

Gardner's Good News

August 25, 2009

Week #2

Upcoming Dates:

- **NO SCHOOL** on September 7th. "Labor Day" holiday.
- September 24th is **FALL FESTIVAL FAMILY NIGHT** from 5:30 to 7:00 p. m.
- **Wear school colors (black and gold) on FRIDAYS** of home games and get a **FREE** ticket to see the **TROJANS!**

Welcome to Gardner!

Gardner Magnet School welcomes new staff members this year:

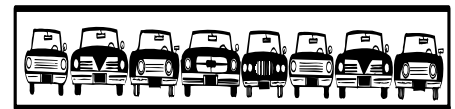
Our new teachers: Mrs. Christie Bellomy, Mr. Chance Bankhead, and Ms. Rae West.

Our new support persons: Amy Snider, Christie Beaty, Deborah Clevenger, Cathy Dean, Dawn Utsey, and Christie Green.

This year's theme is: **GEAR UP FOR GRADUATION!** We are striving for each student's eventual graduation. Stop by the bulletin board in the center hallway and see our staff members in their caps and gowns.

In a few weeks, stop by our classrooms and see our students in caps and gowns!

We are looking forward to **EACH** Gardner students' academic success!



ATTENTION PARENTS WHO PICK UP STUDENTS IN VEHICLES:

Please remember your **CAR RIDER ID CARD** is to be displayed on the dash of your vehicle when you pick up a child.

If you don't have an **ID CARD**, speak with the ladies in the office and they will be glad to give you as many as you need. *-Thanks!*



TROJAN

VARSITY FOOTBALL:

- September 4th at J. A. Fair
- September 11th HERE at 7:00
- September 18th at Arkadelphia
- September 25th at Robinson

YMCA Adventure Guides

The YMCA Adventure Guides is a family program for boys and girls in K-4 grades. It's designed to foster a lifetime of understanding and companionship and to strengthen the relationship between children and parents.

For more information about joining attend one of two information meetings with your child. **TUESDAY**, September 15th or **THURSDAY**, September 18th, 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the YMCA.

Grandparents can also

join so don't forget to call or attend one of the meetings.

YMCA
130 Werner Street
Hot Springs
623-8803

Conference Periods This Year

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Each classroom teacher has a conference period. If you need to set up a conference, just call Mrs. Loe or Mrs. Graham at 620-7822 and they will be glad to assist you.

THIRD GRADE:
9:45-10:30
FOURTH GRADE:
10:30-11:15

Here are the times for conferences:

KINDERGARTEN:

1:15-2:00

FIRST GRADE:

12:30-1:15

SECOND GRADE:

9:00-9:45



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MOMS

Going back to school is smart, but pricey. That's why PROJECT WORKING MOMS (and DADS) was established.

You can win \$4,000.00 to pursue an online degree at any college. The deadline to enter is August 31, 2009. **Visit:** www.elearners.com

The mission of the Hot Springs School District is to assure that all students have the essential skills to compete in a global society, value and respect diversity and possess the ethical standards of integrity.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

by Mrs. Snider

So often I am asked, "How can I help my child do better in school?" Besides the usual responses, "Volunteer at school, get to know your child's teacher, and join the Gardner Parent Network," I have compiled a few helpful ideas. They can make a great difference in your child's academic success.

1. Listen to your child. Encourage your child to talk about daily school events.
2. Praise your child. Recognizing and praising your child's effort will reinforce learning.
3. Be patient with your child. Even though you may have explained how to do something once, your child may need your to explain again. He or she may make the same

- mistake several times before getting it right. Don't be discouraged. Some experts say that new learning may take at least fifteen repetitions before mastery can occur. It is more important that you do not become angry or impatient. Learning does not take place in a tense and fearful environment. If you or your child becomes frustrated, just take a break.
4. Recognize your child's unique talents and abilities. Avoid comparing your child to other children. Some children learn faster than other children. Remember that not all children learn to walk, talk, or cut their first teeth on the same day

at the same time. Praise and encourage your child's accomplishments as they happen.

5. Develop good homework habits. Try to provide a quiet well-lit place for studying and reading. Make sure there is room for books, paper, pencils, and other tools. Never underestimate the power of snuggle time together while sharing a good book. Children remember stories.

At Gardner we are ON THE ROAD TO GRADUATION and want the road to be as smooth as possible for your child.

Email me at snidera@hssd.net or call 501-620-7822 if I can assist you.

What's HIPPY?

HIPPY stands for "Home Instruction For Parents of Preschool Youngsters."

The coordinator for Garland County is Cathy McCrary. She can be reached by calling 501-623-2073.

If you know someone who would like to learn how to work with their preschooler and help him/her get ready for

School, give Ms. McCrary a call and she will be happy to get back with you.

Wouldn't it be great if ALL entering Kindergarteners were on or above grade level?

