



The Girard Way ~ All Day, Every Day!

GIRARD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme *in candidacy*
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Our school empowers all students to embrace learning, achieve their personal best, and build their emotional, social, and physical well-being to equip them with the skills and mindset to thrive and then take on the world.

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April

Welcome Spring! We are looking forward to a warm and productive spring. The learner profile for April is risk-taker. As risk-takers, we approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas, and strategies. As risk-takers, we are brave and articulate in defending our beliefs.

We welcome two new teachers to fifth grade, Ms. Yates and Mr. Whaley. They are talented and skilled professionals who bring experience and a love of education to Girard Intermediate School!

The state testing, Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP), will be conducted throughout the month of April. Your support with your child's attendance and on-time arrival to school are very important to the success of your child's education. Be sure your child is having a good night's sleep with medical professionals recommending nine to eleven hours of sleep per night for elementary students.

The "Learn-A-Thon" for third and fourth grades was a successful event enjoyed by all! A Special *Thank You* to Mrs. Kelley for organizing this special activity; also, thank you to the Physical Education Department, all teachers, and staff for their support and assistance.

April 19-24 is Earth Week, and our school will celebrate this event with activities throughout the week.

Important Information:

The third nine weeks end on April 9th, and report cards will be sent home in the student's Wednesday folder on April 14th.

Girard Intermediate t-shirts are available for \$5.00. Again, thank you to the Girard Intermediate School Parent Organization for making this happen!

Be sure to submit your child's application and registration forms for the 2021-2022 school year. Please be sure contact the office with your contact updates or if you have questions.

The Parent Organization, School Improvement, and Title I Committees for Girard Intermediate School will meet next on Tuesday afternoon, April 20, at 3 PM in the Media Center. Some of the future projects include a school food pantry, clothes closet, and mural paintings. Parents are encouraged to attend.

We continue to implement our new snack program "*Healthy Food for a Happy World*" to address childhood nutrition through a Healthy Food Initiative and the DCS Wellness Policy for Snacks and Special Events. We appreciate your support by providing healthy snacks for your child.

School Dress Code reminders: A hoodie cannot be worn over the head; chains and heavy jewelry cannot be worn at school; appropriate shoes (athletic, tennis) must be worn so that a student can participate safely in physical education activities; and, outerwear (coats, jackets) are not to be worn in the building during normal school hours. With the weather warming, remember - appropriate clothing (shorts, tops, shoes) must meet the Code of Conduct guidelines.