



# GEORGE HALL NEWSLETTER

**\*\*November 29, 2021\*\*Mrs. Chennault, Principal\*\*A Kind & Inclusive School Community\*\***

## **COVID-19 Safe Schools and Pool Testing**

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.

**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.

**Curriculum Corner:** We will continuously share the scope and sequence of elementary school learning expectations. This week we feature highlights from TK and Kindergarten:

Our Transitional Kindergarten students have been hard at work and play! We spend our mornings between PMT with Mr. Johnson and small group time, which consists of our handwriting program and Counting Collections. Just before Thanksgiving break we delved into recording our Counting Collections and the students did a great job! We recently began Word Work with our newly adopted Heggerty program. We orally practice breaking words apart, deleting word endings, poetry, and more. TK just wrapped up our Science unit of *How to Build a Human*, learning about the systems that make up our bodies (ie: nervous system, circulatory system, etc). Now we will move into our *Weather Explorers* unit, coupled with Arctic Animals. Looking forward to a wonderful winter season.



Kindergarten is getting into the groove of school! We have our routines down and continue to build on our skills everyday! This month we are very excited to begin our new Benchmark unit titled *Plants and Animals Have Needs*. This unit goes along perfectly with our Twig science unit, where we just finished learning about the needs of plants and are currently learning about the needs of animals. In math we will begin our study of 2D and 3D shapes, which is a very fun math study that we can get creative with! This month we are also really looking forward to learning about winter and all the winter holidays!

**Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports:** The link between school climate and academic achievement make it essential that all students have the opportunity to attend school in a safe and supportive environment where they can thrive and fully engage in learning. PBIS stands for **Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports** and stems from the language used in a 1997 amendment to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This portion of IDEA was very specific in its methods of identification and support of positive behaviors in the classroom. PBIS seeks to reduce or eliminate poor behavior school wide through the encouragement of positive behaviors and the development of a positive school climate. Here at George Hall, we use PBIS to support our expectations with creating the kind of positive school climate our school wants. Rather than establishing specifically what not to do, George Hall defines and teaches the behaviors and expectations we want to see in our students. Our school has 4 positively stated, easy to remember expectations, called the B's:



- Be safe
- Be respectful
- Be responsible
- Be kind

**SMFCSD Recognition Awards:** Congratulations to this week's SMFCSD Recognition Awards recipients! This afternoon Superintendent Diego Ochoa visited our campus to help us celebrate the recipients of the awards listed below. Photos of this event can be found [here on the district website.](#)



- **Outstanding Scholars:** Keegan Yang, Annabel Murray, Ayden Lolin, Nathan Reyes
- **Kindness Awards:** Melissa Perez, Phil Evans, Kristen Crawford
- **Key to Student Success Awards:** Summer Letcher-Smith, Sola Grantham , Pam Yee
- **Shining Star Awards:** Amy Vang, Jessica Murphy, Christy Rauch
- **All In Awards:** Devon Zaky, Nancy Lesley, Kathy Pratt
- **One SMFCSD Awards:** Alvaro Hernandez, Hla Maung, Karen Caselli