



# September

## Dolphin Newsletter

September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Labor Day No School

September 16<sup>th</sup> – For Those That Qualify Kansas Reading Road Map Begins.

- Program will run from 3:50-5:45p.m.
- Please be prompt in picking up students.
- School transportation to bus drop off stops north of Mary St.

September 19<sup>th</sup> – Fall Pictures

Meal Prices for the 18 days of September are as follows:

Breakfast Full Pay – \$27.00    Lunch Full Pay - \$46.80

Breakfast Reduced – \$5.40    Lunch Reduced - \$7.20

Entrance to the building is not available and doors are locked until 7:45 a.m. Breakfast will begin at 7:45 a.m. this year. Breakfast is not served past 8:15 a.m. We have a large number of students eating breakfast. Students **must** be here before 8:15 a.m. to eat breakfast.

### Reminders

- Always call in when your child is absent. Please call by 9:00 a.m.
- By Board of Education policy, a doctor's note is required to give your child medication, except cough drops. If you have any questions please contact the school nurse.
- Please call by 9:00 a.m. if you want to eat lunch with your child. Grade level lunch times are listed in the student handbook. Adult lunch is \$3.75.



**Parents: Please make sure you pull over to the curb when picking up or dropping off students. Doing either in the middle of the street is dangerous! If you park across the street, please walk over to the sidewalk to pick up your student(s). Students will not be allowed to cross the street by themselves except at crosswalks. The crossing guard is at 11<sup>th</sup> and Fair St.**



## Fresh Faces at Gertrude Walker Elementary

Hi everyone!!

My name is Betty Palomino and I am the new school counselor. I am at both Gertrude Walker and Plymell Elementary. My days at Gertrude Walker are Tuesdays and Fridays all day, and Wednesday afternoons. I was born in Chihuahua Mexico however; I was raised in Garden City. I graduated from the University of Kansas Social Welfare (ROCK CHALK) with a Master's in Social Work. I am a mother of three children, all in our awesome school district. I love being able to assist my community and see the amazing growth we have had in the recent years. Garden City has been my home and I take pride in seeing how kindness and true compassion, is becoming a common norm in our community. I look forward to building new relationships with my new students, and staff. I am very excited for this new school year!

Hello everyone,

My name is Norma Castro. I am a student at Newman University taking classes and I am currently doing my student teaching part of the program this semester. I was born in Garden City, KS and I have lived here since. I have worked in different areas, but nothing beats being a teacher. I enjoy spending time with my family. My fiancé and I have a son that is 3 years old and two huskies. I love learning new ways to help the students learn and to have fun while doing it. I am very excited to be a part of Gertrude Walker.



Hi I am Ms. Andrea Stevenson

I am a recent graduate from K-State with a Master's of Arts in Teaching. I am very excited to begin my new career in education! I am from Garden City and live in the Gertrude Walker area so people may find me walking my dog around the neighborhood. I look forward to watching my students learn and grow into bright and amazing third graders.



Hi,

The history of Mr. Armstrong. I grew up in Leoti, KS. When I graduated from high school, I joined the Navy as a medic. I traveled all over the U. S. while in the Navy. When I got out of the Navy, I moved to Lafayette, LA where I went to school at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. From there, I moved back to Kansas to be closer to family. I am currently enrolled at KSU working on my Master of Arts in Elementary Education. This is my first-year teaching, and I am proud to be a Dolphin!

### **Welcome back to school from the Gertrude Walker PTO!**

Many parents may wonder what is PTO? (PTO) is a formal organization that consists of parents, teachers and school staff. The organization's goals may vary from school to school, but essentially the goals include volunteerism of parents, encouragement of teachers and students, community involvement, and welfare of students and families. Gertrude Walker focuses their efforts on fund raising for needs within our building. In the past few years we have raised money for playground equipment, library books, and technology to help our students' learning.

We would love for parents to help us with any of our activities and we will not put you in charge of an activity unless you ask to be in charge. If you are interested in helping with PTO activities, please contact the school office. We look forward to hearing from you. Watch for more information to come in regard to meetings and other fun events.

Go Dolphins!

Ms. Bendert

PTO President

## **Community Rewards**

### **Support Gertrude Walker Elementary PTO when you buy groceries**

Dillons has created a way for you to help support our school PTO! If you shop at Dillons and use a Dillons Plus card, every time you scan your Plus card at the register, Dillons will give 5% of your purchase to the Gertrude Walker Elementary PTO.

#### **To Enroll in the Community Rewards Program:**

- Plus card members must visit [www.dillons.com/communityrewards](http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards)
  - Sign in OR create an account
    - Click on "Enroll Now."
- Enter the 5-digit NPO (**Gertrude Walker Elementary PTO is 32482**) and search.
  - Select your organization and click on "Enroll."



**Don't forget to check us out on  
Gertrude Walker Elementary Facebook and our  
Gertrude Walker Elementary Website!!**



We are again collecting Box Tops. The money earned from the Box Tops is used for the last day of school Fun Day. So please continue to clip and save your Box Tops!



**Honesty, Integrity & Responsibility** - Students will accept personal responsibility and accountability for their actions or inactions

Garden City Public Schools is committed to providing equal educational opportunities to all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, or disability in its educational programs, services, activities, employment policies, and admission of students.