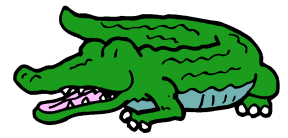


# Gator Gazette

## 12/16/09



### *From the Principals:*

We would like to thank our staff, students, and families for all the time and effort put in to making Gattis Elementary a successful school. We could not do the things we do without your on-going support. Please be safe during this holiday season. We look forward 2010!

**CHOIR PERFORMANCE:** Thank you to Mrs. Stanley for putting together a fantastic show Tuesday afternoon, and Tuesday evening. Student dedication and commitment played a huge role in the success of the show. Parents we would like to thank you for helping get these kids to school earlier than usual for practice. We have some real talent on this campus.

**SAFETY IN THE PARKING LOT:** Please remember that if you are dropping off your students in the parking lot, you must park your car and walk them across the staffed crosswalk. Students are not to be dropped off in the parking lot OR by the portables.

**LOST AND FOUND OVER-FLOWING:** PLEASE take a moment to look through the lost and found when you visit the school this week. There are many nice coats that need a home. One way to prevent coats being lost is to write your child's name somewhere on the item. All items with a name will be delivered to the owner. If owners are not located, the lost items will be donated to the Round Rock Clothes Closet during the holiday break.

### **SUPPORT GATTIS THROUGH YOUR EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES:**

-There are a variety of ways that Gattis is supported within the local community. You can indicate that you want to support Gattis at Randall's, Office Depot, and Target.

-We also recycle the following items: ink cartridges, toner cartridges, cell phones – these items can be delivered to the classrooms or directly to the office.

-Paper Recycling. Our recycling bins are by the portables where the busses pick-up and drop off students. If you live in the area, you can bring any type of paper to be recycled (newspapers, magazines, catalogs, mail).

**SCIENCE FAIR COMING IN JANUARY:** Information Packets available on the Gattis Website. Get a plan in place over the holidays. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade must complete a science project; all other students are encouraged to participate. Display boards available for \$3 through the school, you can send in the money and a note with your child. They will be available after the break.

**SUPPORT ACADEMICS DURING THE WINTER BREAK:** We all hope that you have a safe, fun, and relaxing break! You and the students definitely deserve it. Over the break, be sure to help your student exercise his/her brain!! We want to make sure your students do not forget any of the important things we have learned so far. Keep in mind that even "easy" activities will help your student to remember important skills and that hard work will only make you smarter!! Make sure you keep reading and writing every day! Have them keep a holiday journal and share it with your family, or maybe your student could write a book about all your holiday adventures! Visit the Gattis website to access fun, educational websites on all subjects!

\*\* Did you know that SLEEP is the BEST intervention for students? Research shows that 10 year olds need 10 hours of sleep each night. Younger students need more, and older students need less. Over the break, help your student by keeping a regular bedtime. When students go to bed and wake up at similar times, they are able to think and act with clarity and studies show that they perform better in school. So, the next time that your student is complaining about having to go to bed or get up, just remember that you are doing the BEST THING for them!

### **Important Dates:**

- December 18<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Parties for most classes
- January 5<sup>th</sup>: Students return to school
- January 13<sup>th</sup>: Report Cards go home
- January 14<sup>th</sup>: **Awards** 8:00am – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:45am-5<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9:30am
- January 15<sup>th</sup>: **Awards** 8:00am – K, 8:45am – 4<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:30am

**Have a Happy and Safe Holiday!**