

SELECT EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

For the **Annual Gala**, parents may participate by serving on the event committee, donating and procuring auction items, and attending the event.

At **Back-to-School Night**, teachers discuss the curriculum for the year and provide information on homework, field trips, and parent volunteer opportunities.

A book on education will be chosen mid-year by the School to be reviewed in the parent **Book Clubs**, which are facilitated by administration. Whether you have finished the book or not, join us for an informative discussion.

Corks & Forks is a friend-raiser featuring the best of California wine, food, and beer, and is a wonderful chance to connect with Gillispie families, past and present! Parents may also participate by serving on this committee.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day (held on separate days in November for the Early Childhood and Elementary grades) invites grandparents and extended family members on campus to get a peek at Gillispie.

Homecoming, held on a fall evening, welcomes families as the first major social event of the year.

Fight Against Hunger, a community-wide volunteer event held on campus in the spring. Parents, grandparents, faculty, and students will work in conjunction with non-profit group Friends and Family Community Connection to assemble 50,000 meals for those in need.

The **Grade-Level Coffees and Check-ins** are a time for the Head of School and the Director of Early Childhood to communicate about grade-level matters and school policies, as well as to exchange ideas with families. Please see *The Gillispie Sun*, the weekly e-newsletter, for dates.

Gillispie celebrates **Halloween** with a morning costume parade. Early Childhood parents are encouraged to join after the parade for light refreshments and a tour of their children's classrooms.

International Day, organized by parent volunteers, is an exploration and celebration of world cultures.

Parent Conferences are held in November and April for all grade levels and are an opportunity for parents to meet with their children's teachers to discuss academic and social progress.

The **San Diego Blood Drive and School Bake Sale** provides Gillispie parents, friends, and community members with an opportunity to help support the efforts of our local blood bank.

The **Spring Arts and Science Showcase**, a day to celebrate the performing and visual arts and science! Parents, grandparents, and special friends are welcomed to campus to experience a morning of music, art, and science.

Summer Session at Gillispie offers week-by-week summertime programming that will keep your student fully engaged in purposeful learning and warm-weather fun.

In December, Gillispie families gather to enjoy the **Winter Music Program** featuring singing and instrumental performances by our students.

EVENTS NOT TO MISS (Dates subject to change)

EVENT	PARTICIPANTS	DATE
New Parent Orientation	All families new to Gillispie	August 28
New Parent Meet & Greet	All parents new to Gillispie	August 28
Back-to-School Night	Teachers welcome parents of all students	September 18
Gillispie Homecoming	Students, families, and Alumni	September 27
Grade-Level Coffees with Head of School	Parents at grade level	October 2019
International Day	Students in Prekindergarten-Grade 6	October 25
Halloween Celebrations:		
Fall Open House	Early Childhood parents view parade & visit classrooms	October 31
Parade	All parents welcome to view student parade	October 31
Fall Parent Conferences	Early Childhood-Grade 6 parents	November 2019
Grandparents and Special Friends Day	Family and friends of all students	November 21 (EC) and 22 (Elem.)
Winter Music Programs	Family and friends of all students	December 20
SD Blood Drive and Bake Sale	Family and friends of all students	February 11
Annual Gala	Family and friends of all students	March 7
Summer Session Registration Begins	EC-Grade 6 parents	March 27
Spring Parent Conferences	Early Childhood parents	April 2020
Fight Against Hunger Food Packaging Event	Family and friends of all students	April 30
Corks & Forks	Incoming, past, and current Gillispie parents	May 15
Spring Arts and Science Showcase	Family and friends of EC-Grade 6 students	May 29
End-of-Year Cupcake Social	All parents and students	June 5
EC and K-Gr. 2 End-of-Year Carnivals	EC-Grade 2 families	June 11

Key: EC: Early Childhood (Preschool-Prekindergarten) PS: Preschool PK: Prekindergarten K: Kindergarten