

# **The School District of Philadelphia**

Girard Academic Music Program  
2136 W. Ritner Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19145

September 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to a new and exciting year at GAMP! My name is Mrs. Eleanor Pigford and I will be your child's teacher for 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science and Social Studies. I am looking forward to a year filled with many challenging learning activities and projects.

School begins each day at 8:00 AM promptly and dismissal is at 3:04 PM. Please make certain that your child arrives to school and each class promptly each day. Whenever your child is absent or late, please send a note explaining why your child was absent or late when he or she returns to school. (**Please note:** Only one note needs to be written to the homeroom teacher and the note will be shared with the sixth grade team).

## **THE SUPPLIES THAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED FOR SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1 PACK OF LOOSE LEAF PAPER
- 1 PKG. OF REINFORCEMENTS
- 3 HARD BACK COMPOSITION BOOKS (2 blue, and 1 black)  
**1 BLUE SHOULD REMAIN HOME UNTIL NEEDED**  
**(1 BLUE FOR SCIENCE AND 1 BLACK FOR SOCIAL STUDIES)**
- 1 REAM OF PAPER
- 1 POLY (plastic coated) - LABELED LABELED PROJECTS
- 3 PENCILS (One should remain home)
- 1 Pencil sharpener with a cover
- 2 Yellow highlighters
- 1 Eraser (not on a pencil)
- 1 SET OF 3x5 INDEX CARDS
- 1 Ruler with both centimeters and inches-
- 2 large Glue sticks (This item will remain in school)

- I Pack of Post -It {Multi-color -Size 1 ½ x 2 in}
- 4 Black Dry Erase Markers –Fine TIP for writing/**One dry eraser**
- 1 Large bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Container of Clorox Wipes
- 1 Box of Tissues {For Classroom Use}

**MANDATORY:** FREE LIBRARY CARD IS REQUIRED FOR OUTSIDE RESEARCH AND CURRENT EVENTS. DUE BY OCT. 1<sup>ST</sup>.

**PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND ROOM NUMBER**

**Homework** will be given Monday –Thursday. All homework assignments will be **posted on Canvas and copied in an agenda**, which will be given to your child in September. All assignments are to be completed on loose-leaf paper and properly headed. **A parent must sign all tests results below a 70.**

If your child is pulled out for music lessons during instructional time or chooses to participate in **ALL CITY** he or she must turn in all assignments on time and make up any missed tests the day after an **ALL CITY** practice. Please be advised although **ALL CITY** is a very prestigious honor it is a very serious commitment.

Lockers are a new experience for all incoming GAMP students. It was recommended, that you purchased a combination lock, over the summer in order to give your child time to practice how to open their locker using a dial lock. **Please note your child will not need this lock for school.** Your child will be given a locker that has a built in lock.

Both breakfast and lunch are **free** –see The GAMP website for the start time for breakfast.

**Health-Related Issues/Concerns**-If your child has any special health problems please let me know.

**Cell Phone Policy**- **all cell phones are to be powered off and kept out of sight. NO exceptions. If you have a need to speak with your child during the school day please contact the main office. (This does not apply to cell phones being used for instructional purposes.)**

**Here are the consequences if your child chooses not to adhere to this school policy:**

1<sup>st</sup> offense- The phone is confiscated labeled with the child's name and returned to him/her at the end of the school day.

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense- Same as first offense and 1 after-school detention is given.

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – Same as 2<sup>nd</sup> offense and the parent must come to school to retrieve the cell phone.

Your guidance in helping your child follow the rules of the school and the classroom would be appreciated. This will ensure that he or she will have a successful school year!

Please feel free to contact me by letter, e-mail {ecastleberry @philasd.org} or telephone (215) 400-8230 whenever you feel the need. I will be happy to communicate with you at my earliest convenience. Please take the time to review this letter. Sign at the bottom portion of this letter and return it to me by \_\_\_\_\_.

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Thank You,  
Mrs. Eleanor Pigford

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and reviewed this welcome letter and the attached Informational sheets.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_