Ginnings Parent Newsletter

December 2nd, 2024

Para Español por favor oprima el botón de traducir

Dear parents and families,

Welcome to the month of December!

I am excited to have the opportunity to be collaborating alongside our Ginnings staff, families, and students during this transitional times.

If you have not heard yet, Ginnings will get a rebuild during the summer of 2025. I have included important timelines, information, and dates to help you stay up to speed with the changes.

I am grateful for the support we have been receiving from our district leaders, the superintendent, Dr. O'Bara, and our are superintendent, Mrs. Schulz.

We are on this together and we will strive!

Thank you for allowing me to lead this movement! Grateful.

-Mrs. Velásquez

Upcoming Events

- December 3 Community Community Meeting About Relocation @ 6:30 -7:30 PM Ginnings School Cafeteria
- December 5 -2nd Grade Musical @ 6:00 PM School Cafeteria
- December 9-13 -Kids Holiday Shop in the science lab from PTA/TBD
- December 9 -Trophy presentation for the Art and Essay Contest/4th and 5th Grade @ 9:00 AM in the cafeteria
- December 12 -Winter Choir Concert @ 6:00 PM
- December 19 Classroom parties Pre-K, Kinder, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Grade
- December 20 -Classroom parties for 4th Grade/Grading period ends for the 2nd Nine Weeks
- **December 19 -20** Early release
- December 23 January 6 Winter break for students
- January 6 -Professional Development for Staff
- January 7 Grading period begins

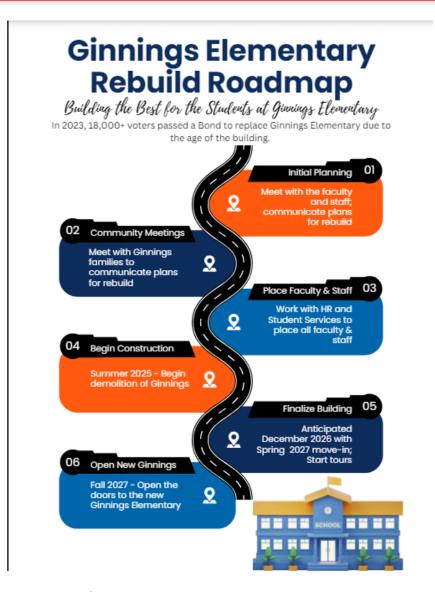
Ginnings Elementary has been selected to have the Community Eligibility Program

We need your assistance with this process

Community Eligibility Program (CEP) Please take action!

Ginnings Elementary Temporary Closing for Two Years to Rebuild Campus

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School Cafe Menus

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SchoolCafé - School Menus

GINNINGS ELEMENTARY Breakfast (ES Breakfast-Bagged), December - 2024

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For Changes in Dismissal Please Access this Link

Early Release Extended School Day -Forms need to be submitted by December 13th!

Dear Families,

Denton ISD will provide engagement for students on the upcoming TWO early release days,

December 19th and 20th, 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. If you indicate on the form that your child will ride the bus, please notify the ESD office 24 hours prior to the Early Release Day if there has been a change in pick up plan.

<u>Parents must sign up each month to participate</u>. 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 midnight on Friday, December 13th, 2024 to participate.

English

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Estimadas Familias:

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Denton brindará actividades escolares para estudiantes las día de salida temprano, 19 y 20 de diciembre de 2024 de las 12:00pm hasta las 3:00pm para niños de primaria. El programa Día Escolar Extendido se coordinará con cada campus para brindar actividades escolares para estudiantes mientras los maestros están participando en grupos de aprendizaje profesional. Además, se proporcionará transporte de Denton ISD tanto a la hora de salida temprano (12:00pm) y a la hora de salida regular (3:00pm) para todos los estudiantes de primaria elegibles para utilizar el autobús. Si indica en el formulario que su hijo viajará en el autobús, notifique a la oficina de ESD 24 horas antes del día de salida temprana si ha habido un cambio en el plan de recogida.

<u>Los padres deben inscribirse cada mes para participar</u>. Si su estudiante atiende actualmente ESD (Día Escolar Extendido, por sus siglas en Inglés), no necesita registrarse.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, favor de comunicarse con la oficina de Día Escolar Extendido al 940-369-0080.

Para participar en esta oportunidad, requerirá completar el siguiente formulario. **Todos los formularios deben ser enviados a más tardar el día 13 de diciembre de 2024 para participar. español**

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Volunteer and Mentor Program Information

Empathy-Character Strong Family Newsletter





Empathy Overview

This month's focus is Empathy. One way to think about Empathy is "understanding and connecting with other people's feelings." Empathy is a practice that can help us grow strong

Empathy is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Kind. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and leadership.

Conversation Starters



- What does Empathy
- look like to you? Is it hard for you to share how you feel with others? Why or why not?

PurposeFull Pursuits

Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Empathy. Here are 2 "PurposeFull Pursuits" you can complete together!

Empathy is understanding and connecting with other people's feelings. Schedule a family movie night so that you can specifically watch for feelings and emotions. Let everyone know that you'd like them to point out how the characters in the show are feeling and that you will pause periodically to discuss Empathy. As emotions are identified, invite one another to Empathize by sharing about a time they felt that way or imagining how they might be feeling in that moment.

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Review the definition of Empathy as a family! Remember that Empathy is understanding and connecting with other people's feelings. Find a time to sit in a circle together and celebrate all the ways you have seen each other practice Empathy. Take turns sharing responses to the following prompts or make up your own! Remember to practice Empathy as you listen to each other.

- What is 1 way a family member has shown you Empathy lately?
- Share about a time when you felt like someone really listened to you.

Pre-K Wearing Jingle Bells 😀





One of our sister schools, Stephens Elementary, bringing yummy snacks to cheer us up!





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