



GILPIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Gilpin Elementary Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well during these unsettling times. Starting the school year remotely and then switching to in person learning has had its challenges. Thank you for your patience and understanding during the first quarter of the 2020-2021 academic school year. I am always amazed at how a community can come together to help each other out and solve problems during difficult times. Many thanks for all of your help, support and positivity throughout the quarter.

Teachers are currently working on student progress report cards. We have a new student information system called ALMA. Your child's report card will look differently. They are standards based and lengthy. They will provide you with a wealth of information regarding your child's learning and content mastery. Please be patient as we navigate through the new system.

School safety is always a concern and I am asking for your help with regard to parent drop off and pick up. Please drive very slow when entering and exiting our parking lot. The recommended speed is 5.7 mph. Kids can be unpredictable at times and run into the parking lot without realizing the dangers. In addition, if you are using the drop off or pick up emergency lane and not the parking spaces, it is expected that the driver stays in the car in the driver's seat and please do not block the handicap spaces. Thanks for understanding and following the rules.

For all our hybrid learners, it has been very difficult for our teachers to manage all the options available for families and making direct instruction quite challenging. The board of education decided to eliminate the hybrid option. Beginning on Monday, October 12th, families need to choose 100% in person or 100% remote learning for the 2nd quarter. Those students in CDLS will continue with the program for the entire semester. Please contact me if you have any questions about our current program options.

The highlights of the quarter are as follows:

- Community members coming together to adopt teachers and provide valuable supplies for classrooms.
- Teachers shifting to asynchronous learning throughout the day to support all students in their classroom (remote and in person)
- Great weather for students and teachers to extend their classroom to the great outdoors.
- The movement, laughter, learning, and school noise within the elementary school.

Thank you for your trust, patience, suggestions, and support over the last quarter. If you have concerns or need additional information, I can be reached at hhuntoon@gilpin.k12.co.us.

Heather Huntoon, Elementary Principal