



# GUST ELEMENTARY

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Good Afternoon, Gust Families,

We hosted a family art night for our ECE-2nd grade students! We have so many fabulous artists here at Gust! Next Thursday, we will host a family night for our 3-5 grade students.

Onyx, Gust's service dog, was back in action this week at Gust. He visited many classrooms and even shook a couple of hands!

Our next Coffee and Community will be on Thursday, January 30th at 7:30 in the cafeteria. Join us for burritos and some great information from our mental health team!

Check out our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages to see all the fun activities happening at Gust.

## **Operations**

Families can now update students' emergency contact information as needed throughout the school year and provide alternative contacts if no parent or guardian is available. To make these updates, families will use [this step-by-step guide](#) (also available in [Spanish](#)) to add, remove or modify emergency contact updates for students in Infinite Campus.

**Yearbooks are Now on Sale!** Reserve yours today on your [My School Bucks Account](#).

Gust Elementary has a lockdown drill scheduled for Monday between 8-10. We will send communication via text when the lockdown drill is complete.

## **Instruction**

Students are completing their mid-year reading assessments this month! Please look for your student's progress report in their backpacks next week!

## **Equity**

While we still do not know exactly what actions the new administration will take at this time, it is important that our staff and families have access to resources and information to establish an action plan. A Family Resource Toolkit, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), contains information and



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resources about rights, current DPS policies, training, mental health support, DPS resources, community resources, and more.

Here are a few links that may contain helpful information:

- [Supporting Students Amid Political Events: Tips for Families and Educators](#)
- [How to Talk to a Child Worried About Deportation \(English/Spanish\)](#)
- [How to Talk to Your Child about Immigration: Recommendations for Parents](#)
- [How to Talk to Your Kids About Immigration](#)
- [An End to DACA: Helping Children Manage Stress and Anxiety](#)

Have a great weekend,

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