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Dr. Laura Schwalm, Superintendent

Gary M. Gerstner, Principal

DATE: 08/27/11

TO: **Garden Park Community**

FROM: Gary M. Gerstner, Principal

RE: ***2011/2012 RECOGNITIONS EXPLAINED***



On this webpage you will find a brief description and underlining purpose for each of our recognition/awards assemblies. At the heart of everything we do here at Garden Park Elementary School is academic excellence. We will strive on a daily basis to provide and acknowledge a child's academic growth and effort. These recognition moments are one of the many ways we, as a staff, contribute to the solid academic foundation each of our students will need to build a successful future.





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GARDEN PARK AWARDS **(Brief descriptions)**

Daily Awards

- Purple Ticket – behavior and effort

Monthly Awards

- Glorious Gecko Award

Trimester Awards

- Principal's Award in ELA – academic excellence in ELA (*all 3's and/or 4's on report card*)
- Principal's Award in Math – academic excellence in Math (*all 3's and/or 4's on report card*)
- Reading Award – Met or exceeded all three individual reading goals (*points, %, and reading level*)
- Perfect Attendance (*acknowledged and given in the classroom*) – “perfect attendance”
- Effort (*acknowledged and given in the classroom*) – superb daily effort

Annual Awards

- Band Jumper Awards (ELA & Math) – students who moved up a band on the CST
- Million Word Club – students who read and/or exceeded one million words by the end of the second trimester.
- Math Bee Winners (3rd grade) – The top two third grade mathematicians.
- Spelling Bee Winners (4-6th grade) – The top two upper grade spellers.





GARDEN PARK AWARDS

(Detailed descriptions)



PURPLE TICKETS

(Daily)

RATIONAL:

To increase positive behavior in and outside the classroom
To increase a child's desire to put forth their best effort in all things they do

RECOGNITION:

When a student brings their purple ticket to the front office after school (after the dismissal bell has rung) he/she will be given a piece of fat-free red vine.

GLORIOUS GECKO

(Monthly – Friday Flag Salute)



RATIONAL:

To recognize students who have put forth a tremendous amount of effort towards their academics
To recognize students who have displayed excellent behaviors that should be modeled by their peers
To recognize students who have done an exceptional job on their writing
To recognize students who simply would benefit from public recognition given to them by their teacher

RECOGNITION:

Selected students (one from each classroom) will be called up during our Flag Friday Flag Salute on the last Friday of the month to be recognized by their peers and to receive a Glorious Gecko certificate. On the certificate will be a personal notation from the teacher expressing their reason for giving the Glorious Gecko award to the student.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD IN ELA

(Once a trimester - Assembly)



RATIONAL:

To increase the number of students who earn 3's and/or 4's in all sections of ELA on their report card
To give every student in grades K through 6th another reason to put forth their best academic effort in ELA

RECOGNITION:

Students who earn all 3's and/or 4's in all sections of the ELA portion of the report card will receive peer and parent recognition, a certificate, a medallion and an extended lunch with pizza.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD IN MATH

(Once a trimester - Assembly)

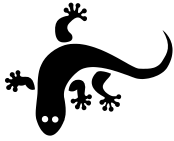
RATIONAL:

To increase the number of students who earn 3's and/or 4's in all sections of Math on their report card
To give every student in grades K through 6th another reason to put forth their best academic effort in Math

RECOGNITION:

Students who earn all 3's and/or 4's in all sections of the Math portion of the report card will receive peer and parent recognition, a certificate, a medallion and an extended lunch with pizza.





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READING INCENTIVES

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RATIONAL:

- To increase reading comprehension one or two grade levels annually.¹
- To increase every student's purpose for reading independently
- To increase every student's love for recreational as well as academic reading

RECOGNITION:

K & 1st Grade Students

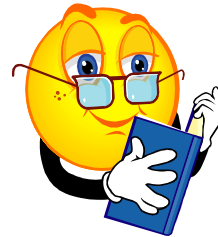
Trimester Goals:

1. 80% average or better on all Accelerated Reader quizzes taken during the trimester.
2. Meet and/or exceed point goals set in the beginning of the trimester.
3. The majority of the books read during the trimester were within the student's individual reading range.



All K & 1st grade students who meet and/or exceed the three goals listed above will earn the following:

- Pizza party
- Extended Lunch
- Recognition at Trimester Awards Assembly
- Reading Certificate
- Medallion



2nd-6th Grade Students

Trimester

1. 85% average or better on all Accelerated Reader quizzes taken during the trimester.
2. Meet and/or exceed point goals set in the beginning of the trimester.
3. The majority of the books read during the trimester were within the student's individual reading range.

All students who meet and/or exceed the three goals listed above will earn the following:

- Extended Lunch
- Ice cream or other treat (provided by PTA)
- Recognition at Trimester Awards Assembly
- Medallion
- Reading Certificate



2nd Trimester – MILLION WORD CLUB

1. Read 1,000,000 words on or before the end of the second trimester².

All students who meet and/or exceed the million word club goal by the end of the 2nd trimester will earn the following:

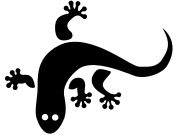
- Extended Lunch
- Ice cream or other treat (provided by PTA)
- Recognition at Trimester Awards Assembly
- Medallion
- Reading Certificate
- Name on 1,000,000 Word Club perpetual plaque (proudly displayed in the MPR all year)
- Personalized plaque recognizing induction to the 1,000,000 Word Club

Awards for students who exceed two million, three million, four million, five million, or six million words will be determined as these levels are achieved.

¹ Based upon the STAR and/or other district approved reading comprehension assessments.

² As recorded in the Accelerated Reader software program at the end of the trimester.





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Over Two Million Words Read (Lunch Award)

2,000,000 Word Level:

When a student has read over two million words, as determined by Accelerated Reader, s/he will receive a **lunch for themselves and a friend** from one of the following eating establishments:

In & Out	Subway	Panda Express
Dell Taco	Quizno's	Carls Jr.
Taco Bell	McDonalds	Burger King

3,000,000 Word Level:

When a student has read over three million words, as determined by Accelerated Reader, s/he will be able to **invite a friend** at Garden Park Elementary School to lunch with the principal at any of the above listed restaurants or one of the following restaurants listed below:

Coco's	Shakey's	Denny's	Dairy Queen
Sizzler	Harry's	Souplantation	SuperMex

4,000,000 – 5,000,000 Word Level:

When a student has read over four million words, as determined by Accelerated Reader, s/he will be able to **invite two friends** at Garden Park Elementary School to lunch with the principal at any of the above listed restaurants or one of the following restaurants listed below:

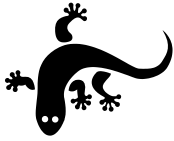
Acapulcos	Islands	Outback	Red Robin
Lazy Dog Café	Red Robin	Macaroni Grill	Ruby's (SB or HB)
Marie Callenders	Sizzler	Mimi's Café	Olive Garden

6,000,000 Plus Word Level:

When a student has read over five million words, as determined by Accelerated Reader, s/he will be able to **invite two friends** at Garden Park Elementary School to lunch with the principal at a restaurant of the student's choice.

Lunch awards will take place during the school day between the hours of 11:00 and 01:00 pm.





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PERFECT ATTENANCE

(Once a trimester – in class)



RATIONAL:

To increase daily attendance of each student individually as well as schoolwide
To increase the number of students on time to school on a daily, monthly and annual basis

RECOGNITION:

Students who come to school every day **AND** come to school on time every day will be recognized by their teacher in the classroom. At the teacher’s discretion, students will be recognized monthly or at the end of the trimester.



BEST EFFORT

(Once a trimester – in class)

RATIONAL:

To increase daily, weekly and monthly effort towards academics in and outside the classroom
To increase positive behavior on a daily, weekly and monthly basis both in and outside the classroom

RECOGNITION:

At the teacher’s discretion, students will be recognized monthly or at the end of the trimester for their effort and/or positive behavior.

BAND JUMPER INCENTIVES

(Annually - Assembly)



RATIONAL:

To increase the number of students who meet and/or exceed district goal #1
To increase the number of students who jump one, two or three bands
To give every student in grades 2nd through 6th another reason to put forth their best effort on the CST
To recognized a student’s effort and academic progress from one year to another

RECOGNITION:

All students in California who take the CST will fall into one of the five academic levels: Far Below Basic (FBB), Below Basic (BB), Basic (B), Proficient (P) or Advanced (A). The state’s goal, as well as ours, is to have every student performing at the proficient or advanced level on/or before 2014. Utilizing the CST results received in August, we determine the students who have moved up (jumped) one, two, three or four levels on the CST. These students will be recognized as follows:

- ✓ Kudos Award (A.K.A. Upward Bound) - one band jump (i.e. FFB to BB, B to P, P to A) will receive a certificate and a Kudos bar. Kudos to these students who have met or exceeded the district’s goal of moving up one level a year.
- ✓ Shooting Star Award – two or three band jumpers (i.e. FBB to B, BB to P, B to A, FBB to P) will receive a certificate and two or three packs of Starburst. These students are shooting stars and deserve to be recognized for shooting across the academic skyline.
- ✓ MilkyWay Award – remained in the advanced level (the highest level possible) band for two years in a row. These students will receive a certificate and a MilkyWay candy bar. These students are one of the many stars that make the MilkyWay shine and sparkle in the evening skyline.

