



H. Guy Child Elementary

Charger Chatter



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Neiswender's News

Dear Parents and Students,

Considerable thought and deliberation go into creating individual classes each year. It is a very important and complicated process. With the accountability measures implemented under federal and state laws, it is only fair, and certainly vital, for students as well as teachers, for each class to be equal according to skill levels and challenges. Every effort will be made to create classes composed of personalities, learning styles, abilities, behaviors, girl/boy ratios, as well as special education or other needs that will contribute to the most positive and productive learning environment possible for all students and teachers.

Classes are created each year to enable students to become lifelong learners. Every child has unique personalities, learning styles, behaviors, strengths and weaknesses. We look at all of these characteristics as we try to create the most positive and productive learning environment possible for each student. However, in most grades, the students will have experiences with all of the grade specific teachers. Just as each child is unique, so is each teacher. An individual experience that one of your children may have had with a teacher can differ drastically from what another one of your children may have with the same teacher. Our society is made up of many differ-

ent people with tremendous varieties in personality, behavior and temperament. Learning to get along with all kinds of people, making new friends, accepting challenges and changes is an important part of the personal growth of our students. Having a wide variety of teachers with different teaching styles and personalities is a benefit to our students to help prepare them with the skills they will need to relate to the many people they will interact with in this world. With few exceptions, every child can learn to appreciate and function with their teacher when we are all working together. We have an excellent faculty completely committed to giving our students the finest education possible. Student placement is based upon creating learning environments. Grouping them on any other basis would defeat this purpose. Teachers are assigned after balanced and equitable classes have been formed.

If you feel your student has a unique circumstance that would affect his or her learning, you may write a letter or email regarding your child's EDUCATIONAL need. Your letter stating the educational need must be submitted by **April 14, 2017**. Letters received after this date may not be considered. The information will possibly be shared with the teacher involved as we are trying to improve and

grow with our community needs. I may request a face-to-face meeting to clarify your concerns if I need more information. All letters must be based on the educational needs of the student rather than a request for an individual teacher.

Please follow the steps below when submitting your letter:

Written Educational Need

- At the top of the paper list your name, number, your student's name, and grade he/she will be entering.
- Describe educational need, circumstance, or learning challenge of your student.
- Explain any past history (accommodations made, interventions that have been tried, any medical or other information that would be helpful in choosing the best placement for your student).
- In an effort to do a better job creating a great learning environment, your letter may be shared with staff members.
- Prepare one letter per student.
- All letters should be received by Friday, April 14th.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

**Sincerely,
Karen Neiswender
PRINCIPAL**

CALENDAR

MARCH

- 1 **PTA Meeting/Elections** 9:00 am
- 3 Class / Spring Pictures
- 17 End of 3rd Quarter
- 25 Goldenwest 5K Fun Run 8:30 am
- 27 **CHOIR CONCERT** 6:30 pm
- 29 Kindergarten Round-Up 1:45 pm
- 30 Last day of VEX Robotics

APRIL

- 3-7 **SPRING BREAK—No School**
- 14 **NO SCHOOL—Out for Easter**
- 24-28 Scholastic **BOOK FAIR** Week
- 26 **LITERACY NIGHT** 5:00-7:00 pm



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Newsletter

If you would like something added to the newsletter please contact DiAnna DeGroot. Send info to dianna@digruk.com.



Nominations for the 2017-2018 **PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD** were accepted, voted on, and approved at our March 1st PTA meeting. Congratulations to Christi Woolsey-President, Stephanie Howell-President Elect, and Leigh McGill-Secretary. We are pleased that they are willing to serve in our school for all our

From our PTA Board

children. However, we are still in need of a treasurer for the coming school year. If you are interested, please contact a member of the PTA board. We want to thank everyone who participated in "Take Your Family to School Month!" It was great to have parents and teachers working together for student success with

Parent Teacher Conferences. We want to thank Steph Howell who donated our awesome prizes for the scavenger hunt—the drawing winners were Joshua Long, Tayge Minster and James Davenport.

**Keep up the great work
Chargers and continue to...
Be the GOOD!**



Goldenwest 5K RUN



The 2017 Goldenwest 5K Run for Schools will be held on Saturday, March 25th at 8:30 am. One-hundred percent of your registration fee will be donated to the school of your choice so please pick H. Guy Child! For all the information you need and to participate in this fun community event, register your family online—

www.gwcu.org/5k

before midnight on Sunday, March 19th. If you are unable to register online for any reason, please contact the school office to make other arrangements. The cost is only \$5 for your students and \$10 for non-students. Your registration fee includes:

- a race day t-shirt
- numbered race bib
- snacks and hydration
- super fun experience

Goldenwest will match \$5 for every registered person if you participate in the race and **cross the finish line.**

We invite all our H. Guy Child Chargers and their families to participate in the 5K! This is a great

and easy way to raise **FREE \$** money for our school, so **SIGN UP!** We hope to see you all bright and early at the 2017 Goldenwest 5K!

Registration for the 5K ends this weekend so don't forget to get you and your family signed up for this fun event!!

YEARBOOKS

If you missed ordering a copy of the YEARBOOK, you still have a chance to get one! Yearbooks will be available to order for a limited time for \$20. All orders must be in by the end of March to guarantee a copy. After that they will be on a first come, first served basis on the last day of school. There will only be a few extra copies. You **MUST**

order your yearbook online: hguychildpta.ourschoolpages.com

Our yearbook is going to be great! We'd like to thank Erin Wallis and all our many volunteers for their extra efforts in photographing their grades and putting together many yearbook pages. Don't forget to reserve your own copy of the yearbook **TODAY!**

SPRING FUNDRAISER

Be watching for more information to come home on our combined school / PTA fundraiser. Our combined goal is to raise \$15,000—if we meet our goal, we won't have any major fundraising events next year (which means no chocolate, cookie dough, wrapping paper, etc). In the month

of March we are looking for business partners—if you know a business who would like to donate, have them contact Angie Richards, 801-528-2445. In the month of May we will have events and prizes—the culminating event will be an obstacle course for all students on May 23, in conjunction with Field Day.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Children who will be five years of age before September 2nd, 2017 are about to embark on an exciting adventure. If you have or know a child in our area that will be eligible for kindergarten, please contact the office (801) 452-4140. **Kindergarten Round-Up** is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29th. Registration is between 1:45-2:00 pm and the general meeting starts at 2:00 pm. The school district requires a student registration form, proof of residency and a dental and medical form. The State requires proof of immunization and a birth certificate for all children entering kindergarten. You will receive these forms in the mail as we approach the round-up date. We need the names of all incoming students so we can send out packets. Please help us find all eligible students in our area. Thank you so much for your help!



Thanks to everyone who **VOLUNTEERS** at the school! Our pink volunteer hours sheets are filling up—that's **AWESOME!**

spring choir concert

Our fabulous School Choir will be performing their Spring Choir Concert on Monday, March 27th at 6:30 pm. We invite all to come and support our great kids and enjoy a fabulous show! We want to send out a huge thank you to all who make

this choir possible: Katie Kluge, Angela Hunter, Karen Barnard and all of our amazingly talented students who joined choir this year. Your time and dedication are what makes this group so great! Good luck with your upcoming show!