

A message from GORMAN/FORT BANKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Hello GFB Families,

I hope that you all had a wonderful weekend and a happy first day of Spring to you all! I sure am looking forward to all of the changes that this new season brings with it: warmer weather, longer days, flowers blooming and fun outdoor activities. I hope that you too are looking forward to what is to come, as well. Please see the important updates noted below:

**Substitutes Needed:** We are in need of substitutes on an as needed basis AND we have a full-time building-based substitute position open, as well. Please reach out to Ms. Pearson or I if you are interested and available to substitute.

**Upcoming Conferences-** Conferences will take place on Wednesday, March 29th, April 5th and April 12th. Conference sign-ups have been sent out by classroom teachers. Please note that these days will be early release days for students. This is an extremely important time for you to connect with your child's teacher, so please make sure that you are scheduled to attend.

**Early Release Days** - Please pay close attention to the upcoming school calendar dates, as there are many half days over the coming weeks. Wednesday, 3/29, Wednesday 4/5 and Wednesday 4/12 will be half days for students. Please note the following details below:

- PM Pre-K students will attend and will have their dismissal time at 10:30
- Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 10:40 a.m.
- 1st/2nd grade students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m.

This is an extremely tight dismissal window. To keep traffic flowing, 1st and 2nd grade families are reminded not to arrive early. Only families picking up kindergarten students will be allowed to remain in the right turn only lane. All other traffic will be directed to the cemetery.

**Autism Awareness-** We are happy and proud to celebrate Autism Awareness in a variety of ways this month. In addition, a spirit week has been planned for the week of March 27th- April 6th. Details for that week can be found [here](#). We will capitalize on these plans with classroom-based discussion about the diversity among us and the many differences within us. And the ultimate display of collaboration among our students will be easy to see and appreciate thanks to the efforts of our art teacher, Mr. Osburn. Please read about what he and your students have been working on in recognition of Autism Awareness [here](#).

Spirit Week Schedule:

Monday, 3/27: Mix and Match Monday- It's OK to be different. Show your UNIQUE side.

Tuesday, 3/28: We are a TEAM Tuesday- Wear your favorite sports team gear

Wednesday, 3/29: We all Shine Wednesday- Wear neon or bright colors.

Thursday, 3/30: GFB Sticks Together Thursday- Wear GFB Gear or Winthrop Gear!

Friday, 3/31: Sensory Friendly Friday: Wear comfy clothes or pajamas.

Monday, 4/3: April 2<sup>nd</sup> is Autism Awareness Day! WEAR BLUE

**PTO Update: GFB PTO needs you!!**

Would you like to be part of a committee to help plan our spring social? Want to help students pick out and purchase Scholastic books? Do you want to become involved but not sure where to start? We are always looking for volunteers to help us with various events throughout the school year. If interested please fill out the GFB PTO volunteer form and let us know what events you might be willing to assist with, we will then be in contact! Please note - all volunteers must complete a CORI request form. Thank you in advance for considering being a volunteer, it is greatly appreciated!

<https://forms.gle/avHZ95eLRSe3a9bU9>

Have a wonderful week ahead!

Ms. Tucker