



Gibson Gazette

All Students are Ready, Responsible and Respectful

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Next Week's Calendar

The week begins with Day 1

Sunday 9/10
Grandparent's Day

Monday 9/11
PTA Meeting 6:30 PM

Tuesday 9/12
Run Club Begins 8 AM

Friday 9/15
Early Dismissal 2:20

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Don't forget to update PowerSchool



The screenshot shows the PowerSchool login interface. It includes a 'Student and Parent Sign In' header, a 'Sign In' button, and a 'Create Account' link. Below these are fields for 'Select Language' (set to English), 'Username', and 'Password'. A 'Forgot Username or Password?' link is located below the password field. A 'Sign In' button is at the bottom right of the form.

As we start a new school year, please make sure your address, phone number and email are up to date on PowerSchool the link is: <https://pscr.gwaea.org/public/>

We use this information for publication of student work, field trips and emergency contact information. This year we will have a traveling news report that will be in classrooms, playground and cafeteria. We want to make sure the students that will be on the news cast have the proper permission for publication. Please make sure you have

answered all the questions in the "e-registration" on PowerSchool. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Busch at 319-558-2920 or dbusch@cr.k12.ia.us

Hula Hooping for Houston

The Cedar Rapids community knows too well the devastation flood waters can bring to a community. Some of our school families in Palo faced flooding in their homes just last year. As we watch the tragedy unfold in Houston, we feel compelled to help and to teach our students the power of kindness and collaboration.

We have chosen to "adopt" Bear Creek Elementary, a school in Houston that has sustained significant damage. This school is in need of supplies and repair and the school families have lost their homes and possessions. On Friday, September 8, we will host "Hula Hooping for Houston" to raise money to help the Bear Creek Cougars.

During their specials time, each grade level will come together on the blacktop and practice their hula hooping skills. This project will work similarly to Jump Rope for Heart in that we're asking each student to gather donations to put toward the relief effort.

We are seeking parent volunteers who want to be part of this special day and who can help us make it a positive experience for all involved. Thank you in advance for the time and energy you choose to share!

Please click on the Sign Up Genius logo to volunteer.



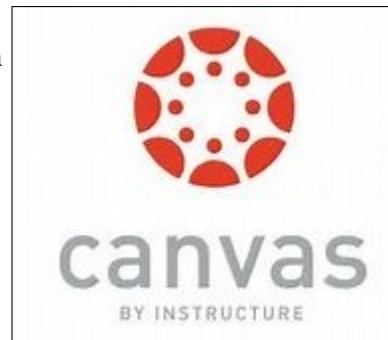
We welcome our youngest learners!

The first day of morning and afternoon pre-school classes was Tuesday, September 5th.

Morning classes meet from 8:50-11:50 AM and afternoon classes are from 12:50-3:50 PM.

Setting up your Parent Portal in Canvas

Canvas is an online learning management tool used by teachers and students throughout our district. It is a communication tool as well as an interactive learning tool. It will be utilized by each classroom teacher in ways appropriate for their grade level. Teachers can send announcements and post assignments through Canvas. Students have access to Canvas in a variety of ways. They can receive announcements, assignments, and calendar notifications. Some students submit assignments, participate in discussions (like blogs), and take quizzes on Canvas. Your child's classroom teacher will share more about how they will be utilizing Canvas this year. For some that will mean a class homepage, announcements, and calendar events. For others, this will mean assignments, discussions, and quizzes.



As a parent, you can create a parent account. You will be able to receive announcements, view things posted on a classroom calendar, and view what your child views on Canvas. You will only see what your child sees, so privacy is maintained when it comes to assignments and grading.

If you set up a parent account for you child, it will continue to be active through high school so no need to create a new one every year.

If you haven't created a parent account yet, please take a few minutes to get one set up. Click on this document link to get started:

[Getting Started Using the Parent Portal in Canvas](#)

If you have an account for an older child, you can add multiple students to your parent portal. Click this document link:

[Adding Multiple Students \(Parent Portal in Canvas\)](#)

Student Health Information—School Nurse

Health Information—The school should be informed of any significant health conditions your student may have. There is a form on the e-registration provided specifically for health conditions and medication. Some information may need to be shared with other staff members. If the condition requires special adjustment in the school environment, the school nurse should be contacted. Any changes in students' health status during the school year should be communicated to the school nurse or health secretary. If your student needs to be on medication, the medication will be stored in the health clinic and dispensed by the

health secretary or other designee according to the orders of the healthcare provider. Students are not allowed to have medications with them during the school day.

School Nurse—A nurse, in a resource and consulting role, serves each Cedar Rapids Community School. Nurses have multiple buildings; therefore, they will be available to staff through a paging system and cell phones via the health secretary. The nurse coordinates the school-based management of health problems with the students, families, health care providers, and the teaching staff. She/he counsels with students

with health related concerns, participates in Child Study Team discussions, assists in presenting Family Life materials, and follows-up on vision and hearing referrals made by GWAEA. It is the nurse's responsibility to supervise the school health office, including medication administration and provide appropriate in-service for the health secretary and other personnel assigned to assist in the health office. The school nurse will develop a health plan for students with health conditions that may affect school performances.



2017 Running Club begins September 12

Attention all Viola Gibson Students, Parent Volunteers, and Financial Sponsors!

This program is offered to all students at Viola Gibson. It helps to teach students the importance of exercise, the basics of running, and good health. We will meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 am.

The 2017 Running Club will start on Tuesday, September 12th at 8am in the gym and will end with the Marion Turkey Trot in November. Running Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 8am. Sign up through this email and also look for a permission slip to be sent home this week. (If you are unable to attend the Turkey Trot you are still able to be part of Running Club).

Financial sponsors are also needed.

If you know of a business that would like to help or if you would personally like to donate, please let us know soon. Also, remember some businesses might participate in a matching donation program if you choose to donate personally. Money donated to the program is used to provide a t-shirt to each student

involved.

Parents: If you would like to volunteer, please sign up too! If you would like a t-shirt, please mark the size and send a check for \$15 per parent t-shirt. If you have other family members that will run in the Turkey Trot and would like a t-shirt for them, please let us know and send in \$15 per shirt.

Please see the Sign Up Genius link below for sign up information. When signing up your child, click 'sign up', enter the shirt size when prompted at the comment section, and then click 'display alternate name' and please enter your child's name in this space.



If you have any questions or know of a sponsor, please contact:

Coach Murray at cmurray@cr.k12.ia.us or

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At Viola Gibson, we believe in teaching the whole child. As a staff, we are committed to making sure **all** students and staff feel safe and secure in their learning environment. We all feel tension and stress and need to find positive ways to cope with that stress. Our goal is to help students and staff find mindful moments during their day to uplift their thoughts and share empathy with those around them.

We are creating “Mindful Spaces” in our classrooms and in our building that will give students and staff an area to build positive intentions for the day. With your generous donation, we will be able to purchase a complete class set of yoga mats, plants, beanbag chairs, inspiring pictures, children’s books about mindfulness, teacher resources about mindfulness, and fish. With the start of the school year quickly approaching, we would like to start with the yoga mats. The cost of all these things is \$2000. One Mission is a wonderful way for you to support our school and get something really good in return!

Fundraising for this initiative began on August 4, and will on November 1, 2017. Visit the Viola Gibson fundraising page to learn more or to donate: <https://onemission.fund/support/vg-mindfulness/>

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The *Gibson Gazette* is a weekly school eNewsletter sponsored by your PTA for the students, parents, staff and supporters of Viola Gibson Elementary.

All submittals are welcome and will be used at staff's discretion and as space allows. All submittals and questions should be directed to the following email address:

gibsongazette@gmail.com.

Submittal deadline is Friday for publication on the following Thursday.

Non-Discrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Cedar Rapids Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (employment only), marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic status (students/program only) in its educational programs and its employment practices.

There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. District employees with questions or a grievance related to this policy should contact Rodrick Dooley, Executive Director of Human Resources, rdooley@cr.k12.ia.us 319-558- 2000. Students and others should contact Ken Morris, Jr., Manager of Student Equity/Title IX Coordinator, kmorris@cr.k12.ia.us or Paul Hayes, Director of Learning Supports/504 Compliance Officer phayes@cr.k12.ia.us 319-558- 2000. The District mailing address is 2500 Edgewood Rd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405-1015.



Gator Pride!

Looking Ahead

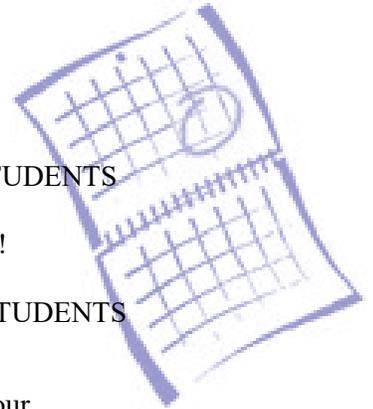
Important Upcoming Dates

October

Monday, 10/2—Staff Learning Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Monday, 10/9—PTA Meeting 6:30 PM
Tuesday, 10/10—Fall Picture Day—We can use volunteers!
Friday, 10/20—America Reads Day
Monday, 10/30—Staff Progress Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

November

Sunday, 11/5—Daylight Saving Time Ends; Fall Back 1 Hour
Tuesday, 11/7—Election Day
Saturday, 11/11—Veterans Day



Virtual Backpack Links

Here are this week's additions to the Virtual Backpack. Missed something? Access earlier "VB" posts by clicking the link below.*

[To visit the CRCSD Virtual Backpack, click here](#)

**The posting of this flyer in no way suggests endorsement of the program by the Cedar Rapids Community School District.*

[Toys for Tots Registration](#)

[Upward Cheer Clinic](#)

[Cedar Rapids Ice Arena September Event Newsletter](#)

[Girl Scout Back to School Bowling Event](#)

[Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation Fall Programs](#)

[FREE KIDS MOVIE NIGHT - SING](#)

[Nancy Patrick Studio - Piano/Voice Lessons](#)

[CREATURE FEATURE: An 8 week class at The Eastern Iowa Arts Academy](#)

[Register for ART AND MUSIC fall classes at the Eastern Iowa Arts Academy](#)

[Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk/5K](#)

[College Sitter Contact Childcare Service](#)

[MOvMNT Dance Collective Audition](#)

[Try Out Dance Today!](#)

[Try Out Music Lessons Today!](#)