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### Ganado Primary School

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Feb. 23-25, 2022 Dibels Assessment

Feb 28- March 11, 2022 Galileo Testing Window (CBAS #3)

March 11, 2022 End of Quarter 3 March 14-18, 2022 Spring Break

#### Friendly Reminders Ganado Primary School.

- We are currently doing Covid Pool Testing each week. It has been going really well so far. If you would like to have your child participate, we strongly encourage, the form sent home with your child be returned. If you lost the form, please contact your teacher for another copy. If you should have any questions, feel free to contact the school, 928-755-1200.
- Stay safe and wear your masks!
- Attendance is important, this includes our Online Students, you will need to participate in the virtual sessions to be considered present. Also, on any remote days you do need to check in daily with the school. The three ways that you could check in are: by phone, calling the front office at 928-755-1200, by remind app, contacting the teacher through google classroom. If your child is absent for 10 consecutive days, they will be dropped, and you will have to reenroll them with a mandatory conference with our school's Counselor Mr. Smith and/or Principal Clairmont.
- GPS would like to Welcome our NEW Counselor, Mr. Howard Smith. He came on board Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Another friendly reminder, PLEASE keep your child home if they are not feeling well. This does include, but not limited to: Coughing, Sneezing, Runny Nose, Headaches, Sore Throat, fever, etc. They will be sent home, if they have any symptoms. We would like to keep our staff, students, and school healthy. We appreciate your help. Let us fight Covid together.

### <u>Ganado Intermediate Schoo</u>l

We are excited to have the students back in the building after several weeks of remote learning. We want to thank all the parents and guardians for their help and patience during this time. Here are a few reminders for February and March.

- 1. Please continue to send students to school dressed with warm clothes.
- 2. Please update your student's information, especially bus routes, so we have the most current information in our system.
- If you have not signed up for our weekly COVID pool testing, please consider doing so. It has been very successful in keeping students and staff safe. Contact the school for more information.
- 4. School begins at 8:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm.
- 5. Spring is test taking time as there are many required assessment tests that our students must take. Please help us and them by making sure they are well rested.
- 6. If your student is sick or not feeling well, please keep them home and call the school to let us know.
- 7. The next District remote learning day will be on March 23, 2022. There will be no in-person school for students on this day.
- 8. Spring Break is March 14 18, 2022

Chris McNabb, Acting Principal

# Ganado Middle School

Congratulations to the seventy three GMS students who made the Superintendent's Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll and Honor Roll for the first semester.

GMS has a new addition to the teaching team, Jeremy Tsosie. He will be teaching the STEM class. Ms. Charo Dolom will be teaching the 6<sup>th</sup> grade science course.

We are grateful for your understanding and support during this challenging time to ensure that your child is safe and is learning. Thank you for taking time out of your day to check on your child's learning, to pick up packets and return completed assignments.

Please continue to practice the safety guidelines.

## Ganado High School News

We are very happy to have our students return in-person to school. We missed our Hornets!

Please make every effort to have your High School student attend school every day. Attendance is so important due to all the missed time with teachers.

Students need to work especially hard if they missed any work during remote learning. Spending time at home doing homework and attending tutoring are ways for students to catch up or keep on track with assignments. Students who are online also need to "dig- in" and work every day to make progress toward finishing online classes by the end of the semester. STUDENTS, STAY MOTI-VATED! DON'T GIVE UP!

Benchmark testing will be held February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your student attends school on the dates of testing. It is important that we measure how our students are progressing as we move toward State testing in April. February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> is testing for Math.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> is testing for English Language Arts.

March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> is testing for Science.

After school tutoring is offered from 2:30 - 5:30 Monday to Thursday. Bus service is available. Snacks are provided. Check with teachers to see what days they will offer tutoring. This is a great time to get one-on-one help from teachers and to catch up on any missing assignments.

Parents: Please update your contact information. We have a lot of non-working phone numbers that make it difficult to contact you in case of an emergency. Please call the school for assistance.

Do not send or allow your student to come to school sick. We are still following COVID-19 protocols and if your student is sick, we will isolate them and call you to pick them up and take them to see a doctor and get tested.

Please help our school community stay healthy!

Seniors need to check with counselors on your progress toward GRADUATION! As the year moves closer to graduation, you need to make sure you have met all the requirements. The counselors send important information like the ACT testing, Scholarship applications, college and military visits, FAFSA, etc., to your Hornetland Email accounts. Please check often. The Senior class has been having meetings, please see Ms. Evonne Yazzie for information.

We are currently planning for summer school in the month of June. Counselors have been sending home letters to students who are behind in credits. Please look out for further information being shared with students.

Spring Break is March 14 – 18, 2022. Have a happy and healthy one!

Our next remote learning day will be on March 23, 2022. There will be no in-person school for students on this day and all assignments will be in Google Classroom. Please plan accordingly.

Lastly, Congratulations to our Class of 2021 Graduates who were awarded the Chief Manuelito Scholarship from the Navajo Nation! Andre Joseph, Sicilee Silversmith, and Lucas Edgewater. We hope to have more in the next group of 2022 graduates.

Have a great month! Mrs. Sidney, Principal







### **Ganado Unified School District No. 20**

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Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Dear Ganado Unified School District families and community,

I am grateful for your support and patience when we made the tough decision to switch to remote learning for a few weeks last month and the beginning of this month. Beginning the 14th of February, we have resumed in-person instruction. Please know that should you wish for your student to receive their schooling online, that is always an option; however, they must stay online for the remainder of the semester once they go online. We continue to wear masks, thoroughly sanitize buildings, and take precautions. I know two years into this pandemic, many of us are experiencing "COVID fatigue," and we mustn't let our guard down.

Last month the Governing Board passed a resolution requiring athletes to be vaccinated. There is also the first reading to create a district policy for employees to be vaccinated.

It is my constant hope that we continue to see a precipitous drop in COVID cases. We are all in this together! I have repeatedly seen nothing we can't accomplish when we work together. I want to ensure our schools stay open for in-person learning and that our students and staff remain safe.



Dr. Betsy Dobias Superintendent



## RESOLUTION OF THE GANADO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIRING COVID-19 VACCINES TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR AND INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented the world, and particularly the Diné people and residents of the Navajo Nation, with unprecedented health challenges that impact every element of life; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Ganado Unified School District ("District") to ensure a welcoming, healthy, and safe community for students and educators to thrive; and

WHEREAS, given the close spatial proximity of students, student-athletes, coaches, and other staff during participation in athletics and other extracurricular activities, as well as the limited availability and effectiveness of personal protective equipment, students, student-athletes, coaches, and others participating in extracurricular athletic and other activities pose an especially high risk of facilitating the transmission of communicable diseases, including the COVID-19 coronavirus strain; and

WHEREAS, the District acknowledges the unique benefits that participation in extracurricular athletic and other activities provides to District students, including, among others, the ability to increase and hone physical fitness, learning to be part of a team, and developing important leadership skills and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that participants in athletics and other extracurricular activities often benefit from increased self-esteem, higher academic achievement, and have greater social skills and abilities; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the multitude of unique benefits athletics and other extracurricular activities provide to District students, the District desires to ensure all students have the opportunity to participate in athletic and other extracurricular activities to the greatest extent possible, which means taking appropriate actions to reduce the possibility of shortened seasons due to illness and/or quarantine requirements; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to continue with in-person athletic and other extracurricular activities, but to do so safely, responsibly, and equitably; and

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WHEREAS, there are safe, government-approved vaccines available to District staff and students that are proven to minimize the transmission of the COVID-19 disease and reduce the risk of hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to assist in taking part in ensuring the COVID-19 pandemic is under control while providing District students the greatest opportunity to learning and growth through participation in athletics and other extracurricular activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all students, student-athletes, and coaches who wish to participate in athletics and other extracurricular activities, shall be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or submit a negative COVID-19 test at least weekly. The District Superintendent is hereby directed to adopt and implement a policy and procedures consistent with the directives set forth in the Resolution.

This resolution was adopted at a properly noticed meeting of the Governing Board on February 10, 2022. The Governing Board hereby authorizes the Governing Board President to sign this resolution on behalf of the Governing Board.

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February 10, 2022

Marcarlo Roanhorse, Governing Board President

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Governing Board of the Ganado Unified School District at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present and that the same was adopted by a vote of \_\_3\_ in favor, \_\_0\_ opposed and \_\_0\_ abstained on this \_10th\_ day of \_\_\_\_February\_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Wanda Begay, Board Clerk Ganado Unified School District

Motioned by: Mrs. Wanda Begay

Seconded by: Ms. Judy James

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