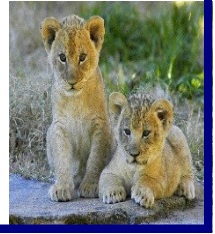




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The Galway Pledge : We pledge to respect one another, to be trustworthy and fair. We will care about each other, and be good citizens. Above all else, I will take responsibility for my actions, in a quest to build a better you...and a better me.

Our Vision: Galway Elementary School will empower students to be valued, productive members of a global society.

Principally Speaking: "School Reopening"

SCHOOL REOPENING:

School is reopening for some Galway students in K-3 on Monday, March 15. The school is observing CDC guidelines which means all staff and all students will not return this year. Grade 4 students will return April 8 and grade 5 return April 12.

All parents had an opportunity to complete surveys in December identifying a desire to return to a partial day program or to remain virtual. Galway organized their instructional program to align with those parental requests as well to keep students with the same teacher whenever possible.



A large majority of our students will remain in the virtual model that they have been in since the beginning of the school year. We are committed to making both our virtual and in-person program successful.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate additional students if parents or students would like to consider partial-in-person at this time due to space and class restrictions of 12 students. We will keep a dated record of names for the student wait list when you contact the school by email.

Please do not send your children to school if you have not received confirmation from the school. We are unable to hold groups of students together due to safety concerns and will need to contact you to pick them up and take them home. This could be confusing and awkward for the child, so please do not put them in this situation.

School Hours: 9:25-3:50

Lunch break: 11:55-1:25

TITLE I IDENTIFICATION:

Galway Elementary was identified a Title I school for the 2021-2022 school year. Due to the FARMS rate of 63.07%. I cannot thank parents enough for completing those free and reduced meals (FARMS) applications by October 15.

A few benefits of Title I are listed below with additional explanations coming in the next few weeks:

- ELO Sail summer program for K-5
- ELO Step summer enrichment program for 3-5
- Additional Focus Teachers
- Additional Instructional Materials
- Parent Programs
- Assistant School Administrator

Please attend the **PTA General meeting on March 22 at 7:30**. The Title I staff will be there to present benefits and answer any questions you may have.

"The beginning is always today." —Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 15

School Opens Grades K-3

March 22

PTA General Meeting 7:30
Title 1 Presentation

March 24

Women's History Month Literacy Day

March 29-April 2

Spring Break

April 6 & April 7

Virtual Learning for all students

April 8

In-person students return to school



THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER

Having fun in your "Home" during coronavirus

March

Everyone's life has been impacted by the pandemic. Health protocols designed to reduce the spread of the virus this winter can also exacerbate loneliness and frustration. Young children especially need to "run off some steam" and participate in activities that are both fun and safe.

Thanks to the global health pandemic, many parents have been hunkered down at home with their kids for what may seem like an eternity. As the parent of a nine and thirteen-year-old, I know firsthand how difficult it can be to keep your child entertained while working from home right now. And that go-to list of activities that's been in heavy rotation for weeks is probably not-so-much fun anymore for your children.

So while the weather is breaking, there are a few activities you should consider.

Go for a run! Explore a new part of your neighborhood on foot and get some energy out along the way with your family.

If you're legally able to do so, either make or buy a fire pit and sit around the fire. Share family stories or ghost stories. Then make [s'mores](#) or toasted marshmallows.

Have a backyard "drive-in." Find a sheet, get a projector and let the movie light up the night after the sun goes down. Space has good lighting. This can include natural lighting from windows or light

from lamps. But if going outdoors is not your thing you can try these options.

Take up a new hobby! Perhaps you have more time on your hands with less activities going on. This might be the perfect time to take up guitar, juggling, photography, a new language, or anything else you find new and exciting. For example, if you choose reading, select chapter books that are in a series and read the entire catalog.

Turn off the Switch, Xbox, PS4, iPads and dig out one of the board games that are stashed in the hall closet. See if you can beat your family at Trivial Pursuit, or how about an epic game of Monopoly or Risk. There's no need to play the short versions since we all have hours to kill.



Announcements

Our Winners of the African American Quiz Bowl were:

Christopher Lawson 1st Place

Carter Poindexter 2nd Place

Camilla "Abena" Registe 3rd Place

Lets congratulate our winners, they did a great job in our African American Quiz Bowl game show of 2021.



March is Women's History Month

Althea Gibson who was the first Black woman to compete at Wimbledon in 1951, according to the International Tennis Hall Of Fame, opening doors for Black athletes everywhere. And she didn't just compete — her victories are legendary. She went on to win singles titles at the U.S. Open and Wimbledon in 1957 and 1958, and the Associated Press named her Female Athlete of the Year those same two years in a row.



Amelia Boynton Robinson helped organize the 1965 Selma March and became the first Black woman to run for Congress in Alabama. Although she didn't win, her campaign raised much-needed awareness about voter discrimination. former President Barack Obama recognized her legacy in an official statement, "She was as strong, as hopeful, and as indomitable of spirit — as quintessentially American — as I'm sure she was that day 50 years ago," he said. "To honor the legacy of an American hero like Amelia Boynton requires only that we follow her example — that all of us fight to protect everyone's right to vote."

Jane Bolin was a trailblazer for women of color who practice law — she was the first Black woman to graduate from Yale Law School and became the nation's first Black woman judge in 1939, according to the *New York Times*. Bolin ruled on important family court cases throughout her career and worked with former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt to support a program that aimed to root out crime among young boys. In addition, as the *Times* pointed out, she ruled against the assignment of probation officers based on race.



ROARS News

Respectful, On-Task, Accountable, Ready to Learn Safe



Galway Elementary believes that behavior expectations should be taught to all students and that students should be positively recognized for following the school expectations. We believe that all expectations and how we communicate these standards should be clear, concise and used amongst all staff. Therefore, we have created a set of school-wide expectations that all students can follow. Each student below has received a positive referral for the first semester based on these set of standards: Respectful, On-task, Accountable, Ready to learn and Safe.

Kindergarten

Misael Gavidia- (on-task, ready to learn)
Ava Jimenez- (On-task, ready to learn)
Samiah Moore (Did not give up on a math problem set)
Aryan Amaya-Calderon (ready to learn)
Melody Chen (on task, ready to learn)
Harrison Subah (on-task, ready to learn)
Khloe Daley (effort, motivation, persistence)
Emely Lemus Oliva
Ivy Nesta (on-task, ready to learn)
Shirah Etienne (on-task, ready to learn)
Aaron Turcios (ready to learn, on task)

Adamnur Bah (on task, showing work)
Leia Richmond (ready to learn, responsible)
Arya Kerris (on task)
Joseph Habtom (helping others, on task)
Dean Chali (trying hard in reading, on task)
Veronica Biniyam (participation)
Hailey Blanco (ready to learn and participation)
Nicholas Castro Tovar (participation)
Tsege Haile (participation)
Aryan Puri (ready to learn)
Abraham Salazar Melgar (persistence)
Chidubem Igwegbe (ready to learn)

First Grade

Jaiden Tyler (positive attitude and always respectful)
Emmanuel Sagastume Aguilar (positive attitude and honesty)
Christian Careera (positive attitude)
Noah Hailay (participating more in math)
Naomi Alamerew (positive attitude)
Gabriela Rodriguez Nunez (always participates)
Alyna Hong (Positive Attitude)
Sadzid Hossain (Positive Attitude)
Ethan Guzman (Always on task and ready to learn)
Shalini Nantege (helpful to others)
Eden Asongwed (kind and respectful)
Fabrice Pointe Jour (always participating)
Anan Dessa (helpful to others)
Pierce Gouveia (participates in math)
Christian Zerihun (positive attitude)

Ethan Kavi (participation)
Emanuel David (positive attitude/participation)

Second Grade

Destiny Bolton (staying engaged and participating in math and reading group)
Fabiana Panou (helping friends get to assignments when they are in breakout rooms and staying on task during the breakout room time)
Lynda Glen (staying engaged during intervention and eagerly wanting to participate.)
Zack Solomon (working hard and participating in math.)
Mia Sorto (Encouraging classmates when they make mistakes.)
Aishat Shiyabola for participation and working hard
Joan Eriakha for participating and working hard

ROARS News

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Second Grade

Ava Faith Dennis (Complete assignments on time and always ready to learn)

Saba Lemma (Work collaboratively with peers and support others)

James Nguyen (Actively participates in class and completes work on time)

Josue Mendoza (Showing determination to learn and asks for help)

Phong Phan (Increased in work completion and class participation)

Third grade

King Scott- compassion towards his classmates and always has a positive attitude. He is respectful and accountable.

Brylin Rodriguez- Brylin always has a positive attitude and shows excellent self-control, ready to learn and on task. Keep up the good work!

Justin Ogba- Justin always has a positive attitude and works hard through challenges when he learns new things.

Kera McEaddy- Kera always has a positive attitude in class and shows compassion toward her classmates. She is regularly ready to learn and is always respectful with her teachers and classmates. Kera always shows accountability, honesty, and safety. Keep up the great work!

Kayden Garner- Kayden has been working very hard this year and has made so much personal growth. I am so proud of his positive attitude, self-control, respect that he shows for himself and his classmates, and his accountability. Keep on working hard every day!

Fourth Grade

Maikiela Dennis

Za'Nirah McCallister

Joshua Jonathan

Deonta-Faith Akom-Mah

Noha Chana

Befikir Girma

Ryan Hassan

Esona Nyenti Obi

Freden Revolus

Vivien Santolaja

Fifth Grade

Sameeah Hall

Don Williams

Kendrick Amoako