



FRANCES W. GREGORY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents,

On today, we are sending out our first TUESDAY FOLDER. Gregory Elementary School will send out Tuesday Folders that will contain essential school information, student checked schoolwork, school calendars, and other communications regarding school news and student progress. Parents can expect Tuesday Folders every Tuesday, and we need for parents to check the folders and send them pack on Wednesday mornings.

This Saturday, we are starting a Saturday detention that will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. After school detentions will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Students can be given a Saturday or after school detention if they commit certain disciplinary infractions. Parents must provide transportation for students that are given any of these detentions. Students that fail to serve Saturday detentions will not be allowed back in class until a mandatory parent conference is held.

Some students are coming to school with uniform infractions. Students with uniform infractions will be given after school or Saturday detentions and a notice to parents to alert them of the infraction. Some of the most common infractions include but are not limited to the following:

- Students that do not have belts every day (black, khaki, or brown)
- Students with the wrong color or type of shoes (black or brown tennis only)
- **Girls** with jewelry other than a watch and earrings smaller than a quarter. Girls with **make-up** and clothes that are **much too small**. Girls with small tight fitting jackets.
- **Boys and girls with hoodies**. Hooded jackets are not allowed.

Please be reminded that students are not permitted to bring cellular telephones or electronic devices of any kind on campus. These items will be collected, and parents will be permitted to pick them up at designated times.

Classroom and campus visitation

Parents that would like to meet and talk with classroom teachers can make an appointment with the school's front office personnel to meet teachers during their planning time. Parents or guardians are **not permitted** to go directly into buildings to meet with teachers during instructional time. The front office has an appointment binder with log sheets to document concerns that you would like administrators to address, or to request an appointment to meet with teachers during their ninety minute planning time each day.

Identification Cards

On Thursday, a photographer will **take I.D. card pictures** at Gregory School for all students in the third through eighth grade. The price for the Identification cards is **\$6.00**, that will include an identification card, lanyard, and a spare identification that we will keep on file in the school front office. We will maintain a database in case we have to generate a card in the future. Students will be required to wear their identification cards to keep them safe. Please send in the cost of the identification cards to your child's homeroom teacher in a sealed envelope.

Gregory T-Shirts

Gregory Gators have new T-shirts on the way! The new gator T-shirts will have our new logo, and also show our commitment to providing a stellar educational experience for all of our students. We are asking that all parents purchase The Gator shirts for every student. Gator shirts **will be required** for students attending field trips, and certain designated **dress down Fridays**. The cost of the shirts will be \$12.00, but parents do not have to start sending in money yet. The expected arrival for the shirts is September 18,

2009. Teachers will begin collecting money for T-shirts on September 21, 2009. After one initial collection, parents can see Ms. Labat in the school front office to purchase a Gregory T-shirt. T-shirts will also be available for purchase at the Gregory **open house** scheduled for September 24, 2009.

Gregory Open House

Gregory Open House is scheduled for September 24, 2009 from 2:30 until 6:30 p.m. Students are released at 1:15 p.m. that day. Parents will have a short meet and greet with administrators and staff in the cafeteria, then will be permitted to visit teachers for conferences in classrooms. The Gator Spirit shirts (**\$12.00**) will be sold during the open house, and parents that have not paid for the I.D. cards can also pay at that time.

Gregory Drill Team

Mr. Rene Gettridge, Mr. Leander (SHACK) Brown, Officer Phillip Martin, and **Mr. Michael Howard** are sponsoring a **Drill Team** at Francis W. Gregory School. Homeroom teachers are submitting recommendations and we are offering the opportunity to many students. The work and the commitment that these gentlemen exhibit have positively impacted the lives of many young people throughout New Orleans. The gentlemen will be available to speak with parents briefly during the Gregory Open House. We are sending out permission slips with students that are interested in participating. Please return them as soon as possible.

Math Probes and Testing

An assessment team from the Recovery School District will conduct MATH PROBE Assessment surveys with all of our students on Thursday September 3, 2009. The assessment will give us a clear picture of every students numeracy ability and mathematical knowledge, and help us to focus instruction to create meaningful engaged learning opportunities for all of our students.

TUESDAY FOLDERS

Parents, please send in four inexpensive pocket folders of one color to every student's homeroom teacher. We need those folders so that we can have them available for the Tuesday folders that parents can expect every Tuesday. Check the September and October calendar that we sent home today for important dates.

Important dates to remember

- Math Probe testing at Gregory elementary-September 3, 2009
- Student I.D. Pictures taken-all students-Please send in the \$6.00
- September 5, 2009-Saturday detention
- Labor Day Holiday-NO School-September 7, 2009
- **Thursday September 10, 2009**-students dismissed at 1:15 p.m.
- Progress reports issued-September 18, 2009
- Student early dismissal (1:15)-parent open house-2:30-6:30-**September 24, 2009**
- Gator shirt only-Dress down day-\$1.00-September 25, 2009
- Scholastic Book Fair-Media Center-**September 28-29, 2009**

Educationally Yours,

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Gregory Elementary School Principal