



The Carabao Chronicle

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CAMPUS OPENS AT 7 AM ♦ HOMEROOM BEGINS AT 8:30 AM ♦ SCHOOL ENDS AT 2:43 PM ♦ OFFICE CLOSSES AT 3:30 PM

Beverly San Agustin
Principal



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Buenas and Hafa Adai!

Just to inform you that on February 25 -29, 2024, a team from the Western Accreditation of Secondary Schools and Colleges (WASC) will be visiting Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School to see if we are in alignment with other elementary schools in the United States. We will be inviting parents to meet with the team.

We highly encourage all parents and guardians to be informed and to communicate in advance always with your child's(ren) teachers via Class Dojo, email, telephone, Student Planner and use the school email @ maues@gdoe.net if parents have any questions or concerns. Please always check your child's planner daily.

Parents needing to pick up their children early before 2:43 p.m. should communicate with their homeroom teachers in advance for medical or personal appointments as a courtesy to the teachers and the Main Office. For dismissal, I need to remind parents that children need to be picked up no later than 3:00 p.m. daily. For the morning, students need to be in school by 8:25 am since Instruction begins @ 8:30 a.m. daily. Three (3) Unexcused Tardiness will automatically result with a Parent Conference with the Principal. "Waking up late" seems to be a common reason for tardiness which is an unexcused tardy. We want our students to be punctual to school. Any challenges or concerns, please feel to come and meet with the Principal.

I appreciate your great support and assistance with following the GDOE and MAUES rules and policies. Please take the time to review your child's student planner for any suggestions or recommendations for changes for next school year 2024-2025 due by April 30, 2024.

Please continue to be safe, healthy and informed about school news!

*Warm regards,
Mrs. Sam Agustin*

Monthly Calendar & Activities

FEBRUARY 2024





Theme: "The Things I Love" (my favorite things)

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
	February is Black History month!	February is DENTAL HEALTH month!	February is American Heart Month! (cardiovascular health awareness)	1	2 Groundhog Day	3
4 Rosa Parks Day	5 Reading Fair Display Boards DUE	6	7 Faculty mtg.	8	9 Reading Fair (Judging)	10 Chinese New Year
11	12 Super Bowl Day (Guam time) Theme: "My favorite sports team" (dress up in your favorite sports attire or your favorite sports team!)	13 Mardi Gras Day Theme: "My favorite storybook/comic book character" (wear anything with your favorite storybook or comic book character!)	14 Happy Valentine's Day! Theme: "I love my friends!" make a card/note for your friend (wear red/pink or anything with hearts!)	15 Theme: "My favorite Disney character" (wear anything with Disney characters or dress up as your favorite Disney character!)	16 Theme: "My favorite color" (wear your favorite color from your head down to your toes!)	17
18	19 President's Day	20	21 PTO meeting 6:00PM McTeacher's Night	22 ILA Read-A-Thon pledge card DUE	23 2nd Grade Little Mr. King & Queen of Hearts crowning ceremony 9:00AM ACTIVITY DAY! 12:30 K-2nd 1:30 3rd-5th	24
25	26 WASC Accreditation Site Visit	27 WASC Accreditation Site Visit	28 WASC Accreditation Site Visit	29 WASC Accreditation Site Visit		

2nd Grade month: February

February Spirit Days

Theme: "The Things I Love" (my favorite things)

Feb. 12th Monday	Theme: "My favorite sports team" 	Attire: Dress up in your favorite sports attire or your favorite sports team!
Feb. 13th Tuesday	Theme: "My favorite storybook/comic book character" 	Attire: Wear anything with a storybook/comic book character or dress up as your favorite book character!
Feb. 14th Wednesday	HAPPY VALENTINES DAY! Theme: "I love my friends!" (make a Valentine card/note for your friends) 	Attire: Wear red or pink, or anything with hearts!
Feb. 15th Thursday	Theme: "My favorite Disney character" 	Attire: Wear anything with Disney characters or dress up as a Disney character!
Feb. 16th Friday	Theme: "My favorite color" 	Attire: Wear your favorite color from your head down to your toes!

ACTIVITY DAY: Friday, FEB. 23rd

School Dance- \$1.00 entrance fee; Snack Sales \$1.00 each;

Photobooth- \$2.00 per picture printout



A huge thank you to the
Rotary Club of Guam!
They donated school
bags and school supplies
to every 2nd grade student
at MAUES!



**FEBRUARY
EDITION**



WHAT ARE THE CARABAOS UP TO?



FEBRUARY
EDITION

SPIRIT WEEK & KINDESS WAVE 1/22 - 1/26



YOU MAKE ME
SO GIGIL



ILA READ - A - THON



MARTIN LUTHER KING

STUDENT COUNCIL



Congratulations to our recently elected officers and senators for Student Council SY 23 -24! As STUCO, they will be learning different aspects of how the American political system works.



Officers:

Peyton Dorian (President), Shane Scharff (Vice President), Atiyah Derez (Secretary; not pictured), Kadmielle Salas (Treasurer), Nathan Fernando (Sergeant at Arms), Gabrielle Tiong (Public Relations Officer)

Senators:

Abigail Aquino, Leon Payne (Rm 31), Rai Andrew Cruz, Tiffany Limo (Rm 32), Kastiel Chargulaf, Nicholas Sta. Monica (Rm 33), Gabriel Echon, Raiah Dimatatac (Rm 34), Haven Taitingfong, Althea Sarmiento (Rm 35), jayce Cruz, Leanna Lavarias (Rm 103), Rachel Bernardo, Navaeh Gamble (Rm 104), Mia Manglona, Aunika Kosaka (Rm 203), Kirk Pangelinan, Jaron Churo (Rm 204)



A HUGE shout out to our officers and senators for attending our early morning appreciation station and kindness wave over the course of the week! The parents and students truly enjoyed see you out there, smiling, waving, and cheering for kindness and love!

Kindergarten News

Cool Carabao Kids



Ka'monycarl Evangelista (rm 12), Ava Olivarez (rm 14), Grayson Gumataotao (rm 15), Riley Cruz (rm 16), & Aria Olivarez (rm 17)

Learning Goals

I can read CVC words.

I can read sight words.

I can identify the beginning, middle and ending sound.

I can count to 100.

I can add up to 10.

Kinder Moments



My Body Belongs to Me

Thank you to our counselors for educating Kinder about our body and good touch & bad touch.



**PE: I can throw & catch.
I can skip & gallop.**



Tech Time

First Grade News

SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to our Cool Carabao Kids for the month of December!
From left to right: Zoey Cruz (Rm. 9), Samuel Rubi (Rm. 10) and Jensalyn Efren (Rm. 11).

RECENT EVENTS



Celebrating MLK!



IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2024 (Saturday) Snacks & Stories
Time: TBA Place: Rm. 10

- Please check your child's bag daily for homework assignments, important forms, and notes from your child's teacher or the school.
- If your child is absent, please provide an excuse note upon their return. A doctor's note is required to excuse 3 consecutive absences.



Second Grade News

Congratulations to our Cool Carabao Kids!



What we are learning for this Quarter:

Phonics: Long vowel sounds, reading and writing phonic and sight words.

Reading: Read grade-level texts fluently; retell stories; restate facts from non-fiction texts.

ELA: Grammar: Nouns; **Writing:** simple narratives

Math: Add/Subtract 3-digit numbers with/without regrouping; Solve 1-2 step word problems.

Science: Identify and investigate rocks.

Social Studies: Historical Figures



IMPORTANT Reminders:

- Please check your child's **planner** daily. (for teacher's notes or assignments)
- If your child was absent, please provide an **excuse note!**



Thank you Rotary Club for the backpacks!



THIRD GRADE

What
we are
Learning

Reading: Ask & Answer Questions

Language Art: Simple Verb Tense

Math: Multiplication & Division

Social Studies: Purpose of
Government

Science: Air Resistance

Health: Lani Kate
Curriculum

WE APPRECIATE YOU!



Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.



Congrats

Cool Carabaos

Rm. 22 David Mantanona

Rm. 23 Arianna Madriaga

Rm. 24 Kaela Torres

A Friendly reminder: Please continue to update your child's teacher when your contact information, mode of transportation or your address changes. In the event of an emergency, we'll need to contact our students' families.

THE FOURTH GRADE BUZZ

February 2024

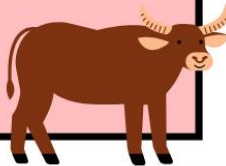
Recent Events



Dear Parents,

As we step into the second month of the year, we are excited to share the latest updates and events from our school community. Our students have been active in various learning activities. Your involvement is a crucial part of our success, and we look forward to a fantastic month ahead.

Sincerely,
4th Grade Teachers



Reminders!

- Please remember to check your child's planner daily for assignments or notes.
- Submit excuse notes for absences; a doctor's note is required for absences of 3 days or more.
- Please be reminded that class starts at 8:30, but school opens at 7:30 so students are able to eat breakfast.
- Please submit Read-a-thon forms.
- Science Fair is coming soon, all students will take part in the science fair project. More details will be forthcoming.



4th Grade SPOTLIGHT!!

Congratulations to our Cool Carabao Kids for the month!



4th Grade Cool Carabao Kids

4th Grade Cool Carabao Kids

Left to right:

Room 33 - Gabrielle Tiong, Room 31 - Connor Santos, Room 32 - Iofita Baelo,
Room 34 - Jaren Lugtu, Room 35 - Carter Fejaran

Upcoming Curriculum

Reading: Theme/Story
Structure
Math:
Addition/Subtraction,
Multiplication
ELA: Fragments & Run-
Ons,
Proper Nouns, Verbs
Science: Weather
Social Studies: Spanish
Colonization

5TH GRADE NEWS



Happy February 5th Grade families!

Half of your child's final year of elementary education is completed and we are looking forward to finishing up the year on a positive note, with your child receiving the best education in preparation for middle and high school. We still have a lot to teach, so remind your children to give their best at all times, and always be aware that learning is taking place every day. Education does not stop because the school year is nearing the end or they are graduating from middle or high school. Good luck in the next steps of your education and your life.

5th Grade school-wide Spelling Bee participants will be participating in the school-wide Spelling Bee on Feb. 2, 2024. It will be broadcast LIVE on ZOOM, so let your child's teacher know if your child is participating. You will be provided with the ZOOM link. 5th Grade Spelling

Bee contestants are :

Room 103 (Dr. Diaz) Leanna Lavarius

Room 104 (Mr. Edusma) Atiyah Derez

Room 203 (Ms. Ochavillo/Ms. Vangie) Jacob Pineda

Room 204 (Mr. Schmidt) Kirk Pangelinan

PROMOTIONAL:

The 5th Grade teachers will be having a parent meeting to discuss our upcoming 5th Grade Promotional event. We will send out information later, but a ZOOM meeting is being planned, as we are looking for input from parents on making our promotional event the best it can be.

More fundraisers are being planned, so we need your support.

CURRICULUM:

Reading: Story Comprehension, Cause & Effect, Main Idea, and Improving Fluency.

Please have your child read at least 15-20 minutes per day.

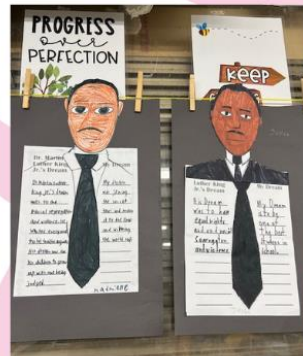
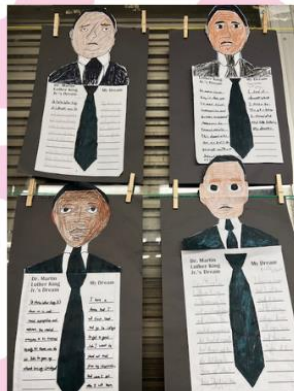
Math: Long division, moving on to fractions and decimals.

Science: Moon Phases, Solar System

Social Studies: Martin Luther King Jr., Presidents



Congratulations to those students who were voted in for 5th Grade Student Council, as well as newly inducted members of National Elementary Honor Society. Pictures and names will be in another article in the Carabao Chronicle. Stay tuned!!





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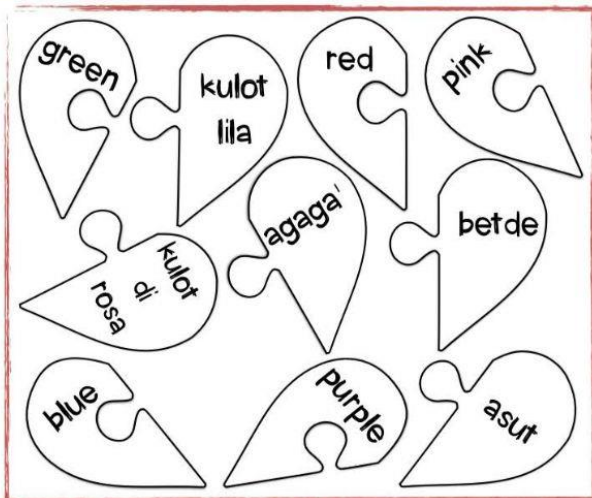
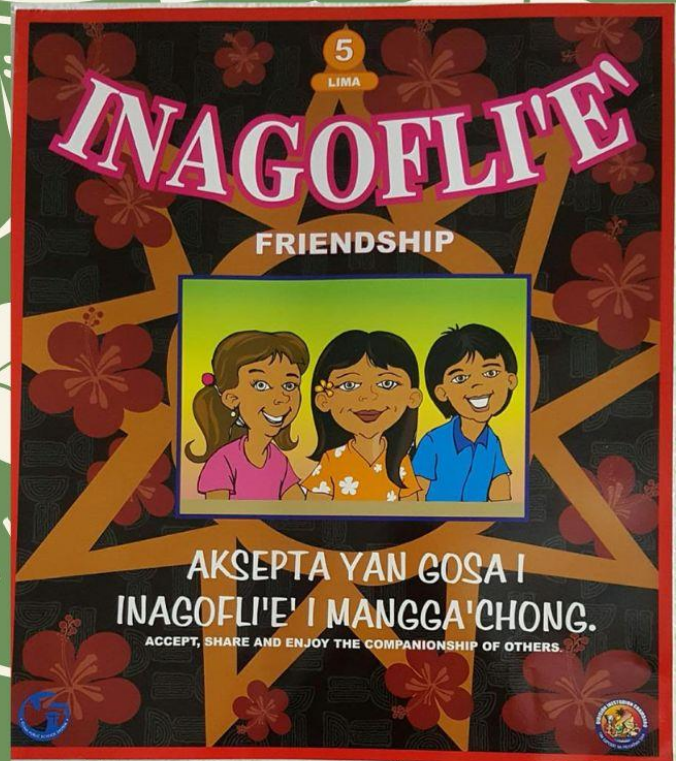


**Buenas yan Håfa Adai
Familian Karabao! Na'lå'la'!**

**I Palåbran Mes: INAGOFLI'E'
Aksepta yan gosa i inagofli'e' i
mangga'chong.**

**Word of the Month:
FRIENDSHIP**

**Accept, share, and enjoy the
companionship of others.**



**Na'aya i Pidåson Kurason
(Match the Heart Pieces)
Color the heart puzzle
pieces the correct color to
match them up with their
missing piece.**



**Sen dångkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse' ginen i Ma'estran/Ma'estron CHamoru!
Si Siñot Ray Barcinas yan si Siñot Lino (Room 6), Siñorita J. Mantanona
(Room 7), Siñot Sean Perez (201) yan si Siñorita A. Posadas (202)**



CULTURE CLUB

**OUTSTANDING JOB MAUES CULTURE CLUB ON YOUR FIRST PERFORMANCE AT OUR
DISNEY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ON DECEMEBR 12, 2023!**



AND THANK YOU PARENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CLUB MEMBERS INCLUDE

**Rai Cruz
Robbie Cruz
Jennard Dela Cruz
Beau Fejeran
Nathan Fernando
Leon Payne
Dayson Phimuan
Conner Santos
Alijah Quenga
Troy Valenzuela
Christian Wienke**

**Abigail Aquino
Hemi-Leah Cabanayan
Jillane De Fiesta
Kari Duenas
Akeriyn Dela Cruz
Raiah Dimatatac
Ruby Dimatatac
Dezray Estoy
Auveah Kosaka
Emelia Lavarias**

**Leanna Lavarias
Tiffany Limo
Gabriella Lizama
Amaiyah Mendiola
Iyesha Muña
Jaelean Quinata
Derrinalyn Sablan
Xairie Savarez
Zerijah Taitingfong**

**ADVISOR: SIÑORITA MANTANO'ÑA
CO-ADVISOR: MRS. LAVARIAS**



LIBRARY NEWS



HAPPY FEBRUARY CARABAOS!



IT MAY BE THE SHORTEST MONTH BUT PACKED WITH HOLIDAYS, EVENTS AND ANNIVERSARIES!

MAUES 5TH ANNUAL READING FAIR WILL BE HELD ON FEB 9, 2024. BIG KUDOS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS WHO CHOSE TO BE A READING LEADER BY CREATING AND SHARING THEIR PROJECTS.

THANK YOU READING FAIR JUDGES FOR VOLUNTEERING YOUR VALUABLE TIME TO SUPPORT OUR MAUES STUDENTS. KRIS SEERENGAN, GPLS DIRECTOR, MAYOR MELISSA SAVARES, GUAM DIAMOND LION CLUB MEMBERS JOFEL SILVESTRE, AMAFEL SILVESTRE, CARIDAD MACAGBA, CORAZON SAN NICOLAS, GLORIA BAGUINON, GDOE LIBRARIANS: JAMIE MENDOZA, THEA CORTEZ, ALONA HALL, GDOE SOCIAL WORKER, PATRICK CAMACHO, GU VAULT DEVIN PACIENTE, LAGU YOUTH RESOURCE STAFF: RAUL MIRALLES, JOHN CASTILLO, CHRISTY RAE NAPUTI, PAIGE KUNTZ AND THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM SOE ED319 CHILDREN'S LITERATURE STUDENTS



SPECIAL LITERARY DAYS

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
2/2 - NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY (HEART HEALTH)
2/7 - WORLD READ ALOUD DAY
2/4-10 CHILDREN'S AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS WEEK (1ST WEEK)
2/3 - TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY (1ST SATURDAY)
2/14 - VALENTINE'S DAY
2/14 - INTERNATIONAL BOOK GIVING DAY
2/14 - LIBRARY LOVER'S DAY
2/11 - SUPER BOWL LVIII
2/19 - PRESIDENT'S DAY
2/26 - TELL A FAIRYTALE DAY



Shoutout to our Junior Librarians!



LUNCH BOX LOVE NOTE

TO MY SURPRISE
A PERFECT HEART-SHAPED
LOVE NOTE LIES.
THE OUTSIDE SAYS,
"WILL YOU BE MINE?"
AND, "WILL YOU BE
MY VALENTINE?"
I TAKE IT OUT
AND WONDER WHO
WOULD WANT TO TELL ME
"I LOVE YOU."
PERHAPS A GIRL
WHO'S MUCH TOO SHY
TO HAND IT TO ME
EYE TO EYE.
OR MAYBE IT
WAS SWEETLY PENNED
IN PRIVATE BY
A SECRET FRIEND
WHO FOUND MY LUNCHBOX
SITTING BY
AND SLID THE NOTE IN
ON THE SLY.
OH, I'D BE THRILLED
IF IT WERE JO,
THE CUTE ONE IN
THE SECOND ROW.
OR COULD IT BE
FROM JENNIFER?
HAS SHE FOUND OUT
I'M SWEET ON HER?
MY MIND'S ABUZZ,
MY SHOULDERS TENSE.
I NEED NO MORE
OF THIS SUSPENSE.
MY STOMACH LURCHING
IN MY THROAT,
I OPEN UP
MY LITTLE NOTE.
THEN WHAM! AS IF
IT WERE A BOMB,
INSIDE IT READS,
"I LOVE YOU - MOM."

— KENN NESBITT
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Attendance

A strong relationship exists between attendance in school and the development of good work habits that lead to success. According to Board Policy 330, children from age five (5) through age (15) are required by Guam law (17GCA § 6105.1) to attend school; however, students who turn five after July 31 cannot be enrolled in Kindergarten for that school year. It is expected that students will be on time and prepared for class each day, so that they will acquire the knowledge and develop the skills to become productive, responsible citizens.

Excused Absences

Board Policy 411 identifies excused absences as those incurred by following:

1. Illness of the student. However, students absent for three or more consecutive days due to illness are required to present written certification from a physician attesting to the nature of the illness and the duration for which the student should be excused from school. In addition, school administrators may require written certification from a physician for the number of days of absences due to illness if a student's past attendance records show patterns of illness or reasons for the absences due to illness, which the administrator finds questionable.
2. Scheduled medical or dental visits.
3. Death in the immediate family. Immediate family is defined as mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, guardian or caretaker, brother, sister, stepbrother or stepsister, and grandparent.
4. Required appearances at court or other legally related proceedings.
5. Lack of available bus transportation, provided the student relies on bus transportation to go to school.
6. Travel, which has the prior approval of a school administrator.
7. Natural catastrophe or disaster.
8. Participation in authorized school related activities or compliance with administrative actions taken by the school, such as field trips, conferences called by administrators or counselors, suspensions, going home because of illness or injury, etc.
9. Observance of holidays recognized by a religion of which the student is a member.

The school administrator shall have the final authority to decide whether an absence is considered as excused within the limits contained in this policy. In order for school administrators to determine if an absence is excused or unexcused, parents must provide a note that explains the nature of the absence (or

Tardiness

Students should report to homeroom by 8:15 am. When a child arrives on campus after 8:30 am, he or she must check in at the Main Office and receive a "Tardy Slip" to be admitted into class. Parents are expected to provide a written note to the school explaining the reason for the tardiness. Frequent tardiness will not be tolerated. According to Board Policy 411, students are considered absent for a school day when they are not present for half the instructional day.

a doctor's certification if the absence is three or more consecutive days).

Unexcused Absences

If a student returns from an absence without a parent note or doctor's certification, the absent days will be considered unexcused. When a child has accumulated three, six, nine, and twelve unexcused absences, he or she will be referred for truancy.

Truancy

The following definitions are taken from Title 17 Guam Code Annotated (Education). According to Section 6401, a truant student is one who is found to be absent from school without a reasonable and bona fide excuse from a parent. According to Section 6402, a habitual truant is a pupil who has been incurred twelve (12) or more unexcused absences in a school year. School Attendance Officers (SAOs) will investigate referrals and ensure that habitual truants are referred to the Superior Court of Guam.

Pre-Arranged Absences

Parents who request for pre-arranged absence must fill out the appropriate form in the Main Office. Approval of such requests is at the discretion of the principal or authorized designee. Factors such as the students' attendance, grades, and behavior may be taken into consideration by the school administrator.

Off-Island Pre-Arranged Absence Request

School administrators will generally excuse off-island absences for up to ten (10) school days if prior approval is given to the parent's pre-arranged absence request. School administrators are under no obligation to excuse off-island absences if such approval is sought after the off-island absence occurred. Administrators may, however, excuse such absences if circumstances warrant doing so. The nature of the trip will be taken into account along with the student's attendance, grades, and behavior.

Student Behavior Chart

School Rules	BE RESPECTFUL	BE RESPONSIBLE	BE SAFE
General Rules	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be kind and courteous to each other. keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. walk quietly to and from your classroom. listen and obey all rules from school authority. 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> help keep the school campus, restrooms, and classrooms clean. take care of school property. ask before touching anyone's personal belongings and respect their wishes if they say NO. 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> walk while on campus use playground equipment properly. leave gum, toys, radios, jewelry, and electronic games/items at home. leave sharp objects such as pencils, pens, and scissors in the classroom.
Hallway Rules	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> respect those around them. be quiet or talk in low voices so as not to disturb others. 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> help keep our school campus clean at all times. pick-up all trash and throw it in the trash container. 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> keep their hands, feet, and objects to themselves. walk on the red line and not run. keep personal items secured at all times.
Playground Rules	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> respect those around them. Physical violence/fighting will not be tolerated. obey the adult who is supervising. 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> help keep their playgrounds clean at all times. pick-up all trash and throw it into the trash container. 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> keep their hands, feet, and objects to themselves.
Cafeteria Rules	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> practice good etiquette while eating their meals. respect those around them. 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> help keep their cafeteria clean at all times. not take food from others. eat their given meals. pick-up all trash and throw it into the trash container. 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> keep their hands, feet, and objects to themselves. remain in the cafeteria or designated area. walk, not run in the cafeteria. form a single line – one in front of the other and all facing forward.
Restroom Rules	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> respect those around them. 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clean up after themselves. use toilet and sink the proper way. 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> keep their hands, feet, and objects to themselves. not play in the restroom. wash hands thoroughly.
Waiting Area (After School)	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be seated and quiet while waiting for their bus or car to arrive. obey the instructions of the adults who are supervising. 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> make sure to give their teachers the parent note if their transportation arrangements change. 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> follow the directions of the school personnel before going to the bus or car.
Walker's Area (Before & School)	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be quiet while waiting for their escort or vehicle to arrive. obey the instructions of the adults who are supervising. 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> make sure to give their teachers the parent note if their transportation arrangements change. 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> follow the directions of the school personnel before leaving the gate.
Bus Riders (Before & After School)	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hands and Feet to yourself Use a quiet voice Follow the instruction of the bus driver. 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep all items in your back pack. Follow the bus rules 	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enters/Exit bus with walking feet Sit in your seat, face forward. Remain seated until the bus has stopped.