

Grimes Elementary

Grimes Attracts the Best!

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In the News...

Fall Awards Ceremony:

The following individuals were nominated and honored at the Area II Fall Awards Ceremony on November 15th. Students, Sophie Katz and Jaxon Richins for their outstanding citizenship and good character. Ms. Susie Fisher, Kindergarten Teacher, for her dedication to her students and Grimes School, Mrs. Bobbi Richins, Support Personnel, for always going above and beyond, Paul and Amber Munoz, Community Members, for their extraordinary support of Grimes Elementary School, Students and Staff. Thank you all for being



exceptional role models. We appreciate all that you do. Grimes truly does "Attract the Best!"

Turkey Feathers-I am thankful for... We hope you enjoyed the turkeys in the building. In the early childhood area, there was a turkey posted with feathers of the Pre-K and Kindergarten students and in the front foyer in front of the entrance to our Magnetic Grill, the 3rd-5th graders posted their "I am thankful for..." feathers. We had a beautiful display of thankfulness. Look for your child's feather to come home this week.

Ornaments-My wish for this holiday season is... Mrs.



Richins will be working on a Holiday Wall Tree with ornaments to be on display in the Magnetic Grill. Come by in December and check it out!

Please remember to dress for the weather. If your child is missing a coat, jacket, sweater or pull-over, please check the **lost & found** in the Magnetic

National PTA 2005-2006 Reflections Program "I wonder why..."

PTA Reflections entries are due to Mrs. Pruitt by Wednesday, December 8, 2005. Official entry forms and guidelines are available in the main office. Students may submit entries in the following categories: Photography, Visual Arts, and/or

the Musical Composition. This year's theme is "I wonder why..." We've had several students from Grimes



Elementary recognized for their entries at the state level. We look forward to this year's entries!

Dates to Remember

Root beer float sale-lunch .50/ea	Dec 2
PTA Fun Run Assembly 2 p.m.	2
Mazzio's Pizza Lunch -- Cafeteria	7
ORFF/Strings Program	7 7 p.m.
Reflections Due - "I wonder why..."	8
PTA Meeting---Library	13 6 p.m.
"Creativity 101" Dr. Goff	13 6:30 p.m.
Spirit Day-- "Mismatch Day"	16
NO ORFF	19-21
Winter Program 12:45	21 p.m.
Winter Parties	2 21 p.m.
Winter Break -- NO CLASSES	22-1/2
Classes Resume	Jan 3
End of 2nd Quarter	11
MLK Jr. Birthday - NO CLASSES	16
Class Group/Activity Pictures	18
Report Cards Issued	24

Opportunities in Gifted and Talented Education for Parents

Opportunities for parents to learn more about Gifted and Talented. Dr. Kathy Goff will be offering education in the Grimes Magnetic Grill (cafeteria) from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

December 13—"Creativity 101"

This session will focus on defining and understanding creativity, how creativity relates to learning and ways for parents to encourage their children's strengths, talents and creativity.

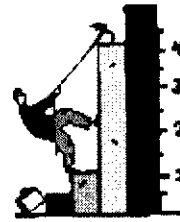
February 21—"Creative Problem Solving"

This session will focus on a 4 step creative problem solving process, the importance of using creativity to solve problems and finding positive, productive solutions.

April 6—"Brain Research and Development" This session will focus on best practice brain research and relationships to learning and brain development.

Kathy Goff is an inventor, creativity researcher and entrepreneur, in addition to her work at Grimes. She currently teaches

Introduction to Gifted and Talented at Oklahoma State University. Dr. Goff has a doctoral degree from the University of Georgia. She worked for Dr. E. Paul Torrance as his research assistant while at UGA. Dr. Goff has authored numerous books, including: *Creativity for Success, Everyday Creativity and Multicultural Mentoring for the Gifted & Talented* by Torrance, Goff-Satterfield.



PTA Sponsored Classroom Parties

Homeroom parents should be contacting you shortly in preparation for our winter parties scheduled for Wednesday, December 21st. Morning Pre-K students will have their party at 10 a.m. Afternoon Pre-K students thru 5th grade will have their parties at 2 p.m. Homeroom parents, please remember to check with your child's teacher before making plans. Parents, we thank you in advance for your contributions and support in making your child's classroom

party a success. Without you, we wouldn't be able to provide our students with the very best that they deserve.



Winter Program—Parents, you are invited to Grimes Elementary School's first annual Winter Program. Please join us at 12:45 p.m. in the gymnasium. The program will begin promptly at 1 p.m. and class parties will follow.

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." ~ Hamilton Wright

Student Council Success and Transfer Information

Student Council Salvation Army Canned Food Drive—We have had a wonderful canned food drive at Grimes Elementary this year! Thank you for your help and support of our annual service project.

Fifth Grade Middle School Visitations and Shadowing—Fifth Grade Parents, please be on the look out for information from area middle schools on times for open houses,

visitations and shadowing. If you are interested in visiting any of these middle schools, please call the 6th grade counselor at each individual location.

Transfer applications for 2006-2007—Transfers will be accepted from January 17th until February 17th 2006. Those transfers will be processed and parents will be notified by the end of this 2005-2006

school year whether their applications have been accepted.

If you have moved out of the Grimes District and intend to have your student(s) return for the following school year, please remember to apply for a transfer by the February 17th deadline. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Jane Imhoff, Elementary Transfers at 746-6335.