

GEORGE HALL JAGUAR NEWSLETTER

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Ms. Kazemi, Principal

Keeping Kids Motivated for Online Learning

Your student may be motivated by different things than they were last year. Don't make assumptions on what's going to work. Instead, ask questions: see how they're holding up, ask how they feel, determine what they want to accomplish, and figure out what you can do to support them. For more tips and resources to help your student get set up for distance learning, check out [Parenting, Media, and Everything In Between, Keeping Kids Motivated for Online Learning](#)

Digital Citizenship

All students need digital citizenship skills to participate fully in their communities and make smart choices online and in life. At George Hall we use Common Sense Media to help teach these important skills. To help your student maximize the Internet's benefits -- while minimizing the risks -- [Common Sense Media](#) also offers parents the latest research, tips, and tools on what really keeps kids safe. Which privacy settings should you use? What are the ins and outs of parental controls? Get tips on everything from the basics, such as smart usernames, to the big stuff, such as appropriate sharing

Attendance

The California Department of Education has established strict rules for attendance. Student attendance and class participation have been counted since the first day of school, August 17, 2020, and will continue to be recorded on a daily basis in accordance with CA Senate Bill (SB) 98 which governs both Distance Learning. *Students must connect with their teacher during the class time and participate in class work.* After three days of non-participation or unexcused absences, you will be contacted by your school in an effort to identify any barriers that are preventing your child from attending and participating in their classes. The school will continue to contact you when your child does not log in or is considered absent. Just as when students were in classes on our physical campuses, please call the school office for any absence. 650-312-7533.

Conferences

George Hall will hold goal-setting conferences with families during the week of October 5th. All five days will be minimum days for students. These are mandatory conferences for all students. Please sign up for a conference time with your classroom teacher.

School Site Council

The School Site Council (SSC) develops the content of the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for programs funded through the consolidated application. The SPSA is reviewed annually and updated, including proposed expenditure of funds allocated to the school through the local control and accountability plan (LCAP). This council is made up of school staff and parents. There are two open seats for this school year. If you are interested please contact the school office. The continuing 2020-2021 members are:

- Annaben Kazemi, Principal
- Adesola Seligman, Teacher
- Wendy Tam, Teacher
- Nancy Lesley, Classified Staff
- Karen Larson, Parent
- Catherine Gaston, Parent