



February Dolphin Newsletter

February 1st - Finney County Spelling Bee 9:00 a.m. @ Garden City High school

February 3rd - Pie five fundraiser 4:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

February 12th – Spring Pictures

February 14th - Valentine's Day Party-more information coming later

February 20- PTO Meeting @ 6:00

February 21st – Teacher Inservice No School

February 26th - PT Conferences - 4:10 p.m. - 7:10 p.m. School is in Session

February 27th - No School - PT Conferences - 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

February 28th - No School - PT Conferences - 8:00 – 10:20 a.m.

Lunch prices for the 16 days in February

Breakfast Prices are:

Full Price - \$24.00 - Reduced Price - \$4.80

Lunch prices are:

Full Pay - \$41.60 - Reduced Pay - \$6.40

Adult & Guest Children lunches are \$3.75 each

New Address

It is the start of a new year and if you happened to have moved over the break, please come and give us your current information. You will need to bring in proof of address for example a utility bill, so we may get this changed for you.



Parents are always welcome at Gertrude Walker Elementary school. If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom or at the school, please contact your child's teacher or the school office at 805-7600.



Parent Teacher Conferences

It is very important you attend your child's conference at their scheduled time. Coming at a totally different time and hoping to be worked in causes those who come at their correct time to be delayed. Please call us if you need to reschedule.

We appreciate your help with this.

Parent Teacher Conferences

February 26- 4:10 p.m.-7:10 p.m.

February 27 - 11:40 a.m.-7:40 p.m.

February 28 - 8:00 a.m.-10:20 a.m.

Notes will be going home in February with your conference time. Please be sure and be on time for your conferences. This keeps things running smoothly. Thank You

Music News for Gertrude Walker

Please mark your calendar for the up-coming Spring Concerts.

April 27th, 2019 - Monday - Kindergarten

April 28th, 2019 - Tuesday - 1st and 2nd

April 30th, 2019 - Thursday - 3rd and 4th

All concerts begin at 6:30 PM in the school gym. Students are to be at school at 6:10 PM. Students are to wear nice concert clothes. **NO PICTURES OR WRITING** on shirts.

Everyone is invited to attend each concert. Thanks for your support.

We will be seeing you. Musically, Mrs. Cessna

Hello from the School Nurse Mrs. Utz,

It has been a great year here at Gertrude Walker. February is Heart Health Awareness Month and Dental health month.

Heart Attack Warning Signs

Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest, lasting more than a few minutes, or it may go away and come back. A person may feel squeezing, fullness, pain or uncomfortable pressure in the chest other symptoms include discomfort in other areas of upper body, shortness of breath. If a person shows these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away they need to get to the doctor right away. February is Dental Health month. Please encourage your child/children to brush their teeth each morning and before bed. Visit your dentist at least once a year. Avoid sugary drinks and food. Increasing milk and dairy will help your child grow healthier teeth and bones. This will help avoid injury to bones and decrease decayed teeth and dental complications. The students are encouraged to take care of their heart and their teeth. They will learn how important it is to brush and floss their teeth at least two times every day and importance of regular visits to see the dentist.



Mrs. Deibert, ESL/Interventionist

The beginning of the second semester has begun well and we are quickly approaching the time of many assessments. One of the first assessments to be given is the KELPA, the Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment. This is given to all identified English language learners. It is hoped that every student shows growth in their knowledge and use of English in their speaking, listening, reading and writing. Results of this assessment are sent home with students near the end of the year.

English Language Arts (ELA) and Math assessments, required by the state of Kansas will be coming up in the next months for the third and fourth graders. It

is very helpful if students are reminded to use good test-taking strategies, such as going back to the story to find details and information, using graphs, charts and tables, working the problem out on paper, and re-reading. Parents can help prepare students by having them practice using such strategies. Students also need to be prepared to complete multiple-step problems in math. Encouragement to do their best, a good night's rest, and a balanced breakfast are always beneficial on the mornings of the assessments.

Thank you, parents, for supporting us and know that we appreciate your help. Together as a team let us strive to help our students be successful.

GW Robotics

Robotics, a new after-school program, was introduced at the beginning of this school year. Gertrude Walker was one of several elementary schools given the opportunity to add this program. The program challenges students to work on STEM related problem solving by building and operating robots. This year's teams consist of fourth graders. These students were selected using results of state assessments, class assessments, assignment completion and scores, behavior referrals and teacher recommendations. The students work together as a team after school to build and operate their robots. The teams will attend several meets where they join other teams to work towards the goal of using their robots to move objects to specific locations on a playing field. It has been a challenging, learning and fun experience this year and we are hoping that next year will be even better.



4th Grade with Mr. Armstrong

Can you believe that it is already February? This year has been flying by and we've been keeping very busy in the classroom! A quick reminder that it is very important that your child reads at least 20 minutes each day. Take the time to ask them about what they are reading to help them really put thought in to it. Who are the main characters? What is the setting? What is the problem or adventure? You can also practicing reading out loud with them and take turns using funny voices. For example, you can choose to read the story like a pirate would or perhaps how you think an alien would read it. Make it fun! The more fun you have when reading, the more likely they will want to read. Creating a lifelong reader that enjoys it is the goal. Remember, a good book can take you anywhere!



We will be looking at starting state assessments next month and it is important that your students come to school ready to learn. They need plenty of rest and a good breakfast to start their day. We want them to be able to do their best!



♥ **Happy Valentine's Day** ♥