Welcome to the new school year! It's great to have everyone back and for those of you that are new to our learning community, welcome! Gale is a great place to be!

We have lots of learning planned for your child this year. Teachers will focus on using their common planning time to ensure lessons address the needs of all students. We will be focusing on data to guide our daily instruction. This means students will know how they are progressing on a weekly/biweekly basis.

We also have a system in place for attendance and grading. Parents have access to student progress at any time by logging in. More information will be available during parent-teacher conferences.

August brings us informational and family gathering such as: Curriculum Nights, Bahama Buck’s, PTC Meeting, Site Council Meeting, and Skate Night.

Teachers will continue sending home weekly newsletters about their classroom. These are also online. This will provide you with “up to the minute” information regarding both classroom and school news. Enjoy reading!

Let’s have a great year!

School Hours:
M, T, Th, F: 7:40—1:55
Wednesdays: 7:40—12:55

Students cannot be on campus before 7:15 as there is no supervision. Breakfast also begins at this time and school begins at 7:40am.

T.E.A.L. Program
Looking for child care before or after school? Check out our TEAL program. Their hours of operation are from 6:30am to 7:30am Monday through Friday and after school from 1:55pm to 6:00pm with Wednesdays starting at 12:55pm. For more information, please contact Ms. Ochoa at 731-4526.

Currently Full: Wait list only

PBIS/Ben’s Bells Kind Kids School
We are a KIND KIDS SCHOOL. Every week, teachers select a student who displays the Tiger Trait of the week and they are recognized during our Friday Assembly. All students receiving a Tiger Trait Certificate will have their picture taken as a group and included on their certificate. Students are also “Caught being Kind” with a Tiger Token. Keep up the Kindness!

TAX CREDIT
On behalf of all staff at Gale, we would like to thank all parents and community members for donating their tax credit dollars to support our enrichment programs. Because of you, we have an amazing Visual Literacy Art Program starting soon, a P.E. Teacher, and a Music Enrichment Teacher. Thank you again for supporting our Gale Tigers! You ROAR!

GATE Update
Great news, our GATE Program started. Mr. Dobbin facilitates lessons at Gale two and a half days per week. He will begin Talent Development lessons in kinder classrooms and started pull-out classes with all students in grades 2-5 last week. Please look for his newsletter in Tiger Folders once per month. Permission forms to test for GATE will be mailed to your home address in early September.
Cafeteria: Please see Ms. Maria Leon if you have any questions or to make payments before school starts and before serving times.

Prices: Breakfast: $1.25—full price and $.25—Reduced; Lunch: $2.30—full price and $1.40—Reduced. Milk is also available a la carte at $.30. TUSD now offers on-line meal payments through MyPaymentsPlus! This system eliminates the need to send checks to school or worry about lunch money. Please see www.MyPaymentsPlus.com or the TUSD food service webpage for more information. There is a fee for this service. Please remember there is no food on the playground. All food must stay in the cafeteria.

Gale PTC.
Whether you want to be at the school daily, weekly, monthly, or only for special events, we welcome you! Please show your support by joining our PTC. Gale’s PTC works hand-in-hand with the school staff to provide support programs and opportunities to be involved in school. Our next meeting is August 23rd at 2:15pm in our library. For more information, check out www.galetigersptc@gmail.com

Ice Cream Fridays—Ice cream Fridays are back. Every Friday, PTC will be selling ice cream for $.50 after school. All profits go back to our students and assists in funding more enrichment programs. Thank you for your support!

Parent Pick-up.
To the right, there is an aerial map of the school. Please note that number 1 represents our STAFF parking lot. Do not park or drop off students in this area. Parent drop-off and pick-up are in the following designated areas, 2 and 6. We have a valet system when using #5 and #6. Pull as far forward as possible to the number 7 (green area). This is where our crossing guard will cross you and staff will load students. Please follow their lead. If your child is not out to the loading bay when you are in the loading area, you will be asked to loop around. Follow the arrows in the parking lot and return to the pick-up line. We try to move every few seconds. Also, if students need assistance getting in their cars, please park in our lot or overflow parking area and do not use the pick-up lane. #5 marks the entrance and #9 marks the exit. Please follow this traffic design and use a very slow rate of speed. #11 is one way, which heads toward the pick-up line. Thank you so much for following our traffic and pick-up setup. We want to ensure the safety of all students at all times.

DATES TO REMEMBER
August 13 Bahama Bucks 3-9 P.M.
August 20-3rd Grade Curriculum Night 6-7 p.m.
August 23 – PTC meeting @ 2:15pm in library
August 27-K-2 curriculum Night 5-5:45 p.m.
August 27-Skate Night 6-8 P.M.

Every Friday—Ice Cream Fridays
For 50 cents students can purchase ice cream from our PTC in the main hallway just outside the cafeteria

Save the Date:
Picture Day September 10th

Join us at Skate Country on
August 27h
From 6-8 p.m.