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THE GALATAS GAZETTE

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LUNCH SCHEDULE

K	11:15-11:45
1st	11:30-12:00
2nd	11:45-12:15
3rd	12:00-12:30
4th	12:15-12:45

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The Woodlands, Texas 77381
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http://galatas.conroeisd.net/
2018-19 Events Calendar: http://galatas.conroeisd.net/events/

SPECIALS SCHEDULE

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CONROE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Prekindergarten & Kindergarten Early Registration • 2019-2020

April 15-26, 2019

We are so excited to begin registering our new Greyhounds for the 2019-2020 school year! If you have a child that will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2019, **registration will be open on April 15** by visiting the following link: http://www.conroeisd.net/parents/enrollment-information/. Here you will find information on what items are required in order to register, as well as the link to complete the online portion of the registration.

After you have completed the online registration, please visit our Registration Sign-Up Genius link for an appointment to complete the enrollment process.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084daaaf2ea02-registration

Please share this information with your friends and neighbors!

Registration Intentions Form for 2019-2020

If you have not returned the Registration Intentions form that was sent to students in grades Kinder-4th for the new school year, please do so as soon as possible. If you need a replacement form, email rcurtis@conroeisd.net. It is imperative that we get an accurate count of returning students to assist us in staffing for the new school year.

Thank you!

Moving this Summer?

If your family is moving out of the Galatas zone over the summer, please e-mail our Registrar rcurtis@conroeisd.net with the details.

It's Book Fair Time!

Remember to check out our **book fair website**:
http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/galatasbookfair

Our book fair will be held **in the Galatas ACTIVITY ROOM** at the following times:

Monday, April 22: School Holiday!
Tuesday, April 23: 7:35-3:30
Wednesday, April 24: 7:35-3:30
Thursday, April 25: 7:35-3:30
Friday, April 26: 7:35-1:15

REMINDER: All students shopping before going to their classroom in the morning must have a parent or guardian with them. ***Please note that if you are shopping with your child before school, he/she must be in homeroom class before the bell rings at 8:05am. Please plan your purchasing time accordingly. Thanks for your cooperation on this matter.*

Otherwise, students will be able to shop when teachers allow, as well as during recess and Library Specials.

During the fair, the teachers will have a wish list. These are books they would like to have for their classroom libraries or to use for class lessons. Please feel free to purchase something from their selections or purchase them a gift card to use at the fair.

This is a **"Buy 1, Get 1 Free"** book fair! It is our way of saying thank you to all the parents for the support and extra time and effort you give, and to the students and staff for all of their hard work. What a great way to stock up on items for summer reading, too!

Sales tax is ***not included*** in the prices and is 8.25%. All major credit cards are accepted (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, and Discover).

Please make checks **payable to Galatas Elementary School.**
Driver's license # and date of birth MUST be included on checks, per CISD policy.

Thank you and look forward to seeing you at the fair!
Dawn Michalsky
Librarian

Summer Gifted and Talented Nominations

Gifted and Talented Nominations are now being accepted for students who meet one of the following:

- New to the district
- Unable to participate in the 2018 - 2019 Gifted and Talented testing during the school year due to an illness or other extenuating circumstances

Testing will take place from June 4 - 6, 2019 from 8:30 am – 11:30 am
Testing will occur at Bush Elementary.
Nominated students must attend all testing days and complete all administered tests.

Completed nomination forms **must be returned by April 29, 2019** in order for your child to participate.

If you would like a nomination packet, please contact Candace Mathis at cdmathis@conroeisd.net or 936-709-5000.

CALLING ALL CREATIVE WRITERS!

The Greyhound Gab is our school's monthly literary publication. Each class is assigned a month in which its students can submit an original creative writing piece. If you are in sections K5,17,27,38, or 59 and would like to contribute to the April issue of the Greyhound Gab, please submit your piece to Lesley Work at galatasgab@gmail.com OR submit a hard copy in the Greyhound Gab box next to the teachers' mailboxes behind the front office no later than Friday, April 18, 2019. Submissions should be labeled with student's first name, last name initial, and section number. Publication date will be Friday, April 26, 2019. (See table below for future issue dates and when your class can contribute.)

Examples of creative writing types/topics include (no puzzles please):

- Book review
- Teacher/staff interview
- Original poetry
- School event report (ex. Springetti, Glimpses of Greatness, etc.)

While submissions should be student work, there may be a need for parent edits. The pieces do not need to be long; the purpose of the Gab is for our Greyhounds to be creative and see their work published.

Month	Sections to participate	Submission Deadline	Gab Publication
April	K5,17,27,38,59	04/18/19	04/26/19
May	K6,18,28,59 & make-ups	05/17/19	05/24/19

Counselor's Corner

Student Placement for 2019-2020 a Top Priority at Galatas

Student placement for the 2019-2020 school year is decided by a committee made up of your child's current year teachers, our principal, assistant principal, counselor, and occasionally, the special education staff. We work very hard to match children's learning styles and personalities with next year's teachers. We take this task very seriously and examine the strengths and needs of each child as we strive to place each student in the environment in which he/she will be most successful.

Our placement committee will begin meeting in May. We continue to work on placement multiple times throughout the summer. Because of this, families will be notified of their child's teachers the week before school begins in August. Once your child's placement is complete, it is not possible to make changes, as this compromises the dynamics of the entire class. We work very hard to create just the right environment for each student.

If you have concerns about your child's placement that you would like the committee to consider, please send your concerns via email to our counselor, Mrs. Tabor, at ktabor@conroeisd.net by Friday, May 3, 2019. This is a firm deadline as placement decisions will have already started. If a concern has been expressed in previous years, and you feel that it should still be considered, please communicate this information every year via e-mail to Mrs. Tabor.

Please do not request specific teachers, or make friend requests. Class composition and a learning/personality match are our top priority as we strive for the correct placement for each child. We appreciate your help and support with this very important endeavor and request that you notify friends and neighbors who may overlook this information.

Summer School Information Available

The summer school brochure is now available through the CISD website! Please click on the link below to learn more about the opportunities on pages 4, 7, & 8 available to Galatas students.

http://www.conroeisd.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2019-Summer-School-Brochure.pdf

For more information, please e-mail Mrs. Tabor at ktabor@conroeisd.net, or refer to the last page of the link, where you will find the district contacts.

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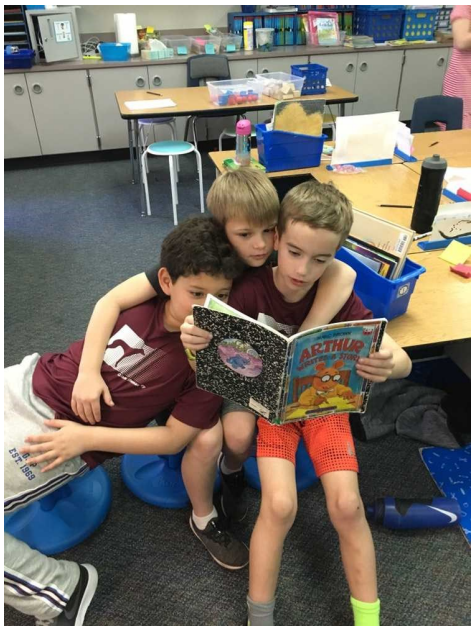
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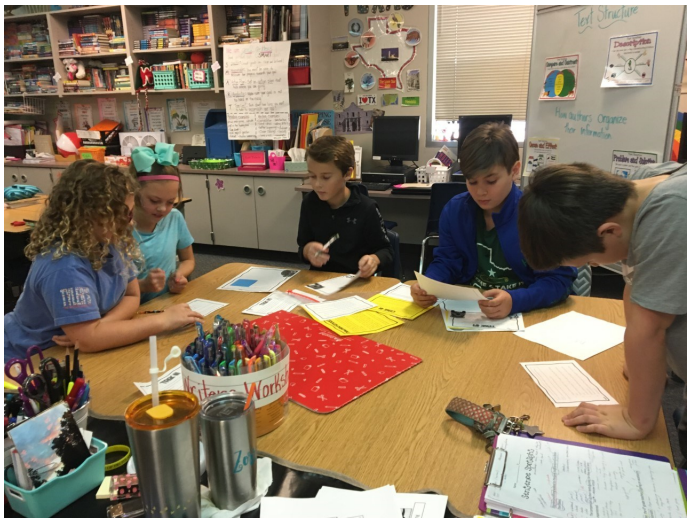

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April 4, 2019
STORYBLOCKS

SUMMER CAMP!

(go to the websites listed below for more info and Camp Forms)

Girls Basketball Camp

June 3-6 Ages 5th-9th grade

Contact: Trista Tatsch ttatsch@conroeisd.net

www.ladyhighlanderbasketball.net

Soccer Camp

June 10-13 Ages Pre-K-9th

Contact: Dina Graves digraves@conroeisd.net

www.ladyhighlandersoccer.com

Dance/Drill Team Camp

June 3-6 Ages Pre-K-9th

Contact: Deanna Smith deanna_smith@conroeisd.net

www.twhshighsteppers.com

Baseball Camp

Multiple dates in June Ages 1st-9th

Contact: Ron Eastman reastman@conroeisd.net

www.highlanderbaseball.net

Girls Softball Camp

June 4-6 Ages 1st – 9th

Contact: Paula Miller pmiller@conroeisd.net

www.twhsoftball.com

Boys Basketball Camp

June 3-6, & 10-13 Ages 1st – 9th

Contact: Dale Reed dareed@conroeisd.net

www.highlanderbasketball.org

Football Camp

June 24-26 Ages :Junior High

Contact: dots5214@gmail.com

www.highlanderfootball.net

Volleyball Camp

June 10-13 Ages K – 8th

Contact: allstarvolleyballcamps@gmail.com

www.twhvolleyball.com

Girls and Boys Track and Speed Camps

Multiple dates and times

Contact: Noel Hansen nhansen@conroeisd.net (girls)

Juris Green jurgreen@conroeisd.net (boys)

www.twhrunners.com

Cheer Camp

TBA

Contact: Wendi Spears wspears@conroeisd.net

www.twhscheer.com

Upcoming Events

April	
16	PTO Board Meeting-9:00 a.m.
18	Egg Hunts: Kindergarten-9:15 a.m., 1st Grade-2:15 p.m., 2nd Grade-10:30
19	**No School:** Student Holiday
22	**No School:** Student Holiday
23-26	Spring Book Fair
26	3rd/4th Grade Choir Program-8:30 a.m.
May	
1	Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon-during lunch times
7	4th Grade Program-2:00 (for students), and 6:30 p.m.
10	1st Grade Moms and Muffins-8:45 a.m.
13-17	**Campus Closed to Visitors-STAAR**
13	STAAR Math-3rd and 4th Grades
14	STAAR Reading-3rd and 4th Grades
22-24	Science Camp
27	**No School**: Memorial Day
28	Kindergarten End-of-Year Celebration
29	Yearbook Signing
30	4th Grade Clap-Out: 10:15 a.m.
30	4th Grade Picnic: 11:00 a.m.
30	**Early Release**– 12:10 p.m. Last Day of School

PTO Election and Meeting: Tuesday, April 16

Time change: 11:00 a.m.

The Nominating Committee has determined nominees for the Galatas PTO Executive Board positions for the 2019-2020 school year. Please join us for the Election Meeting/PTO General Meeting on **Tuesday, April 16 at 11:00 a.m.**

We will also be discussing the Staff Wish List and the allocation of fundraising income. We welcome your attendance and input.

The Conroe Independent School District (District) as an equal opportunity educational provider and employer does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in educational programs or activities that it operates or in employment matters. The District is required by Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as Board policy not to discriminate in such a manner.

For information about **Title IX rights or Section 504/ADA rights,** contact the Title IX Coordinator or the Section 504/ADA coordinator at 3205 W. Davis, Conroe, Texas 77304; (936) 709-7752.

PARENT INFORMATION

CAMPUS VISITORS

Anyone who wishes to check-in to Galatas for any reason must be able to provide a government issued, photo I. D. upon request. Visitors will check in at the front office and receive a Visitor Badge which must be worn at all times in the building. When leaving the building, visitors must check out with the front office and return the badge. Thank you for your cooperation with this important safety procedure.

ATTENDANCE LINE

To report an absence for your child, please call our attendance line at **936-709-5014 by 9:00 a.m.** and leave a message stating your child's name, teacher's name, reason for the absence, person reporting the absence, and a phone number. When your child returns from school, a note explaining the absence should be brought to his/her teacher.

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is a major indicator of student success. Please schedule vacations during holidays, and make every effort to schedule appointments after school. Attendance letters will be sent if absences become excessive. Students should attend school every day unless ill.

MORNING HOURS

Announcements begin at 7:55 a.m. **Students may arrive starting at 7:35 a.m.**, at which time they may go to the gym (Kinder) or playground (1st-4th grades) for Active Start. Students may go to the classroom at 7:50.

MORNING TUTORING

If your child is scheduled for morning tutoring or enrichment, he or she must stop at the front desk for a pass to enter the classroom area.

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL AFTER 8:00

Students arriving to school after the tardy bell (8:00) are considered tardy. Students must stop at the front desk for a tardy pass. A parent should come into the school with the student to sign the student in for the day. Students are considered absent if they arrive to school after 9:00 a.m. unless there is a medical note documenting the reason.

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL AFTER AN APPOINTMENT

If your child is arriving late to school due to an appointment, or returning to school after an appointment, please come into the office with your child and bring a doctor's note, to ensure your student is not marked tardy or absent for the day.

VISITING AT LUNCH TIME

We welcome lunch visitors at Galatas, and want to ensure the safety and security of everyone as they enjoy time together. If a grandparent, family member, or adult other than the parent of the student wants to visit your child during lunch, **the parent must send in written permission to the front office.** The note will only need to be sent in once, and at that time a notation will be made in the visitor system so that the school will have a record of the permission being granted. If a note is not sent, we will call a parent to grant permission before the visitor is allowed to join a student for lunch.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Birthday treats, such as brownies or cookies, must be **store bought** due to allergy, safety and sanitation concerns.

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*Students will go to recess immediately after lunch.

***Please refer to the Galatas Handbook Addendum for more specific information.*

DELIVERIES TO STUDENTS

Student items that need to be delivered to your child during the school day can be dropped off **before 10:00 a.m.** at the front office. All deliveries need to be placed on the table in the vestibule and labeled with your child's name and section number. Deliveries are made daily at 10:00 a.m. Any class work or binders that are dropped off after 10:00 a.m. will be placed in the teacher's mailbox. Per the CISD Student Handbook, deliveries of flowers, balloons, etc. to students at school are not permitted.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Students may not bring medication to school. A parent or guardian must bring medication and sign it into the clinic. All medication must be in the original container and properly labeled. The school nurse must have a written and dated request from the parent or legal guardian to administer any medication.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Your child will be sent home from school if: they have a fever 100 degrees or greater, diarrhea, vomiting, suspicion of having a contagious illness, or are too ill to function in the classroom. Your child should not return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, or no diarrhea for 24 hours without medication. If your child has been prescribed antibiotics, they should be taking them for 24 hours before returning to school. If a student is sent home from school or is absent, they may not participate in extracurricular school activities.

CHANGE OF CLOTHING

A change of clothing should always be kept in each student's backpack in case of a spill, fall in the mud, or restroom accident. The nurse has a very limited supply of extra clothes and will try to find something suitable for the student to wear, but having their own set of clothes will save time and help the student be more comfortable.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

All transportation changes must be received in writing by 2:00 p.m. We are unable to accept an e-mail or phone call. You may send a written note to your child's teacher, fill out a form in the front office, or send a fax to (936) 709-5003 with your signature. **Please include the date, your child's full name, section number, bus number (if applicable), and your signature.** If you send a fax, please call the office to ensure that the fax was received. Please send a new note for each day the change occurs; we cannot accept notes for multiple days or with multiple changes. District policy states that a student may only ride the bus they are registered to ride; students may not have a transportation change to ride a different bus.

CHECKING OUT OF SCHOOL EARLY

If you need to pick your child up early, please do so **before 2:45**. We are unable to call back to a class after that time.

AFTER SCHOOL

Students will need to plan ahead and be organized when getting ready for dismissal. Students will not be allowed to re-enter the building to go back to class for homework or items they forgot.

COMMUNICATION WITH GALATAS

When you send an e-mail to or leave a message for a staff member at Galatas, please include your child's full name, a phone number where we can reach you, and your full name in the message. This information will allow us to respond to you quickly and accurately.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

-Parents should not park on the shoulder of Cochran's Crossing and/ or allow students to enter or exit the vehicle from the road.
-U-turns are not allowed on Cochran's Crossing.
-Please do not drop off students in, or drive through the Good Shepherd Church parking lot.
-Please do not drop your student off in the employee parking lot.
-Please do not bring your pets onto school property. We have students who are highly allergic to, and frightened of, animals.

August, 2018