



# Giant News

## From the Principal's Desk—Nik Bergman

August/September

I would like to welcome everyone back to school!!!! I hope you and your family has had an enjoyable and restful summer. I can't tell you enough how excited I am to have the school year off and running. My first year as principal at George Elementary was extremely enjoyable, and I have no doubt the second year will be as enjoyable if not more so. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of all the success George Elementary had last year, and how the George Elementary staff is planning to build off of our successes.

- DIBLES reading scores increased by 23%.
- George Elementary made AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) in Math in the all cells category.
- Many students experienced respectable academic growth

on their NWEA math and reading assessments.

- 90% of our student body had 0-1 office referrals. Our school wide discipline program, PBIS, led to this success.
- Student Led Conferences were fully implemented.
- The school garden "Common Ground" was planted and is now thriving.
- Girls and exercise club had a fun and successful year.

On August 26th George Elementary created our 2009-2010 school math and reading goals:

**Math Goal:** All George Elementary Students will demonstrate measureable growth in math, toward their individualized year end goal as indicated by

local and state assessments.

**Reading Goal:** All George Elementary Students will demonstrate measureable growth in math, toward their individualized year end goal as indicated by local and state assessments.

All students at George Elementary will be creating, with the assistance of their teachers, math and reading goals. Our hopes are that every student will meet and/ or exceed their goals. Students will be discussing their goals with you at the fall student led conferences.

Once again I would like to welcome everyone back and I look forward working with you and your child over the course of the school year. See you tonight at Open House and Go Giants!!!

### Dates to Remember:

- ☺ Aug. 31st: First Day of School!!!! Welcome Back!
- ☺ Sept 1st: PVC Meeting
- ☺ **Sept 2nd: Open House 6:00-8:00**
- ☺ Sept 11th & 25th: Pop-corn Friday
- ☺ Sept 14: Fall Fundraiser Kick Off!
- ☺ Sept 30th: Star Shine (Student of the Month) Assembly

**George Giants are...**

**R**espectful

**O**n task

**A**lways Safe

**R**esponsible

## What's New at George Elementary

I'd like to take this time to introduce new staff members and staff changes at George Elementary. Welcome, **Lindsay Ness** who will be teaching PE, Music, Reading and Enrichment. The Enrichment is in addition to the **Enrichment services** Glenda King already offers 1 day a week, giving your child two enrichment opportunities a week. **Janice Harmon** is still with us but in a new capacity. She is now the Reading Coach. **Colleen Grigg** will be teaching our 2nd Grade Class. Prior to her new assignment Colleen served as a Math Coach for George, Mt. View, and Pioneer. We are excited and very fortunate to have these outstanding individuals as members of the George Team!!

## Office Reminders

Always remember to provide doctor and dentist notes to the office when your child is absent and has visited one of these offices. You only have two day from when your child returns to excuse the absence with a note or a phone call. Call the school and keep us posted on any absences, changes involving address, phone numbers, change in sitter, emergency contacts, or where your child will be picked up or riding to at the end of the day. **We NO LONGER HAVE 21ST Century after school.** If your child will be taking medication prescribed by his/her doctor during the school day please contact the office for the necessary forms that you and your doctor will need to complete and return along with medication **to the office by an adult, as soon as possible.** We care a great deal about our students and **need your assistance to ensure their safety!!** Please use the south side of the parking lot and parking along the bus fence is also allowed. **NO PARKING!**- The west gravel area and area along the bus fence is designated for emergencies and needs to remain accessible at all times. **No parking ever in the bus zone! Thank you so much for your cooperation!! Let's have a great year!!**

~~Qué hay Nuevo en la Escuela Elemental de George~~ Over the summer my family and I: \_\_\_\_\_