

Cougar Chronicle



“Committed to Excellence in Education”

Welcome back to a new school year! We would like to extend a huge welcome to all of our families as we begin an enriching and exciting new school year with your child at HGA.

Dates to Remember

August 18 - 21: Benchmarks

August 24: ASP (After School Program begins)

August 25 - 27: ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills)

September 7: Student Holiday

Character Counts: RESPONSIBILITY

Our staff is focused and ready to accelerate learning in an active and engaging way! Working together with students, teachers and parents produces better results. The elementary years are critical times of development for students and families and we look forward to working with all of you to make this school year successful.

Communication: Please request a parent-teacher conference if you have any concerns regarding the academic progress of your child. Progress reports for academics and conduct are distributed bi-weekly and it is vital that you review and sign them. We strongly suggest that you not wait until mid-year or the end of the year to share your concerns. HGA is an open-door policy school, so we welcome all parents! HGA values its volunteers, but for the safety and well-being of students please report to the main office to sign in and be issued a guest pass. It is crucial to remain in close contact with your child's teacher throughout the year. The school's website at www.hgaschools.org serves as a resource tool for any and all upcoming events, important reminders, academic calendar, school supplies, breakfast/lunch menus, and additional pertinent information regarding the district.

Attendance: Regular school attendance is a key factor in student success. It is just as important that students arrive to school on time. The students are expected to be in their desks ready to learn promptly at 7:45 a.m.

Dismissal: Your patience and cooperation is requested during the dismissal process. As an increased safety measure and an effort to reduce wait time in the student pick-up area, the white laminated tag should be placed visibly in the vehicle while in the car line, parents are not allowed to enter through the front entrance doors during dismissal, and parents are to form a line near the student pick-up area at the rear of the building and an assigned staff member will alert the students by calling his/her name.

Let the new school year begin!

Our mission is to develop strong critical thinkers that will graduate from four year competitive colleges by providing strict character development and a rigorous academic curriculum.