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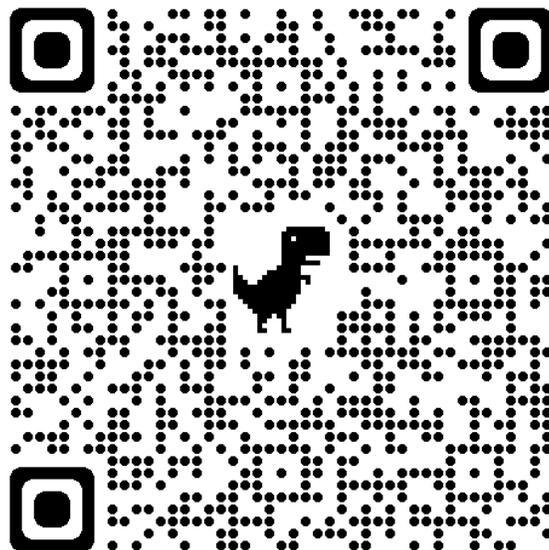
Dear Gayhead Community,

It is almost time to welcome everyone back to a new school year. On Wednesday, September 7th, the halls of Gayhead Elementary will be filled with excited faces, the smell of new clothes, a few nervous parents, and a very grateful administrative team, hoping that our day goes without a hitch. We are excited for the opportunities that await your children this year. Your child is attending a school with a tradition of excellence, where we make learning fun, as we support students in becoming lifelong learners and effective citizens.

We welcome the many students and families who are new to the Gayhead area. Our total student enrollment will be more than 850 on the first day of school. Being able to start a new school year is an exciting experience and opportunity for all of us! We hope that we continue to build on our past successes and that together we make Gayhead the best it can be.

As we prepare for the 2022-2023 academic year, we have created a webpage to house all of our important Opening of the School Year documents. Our goals for this website are, to save a little paper and toner (eco-friendly if you will) and also to create a one-stop-shopping site for families to visit at the start of each school year. You will be able to find the following on this webpage: opening documents, student handbook, arrival and departure information, bus change information, an absence form, and the WCSD School Calendar.

Please use the following QR code reader to access the site (take a picture with your phone's camera and it'll bring you to the site).





Please don't be a stranger to our building; we welcome you and appreciate ever so much the support you give the school. For the safety of everyone we ask that all visitors bring photo identification to enter the building, without your photo ID, you will NOT be allowed to enter the building, so please be sure to bring it with you.

Just as we mark each New Year's Day with resolutions to do better in the year ahead, we should resolve together to make the 2022-2023 school year the best for everyone. The resolution possibilities are numerous, but a few that come to my mind are:

- Set an early bedtime that allows for your child to receive plenty of rest
- Determine a set time and place where homework will be completed - At least once a week, if not daily, clean out your child's backpack
- Make frequent contact with your child's teacher via note, email, or visit
- Celebrate success at all levels of learning
- Cover the front of the refrigerator with your child's accomplishments. Such a small thing shows your child you care and are proud of them
- Start the day with a hearty breakfast
- Read to your child for fifteen minutes every day and limit the television during the week

These are just a few suggestions that we have found work with our families. Again, we welcome everyone to a new year of learning, growing, achieving and reaching new and further horizons.

Sincerely,

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