



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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2021

May

Welcome to May! Many exciting activities are schedule for May. The first week of May is Teacher Appreciation Week, and we value and appreciate our teachers at Girard Intermediate School! We are grateful for their work so that each child receives care, attention, and rigorous instruction for learning and success.

National Nurse's Day is Thursday, May 6th. We celebrate our school nurse Ms. Cotton for her dedication and conscientious care for the health and well-being of each and every student.

Our music teacher, Mrs. Anita Davis, has a special musical focus for May ~ *Musica Celebracion*, and honors May 5th, Cinco de Mayo. In the LinC classroom, Ms. Barkley's students will be creating art robots on May 4th ~ "*may the fourth be with you!*", says Ms. Barkley.

Earth Week was a major success for Girard Intermediate School. Students participated in a variety of events, from planting seeds to cleaning the school playgrounds to helping clear the flower beds, to classroom writing activities to students providing daily earth facts during the morning announcements. We are very proud of how our students and teachers worked together in support of our planet! The outstanding essays for Earth Week were selected. Congratulations to: Third Grade - Adrianna Cummings, Tysionna Lawton, and Iris Woods; Fourth Grade - Zoey Powell and Paradyse Battle; and Sixth Grade - London Russaw and Zierra Walker.

The Alabama Power Foundation has announced the grant winners for 2021: *Congratulations to Mrs. Teresa Carlson and Mrs. Anita Davis* for their award-winning grants that will provide materials to promote learning for the betterment of the classroom!

The school's benchmark testing, Measure of Academic Progress (MAP), has started and will continue in May. 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 getting a good night's sleep; medical professionals recommend nine to eleven hours of sleep per night for elementary students.

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!

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

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.

Important Dates: Monday, May 31, is Memorial Day and school will be closed. Last day of school is Tuesday, June 8th.