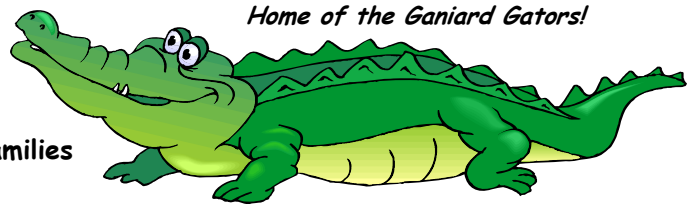


Ganiard Gazette

A Newsletter
for Ganiard Families



Home of the Ganiard Gators!

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Check our Calendar:

Mon. Jan. 12th
6:15 PTO Mtg.

Mon., Jan 19
NO SCHOOL
M. L. King Birthday

Fri. Jan. 23rd
End of First Semester
NO SCHOOL for students
Professional Development
for Staff

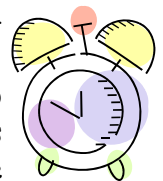
Thurs. Jan. 29th
Science Fair
6:00-7:00



Late Arrivals and Early Departures

Getting back into the "2009 School Groove" has been difficult for some of our families. This week we have experienced an unusually large number of tardy students and also requests for early releases. This morning, 15 students were tardy! That means 15 times teachers had to stop instruction to catch a child up, while the rest of students in the class had their learning interrupted. Lunch counts and attendance records had to be adjusted. The same situation occurs at the end of the day when students are picked up early—instruction stops for the remaining students while the teacher takes his or her focus off the whole class to dismiss one student. This is a very frustrating situation for teachers and detrimental to our students' education.

The MPPS District has an attendance policy which includes referrals to the truancy officer for tardies over 20%. Tardiness and early releases are NOT a small issue impacting only your child. Please help us improve this situation.



Calling All Scientists & Mathematicians!

Proposals for Science/Math Fair projects are due to teachers on Monday, January 12th for final approval. **No projects with soft drinks or gum will be approved.** Any projects involving liquids or food will be set up in the cafeteria rather than the gym in order to maintain the floor. Cardboard "show boards" will be available for purchase later this month. Projects will be shared with peers during the day on January 29th and will be available for parents to view from 6:00-7:00.



Student Council Supports Soup Kitchen

Over 600 pounds of food and \$123 from candy grams was donated to the Soup Kitchen located south of our building on Adams Street. Thanks to Mrs. Castellon and the Student Council members and all those who contributed to this worthy cause in our neighborhood.

MPPS Mission Statement
Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, together with our community, inspires each student through exceptional educational opportunities to become an engaged citizen in a diverse, changing world.

Successful Music Concert

Ganiard students proudly demonstrated their musical talents during our Holiday Concert on December 17th. Without question, it was a record setting crowd that displayed understanding and graciousness as we asked the audience to change with each grade level's presentation. Although it was crowded and parking was horrible, we hope to have more student performances in the future.



REMINDERS

1. After school pick-up is in the cafeteria.
2. Label snow pants and lunch boxes.
3. Read to/with your child every day.
4. Bring an extra pair of dry socks for sloppy playground days.