



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.

THE GIRARD GAZETTE

February 2021

Welcome to February! Aside from our focused teaching and learning happening in every classroom, the month of January was full of exciting events. Several of our students received recognition in the school science fair: Individual Awards are: 3rd Place That Gives Me Gas by London Russaw; 2nd Place Rust Bust by Imani McGhee and Zierra Walker; and, 1st Place: The Virus Stops Here Kyla Smith and Kaelyn Conley. Class Awards are: Honorable Mention: Luck of the Roll by Mrs. Kemp's Class; Honorable Mention: What's Poppin'? by Mrs. Booth's Class 3rd Place: Bubble Gum Science by Mrs. Jackson's Class; 2nd Place: Science in Skittles by Mrs. Street's Class and 1st Place: Paper Airplane Experiment by Mrs. McAuliffe's Class.

Students participated in a *reflective* writing project in January that culminated with the selection of outstanding essays about Martin Luther King, Jr. The student essays selected were read to the entire school during morning announcements for the week of January 19th. The results are: Grade 3 - Outstanding Essay: Kynneddy Dixon and Honorable Mention Essays: Renelya Frage and Crimson McClendon; Grade 4 - Outstanding Essay: Ariyanna Anderson; Grade 5 - Outstanding Essay: Zaniya Davis and Honorable Mention Essay: Phoebe Hurlstone; and Grade 6 - Outstanding Essay: Sebastian Medeiros and Honorable Mention Essays: Destiny Gilbert and Ski Handford.

The school spelling bee winners for Girard are: 1st Place: Destiny Gilbert - sixth grade; 2nd Place: Paradyse Battle - fourth grade; and 3rd Place: Daniel Maddox - fifth grade. Good luck to Destiny at the Houston County Spelling Bee on February 10th!

February is Black History Month, and students will be engaged in a variety of activities and events to celebrate. Watch for more information to be sent home in the month.

A Girard Intermediate School "Souper Bowl" Can Food Drive started on January 28 and will conclude on February 19th. Students are encouraged to donate to our school's food drive. The class with the most cans donated will be awarded the Girard Intermediate Mustang Super Bowl Championship Trophy!

Important Information:

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

Attendance and On-time Arrival to school are very important to the success of your child's education. Be sure to notify your child's teacher and the office if your child is absent.

Our International Baccalaureate Parent Organization (IBPO) meeting and School Improvement Committee meeting are scheduled for **Tuesday, Feb. 23, 3:30 PM** in the Media Center (Physical Spacing will be in place and masks are required) or by Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98772410710?pwd=Ujk2S21qV243UW1YU1OZXpsTVY0UT09> Meeting ID: 987 7241 0710 Passcode: 852494. 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 with providing healthy snacks for your child.

Remember that students do not attend school on Monday, February 1st and Monday, February 15th (Teacher Work Days)