

February 15, 2019

Calendar of Events

February

- Feb. 18 – No School – Work day
- Feb. 22 – Deadline for Box Tops
- Feb. 25 – **Yearbook goes on sale**

March

- Mar. 01 – Community readers in classrooms
- Mar. 01 – Book Fair set-up
- Mar. 02 – Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- Mar. 04-07 – Book Fair
- Mar. 05 – Spring pictures
- Mar. 08 – Early Release
- Mar. 11 – No School – Work day
- Mar. 12 – PTO meeting in Media Center
- Mar 12-14 – Fun Run
- Mar. 22 – Deadline for Fun Run money
- Mar. 28 – Deadline for Yearbook orders
- Mar. 29 – No School – Work day

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The **GPS Fun Run** is coming in March. Forms were sent home with students to get pledges for laps and donations. **We are excited and looking forward to a fun time.**

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At Grandy Primary School our students will develop a love for learning, build a solid academic foundation, and prepare for the future.



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The **deadline** for turning in Box Tops for this contest is **Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please send in all your valid Box Tops as soon as possible so we can get them ready to submit to the company. Thanks.

**We are seeing an increase in contagious illnesses during the winter months.** The number of students and staff with the Flu, Strep throat, and Pink Eye is continuing to increase here at GPS and our other schools. Here are some helpful hints that may help reduce the spread of these illnesses.

- 1 – Wash your hands with soap and warm water** before and after eating, after using the restroom, after coughing or sneezing into your hand or tissue and when your hands are visibly soiled.
- 2 – Cough or sneeze** into the crook of your elbow not your hand.
- 3 –** If you are sick (continuous coughing, sneezing, sore throat, diarrhea, or vomiting) **STAY HOME.**
- 4 –** If you have a fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or above, **per school policy**) **STAY HOME** until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
- 5 –** If the white part of your eye or eyes are pink/red with yellowish discharge coming from them or dried to the eye lashes, then go to the doctor and **STAY HOME** until the doctor says it is safe to return to school.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THESE ILLNESSES IS TO WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN!!!**

**2018-2019 GPS PTO Officers**

Justine Rhodes – President    Vice President – Nikki Ambrose    Secretary – Sunny McWilliams  
Jamie Meredith – Treasurer    Shelly Ramirez – Yearbook Coordinator

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# PTO Meeting

The **GPS PTO meeting for March is moved to March 12<sup>th</sup>** due to the Book Fair going on the first week in March. We are still looking for officers for next school year. Justine Rhodes, this year's PTO President, has posted on the PTO Facebook page the duties for each position. If interested please contact her via GPS PTO email, Facebook, or call the school and leave your name and phone number. She will get back with you as soon as possible. Due to some early position vacancies, the PTO is moving the election of next year's officers to the March meeting. **Please consider volunteering for one of the positions of the PTO and get more involved with our staff, students, and school.** Everyone is always welcome at our monthly PTO meetings.



Our **Spring Scholastic Book Fair** will begin Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and run through Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. The Book Fair will open each day at 7:45 am. Monday and Wednesday it will remain open until 3:30 pm. Tuesday will be our Family Book Fair day and evening and will remain open until 7:00 pm. The Book Fair will close on Thursday at noon. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

**There is a special purchase that will be going on during our Book Fair.** Jeff Kinney, author of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, has a new book that is scheduled to go on sale April 9, 2019, which is after our Book Fair. **The title is Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson's Journal.** Mrs. Rachid will be taking pre-orders for this specially priced paperback edition (\$8.99) during our Book Fair and the book will be delivered to students when it arrives. Be sure to ask about the pre-order during your visit to our Book Fair. If you have any questions, you may contact Mrs. Rachid at school.

Mrs. Rachid is always needing **volunteers to assist with the Book Fair.** Set-up will be on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and take down will be Thursday afternoon. If you can assist, you can sign up in the school office, media center, or on line with the app (**signupgenius**) on the PTO Facebook page. You can also just come out any time during the Book Fair. All volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

## SCHOOL YEARBOOK

The **GPS 2018-2019 Yearbook** will go on sale beginning Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and sales will run through Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The price will be \$20 which will include a plastic cover. An **order form will be in next week's Bear Tracks** for you to place your order for this year's GPS Yearbook.



In celebration of **Dr. Seuss' birthday** which is March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have community readers coming into the classrooms to read to our students on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition the cafeteria will be serving **Green Eggs and Ham** for lunch that day.

On Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, which is our Book Fair Family Day, students are encouraged to celebrate Dr. Seuss with **Fox In Socks Day by wearing crazy socks and jeans.**