



SLCSB

Gaines Gazette

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Why Should Families Be Engaged in School?

You are your child's first and most important teacher. The more involved you are in your child's education, the more likely your child is to succeed in school. Research shows that parent support is more important to school success than a student's IQ, economic status, or school setting.

When Parents Are Involved...

- ◆ Children get higher grades and test scores.
- ◆ Children have better attitudes and behavior.
- ◆ Children complete more homework.
- ◆ Children are more likely to complete high school and enroll in post-high school education.

Family Fun Facts

Did you know?

- ◆ Children who eat dinner around the table with their families do better in school.
- ◆ Children who take family trips do better in school. Simple free trips to the park or library are as good as expensive trips away from home.
- ◆ Children who are read to frequently read earlier and better.
- ◆ Children who see their parents read regularly are likely to read more themselves.
- ◆ Spending 30 minutes a day with your child can help them to achieve better grades in school.
- ◆ Children love to spend time with their parents!

Gaines Academy's Family Engagement Opportunities

Let me count the ways I can become involved....

- ◆ Attend Awards and Student Led Conferences on November 4
- ◆ Join us for a School Advisory meeting at the Goodwill Presbyterian Church at 6:00 on November 12
- ◆ Enjoy a game of Volleyball see the Sports Schedule
- ◆ Volunteer and help teachers across the campus
- ◆ Become a member of our PTO to support school functions
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My staff and I are grateful to all our families for choosing Samuel S. Gaines Academy. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure your children's success.

Believe in...Gains at Gaines!

Sincerely,

Traci Wilke

Principal and Treasure Hunter



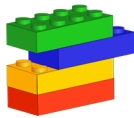
Great Things Happen at Sam Gaines...Power Up!



In VPK, for November and December we will be working in three different themes. As we conclude **Giants** we will explore the giants made by man and the make-believe giants of literature.

In our next theme, **Choices**, we will learn about how we make choices, healthy choices and problem-solving. In the week before Winter Break, we will begin **Nursery Rhymes**.

As always, we will focus on learning new concepts and vocabulary. On December 3rd, we are planning a field trip to see a Jack Hartmann Concert at Fort Pierce



First grade

Students are working hard on their power goals in 100 Book Challenge. Please continue logging their steps every day so your child can earn their cool charms for their necklaces!



Supervision of students begins at 9:00 AM. Please do not drop students off prior to 9:00 in the morning.

For those using the Parent Pick-up just a reminder to have your child's name on a window tag and to remain in your car! For the safety of everyone's children we do not allow parents to park and walk up to get their children.

School hours

9:30-4:00

Our sensational Second Grade "Superheroes in Training" have really been powering up their knowledge. They have finished up their unit on adding and subtracting within 100 and as well as building their comprehension skills while learning about matter and citizenship. Our superhero recruits will continue to discover new powers of measuring and understanding data in math. They will be finding the main topic, author's purpose, and reasons the author uses to support points in reading. They will also discover the central message of Native American folktales. These super students will explore "Who We Are as Americans" in Social Studies and Energy and Forces of Motion in Science.



Important Dates to Remember

Holiday Concert 12/3/15 @ 5:30

Colt of the Month 12/17 @2:45

Early Release 12/18 @2:00

Winter Break 12/21 -1/5/16

School Advisory Council (SAC) and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

We have plenty of opportunities for you to be involved in our school!! No experience is necessary for you to be part of **SAC** or **PTO**. Both groups require minimal time (about 1 hour a month).

SAC is an advisory group for the principal. This group learns more about the decisions made at the school as well as having a voice in some decision. We meet once a month at a time to be determined by the Council.

PTO is a new group. We are looking for a group of parents who just want to help out and be involved. This group can help fundraise for programs, sell concessions at our intramural games, and help us create a welcoming climate for new families.

Please call Mrs. Tisheh at 463-8863 if you want more information!.