

GARY GAZETTE 2024 2025

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SERVING: D33 K-5 TWO-WAY DUAL LANGUAGE FAMILIES

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If you need anything this year, please feel free to call or text.

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GRADE LEVEL NEWSLETTERS

EACH GRADE LEVEL WILL SEND OUT A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER. PAPER COPIES WILL BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD. YOU CAN FIND AN ELECTRONIC COPY BELOW.

Kinder	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Specials
September	September	September	September	September	September	September
October	October	October	October	October	October	October
November	November	November	November	November	November	November
December	December	December	December	December	December	December
January	January	January	January	January	January	January
February	February	February	February	February	February	February
March	March	March	March	March	March	March
April	April	April	April	April	April	April
May	May	May	May	May	May	May
June	June	June	June	June	June	June

[UPCOMING ITEMS PARENT GAZETTE](#)

NOVEMBER 19, 2024

D33 Parent Newsletter: [Week of November 11 through November 15, 2024](#)

UPCOMING DATES: ADDITIONS/CANCELLATIONS ARE HIGHLIGHTED

- 11/18-11/21: Book Fair
- 11/20: No Afterschool Activities
- 11/20: Substitute Appreciation Day
- 11/21: Trimester Ends
- 11/21 & 11/22: Conferences
- 11/25: No School
- 11/26-11/29: Thanksgiving Break
- 12/1 & 12/2: K, 1, 2, 3 Hearing Screenings
- 12/4: PTO Meeting @ 6:00
- 12/6: Winter Program
- 12/14: Breakfast with Santa
- 12/18: No Afterschool Activities
- 12/19: Fifth Grade Field Trip
- 1/22: No Afterschool Activities
- 2/18: 3rd Grade CAP Presentations
- 2/19: No Afterschool Activities
- 3/19: No Afterschool Activities
- 3/21: Spring Pictures
- 4/7: Smile Squad
- 4/8: Smile Squad
- 4/23: No Afterschool Activities
- 5/15: Literacy/Math Night
- 5/21: No Afterschool Activities
- June 24 to Thursday, July 24: Summer School

	Trimester 1
	Gary Gear - Wear Gary Gear or Gary Blue
9/4	
9/11	Fictional Character Day
	Mexican Independence Day -
9/16	Red/Green/White
9/18	College Gear Day
9/25	Fall Colors Day
	Wear Orange for Bullying Prevention
10/2	
10/9	Sports Team Day
	Dress like a Gary Administrator
10/16	Day
10/23	Disney Day
10/30	Día de los muertos- Wear yellow & white
11/6	Super Hero Day
11/11	Veterans Day - Red/White/Blue
11/13	Camping Day
11/20	Backwards Day

STAY IN THE KNOW!

Gary School has a [Parent Google Calendar](#) that you can add to your calendars. It is filled with upcoming events that you will want to know about.

WEAR IT WEDNESDAY:

Our [Spirit Days](#) are every Wednesday with a few extras once in a while.

IAR: ILLINOIS ASSESSMENT OF READINESS

In November we begin looking at practice problems for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness with our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Please take the time to look at the problems with your children as well.

[Elem Calendar](#)

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

First Grade Teacher, Viannett Caballero

¡Hola, Gary Familia! My name is Viannett Caballero, and this is my 7th year teaching at Gary. I spent 6 years in 2nd grade, and this year, I'm excited to join the 1st grade team! I grew up in West Chicago and earned my degree from Aurora University in 2018, followed by a Master's in Reading in 2021. Outside of the classroom, I love working on arts and crafts, thrifting, making matcha drinks, and experimenting with new gluten-free and dairy-free recipes. This summer, I started taking Pilates classes, and it's quickly become my favorite way to decompress after work. My favorite role, though, is being "tía" to my sassy 4-year-old niece and my lively 2-year-old nephew! I'm looking forward to another great school year with all of you!



First Grade Teacher, Erika Jimenez

Hey y'all! My name is Erika Jimenez. I have been teaching and also in the district for 4 years now! I graduated from Illinois State in 2021! First year in the district I actually taught at the middle school, 6th grade dual language arts! I grew up and currently still live in Aurora, with my younger brother, my dad, and our dog, Stella! I enjoy reading, going to the gym, running, going to church, and spending time with my friends and family! I am so happy to be here at Gary with all of you so much



Kindergarten Teacher, Dana Calderwood

Hi, I'm Dana Calderwood! I teach kindergarten and have been part of Gary for a while (If my math is correct this is 17 years, wow!). If you ever need a mood booster I have a disco ball and dance party button in my room. We love to celebrate in kindergarten! This year I am sharing my classroom with my awesome student teacher, Leticia Guereca, who has already embraced the kindergarten lifestyle. When I am not at school I am both a soccer mom and a dance mom. I know more than I want to about high ponytails, braids, and the correct positioning of headbands for optimum soccer and cross-country performance. My daughters are in first and sixth grade and I want to be like both of them when I grow up! I like to walk, read mysteries during school breaks, and tap dance every week.



DISMISSAL TRANSPORTATION

To ensure that all students make it home efficiently and safely each day we wanted to provide some reminders about transportation:

1. Communicate with your child's teacher regarding transportation schedules. Please tell them how your child will get home each day of the week, if there are changes the day of you must call the office by 1:00 pm. This way we can ensure communication to your child and teacher and your child is placed in the correct line.
2. We have many middle school siblings coming to pick up their younger siblings and walk them home. This means your child is a walker and must be picked up by your middle school child at door 8. After Thanksgiving, we will direct all middle school siblings to door 8.
3. Car rider line. Please make sure you are practicing safe rules of the road, be mindful of your speed in car pick up and please pull up to the area a Gary staff member directs you to. We understand it is easier to pick up at the door but this creates a longer line of traffic and wait time for other children and families.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences are an excellent opportunity to connect with your child(ren)'s teachers, learn about their academic progress, and more. Teachers will be sending home IAR/ISA/DLM scores with students who took it last year.

Dates:

Thursday, November 21st - Evening

Friday, November 22nd - All Day

Mon, Nov 25th - Professional Development Day for Staff

Tues, Nov 26th - Fri, Nov 29th - Thanksgiving Break

If you have any questions about the day and time of your conference, please contact your child's teacher.

HOW PARENTS CAN VIEW REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be available for viewing in the Home Access Center (HAC) on Friday, December 6, 2024. Three options are available for parents to view their child's Report Card.

- D33 Mobile App
- eSchoolPlus Family App
- Request a printed copy



GET INVOLVED!

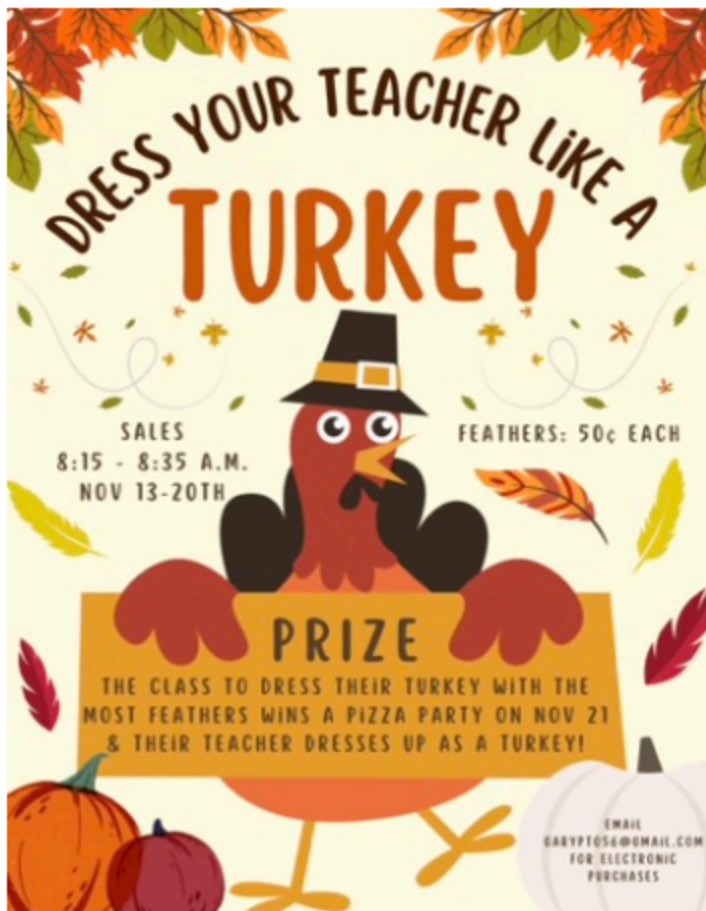
PTO is a great way to get involved at Gary School! Not only are you supporting your own children, but it is a great way to get to know other parents and the staff at Gary School! Meetings are once a month in the library. We hope to see you there!

PTO is running a fundraiser this week. They will be selling feathers to the children for 50 cents. The children will add them to their "class turkey". The class that has the most feathers will have a pizza party. They also get to choose a staff member to dress up in an inflatable turkey costume on the day of the pizza party. Thank you for considering joining in the fun!

They have two more opportunities for you to work side by side with them or simply come and spend some fun time with them. Breakfast with Santa will be on December 14th this year from 8 am to 11 am. They are looking for volunteers, if you are willing and able. It is also a fun event for you to attend with your family. There are free pancakes, crafts, and of course visits and photos with Santa! To volunteer fill out this form: <https://bit.ly/BwSVolunteers>

The final project that they are working on is gift delivery from Santa himself to each child at Gary School. Diana Fialka has been working again this year with Toys for Tots. This is a program run by the Marines that donates a gift for each child. They are sending some Marines this year to deliver the toys on the last day before Winter Break. Between now and when they arrive, we are tasked with wrapping all of the gifts. Toys will be dropped off and sorted on Friday the 6th after school. PTO will be sorting Friday evening and Saturday from 8 to 5, if you want to help. Gift Wrapping will happen Monday and Tuesday after school in the gym.

2	OCT 2024, WED	6 - 7pm	PTO Meeting
6	NOV 2024, WED	6 - 7pm	PTO Meeting
4	DEC 2024, WED	6 - 7pm	PTO Meeting
8	JAN 2025, WED	6 - 7pm	PTO Meeting
5	FEB 2025, WED	6 - 7pm	PTO Meeting
5	MAR 2025, WED	6 - 7pm	PTO Meeting
7	MAY 2025, WED	6 - 7pm	PTO Meeting
4	JUN 2025, WED	6 - 7pm	PTO Meeting



3-2-1

In D33 we look to have our children covered under our 3-2-1 plan for social and emotional health. This means that they can name 3 friends that they can trust, 2 adults that they can trust, and 1 activity that they participate in outside of the school day.

Many of our children are involved in sports and do quite well. I wanted to share some exciting news about some of the students at Gary. Our boys on the 9U football team won the championship game held on Saturday, November 9, 2024. They played at Benedictine University. Jerry Fialka, Maddox Fialka, Lucas Nicoski, Fabian Porcayo, Aiden Reuter, and Brody Waldow are on the team from Gary. [Video](#)



Last week through this weekend some of our Gary School Cougars represented us well in a spectacular show: Frozen Jr! Congratulations to Adeline Murray, Miranda Penney, Sadie Severance, Isabella Rosales Palomo, Evelyn Holmes, Jacob Murray, Stephanie Murray, and Eunice Duran-Rosales!



GARY SAFETY PATROL

On Tuesday, November 12th Everett Colwin, Jazlyn Sanchez, Izan Rosas, Angel Martinez, Diamarys Rodriguez, Jayden Arias, Selene Bonilla, Alexander Cruz, Emma Case, Kayle Avalos, Ian Baez, Isabella Rosales, and Savannah Escalante were inducted into Gary Safety Patrol.

These children have chosen to provide a service to their school and community. They were chosen based on their good academic standing, leadership qualities, and being excellent models of our Gary core values. Congratulations Gary Patrollers!



D33 FACEBOOK PAGE

Please consider following the D33 Facebook Page. I often send information for consideration for the page. Our latest post was the Veterans Day Program: [D33 Facebook Page](#).

