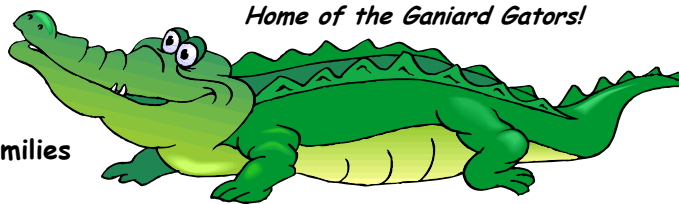


# Ganiard Gazette

A Newsletter  
for Ganiard Families



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## Check our Calendar:

**Wed., Aug. 27th**

Class lists posted

**Thurs., Aug. 28th**

2 PM to 3 PM "Sneak Peak"  
Find your classroom.

**Tues., Sept. 2nd**

8:40-11:52 HALF DAY

**NO Kindergarten**

**Wed., Sept. 3rd**

All 1-4 students.

**Kindergarteners with  
last names A-L.**

**Thurs., Sept. 4th**

All 1-4 students.

**Kindergarteners with  
last names M-Z.**

**Friday, Sept. 5th**

All 1-4 and all kinder-  
garteners all day

**\*School Pictures\***

**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 Safety at Transition Times

The fifteen minutes before and after school each day present numerous challenges to students, teachers, and parents as we move almost 370 children in and out of Ganiard School. In an effort to make these transitions as safe as possible, please follow these guidelines:

### WALKERS

Walking students are expected to stay on sidewalks and cross the main streets only near the building where adult crossing guards are stationed to assist them. (Adams @ Fessenden & Broadway @ Adams)

### BUS STUDENTS

All bus students will load and unload on Adams Street between the parking lot exit and the Broadway intersection. This is a strictly enforced NO PARKING ZONE during school hours and dismissal.

### PARENT DROP-OFF-Curbside only!

No drop-offs will be allowed behind the parked cars on Livingston Street by the playground. Instead, please drop at the curbs surrounding the large playground field OR enter the SOUTH parent parking lot and drop students at the curb near the school building, then exit onto Adams Street.

### PARENT PICK-UP

To lessen hallway chaos and allow teachers to keep track of all of their students at the end of the day, all parents coming into the building for pick up will be asked to wait in the cafeteria for their child. (The East cafeteria door will be unlocked at 3:30.) Teachers will deliver students to the cafeteria at the bell. The front of the building is supervised until 4:00 PM. The easiest option to avoid hunting for a parking spot and getting out of the car is to have students wait in front with the supervisor. After the buses leave, you may pull up to the curb at 3:50 to collect your child. Another good option is to park near the crossing guard posts and arrange to have your child meet you there.

## Welcome Back!

We are excited to welcome new and "old" students back for the 2008-2009 school year! You will find both new and familiar faces on the staff who all are excited to start the new year.

Students are invited to do a **"Sneak Peak"** from 2-3 PM on Thursday, Aug. 28th to see where their classroom is located and to meet classroom teachers.

## SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures are  
scheduled for

**Friday, September 5th.**

Look for a flyer from the  
company coming home with  
your child early in the week  
to check out the options.

Orders should be returned  
on Friday. Yearbooks will be  
ordered separately.

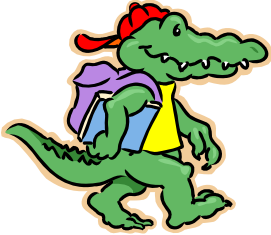
## Breakfast & Lunch Available

Breakfast will be available on the first half day of school. Lunch money should be delivered to the lunch server in an envelope with the child's name and teacher indicated on the outside. Checks should be addressed to Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. Your child's account will be credited with the amount deposited, and the money will be available whenever your child wants to buy lunch or breakfast.

Breakfast costs \$1.25 and a hot lunch is \$1.95. Milk is \$.30. Applications for free and reduced lunches will be available on Tuesday.



## Good Ideas for Ganiard Gators:



Welcome to  
new Ganiard  
Gators!

- 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. **Flip-flops wearers are limited to hardtop only. 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.**

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

## 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.

