

GATEWAY POINTE ELEMENTARY HOME OF THE GATORS



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Family Newsletter

September, 2011

Our first few weeks of school have been a great success. Students and staff are settled in their school routines and learning has been the focus. We appreciate all of the parent support at Meet the Teacher Night, PTO meetings, Site Council and Curriculum Night. Remember, you, more than anyone else or anything, have the ability to motivate your child(ren) to succeed. Thank you for driving safely through our parking lot and drop off/pick up area.

We are moving into a busy time of the year. Please continue to check our GWP web site about upcoming events and announcements at www.husd.org. Each teacher has their own web page you can access through this site. Please set aside time to attend Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 19 and 20. This is a time to meet briefly with teachers and review your child's strengths and weaknesses.

As we assist your child(ren) in building a strong foundation for the future, please continue to support our efforts by making sure your child arrives to school on time, does his/her homework, reads daily, practices math facts regularly, and attends school when healthy.

Students are bringing electronic gadgets, such as Ipods, Nooks and Kindles to school. We do not encourage students to bring valuable items to school. In the past, I have had teachers take these items away from students and they have been stolen from the teacher's desk. If they are lost, stolen, or broken, the school is not responsible for replacing them. Please talk to your child about leaving these items at home where they are safe.

We are enjoying working with your children. We strive to create a school climate where the love of learning encourages academic and personal success.

Thank you for your support and assistance.

Susan Powell
Principal

Higley...Connect, Engage, Inspire

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:45pm
School Hours
8:55am - 3:50pm

24-Hour Attendance

(480) 279 - 7703

Health Office

(480) 279 - 7715

Important Dates

September

Fri. September 2 -
Polar Ice Night
7:30-9:30pm
NO SCHOOL-
Mon. September 5
Fall Pictures -
Thu. September 29
Early Release-
Wed. September 28
Family Fun Night -
Fri. September 30-
5:30-7:30

October

Fall Break—Oct. 10-14
School Resumes -
Tues. 18 October
Parent Teacher Conf.
Oct. 19-20.
Early release 1:35pm
6th Grade Science Camp -
Oct 26-28



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GO GATORS



Assistant Principals Corner

Welcome Back Gateway Gators!

For all of our returning families we would like to welcome you back to a new and exciting school year. For our many new families, welcome to Gateway Pointe and we are excited that you have chosen our school.

The Gateway staff has been working hard all summer making adjustments to lessons and analyzing data to enhance their instruction for the academic achievement of all students. We are excited for the possibilities we have ahead of us.

Parents, if you have not had an opportunity please visit our school website at www.husd.org/Domain/1214.

There you will find up-to-date information about what is happening at Gateway and will also be able to access your child's teacher's webpage.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact the school or myself.

Regards

Frank Hendricsen

Assistant Principal

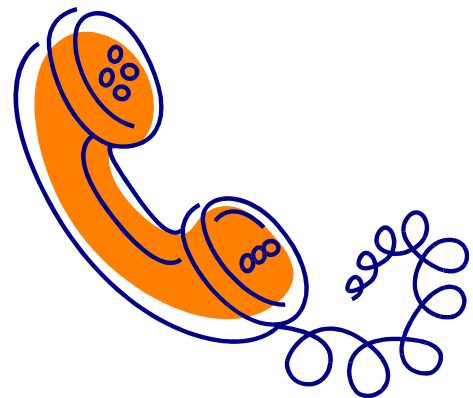
Gateway Pointe Elementary



Reminders from the front office.

It helps the office if you make arrangements with your student about getting home ahead of time. It gets very busy in the afternoons and sometimes it gets hard to locate students late in the afternoon.

When your student is going to be absent, please make sure you call the attendance line 480-279-7703.



Please slow down and use the correct entrances when pulling into campus and when leaving. Thank you.



Band Info

Gateway Pointe Students Looking for a Few Good Instruments (and even not so good)...

Do you have an old band instrument collecting dust and would like it put to good use? The band program at Gateway Pointe Elementary has grown dramatically in recent years, and the students here are in need of your instruments! There will be a donation drive starting Monday, Aug. 29th and will go until their first band concert at the Higley Center for the Performing Arts at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 6th.

All instruments will be accepted, no matter the condition. Donations can be made at Gateway Pointe Elementary any day Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., or at the concert on Thursday, October 6th.

Band Calendar:

Fri. Sep. 9th - 8th grade band students perform with HHS marching band at the football game.

Sat. Sep. 10th - Band Car Wash Fundraiser- Walgreens, SE corner of Higley & Germann, 8am- noon

Thu. Oct. 6th - First Band/Choir Concert @ HCPA @ 6:30



Title I

Welcome back Gators to another wonderful school year. My name is Kristin Hemlock and I am the Title I program teacher here at Gateway Pointe Elementary. Title I is a federally funded grant that allows us to give extra support to students in the areas of reading and math. We provide extra support to students through tutoring, instructional aides in the classroom, summer school, and through purchasing materials for teachers and students. We also plan two academic nights for families to participate in. We have a math night planned for the fall and a literacy night planned for the spring. These nights allow students to make educational games to use at home as well as offer some advice to parents on how to help children with homework and how to promote math and reading in the home. Please check out the Title I page on our school website for more helpful resources including book lists, educational websites and tips to help your child at home. I am excited for the 2011-2012 school year, and to help your child succeed not only at school but outside of the classroom as well.

our first Picture Day of the year will be Thursday, September 29th!!

Watch out for fliers, coming home soon.



GATEWAY POINTE MISSION STATEMENT

Gateway Pointe strives to provide a secure and supportive learning environment that fosters academic excellence and positive character development for every child. We are committed to creating a community of life long learners who embrace respectful communication and cooperation.



ParentVue Information

We would like to notify you of a new feature that is found within ParentVue. This feature will allow you to automatically receive your student's current grades in their classes via email on a selected schedule. For instance, if you would like the system to email you weekly progress reports the system can be set to do that. To activate this feature, log into ParentVue and select the "My Account" tab located at the top of the page. In the section called "Auto Notify", one of your options is "Gradebook". Check that box and select a day of the week that you would like notifications. There are other options available for notifications, check any that you want. Verify your email address is accurate and click the "Update Account" button. If you do not currently have a ParentVue account, please visit your school's administrative front office for assistance.

This enhancement has been designed for teachers to provide more frequent communication to our community of parents. Please note that this email does not come directly from the teachers. Please make sure that you note the following address "parentvue@husd.org". This is the address that these email communications will be sent from. If you have signed up for alerts and are not receiving them, please be sure to check your spam folder or contact your email provider. For any questions about grades, be sure to contact the teacher directly.

For technical issues with ParentVue, please contact edusupport@husd.org.

Thank you all for your time and patience as we continue to connect, engage, and inspire the students and community of Higley.



Attention Gateway Pointe Parents and Community Members:

Gateway Pointe Elementary is looking for three parents and one community member to serve on the Gateway Pointe Site Council. The Gateway Pointe Site Council is an advisory committee to the administrative team and is comprised of teachers, parents, community members, support staff and school administration. This representative group solicits input, reviews data and makes recommendations for school improvement.

The Gateway Pointe Site Council meets quarterly or on an as needed basis. Meetings are held in the evening, lasting approximately an hour. The term of office is two years.

To apply, please prepare a short statement (50 words or less) describing why you are interested in serving as a member of the Gateway Pointe Site Council. Please email your name and statement of interest to frank.hendricsen@husd.org. The deadline for submitting an application is **September 3rd** and elections for this position will be held in September. Please note that your statement will be used on the election ballot.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Frank Hendricsen
Assistant Principal
480-279-7700





From the nurses office:

The nurses office is looking for donations of clothing, all sizes. Any shoes or clothes that have been loaned out please wash and return to the health office at your convenience.

The health office has been swamped with broken flip flops/ shoes. Please inspect your child's footwear weekly. Temperatures are still on the rise so be sure to pack a water bottle in your child's backpack. Also make sure your child is starting each day with a healthy breakfast and be sure to pack nutritional snacks.

Please submit all completed immunizations to the health office promptly. If your child is 11 years old, immunizations are required. If you are unsure of which immunizations your child needs please call or stop by the health office for information. If you would like information on free clinics in the area please stop in.

Kim Femano
Health Assistant
480-279-7715



From the PTO:

Our school year is off and running! Your PTO has already done a few things to support our teachers and kids. We were able to provide all of the staff with new Gator shirts which they proudly wore at the district back to school rally. We also provided each teacher money that they can use directly for classroom supplies. Recess will be active and fun because the PTO bought \$1,000 worth of playground equipment including tetherballs, footballs and jump ropes. It is so great to be able to support our staff and Gators! Please don't forget to check out our new website at www.gatewaygatorpto.com. It will include our calendar and other information regarding our fundraisers. It will also include a wish list of items we are in need of for events. Let us know if you have any feedback for us!

We would love to increase your involvement in the PTO. We welcome any help you can give, even as little as a one hour shift at an event is a tremendous help! Please contact Mrs. Canfield at jamiemen@gmail.com to get on our volunteer list or fill out the volunteer form on our website or at the front office. We are excited for another fun year!

Upcoming Events:

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| Polar Ice Night: | Friday, September 2 nd 7:30-9:30pm |
| Sally Foster Catalog Sale: | Starts Monday September 12 th |
| Family fun Night: | Friday, September 30 th 5:30-7:30pm |
| Cold Stone Night: | Thursday, October 6 th 5-9pm |

Thank you for supporting our efforts this year and remember:

“Together We're Better!”

