



GEORGE HALL NEWSLETTER

****November 15, 2021**Mrs. Chennault, Principal**A Kind & Inclusive School Community****



The first part of this school year has gone by quickly, and it has been an exciting time as we returned to campus! This week as we begin our second trimester, I am reflecting on a few of the many things I am grateful for at George Hall:

- Our students who come to George Hall every day, ready to learn. They provide us all a daily reminder of why we are here and what is essential.
- Supportive parents who believe in building an inclusive community for all of our students. We have parents who work hard and advocate to be a partner in their children's education, safety, and well-being.
- Our volunteers who enthusiastically provide so much to our school. They create a beautiful campus and enrich campus life at George Hall, making this a welcoming place to learn and grow.
- Our teachers and support staff who care about student success and hold the best interests of our students at the center of their work. Every single day, I see dedicated and hard-working individuals going above and beyond to make sure that great things happen in our school.

Thank you each for making George Hall the inviting and inclusive place it is. I would like to wish all of you and your families a healthy, relaxing and happy Thanksgiving break! School is out from November 22 - 26 and classes will resume on Monday November 29th.

COVID-19 Safe Schools and Pool Testing We've now gone through seven consecutive weeks of COVID-19 pooled testing with no positive results. In order to best safeguard the wellbeing of our entire school community, we really need everyone to participate in this program. We partnered with [Concentric by Ginkgo](#) to provide a *free* testing program. The sign up process is fast and easy using a computer or a smartphone:

1. First, [click here](#).
2. Then, enter this access code: GEORGEHALL2021
3. Finally, enter your child's information, and you're done!
4. Note: If you are not able to access the online consent, please come to the office and fill out a paper consent form.

Vaccination Options San Mateo County has enthusiastically embraced the recent expansion of the Pfizer vaccine for 5-11 year olds. Appointment slots filled up fast last week! However, with patience and diligence every child will find an appointment over the course of the coming months. There are a variety of options for appointments in many venues. These include appointments with health care providers, and pharmacies, as well as school- and community-based clinics and mass vaccination clinics at the Event Center. If you are looking for a vaccine for a student or yourself, please visit [San Mateo County Health's website](#). You can scroll through a variety of location options and then visit [MyTurn](#) to register for an appointment.

New Student information meetings Our school will host three informational meetings during the priority enrollment period. The first meeting will be hosted in-person on Monday, December 13 at 1:45 PM. The second meeting will be in-person on Wednesday, January 12 at 8:30 AM. The third meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, January 25 at 6:00 PM. All sessions will offer Spanish translation. 2022-2023 new student registration and transfer request information will be posted on the District website on Wednesday, December 1. 2022-2023 new student registration and transfer forms open at noon on Monday, December 13. Please share this information with neighbors and friends.

**WELCOME TO
5TH GRADE!**

Curriculum Corner: We will continuously share the scope and sequence of elementary school learning expectations. This week we feature highlights from our fifth grade team: During our Second Step lessons, fifth graders have been discussing ways to be upstanders in the face of cyberbullying. Students are deepening their understanding of how to use electronic technology respectfully. We are beginning mission 3 in math. In this mission, students will develop flexibility with the addition and subtraction of fractions. Students will continue to read and understand the elements of fiction and will soon be diving into recognizing authors' point of view in both fiction and nonfiction. In science, we are finishing up investigations to tackle a series of matter-related queries. In our next module, we will become park rangers to investigate how matter and energy move through systems. Students will explore the relationships between the plants and animals that live in Yellowstone and discover how even small changes to an environment can have big impacts. Students are increasing stamina and text complexity by reading independently at home every day.

Trimester 1 Report Cards Students will bring home report cards for Trimester 1 on November 19th. Please keep the report card at home and sign and return the empty envelope. In addition, your child's report card will be available to view in the Aeries Parent Portal. After November 19th, please log in [here](#)).

Drumming assembly This Friday, November 19, we will have our first school wide assembly: Hands-On! Drumming School Assembly! Thank you to the PTA for bringing this exciting assembly to George Hall!

Congratulations to Girls On The Run! We are so proud of all our girls who completed their 5K over the week-end! Girls on the Run is an after-school program that uses running to teach life skills and promote healthy behaviors to third-grade to fifth grade girls. The curriculum is designed to help girls develop social, emotional, and physical competence, feel confident in who they are, create positive connections with peers and adults, develop strength of character, and respond to others and self with care and compassion. Thank you to our parent mentors who made this impactful program possible this year!

