and learn how to use new words and structure sentences that helps them to write and become better speakers.

In March we will start our unit #7 "On the Go". Students will learn about different kinds of transportation. Make sure to ask your children about their favorite type of transportation and why.

This second semester is nonstop excitement for Gonzalez SYC! We have several fun activities planned for our students. Some are during school hours and there are two that are planned for after-school hours or during the weekend. Make a mark on your calendar for those events.

I look forward to seeing each and all of you during our events!

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

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, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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 March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, to participate.**

**English**

<https://forms.gle/ZBnqwJVsrMgiWhj6>

## MESSAGE FROM MS. MACK, OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

### CHILD-PARENT RELATIONSHIP THERAPY (CPRT)

#### WHAT IS CPRT?

CPRT is a parenting program that teaches parents play therapy skills and principles to enhance parent-child relationship. In CPRT parents learn skills to foster children's self-esteem, autonomy and self-control. In a supportive and engaging environment, parents learn new discipline strategies and ways of communicating with their children that seek to create a long-lasting effect.

Childcare provided!

**FREE**

CPRT is a 10-week course, and will take place once a week for about 90 minutes.

Come and join us after you drop your kids off!

SCAN ME TO SIGN UP



- **WHEN:** Monday 8:00am
- **WHERE:** weekly at Gonzalez School for Young Children
- **STARTING:** 02/26/2024

For more info, please contact:

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## Denton ISD Community

*join in our mental health series*

### Emotional Regulation:

Self-regulation is a vital skill!

Course Created by:  
Brett Williams, LMFT

Self-regulation is a set of skills that helps us control our behavior, thoughts and emotions in an appropriate way.

This session covers the following:

- Why do we have emotions?
- The Impact of Inward Emotions on Mental Health
- Why Emotions Being too High or Low can Be Harmful
- Tools to Understand our Child's Emotions



**March 7, 2024**

**6:30–7:30 PM  
via Zoom**

Register Here

[https://cookcenter.info/  
March7Denton](https://cookcenter.info/March7Denton)



DENTON INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 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@dentonisd.org](mailto:ybills@dentonisd.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)



### CURRENT PTA EVENTS

We are currently accepting nominations for president and treasurer for our Gonzalez PTA

- FIELD DAY Shirts go on sale on March 4.
- Easter Bunny Pictures – March 22
- Chick-Fil-A Spirit Day – March 27

## MESSAGE FROM MRS. CROSSLAND, OUR SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

### READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

Gonzalez SYC Spirit Days

**Monday,  
March 4**

**Reading is a SUPERpower!**

Wear your favorite superhero clothes!

**Tuesday,  
March 5**

**Hats Off to Reading!**

Wear a fun hat to school!

**Wednesday,  
March 6**

**Cozy up with a Good Book**

Wear your pajamas to school!

**Thursday,  
March 7**

**We are a RAINBOW of Readers**

Dress in your class color!  
Orange - Resendiz, Trejo, Zoeger  
Yellow - Montalvo, Pantaleon  
Green - Adamson, Bright, Miller, Phelps  
Light Blue - Bowers/Russell, Graves, Warren  
Dark Blue - File/Pine, Williams, Wright  
Purple - Del Palacio, Metzler, Orelove

**Friday,  
March 8**

**Reading Builds Character**

Dress up like a character from a book!

Enjoy reading!  
Dixie Crossland  
Librarian

## HAPPINESS HAPPENS HERE!



We honored Mrs. Reyes as our Volunteer of the months January and February. Thank you for all your support!

# Teacher of the Year

In recognition of her outstanding dedication, kindness, and excellence in teaching we honored:

**Mrs. Siegrid Zoeger**

as our:

**Teacher of the Year 2023- 2024!**

The world will be different because of the impact that you make in our students. Your efforts make a difference every day in children's lives.

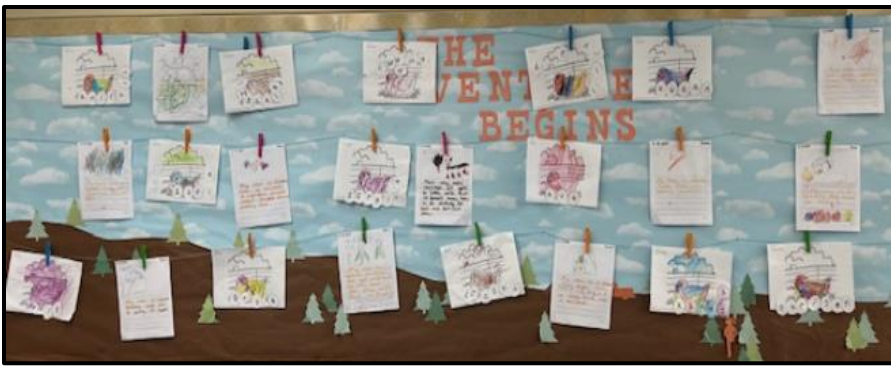
**CONGRATULATIONS Mrs. Zoeger!**



LEARNING  
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## NEXT IMPORTANT EVENTS

### March 4

Field Day T-Shirts ON SALE!  
Each POD will have its own color:

A/Pink \* B/Purple \* C/Orange \* D/Red \* E/Blue F/Gray \* G/Yellow



### March 4 - 8

Read Across America Week

Monday – Reading is a SUPERpower!

Wear your favorite superhero clothes!

Tuesday – Hats off to reading!

Wear a fun hat to school!

Wednesday – Cozy up with a good book!

Wear your appropriate pajamas to school!

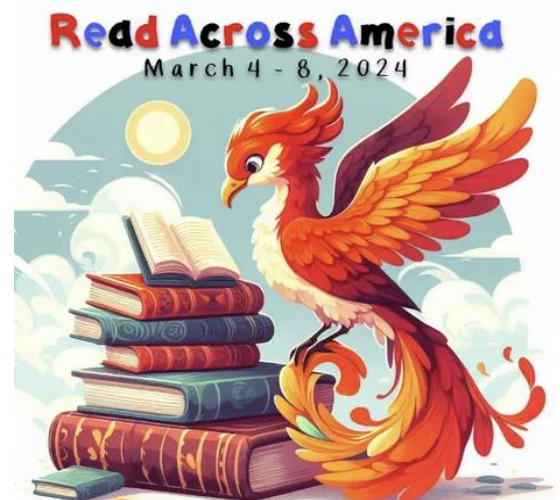
Thursday – We are a RAINBOW of readers!

Dress in your POD color:

B/Orange \* C/Yellow \* D/Green \* E/Light Blue F/Dark Blue \* G/Purple

Friday – Reading build character

Dress up like a character from a book!



### March 8

Early Release

Students are dismissed at 12:00 pm.

Plan accordingly to pick up your child on time.



### March 9 - 17

Spring Break

We will see you back on Monday March 18!

Enjoy this time with your loved ones!



### March 21

World Down Syndrome Day

Wear yellow and blue!



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## March 22

Easter Bunny Pictures  
Look for our PTA flier about this event!  
Pictures will be taken during the day.



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## March 23

Egg Hunt School Event  
Come and join the fun!  
11:00 am to 12:30 pm.



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## March 27

Support our PTA by getting a:  
Chick-Fil-A meal – ALL DAY  
Location: 1711 S Loop 288, Denton, TX, 76205



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## March 29

No School  
Possible Weather Day (Make-up)

