

Ganado Unified School District Newsletter

Month of December 2023

DISTRICT WIDE (928) 755-1000
School Alert System (844) 771-7190
Security (928) 755-1110
24 hour (928) -205-7666

Lunch Menu

Monday

Grilled Cheese Sand.
Tomato Soup
Celery Sticks
French Fries
Fresh Fruit
Choice Milk

Tuesday

Hamburger WG Bun
Tomato Slice
Potato Wedges
Fruit Cups
Choice of Milk

Wednesday

Bean Burrito
Mexicali Corn
Romaine Salad
Fresh Fruit
Salsa
Choice of Milk

Thursday

Greek Chicken Salad
w/ Wheat Slice Bread
Carrot Sticks
Baked Chips
Fresh Fruit
Choice of Milk

Friday

Greek Chicken Salad
w/ Wheat Slice Bread
Carrot Sticks
Baked Chips
Fresh Fruit
Choice of Milk

Upcoming Events

December 12- IEC/PAC mtg. at 5:30 pm
December 14- Regular Board Mtg. at 6pm
December 19 - End of 2nd Qtr.
December 19 End of 2nd Qtr.
Dec. 20 - Jan. 2 - WINTER BREAK
January 1- New Year
January 3- Start of 3rd Qtr.
January 15 - Martin Luther King (No School/Work)
January 31 - Professional Development

GANADO USD GOVERNING BOARD RESPONSE TO AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

The Ganado USD Governing Board would like to greet our students, staff, parents, grandparents, relatives, and stakeholders through K'e (A System of Kinship) and address raised concerns of the findings in the recent Arizona Auditor General's report for Ganado USD. The Governing Board reviewed and accepted the findings and conclusions of the Arizona Auditor General's Report for Fiscal Year 2019 through January 2023 in Report No. 23-205 on November 16, 2023. The Board acknowledges that there is always room for improvement in the operation of our schools, and the Board is committed to continued improvement. The period of this audit report encompassed the entirety of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, which was a difficult and trying time for all schools, particularly those on the Navajo Nation. The Board takes its oversight responsibilities seriously and has, and will continue to, act in the best interest of all District students.

There is a corrective action plan in place and the Governing Board is committed to continuing to work with the Auditor General's office to remedy all audit findings and ensure the identified deficiencies will not be repeated. This responsibility falls on all of us, and we are committed to addressing these findings as a team without assigning blame to individuals. Our goal is to move forward and implement solutions to improve each year. We appreciate all the support and understanding as the district works toward addressing these challenges. The Governing Board plans to follow our district mission to ensure all students a quality education and strengthen Dine' Cultural values for life-long learning. Together, we will strive to make positive changes for the benefit of our district and community. If you should have any questions or additional concerns, the Governing Board and Superintendent would be happy to take your call at 928-755-1018.

**Happy
Holidays**



GANADO PRIMARY SCHOOL
755-1200/755-1202 FAX
Dr. Jacquelyne Wauneka, Principal

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Class starts at 8:30am and ends at 3:20pm. Breakfast is served at 7:45am–8:30am. It is important that your child be at school on time, prepared, and ready to learn!
- Pre-Kindergarten check-in time is at 7:50am–2:30pm. Classes are Monday thru Friday.
- The weather is getting colder, please send your child in warm coats, hats, and mittens. Please label belongings with your child's name.
- NO BUS PASSES!! please send a note with your child, or email, or fax to (928)755-1202; no later than 12:00pm. We will not accept phone. No check outs after 2:30pm
- If your child is coughing, sneezing, complaining of body aches or has a runny nose, please DO NOT send them to school.
- If you have any questions, please contact the Primary School Front Office at (928)755-1200.

GANADO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
755-1300/755-1302 FAX
Mrs. Corrina Begay, Principal

- December 7th – Winter Bazaar– GIS Gym 4–7 P.M.
- December 11th – 3rd grade Movie Night at 4–6 P.M.
- December 12th – 4th grade Movie Night at 4 – 6 P.M.
- December 13th – Christmas Carnival at 4–7 P.M.
- December 14th – 5th grade Movie Night at 4 – 6 P.M.
- December 15th – Winter Dance at 2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M. in GIS Gym.
- The Ganado Intermediate School will be opening its doors to welcome Tutoring for their students (Mon–Tues & Thurs – Fri) and a Literacy Program (Every Tuesday).
- If your child is absent more than one day, please inform the Attendance/Register (Shelia.Pete@ganado.k12.az.us) at your child's school. In any event please bring in doctor's note, written note, or contact the school via email pertaining to why your child has/will miss school.
- We look forward to providing a safe and adequate environment for our students.



GANADO MIDDLE SCHOOL
(928) 755-1411/755-1400
Ms. Leandra Begay

Reminders:

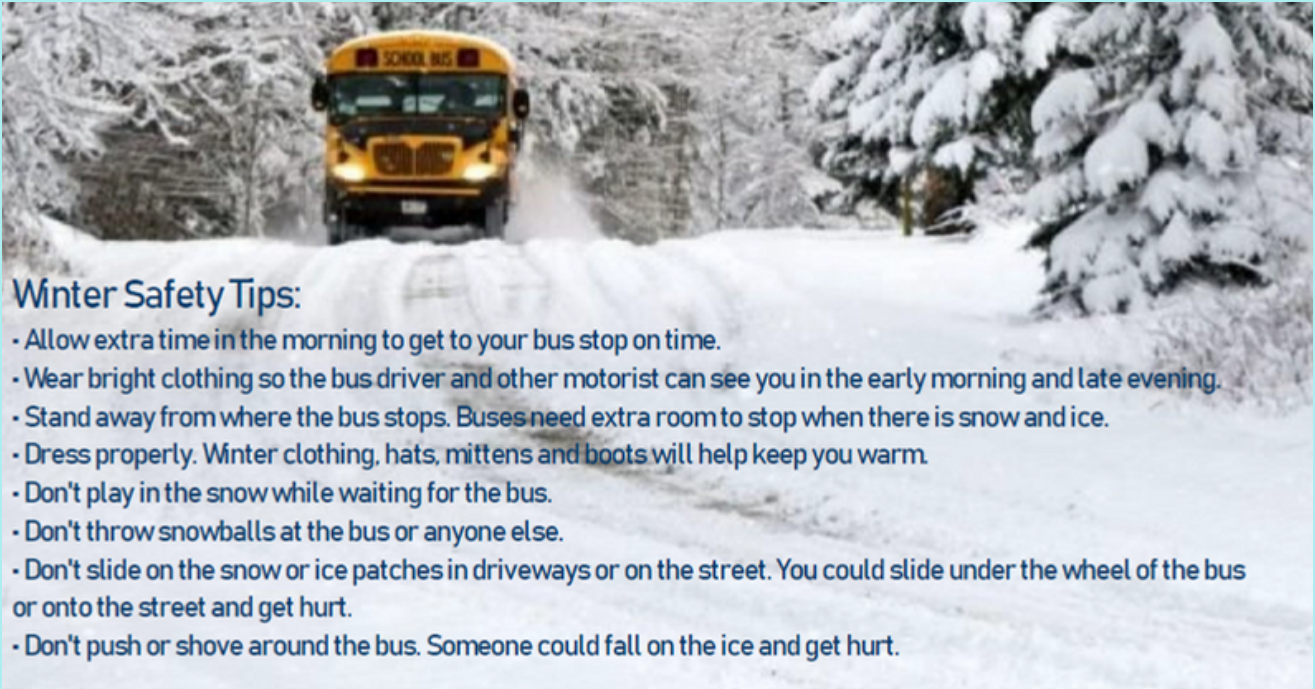
- Supervision begins at 7:45 a.m. Please do not bring your child to school before 7:45 a.m.
- Student information is provided only to the custodial parent or legal guardian(s).
- The dress code is enforced. Please review the student handbook.
- Student absences (excused/unexcused) that exceed 18 days may place a student for consideration of retention.
- Students must earn a GPA of 1.75 to be promoted to the next grade level.

GANADO HIGH SCHOOL
755-1500/755-1502 FAX
Mrs. Lucille Sidney, Principal

- Quarter 1 Honor Roll – 63 Seniors, 29 Juniors, 36 Sophomores, 52 Freshman
- Poetry Out Loud is recruiting students for the competition in January. Students can talk to their English Teacher for more information.
- Parents and Students: A reminder that we enforce the No Solid Bag policy in the building. Please see page 16 of our Parent/Student Handbook. This goes for school bags and athletic bags. Student bags will be confiscated and parents will need to pick them up.
- Each morning, GHS conducts a tardy sweep. All students arriving to school late without a valid written excuse are assigned to ISS for 1st period.
- Student attendance is very important to earning a grade in class. If a student has 10 or more absences (excused or unexcused) they will receive No Credit (NC) and will have to retake their course in summer school or credit recovery.
- Afterschool tutoring and credit recovery is offered Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, students can see the Tutoring Calendar in Hornetland to see which teachers are available.
- There is no activity bus on Early Release or Delayed Schedule days.
- Encourage students to be kind and respectful to fellow students and our dedicated staff members. If students need assistance, we have staff members that can help.



Transportation Department



Winter Safety Tips:

- Allow extra time in the morning to get to your bus stop on time.
- Wear bright clothing so the bus driver and other motorist can see you in the early morning and late evening.
- Stand away from where the bus stops. Buses need extra room to stop when there is snow and ice.
- Dress properly. Winter clothing, hats, mittens and boots will help keep you warm.
- Don't play in the snow while waiting for the bus.
- Don't throw snowballs at the bus or anyone else.
- Don't slide on the snow or ice patches in driveways or on the street. You could slide under the wheel of the bus or onto the street and get hurt.
- Don't push or shove around the bus. Someone could fall on the ice and get hurt.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

When adverse weather conditions arise, the Superintendent may close schools. In such cases, the Superintendent or her designee will distribute an important and urgent message to our school community via School messenger. The system allows us to send personalized voice messages to your family's home, work or cell phones. So, please get you phone number registered with the school registrar to avail this service.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Transportation Department for any questions Ph: (928) 755-1131

LET IT SNOW

'TIS THE
Season





**GANADO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
STUDENT COUNCIL**

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 13, 2023

4:00PM – 7:00PM

Intermediate School Gym

JOIN US FOR SOME FUN!!!

Christmas Games and Craft Sale

\$15.00 for a Table

\$10.00 for Space with your own Table & Chairs

Lots of Games, bookmark making, Xmas card making, beading,
and photo with Santa Claus and his Elves

Food, Homebaked Goody, & Craft Sale

Contact: Mrs. Tsinijinnie 928-755-1300

GANADO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

STUDENT COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

4:00PM – 7:30PM

Intermediate School Gym

Calling All Vendors!

Vendors can call the school to make a reservation.

\$15.00 for a Table

\$10.00 for Space with your own Table & Chairs

Start you CHRISTMAS shopping with us.

Local vendors, handmade crafts,
decorations, stocking stuffers, kids'
games, AND MORE!

Food and Homebaked Goody Sale

Contact: Mrs. Tsinijinnie 928-755-1300





Career Technical and Education

Congratulations to Shyah Salabye, 12th grade, who made it to the Top 2 Finalist for CCAP Beaver Creek Soup contest.

Shyah entered her grandmother's recipe – lamb with vegetable stew.

GHS is patiently waiting for the announcement of winners to be made.



Reminder Benchmark Testing SY' 2023-2024

Benchmark Tests are specifically for
Math and ELA.

Benchmark 2 Middle Of the Year (MOY):

February 26-March 1, 2024 PS & MS
March 4-8, 2024 IS & HS

Benchmark 3 End Of the Year (EOY):

May 6-10, 2024 PS & MS
May 13-17, 2024 IS & HS

IEC/PAC needs your support!

*We are looking for
members to serve on the
parent committees.
Join the team and help us
serve GUSD families.
For more information, call
(928) 755-1063/1148.*

Indian Education Committee (IEC) & Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

IEC/PAC meetings begin at 5:30
PM at the Administration Building
Meeting Room.

IEC/PAC Monthly Meeting Dates:


December 12, 2023
January 09, 2024
February 13, 2024
March 19, 2024
April 09, 2024
May 02, 2024
(43rd Annual Spring Parent Day)
May 14, 2024
June 11, 2024
July 09, 2024

GUSD MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to ensure all students a quality education and to strengthen
Dine' cultural values for life-long learning.

GUSD VISION STATEMENT

Our Vision is to be a professional learning community that focuses on all
students exceeding educational expectations.



Available Daily

Middle & High School:
 Monday: Corndogs
 Tuesday: Bean Burrito
 Wednesday: Deli Sandwich
 Thursday: Pepperoni Pizza
 Friday: Cooks Choice
Menu are subject to change

Reindeer

Word play

In some parts of the world, reindeer are harnessed to pull sleds, so you might guess that their name comes from the "reins" they wear. And you'd be wrong! The name actually comes from a very ancient horse word that simply means "horned animal." The North American name for the reindeer, "caribou," comes from a Native American word, "caribu." Roughly translated, that word means "snow shoveler," which is a description of the way the reindeer paws the ground free of snow to find food!



What's on YOUR plate?



Get crackin'!




Monday, December 11	Tuesday, December 12	Wednesday, December 13	Thursday, December 14	Friday, December 15
Breakfast Egg & Sausage Sandwich, Asst. Juice, Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk Lunch Grilled Cheese Sand. Tomato Soup Celery Sticks Fresh Fries Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk HS,MS Alternate Choice	Breakfast Cream of Wheat, WG Toast, Jelly, Asst. Fresh Banana Choice of Milk Lunch Hamburger WG Bun Green Leaf, Tomato Slice Potato Wedges Fruit Cups Choice of Milk HS, MS Alternate Choice	Breakfast Western Omelet Quesadilla, Salsa Fresh Grapes, Juice Choice of Milk Lunch Bean Burrito Mexicali Corn Romaine Salad Fresh Fruit Salsa Choice of Milk HS,MS Alternate Choice	Breakfast Breakfast Muffin, Asst. Yogurt, Diced Peaches Choice of Milk Lunch Greek Chicken Salad w/ Wheat Slice Bread Carrot Sticks Baked Chips Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk HS, MS Alternate Choice	Breakfast Baked French Toast, Syrup, Sausage Patty, Applesauce Choice of Milk Lunch Sloppy Joe French Fries Baby Carrot Baked Beans Fruit Mix Choice of Milk HS, MS Alternate Choice

There might not be another snack that's as good for you -- and as fun -- as whole walnuts that you crack yourself! The nuts are filling and tasty, and the process of breaking them open involves more effort than mindlessly stuffing yourself with chips. Plus walnuts are loaded with stuff that's good for you -- for instance, walnuts are one of the few non-fish sources of super-healthy omega-3 fatty acids.

Learn more at www.CHOOSEMYPLATE.gov or <http://kidshealth.org/kidstake/healthy/foodpyramid.html>

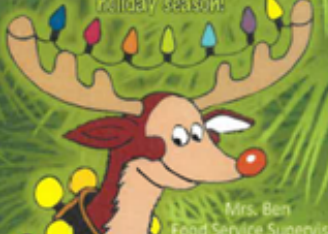
Monday, December 18	Tuesday, December 19
Breakfast WG Breakfast Pizza, Cheese Stick, Fruit Cups, Choice of Milk Lunch Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll Mixed Vegetables Carrot Sticks Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	Breakfast Hot or Cold Cereal, WG Toast, Jelly, Fresh Banana Choice of Milk Lunch Roast Beef Mashed Potato W/ Gravy Green Beans Wg Lunch Roll Strawberry Short Cake

KIDS!
 Please join us for a **HOLIDAY FEAST** **TUESDAY DEC. 19**

See You Next Year!

Last day of school: Tuesday, December 19
 Classes Resume: Wednesday, January 3

Here's wishing you a bright and happy holiday season!



Mrs. Ben
 Food Service Supervisor & all the Child Nutrition

MONDAY Dec 11, 2023	TUESDAY Dec 12, 2023	WEDNESDAY Dec 13, 2023	THURSDAY Dec 14, 2023	FRIDAY Dec 15, 2023
"You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch"  Wear green to celebrate THE GRINCH. 3 rd Grade Movie Night	"Here comes Santa Claus"  Dress up as a Favorite Christmas Character. 4 th Grade Movie Night	"What's This!?"  Wear your Pajama's today. CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL (4-7PM)	"Let it Snow, Let it Snow"  Wear blue and white. 5 th Grade Movie Night	"Rockin Around the Christmas Tree"  Wear your Christmas Hats. Dance (3 rd -5 th)
MONDAY Dec 18, 2023	TUESDAY Dec 19, 2023	WEDNESDAY Dec 20, 2023	Thursday Dec 21, 2023	FRIDAY Dec 22, 2023
Christmas Sweater/Shirt Day  Wear your Favorite Holiday sweater or shirt.	Dress to Impress Candy Cane Day  Dress your best for the CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK



Canado Middle School

Ganado Middle School Holiday Spirit Week

Monday, Dec. 11th

Polar Express Day

Wear your coziest pajamas and get ready for a week of learning.

Tuesday, Dec. 12th

Christmas Color Wars

GRADES: 6th- Red, 7th- White, 8th- Green

Wednesday, Dec. 13th

Country Christmas

NFR fans, boot and scoot to school in your Western attire.

Thursday, Dec. 14th

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST:

- Sweaters must be homemade.
- Student and Teacher category winners will awarded

Friday, Dec. 15th

Santa Is Coming to Town

Dress up like Santa, or wear a Santa hat.



Name: _____

Date: _____

Christmas Sudoku

Directions: Each line, horizontal and vertical and each box must contain each of the images on the second page.



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I K L E T R E E R I
O X F W R F Q M E S
G E M P G P E V I T
K H O L L Y G S N L
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P R E S E N T N E T
O Q V G F X F T E O
K C O O K I E A R E
N C A N D Y C A N E



WORD LIST

CANDY CANE
COOKIE
ELF
HOLLY
LIGHTS

MISTLETOE
PRESENT
REINDEER
SANTA
TREE



Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY

GANADO HIGH SCHOOL

DECEMBER 18, 2023

**CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR**

Calling all VENDORS & Last minute SHOPPERS!

**4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
GANADO HIGH SCHOOL**

- * \$10 FOR SPACE W/YOUR OWN TABLE & CHAIRS
- * \$15 FOR A TABLE
- * \$5.00 FOR ALL GUSD CLUBS/COHORTS

LOCAL VENDORS, HANDMADE CRAFTS,
DECORATIONS, STOCKING STUFFERS, FOOD AND
HOMEBAKED GOODS AND MORE!

Sponsor by Class of 2025
FOR MORE INFO CALL Shannon Wauneka @
928-755-1541

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