

**September 2024**

**Galt Joint Union Elementary School District**

# **Newsletter**

“Our greatest natural resource is in the minds of our children.” – Walt Disney

## **Important Dates**

### **in September**

**2nd** - Schools Closed for Labor Day

**17th** - U.S. Constitution and Citizenship Day

**18th** - Regular School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

Motivational speaker, Dwight Taylor Jr., starting off our school year in a positive way.

## **District Advisory Committee (DAC) and District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)**

The DAC/DELAC serves in an advisory capacity to the school district and as a communication link between the schools and the community. DAC/DELAC members provide valuable input regarding the district’s educational programs and district’s Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). We need parents to serve on these important advisory committees. Please email [superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us](mailto:superintendent@galt.k12.ca.us) if you are interested. The first meetings will be held via Zoom teleconference on October 10th. DAC is at 3:30 pm and DELAC at 5:00 pm.



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## Why Attendance in School Matters?

Students that miss an average of 1-2 days of school a month can be at risk of not meeting grade level standards and not graduating from high school. In the earlier years of school, poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade. By 6th grade, poor attendance becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

All of our schools have social workers or counselors to support families. Please schedule a meeting with school staff if your child is struggling with attendance. Staff will be reaching out to families to schedule an attendance meeting when there becomes a pattern of missing school. Please view this video prepared for parents about the importance of attending school.

<https://www.attendanceworks.org/chronic-absence/the-problem/bring-attendance-home-video/>

## Preparing Our Students for Success - Measure H Facility Bond

GJUESD is committed to providing a quality education to our students. However, many of our schools were built decades ago and need upgrades to keep up with today's changing education and safety standards. Security systems and fire prevention systems are old and outdated, classroom roofs leak, and older electrical and sewer lines need to be replaced. Measure H - a \$27 million school improvement bond will be on the November 2024 ballot. To learn more about Measure H and the district's facility needs visit the [Measure H website](#).

## Galt Horse Assisted Learning and Enrichment Program (GALEP)

Volunteers are needed for the GALEP program. This equine-assisted program provides free riding and enrichment experiences for students during the summer, fall and spring at the arena behind McCaffrey Middle School. The program is a member of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International. For more information and application, please visit the [GALEP website](#) or contact Lori Jones at (209) 744-4545 ext. 332 or email [ljones@galt.k12.ca.us](mailto:ljones@galt.k12.ca.us).

