

# Gary School Newsletter

JANUARY 2023

## A NOTE FROM MRS. CORREA

### **Welcome Back and Happy New Year!**

I hope everyone has had the time to unplug, unwind, and enjoy family and friends during Winter Break! The start of a new year is an exciting time to reflect on our year and set new goals. I am working on ideas to track and recognize students for the reading that they do outside of the school day. One of the best ways to become a better reader is to read, read, and read some more! I would like to see children in kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade reading for at least 30 minutes at home. Older children should be working towards reading an hour at home. Children can read to you, to themselves, to younger siblings, baby cousins, dogs, cats, a doll, or anyone that they love. Make a family reading goal and post it in your home! I would love to see pictures of them. You can text them to 630-398-0023 or email them to me at [correaa@wego33.org](mailto:correaa@wego33.org).

One way that we will be helping our Cougars become better readers is by offering time with teachers after school. We are excited to launch our after school ASAP program. The program will run after school until 5:30. Parents will need to pick their children up afterwards, as there is not bus transportation. Fill out [the form](#), if you are interested in signing your child up. If you are signing up more than one child, you will need to fill out a form for each of the children.

Amie Correa

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA WAS A HIT! THANKS TO  
EVERYONE THAT CAME OUT.



TIME WITH FAMILY



PHOTO WITH SANTA

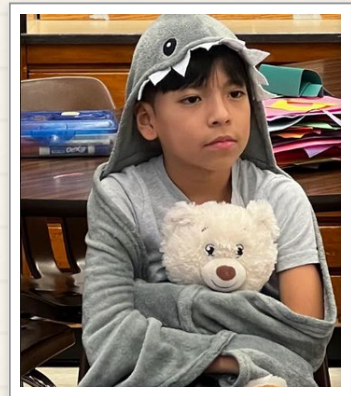


ARTS AND CRAFTS





A BIG THANK YOU TO SANTA AND PTO FOR AN AWESOME LAST DAY BEFORE WINTER BREAK. THE HALLS AND CLASSROOMS WERE FILLED WITH MATH GAMES, SONGS, LAUGHTER, AND GIFTS FOR ALL OF OUR COUGARS, ALL WHILE WEARING OUR PAJAMAS! WE EVEN HAD A SPECIAL GUEST READER, SUPERINTENDENT DAVIS!









## WE NEED YOUR IDEAS, EXPERTISE AND HELP!

PTO would love to have you join us! We meet in the Gary School Library from 6 to 7. The remaining dates are listed below.

February 1

March 8

April 5

May 3

June 7

Kindergarten  
ROUND UP

## CALLING ALL 4 AND 5 YEAR OLD FUTURE COUGARS!

The office has sent home [this form](#) with your child. If you have a child that will be in kindergarten, please fill it out and send it back to the teacher.





## IAR PRACTICE

District office has put together a practice calendar, [Elementary 2023 IAR Practice](#) for us to prepare for IAR. Teachers will be using this calendar to work with your children. Please, as you have time, look over the questions as well with your children. It will be a nice review/reteach opportunity for them to do the same questions a second time with you.



## ART SHOWS

There are a few art events coming up! The district art shows are listed below. For each art show, depending on the size, Ms. Walker can select 2-5 works of art from each grade level. Please encourage your children to submit a work of art that makes them feel proud. Students

have discussed that a finished work of art takes time. Typically a "finished" work of art should take at least two art classes. If students are making art at home this would equate to approximately 1-2 hours of their time.

**Upcoming district art shows:**

- March 1st, 2022 @ The ARC Center 5-7pm
- May 11th, 2022 @ Lemay Middle School 5-6:30pm



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