



The Girard Way ~ All Day, Every Day!

GIRARD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme *in candidacy*
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Our school empowers all students to embrace learning, achieve their personal best, and build their emotional, social, and physical well-being to equip them with the skills and mindset to thrive and then take on the world.

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THE GIRARD

December

2020

December is *Sharing and Caring Month* at Girard Intermediate School. Students will participate in class and school activities throughout the month to demonstrate sharing and caring. As an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP) *in candidacy*, international-mindedness is encouraged as we promote the understanding of our complex and interdependent world for our students to be inquisitive, caring, and responsible citizens.

Mrs. Sandra Dixon, our head custodian, is retiring after twenty-eight years with Dothan City Schools. Mrs. Dixon will be missed by all, and we wish her the best in her future adventures!

Our "*Pennies for the Playground*" project continues throughout the school year. This sixth-grade school-wide project will collect change for the purpose of improving our playground. We appreciate all donations!

Important Information:

Attendance and On-time Arrival to school are very important to the success of your child's education. Be sure to notify your child's teacher and the office if your child is absent.

Exciting events are planned for December! The school spelling bee will be held on Thursday, December 3, and our school science fair is scheduled for Friday, December 18th.

Progress reports will be sent home on Dec. 16th.

Winter Break begins on December 22nd with an 11:30 AM dismissal. Students return to school on Tuesday, January 5th.

The safety and health of our students, staff, and families are most important. Visitors are limited to the front entrance and are required to follow the building guidelines when entering the building.

Girard Intermediate t-shirts are available for \$5.00. Again, thank you to the Girard Intermediate School Parent Organization for making this happen!

Girard parents and guardians represent a wealth of resources that enrich the school. The School Improvement Committee and International Baccalaureate Parent Organization are excellent ways for parents to become involved with the school.

The next school meetings are on Tuesday afternoon, December 15. The International Baccalaureate Parent Organization (IBPO) will meet at 3:30 PM in the Media Center (Physical Spacing will be in place and masks are required) or by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/97059013206?pwd=b1V1RW96V3o2TGZLTxZLRkhLRINZZz09>
Meeting ID: 970 5901 3206 Passcode: 024339 The School Improvement Committee Title One and Community Leadership Team meeting is scheduled to meet Tuesday, December 15th at 4 PM in the Media Center by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91035235090?pwd=aUlKZlId25oOWwyNzFQR3lhekpxZz09> Meeting ID: 910 3523 5090
Passcode: hFet5a

We continue to implement our new snack program "*Healthy Food for a Happy World*" to address childhood nutrition through a Healthy Food Initiative and the DCS Wellness Policy for Snacks and Special Events.

Please remember that students are to maintain physical spacing when possible, to wear a mask on the bus and at school, and to keep hands to one's self. Our goal is for everyone to remain healthy and well!

Your child's year school year will be full of adventure and wonder as they experience exciting and interesting active learning opportunities. Have a wonderful winter break and see you next year!