

# **Gibbs International Studies Magnet Elementary**

## **2023-2024 Parent Information Packet**



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**School Mission:** The entire community of Gibbs Magnet School of International Studies and World Languages will encourage all children to achieve high academic standards, as they become good citizens of the world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Principal:** Tina Greenwood

**Parent Facilitator:** Renada Burt

**District:** Little Rock School District

**School Grade:** B

**Grade levels:** PreK-5

**Are you title 1 school wide:** Yes

**Percent of free/reduced lunch:** 52%

**Parent Involvement Committee Members**

Tina Greenwood, Principal  
Renada Burt, Parent Facilitator  
Jamie Alverson, School Nurse/Parent  
Blair Ray, Art Specialist/Parent  
Michelle Jones, Teacher  
Yolanda Terry, Parent  
Leann Mullens, Parent  
Laurel O'Neal, Parent

**Gibbs Magnet will communicate with parents in the following ways to increase parent involvement and to support classroom instruction by:**

- Distributing a weekly newsletter developed by school staff, principal and the parent teacher association which will include school news and activities, district events, and parenting tips. Renada Burt writes the newsletter. She can be contacted at 447-4921 or Renada.Burt@lrzd.org.
- Distributing parent involvement surveys at the end of the year to help develop goals and objectives for the following school year. This survey will be distributed by the parent facilitator and/or the PTA. For more information, contact Yolanda Terry or Leann Mullens at [gibbsPTA2022@gmail.com](mailto:gibbsPTA2022@gmail.com) or Renada Burt at 501-447-4921 or Renada.Burt@lrzd.org.
- Distributing volunteer opportunities to all parents. Then, a volunteer resource document will be created and shared with staff and parents. This living document will be displayed in the Parent Center on the Volunteer Job beginning Fall 2019.
- Utilizing the school website and HAC to communicate pertinent school information. eSchool/HAC provides parents access to their child's grades and parents may use HAC/Schoolology or email to communicate with their child's teacher. Contact Lori Gibson for more information at 447-4935 or [Lori.Gibson@lrzd.org](mailto:Lori.Gibson@lrzd.org).

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- Providing two parent teacher conferences per school year for individual parents to discuss academic and behavioral progress of their students. **Parent teacher conferences will be held in October 2023 and February 2024.**
- Utilizing student's assignment notebooks, ClassDojo, e-mail and telephone calls to communicate individual student's academic and behavioral progress.
- PTA has an additional social media page on Facebook

**Gibbs Magnet will plan the following activities to increase parental involvement and to build staff and parent capacity:**

- Parent observations and training sessions will be scheduled to help parents help their children academically. These may be scheduled by individual teachers and or grade levels. You may contact your child's teacher for further information.
- A curriculum night will be scheduled to help parents better understand instructional strategies and their purpose in the classroom setting. This will be held in the fall.
- Annually, the school will host a Grand Gathering to help transition to a new school year and communicate school expectations.
- During a title 1 parent meeting, the school principal will share statewide assessment information with parents. Also, teachers will provide an overview of grade level expectations and classroom rules and procedures. This will be announced in the fall.
- Gibbs Magnet will encourage parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for student learning :

Garden Club	Weekly	Community Partners
Basketball	Weekly	Danny Greenwood
Cheerleading	Weekly	Parent/Staff volunteers
Gentleman's Club	Monthly	Parent
Chess Club	Monthly	Parent
World Cultures Club	Monthly	World Language Specialists
Yearbook Club	Monthly	Lori Gibson/Parent
Destination Imagination	Ongoing	Rhonda Adams/Parents
Field Trips	Ongoing	School Staff
Field Day	Spring	School Staff/PTA

**For information regarding the above activities, contact Tina Greenwood, 447-4900 or  
[tina.greenwood@lrsd.org](mailto:tina.greenwood@lrsd.org)**

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**Gibbs Magnet will distribute a list of volunteer opportunities and allow parents to select activities and/or events of interest. Training for volunteers will be provided. Procedures for various involvement opportunities will be briefly outlined by previous volunteers or the PTA.**

- Gibbs Magnet will work with the various LRSD middle schools to help provide a smooth transition from one school to the next by communicating the orientation process. A special orientation meeting will be held for parents of fifth graders to help them understand the move to middle school. You may contact Kecia Fells at 447-4904 or [Kecia.fells@lrzd.org](mailto:Kecia.fells@lrzd.org) for further information. This occurs during the month of January.
- Gibbs Magnet will provide instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: Role play and demonstration by trained volunteer, the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Department of Education. For more information, contact Tina Greenwood at 501-447-4900 or [tina.greenwood@lrzd.org](mailto:tina.greenwood@lrzd.org)
- The parent facilitator or trained designee will provide no fewer than two hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement strategies.

**Gibbs Magnet will work with parents to develop a school-parent-compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. All Stakeholders will sign the compact.**

- Gibbs Magnet will provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide ACSIP Plan/Indistar to engage them in the decision-making process in regards to student achievement.
- Gibbs Magnet will involve parents on school improvement planning committees. Parents and staff will be provided with a brief training concerning this process by the school principal. This training will occur during the Fall Semester. Contact Tina Greenwood for more information at 447-4900 or [Tina.Greenwood@lrzd.org](mailto:Tina.Greenwood@lrzd.org).
- Gibbs Magnet will take advantage of the community resources for school improvement purposes.
- Gibbs Magnet Parent teacher Association will foster parental and community involvement within the school. Contact Yolanda Terry or Leann Mullens at [gibbsPTA@gmail.com](mailto:gibbsPTA@gmail.com) for additional information.

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**Gibbs Magnet will provide the following resources for parents:**

- Gibbs Magnet has a parent center with easy accessibility to parents. It is located in the specialists' wing of the building, across from the cafeteria and is available for parent use during school hours and after school. You may contact Renada Burt at 447-4921 or [Renada.burt@lrzd.org](mailto:Renada.burt@lrzd.org) for further information.
- Parents will also be encouraged to utilize the media center as a resource to help access HAC to check student progress.
- Gibbs Magnet will make informational packets available (digitally and on paper) each year that include a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/teachers/students and school, suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, parental involvement activities planned for the current school year and information about the system that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate (notes, phone calls, e-mail) This information will be given out during check in. Gibbs Magnet will promote and support responsible parenting; the school shall, as funds are available: Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library, advertise the current selection and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review.
- Gibbs Magnet provides in the informational packet information on the process for resolving parental concerns step by step.

**Gibbs Magnet will engage parents in the evaluation of our parental involvement efforts.**

- Gibbs Magnet will engage parents in the annually evaluation of the parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment completed by teachers, parents and school staff. The parental involvement committee will determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted.
- Gibbs Magnet will use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year.
- Gibbs Magnet will involve parents in the implementation and evaluation of the school-wide improvement plan.
- Gibbs Magnet will use the parent survey will be distributed at the end of each school year to gather information on parental program effectiveness.

Gibbs Magnet will use the information collected to determine which activities to continue or discontinue.

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**Gibbs Magnet Home/School Learning Compact 2023-2024**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Agreement (Any person who is interested in helping this student may sign in lieu of the parent.)

I want my child to succeed. Therefore, I will encourage him/her by doing the following:

- ☐ See that my child is punctual and attends school regularly.
- ☐ Support the school discipline policy.
- ☐ Establish a time for homework and review homework regularly.
- ☐ Provide a quiet, well lighted place for study.
- ☐ Encourage my child's efforts and be available for questions.
- ☐ Stay aware of what my child is learning.
- ☐ Read with my child and let my child see me read.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Agreement

It is important that I work to the best of my ability. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- ☐ Attend school regularly.
- ☐ Come to school each day with necessary tools for learning.
- ☐ Complete and return homework assignments.
- ☐ Observe regular study hours.
- ☐ Conform to rules of student conduct.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Agreement

It is important that students achieve. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- ☐ Provide appropriate and meaningful homework assignments for students.
- ☐ Provide necessary assistance to parents so that they can help with the assignments.
- ☐ Encourage students and parents by providing information about student progress.
- ☐ Use special activities in the classroom to make learning enjoyable.

Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Principal/School Agreement

I support this form of parent involvement. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- ☐ Provide an environment that allows for positive communication between the teachers, parents, and students.
- ☐ Ensure teachers homework assignments that will reinforce classroom instruction regularly.
- ☐ Ensure high-quality curriculum and instruction that meets the State's student academic achievement standards
- ☐ Engage parents in parent-teacher conferences in which this compact will be discussed.
- ☐ Ensure that parents receive frequent reports on their child's progress.
- ☐ Ensure parental access to staff to support partnerships.
- ☐ Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and observe classroom activities.

Principal Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Gibbs 2023-2024 Activities Calendar***

***Theme: Gibbs Global Citizens- All the Places We Can Go-- Traveling the World!***

August
<p>7<sup>th</sup>- Teachers Return</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup>- Gibbs Grand Gathering (5:30-7:00p)</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup>- Students' First Day</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup>- Spirit Night Fundraiser: Main Event (3:30-7:30p)</p>
September
<p>4<sup>th</sup>- Labor Day- NO SCHOOL</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> - Fall Book Fair</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup>- Spirit Night Fundraiser: Chipotle-Chenal (4p-8p)</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup>- Hispanic Heritage Month Begins</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup>- International Day of Peace</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup>- Mini United Nations Meeting</p> <p>26<sup>th</sup>- PTA Meeting/Parent Workshop: Back to School Basics/Curriculum Night/Title I Meeting (5:00p)</p>
October
<p>4<sup>th</sup>- Teach German Day</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup>- End of Quarter 1</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical (8:30a/1:30p)</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup>- Parent/Teacher Conferences (3p-6p)</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup>-Parent/Teacher Conferences (8a-12p)-NO SCHOOL</p>

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<p><b>23<sup>rd</sup>- NO SCHOOL- PD Day</b></p> <p><b>24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>- Red Ribbon Week</b></p> <p><b>27<sup>th</sup>- PTA Fall Festival (6-7:30p)</b></p>
<b>November</b>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup>- NO SCHOOL- PD Day</b></p> <p><b>6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>- National French Week</b></p> <p><b>9<sup>th</sup>- Prospective Family Open House (5:30-6:30p)</b></p> <p><b>14<sup>th</sup>- Spirit Night Fundraiser: Chuck E. Cheese (3p-7p)</b></p> <p><b>17<sup>th</sup>- Mini UN Meeting</b></p> <p><b>20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>- THANKSGIVING BREAK: NO SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>28<sup>th</sup>-PTA Meeting/Parent Workshop (5p)</b></p>
<b>December</b>
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>- Giving Tree Donations/Visits (Recipient: CALL Mall- Luggage, backpacks, travel toiletries)</b></p> <p><b>6<sup>th</sup>- St. Nicholas Day</b></p> <p><b>7<sup>th</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Musical (8:30a/1:30p)</b></p> <p><b>8<sup>th</sup>- Birthday Table (Nov/Dec/Jan)</b></p> <p><b>14<sup>th</sup>- Las Posadas Activities</b></p> <p><b>15<sup>th</sup>- Class Holiday Parties (1:00-2:00p)/End of Quarter 2</b></p> <p><b>18<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Winter Break</b></p>
<b>January 2024</b>
<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup>- Teachers' Record/Work Day</b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup>- Students return</b></p>



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<p><b>15<sup>th</sup>- MLK Jr. Day- NO SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>30<sup>th</sup>-PTA Meeting/Parent Workshop (5p)</b></p>
<b>February</b>
<p><b>9<sup>th</sup>- Lunar New Year activity</b></p> <p><b>13<sup>th</sup>- Mardi Gras activity</b></p> <p><b>14<sup>th</sup>- Class Valentine's Day parties</b></p> <p><b>15<sup>th</sup>- Parent/Teacher Conferences (3p-6p)</b></p> <p><b>16<sup>th</sup>- Parent/Teacher Conferences (8a-12p)- NO SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>19<sup>th</sup>- NO SCHOOL-PD Day</b></p>
<b>March</b>
<p><b>8<sup>th</sup>- Mini United Nations Meeting</b></p> <p><b>PTA Spring Dance (6p-7:30p)</b></p> <p><b>13<sup>th</sup>- Gibbs Geography Bee</b></p> <p><b>14<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten Musical (8:30a/1:30p)</b></p> <p><b>15<sup>th</sup>- Birthday table (Feb, Mar, Apr)/End of Quarter 3</b></p> <p><b>18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>- SPRING BREAK</b></p> <p><b>26<sup>th</sup>- PTA Meeting/Parent Workshop: Spring Magnet Showcase (5p)</b></p> <p><b>29<sup>th</sup>- Volunteer Lunch</b></p>
<b>April</b>
<p><b>15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>-K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade summative assessment (tentative)</b></p> <p><b>22<sup>nd</sup>- Earth Day Parade (1:30p)</b></p> <p><b>22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade summative assessment (tentative)</b></p> <p><b>29<sup>th</sup>-May 3<sup>rd</sup>- Spring Book Fair</b></p>

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<b>May</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>- International Fest (5:00-7:30p)</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup>- Cinco De Mayo activities</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>- Teacher Appreciation Week</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup>- PTA Mother's Day Lunch</b>
<b>Mini United Nations Meeting</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup>- PreK Promotion (9:30a)</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical (8:30a/1:30p)</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup>- Field Day (8:30a-2:30p)</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup>- PTA Meeting/Parent Workshop: Transitions (5p)</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup>- Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> grade End of Year Awards Ceremonies</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion (8:30a)/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic (10a-1:30p)</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup>- Memorial Day- NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup>- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>

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## ***2023-2024 PTA Officers/Committee Members***

<b><i>Office/Position</i></b>	<b><i>Name</i></b>
<b><i>Co-Presidents</i></b>	<b><i>Yolanda Terry</i></b> <b><i>Leann Mullens</i></b>
<b><i>Co-Vice Presidents</i></b>	<b><i>Angie Beasley</i></b> <b><i>Derrick Rainey</i></b>
<b><i>Co-Secretaries</i></b>	<b><i>Nicki Spencer</i></b> <b><i>Anndrea Veasely</i></b>
<b><i>Treasurer</i></b>	<b><i>Donna Uptigrove</i></b>
<b><i>PTA Council Rep/VIPs Coordinator</i></b>	<b><i>Brandi Nichols</i></b>
<b><i>Staff Liasons</i></b>	<b><i>Blair Ray</i></b> <b><i>Renada Burt</i></b>

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**National Network of Partnership Schools**

Gibbs Magnet Elementary is a member of Johns Hopkins University National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS). The NNPS School, Family and Community Partnership model is designed to enhance parent participation and involvement in the school and community. The model is researched based and references six types of involvement: Parenting, Communicating, Volunteering, Student Learning, Decision-Making and Collaborating with the Community. To support the six types of involvement, Gibbs Magnet Elementary School participates on the LRSD NNPS Central-East School Cluster Team. **(Renada Burt, 447-4900, Renada.burt@lrzd.org).**