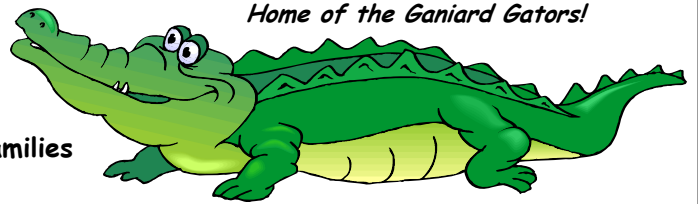


Ganiard Gazette

A Newsletter
for Ganiard Families



Home of the Ganiard Gators!

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Check our Calendar:

Fri. October 9th

Homecoming Parade
and Football game

Tues. October 13

MEAP begins

Fri. October 16

Picture Retakes

Mon. October 19

PTO meeting 6:15PM

Fri. October 30th

Halloween Parade
2:15 PM

Halloween Party

6:30-

8:00 PM



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.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS / DELAYS

Parents and family members may look for information regarding school closings or delays on the following TV and

radio stations:

Channel 18-MPPS TV
TV Channels 4 and 7
WNEM-TV Channel 5
WWUP-Channel 9/10
WJRT-TV Channel 12
News Center 25 WEYI
WCEN-FM Tri-Cities
WUGN-Midland
WCMU-FM
CFX-95 FM
WMMI-Mt. Pleasant
WGKI-Fox 32 Cadillac
WFYC

HAVE YOU SEEN ALL THE NEW FACES?

There are several new faces at Ganiard Elementary. We are very excited to have them as part of our Ganiard team!

Mrs. Stout-Principal

Mrs. Mogg-Librarian

Mrs. Fransted-Speech Therapist

Mrs. Burdick-Resource Room

Mrs. Patera-3rd/4th

Ms. Alexander-Kindergarten

Ms. Woods-Kindergarten

Mr. Straka-Maintenance

Mrs. Miller, Maintenance

Box Tops for Education Contest!

Bring in the most box tops for your class count and win a Pizza Party! Each student will receive one "Gator Count Sheet" to fill with box top you have been collecting. Pick up more sheets as you need them. The first contest starts on Oct. 12th and ends on Nov. 13th. For a complete list of participating products, please visit www.boxtops4education.com.

SCHOOL PICTURES Retakes

Friday, October 16th.

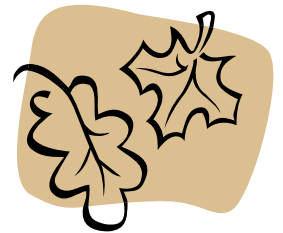
Return your picture package to school for automatic retakes. You may also pick up a flyer from the office for first time photos or if you want a second new set.

Yearbooks can still be ordered. Pick up a flyer before retakes.

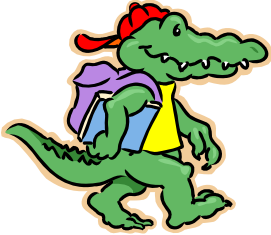
Cooler Weather

Fall has arrived—as well as cooler morning temperatures!

Please make sure your child is prepared to go outside in the morning and at recess. Layers can always be removed and those light weight gloves are great for the morning chills!



Good Ideas for Ganiard Gators:



Welcome to
new Ganiard
Gators!

*Please check
the enclosed
flyer describing
the
opportunities
offered during
our after school
PEAK
program.*

- Return your completed emergency card to school as soon as possible. Be sure to add the names of someone we can contact, if we are unable to reach parents.
- Label all of your belongings, including lunch boxes and backpacks.
- **Avoid purchasing large backpacks with wheels.** Backpacks must fit into a locker that is shared with another student. No "trapper keepers" please.
- Wear shoes that allow for running, jumping, and climbing on the equipment. **No wheels in sneakers at school.**
- Wear clothes that cover the midriff and underwear. Straps on shirts should be "two fingers" wide. Shorts should be at child's fingertips or longer when arm is dropped to the side.
- Avoid necklaces or hood strings that could get caught on equipment.
- Review school rules about bringing anything to school that could be considered a weapon. Penalties are severe, regardless of child's age.
- **Keep trading cards and electronic games at home.**

Before and After School Options

Supervision of the playground will begin at 8:20 each school day. Please do not drop students off prior to that time. Breakfast will be available at 8:20 each day. **If you need child care prior to 8:20, there will be a School Age Child Care (SACC) program available for a small charge that opens at 7:00 A.M. each day.**

Call Karen or Pam at 775-2340 for additional information on this program.

Our after school **PEAK** program runs from 3:45 to 5:45. A description of the program with a registration form is being sent to all families with this newsletter. If you did not receive the information, please contact Mrs. Lisa Gomez at the Ganiard School Office at 775-2240.



Medications and Medical Alerts

If your child has a special medical condition such as asthma or allergies, please make sure that his or her teacher is aware of the conditions on the first day of school. Also, please complete your child's emergency card as soon as possible. Be sure to list someone in addition to parents as a contact in case we are

unable to reach either parent in an emergency.

In addition, if your child needs to take medication at school, **PARENTS must bring the medication to school in the original container and complete a medical release form.** It is a violation of school policy for students to transport drugs/medication to

school themselves. Please help us keep all of our children safe.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions on these guidelines.

REMINDER

For security reasons, all doors, except the front door, are locked. All visitors are expected to sign in at the office and wear a guest nametag while in our school.

