

# *Gator Gram*

September 30, 2019

## *Cafeteria Corner*

We are well into our First Quarter here at school and are fine tuning some of our expectations with our Gators. One area we continue to improve is our cafeteria. We now have our new Bouncing Ball Sound-O-Meter to encourage our Gators to use inside voices. We want students to have time to chat with friends but in a way that still makes lunch enjoyable for the 250 Gators that are in the cafeteria at one time. If students can keep the balls within the zone Monday-Thursday, they will earn special lunch rewards on Fridays. This week we are working towards cartoons on the big screen during lunch on Friday.

Parents, you can help us at home by practicing with your Gators on how to open lunch items up by themselves. This helps decrease the time that students wait to get assistance from our two cafeteria hostesses. We have been encouraging students to use GRIT and not give up while trying to open items. The look of success when they get it is truly priceless! We appreciate your support!



**EARLY RELEASE - ALL GRADES - 10/11/19 - 1:10PM**

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS DUE TO PARENT CONFERENCES - 10/14/19  
Students in Grades 3-5 should plan to attend conferences with their adult Gator.**



### *FALL PICTURE DAY*

Information will be coming home soon about Fall Picture Day on October 29th.



### *PTO SPIRIT NIGHT*

Chick-fil-a  
10/15/19  
5-8 PM

Come out to support our school and see your friends!



### *MOVIE NIGHT*

<https://tinyurl.com/y3ds9otr>

Wednesday, October 2nd  
from dismissal until 6 pm.  
The cost is \$10 and that includes a slice of pizza, popcorn and a drink. Proceeds support our school library!

### *EARTHQUAKE DRILL*

**Earthquake Drill – Thursday, October 17th @ 10:17 a.m.:** The Commonwealth of Virginia requires that every school in the state have two shelter-in-place drills (as would be followed in the event of a Tornado or Earthquake) each school year; one during the beginning of school, and the second in March. GES will practice this drill on **Thursday, 10/17 at 10:17 a.m.** Each classroom teacher at GES will discuss beforehand with students the need to do preparedness drills. Unlike a fire drill where students and staff evacuate the building, a shelter-in-place drill requires students to stay inside, on the lowest building level, away from windows, in a “drop, cover, and hold” position. **Please take a moment to discuss this drill with your child to reduce anxiety.** You can reinforce the importance of drills to prepare for possible serious events. Your cooperation and reinforcement will help us to provide the safest atmosphere possible for your child.

### *SMILE Virginia*

SMILE Virginia is coming to our school on Tuesday, November 12th. Services provided include checking the mouth & teeth, x-rays if needed, cleaning, fluoride and sealants as needed. Additional care, such as fillings, may also be provided. If you would like your child to see the dentist, please complete the form sent home with your student last week as soon as possible or sign up online at [www.MySchoolDentist.com](http://www.MySchoolDentist.com). Contact Mrs. Neesen if you have any questions about this service.

### *IMPORTANT DATES*

\*Singing Gators every Wednesday at 8 am\*

10/2- Movie Night for students that have permission slips to stay

10/7- PTO Meeting 6:30 pm in our school library - Come here updates from PTO and a Technology Presentation about Technology Resources for your Gator!

10/10 - DARE Skate Night for Gator Families at Cavalier Skate on Route 1 from 6-8 pm

10/11- Mindset Book Study with Principal White 8:30-9:30 am in our library - It's not too late to register! Just call the school!

**10/11- Early Release for Students - 1:10 pm**

**10/14- No School for Students due to Parent-Teacher Conferences (3rd-5th Grade Students should attend the parent conference.)**

10/15- PTO Spirit Night at Chick-fil-a from 5-8 pm

10/16- PTO After School Enrichment begins for registered students

10/16 - 5th Gators are invited to attend Wednesday Night Lights as AGWMS Football Team plays Drew MS at Mountain View High School (\$5 for admission and a snack)

10/17- Earthquake Drill @ 10:17 am

10/18- PTO Trunk or Treat from 6-8 pm

## ***IMPORTANT - FEDERAL IMPACT AID FORMS***

Parents, green Federal Impact Aid forms will be sent home tomorrow, October 1st inquiring as to whether or not you work on federal property. Our school district receives federal funds for those whose parents(s) work on federal property. **Please help us get all the federal money we are entitled to by returning a form for each of your children with complete information as requested.** The first class in Stafford County to reach 100% will receive an ice cream or pizza party supplied by the school system. Garrisonville thanks you very much for your assistance in returning your form as quickly as possible!