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Paw Prints is a monthly newsletter for Grant Ranch School. This is an important communication link for parents and includes important happenings at our school.

You can read, download, and print this newsletter monthly on the Grant Ranch Webpage.

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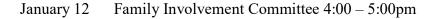




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Upcoming Dates



January 15 Martin Luther King Day – No School

January 17 CSC Meeting 6:00pm

January 17 Restorative Approach Parent Information Meeting 4:30 – 5:30pm

January 25 Principal Finalist Community Meeting 3:00pm & 5:50pm

January 27 Moms and Muffins 7:00 am

February 6 PTO Meeting 6:00 pm

February 10 Father/Daughter Dance 6:00 – 8:00pm





PIANO & VOICE LESSONS

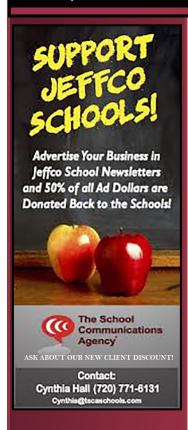
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Estimated Timeline for Principal Selection Process

12/20/16: Meeting with the school's Instructional Superintendent and CSC for notification and communication about school leader vacancy; DPS posts job opening for school leader.

Week of 01/09/17]: Seek input from the school community on desired attributes for a new school leader; schedule and publicize events.

01/12/17: SPSAC applications/nomination forms due to CSC; CSC recommends committee members to instructional superintendent (IS).

01/17/17: SPSAC meets for HR training and question development; IS identifies and contacts pool of candidates to move forward; additional screening by DPS may apply.

Weeks of January 16 and 23: Candidates participate in school based interview and community forum; additional screening by DPS may apply.

Week of January 30: Instructional Superintendent recommends finalist for interview with superintendent; candidate(s) interview with superintendent; new school leader chosen!

Community Meeting

Wednesday, January 25 at 3:00 PM and again at 5:30 PM

A Community Meeting for the school community to meet the Principal finalists and ask questions. Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting as we welcome and value your input. The results of this meeting, along with all of the other feedback during the process, are collected and help inform the Superintendent's final decision for the new Grant Ranch Principal. The Superintendent takes this decision very seriously and makes all final decisions for hiring principals.



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GEOGRAPHY BEE 2016-2017

SCHOOL BEE (4th - 8th) - January 20, 2017

Teacher Sponsors - Dori Eikenbary & Shana Holden

Get kids excited about learning in a global sense, so here's the challenge....participate in the annual Geography Bee!!

Students in grades 4-8 have the opportunity to compete in grade-level contests. Two students at each grade-level qualify to compete in the school wide bee. Teachers have Geography Bee practice packets to study, there are daily questions on morning announcements, and students can study daily geography brain quizzes online.

Check out these resources now to start preparing!!

Daily quizzes http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/quiz/today/

Study Corner http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/study-corner/

FINALISTS WIN...school wide recognition, certificates, Nat'l Geog. Bee t-shirt SCHOOL WINNER...trophy & medal & opportunity to take the written nat'l qualifying test







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News From PTO

Moms and Muffins – Watch for the flyer in your child's backpack on January 13 or visit the Grant Ranch website http://grantranch.dpsk12.org



- Who: GRS students together with your mom, grandmother, aunt, etc.
- What: A breakfast of muffins, juice, and coffee
- Cost: \$3.00 per attendee
- When: Friday, January 27, 2017 7:00 AM 7:45 AM
- Where: Grant Ranch School Lobby

ACCESS Testing

Beginning on January 9th, English Language Learners in grades kindergarten through 12th grade will participate in the ACCESS 2.0 for ELLs assessment. This assessment measures a student's English language skills in the areas of speaking, listening, reading and writing. ACCESS 2.0 is a state assessment and is used by classroom teachers to determine the level of language support that a student may need during instruction. With this information, we are also able to monitor student progress on an annual basis, and determine when a student is ready to be placed in mainstream instruction. To learn more about this assessment please visit the following web page: https://www.wida.us/assessment/ACCESS20.aspx.

Grant Ranch School will be administering the assessment between January 9, 2017 and February 10, 2017. Please be sure that your student arrives on time during these days so that they do not miss sections of the test, as this would require a make-up session. If you have any questions regarding the assessment, please contact your student's teacher.





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