
The Gordon Flash

October 6, 2017

Richard Gordon Elementary

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Our Mission is to assure high levels of learning for all students.

The Gordon Way: **S**afe, **T**eamwork, **A**ct Respectfully, **R**esponsible

Greetings Families!

I'm sure many parents are wondering where September went-I know I am!

Exciting news! We welcomed Mrs. Laura Scarff, our new second grade teacher, to our wonderful teaching team! In hiring another teacher, we are honoring the legislative mandate to lower class sizes in grades K-3. We are at 18-19 in first grade and 21-22 in second grade.

October is Bullying Prevention Month. Throughout the month, students will learn what they can do to help prevent and stop bullying behavior, as well as intentionally planning kind actions in class and school. Our interim counselor, Mrs. Turner, is facilitating leadership opportunities for our 5th graders to teach and lead school wide efforts throughout the month.

Facts from *stopbullying.org*:

Bullying Definition: Bullying is unwanted aggressive behavior among school age children that involve real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied or who bully others may have serious, long lasting problems.

In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:

An imbalance of power. Kids who bully use their power – such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity-to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time, and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.

Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.



What's Happening This Month

October 12

Family Reading Night

6:00-7:00 PM in the Library

October 20

PTA Fall Carnival

5:30-8:00 pm

October 24

Picture Retakes

October 25 – 27

No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Meet Your School Board

nksdboard@nkschools.org

Jim Almond

Glen Robbins

Bill Webb

Cindy Webster-Martinson

Beth Worthington

September Board Meetings

Thursday, October 12th

Thursday, October 26th

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held in the Student Support Center, Board Room, 18360 Caldart Ave. NE Poulsbo

If you suspect any bullying, please have your child report it immediately to their teacher. Adults are responsible for monitoring and intervening to help support and teach students. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me.

If you would like more information, please go to the following links:

Pacer.org

Stompoutbullying.org

Conferences: This week, you should receive information about upcoming student conferences at the end of the month. This is a wonderful time to visit with your child's teacher and discuss your child's progress and goals for this first trimester. Report cards go home in December.

Parking Lot Update: Facilities will be moving the block barriers back 20 feet or so allowing more room for cars to enter and park on our campus. These blocks were installed over the summer to prevent 4 wheel vehicles from driving up on the lawn at night causing erosion, water/mud issues as well as safety concerns. This work should start soon and hopefully you'll experience less frustration and can safely drive or park.

Thanks to all parents for your patience as you pick up your children. We know that more students are picked up from school by parents or guardians than students taking the bus home. Our campus wasn't designed for all the arrival and dismissal traffic. Our hand off by teachers to parents as well as round about pick-up area is designed specifically to supervise student safety. A few reminders to continue helping us get your students to you as efficiently and safely as possible:

Have any end of the day transportation changes to us early in the day. This avoids confusion and ensures we get your child to the appropriate bus or pick up area. The sense of security they feel when they know where they're supposed to be or who is picking them up helps them tremendously.

Do park in the parking lot and walk to the undercover area behind the cones keeping young children with you.

Please do keep your children off the big toys as we need all parents and children in the undercover area (behind cones). When children are playing on the big toys while waiting for siblings, we adults don't know where parents are and other children then start playing on the structures.

Please be patient with all teachers as they safely walk your children to safety.

Please remember that teachers walk their students around to the front of the covered area toward the gate, look for parent and hand off when they see the parent, then they walk students to round about pick up. Please help by reminding your children not to run to you as they might fall or collide with other children or parents.

This ends up being a nice community building part of the day as parents pick up their kids, visit with other parents and greet their wonderful children at the end of the day!

Thank you for helping us make it a safe and positive end to their day.....

Karen Tollefson, Principal
Gordon K-5
Options K-8



Gordon Family Reading Night

Join us for story time and cookies in the library! This program is for students in grades K-3 and families.

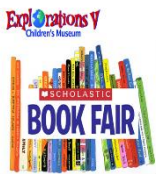


Date: Thursday, Oct 12, 2017

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm in the Gordon library.

Guest Speaker: Whitney Sakakibara, Youth Librarian, Kingston Library

Students are encouraged to bring a stuffed animal to Family Reading Night!



Scholastic Book Fair Coming Soon!

Book Fair Dates: Friday, October 13 – Thursday, October 19th

Hours: 9:10AM– 4:00PM

Evening Hours: Tuesday, October 17, open 4:10PM – 7:00PM

Book Fair Volunteers Needed

Please contact the Gordon PTA richardgordonpta@gmail.com or Jan Van Lieshout at 396-3814.



Parent Reminder:

To ensure the safety of our students, dogs are not allowed on campus. Please do not bring them with you when you pick up your child from school.

The District requires prior approval for pets to visit the school. For more information please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

LOST & FOUND

Please remember to label all coats, jackets, sweaters, and lunch boxes with your child's first and last name. This will help us return items to students.

Upcoming Events

**November 9
1:15pm**
Veterans' Day Assembly

November 10
Veterans' Day –No School

November 23 - 24
Thanksgiving Break
No School

NKSD Mission Statement

North Kitsap School District in partnership with the community, will provide an academically challenging educational program to meet the diverse needs of all students in a safe, nurturing environment and empower them to be competent, creative, compassionate, and contributing citizens.

North Kitsap School District
18360 Caldart Ave. NE
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District Policies and Procedures

Health consultants care for students during school days. School health consultants provide the health services for North Kitsap School District. The nurses work with students, parents and school staff to help resolve student health problems and to plan care in case of emergencies.

Administering medication at school

Whenever possible, it is recommended that medication be given at home, before or after the school day. The term “medication” refers to prescription, as well as over-the-counter, medications. If medications must be administered at school, the following policy shall apply: *Physicians Requests for Medication at School and Parents Request of Medication at School Form 3416-F1* (available online at the district website) or facsimile shall be completed before medication is administered by designated school staff or, in pre-arranged situations, self-administered by the students. The form can be obtained from your school secretary or the district's School Health Consultant office at 396-3048. Medications shall be furnished in the original container, which shall contain only the required number of doses or no more than one-month supply. A student's medication must be brought to school by the parent or other responsible adult.

Children with life-threatening conditions

Washington State law requires that a nursing plan be in place before students with life-threatening conditions attend school. Examples of life-threatening conditions include severe bee sting or food allergies, severe asthma, diabetes, severe seizures, severe heart conditions, etc.

If the child requires medication and/or treatments at school, an order must be received from the child's licensed health care provider. If a medication and/or treatment order is not provided, the school is required by law to exclude the child from attending until such an order has been provided. If your child has a life-threatening health condition, please contact your child's school office or school nurse. Necessary forms will be provided and a time will be arranged for you to meet with the nurse. Contact our Health Services department at 396-3048 if you have any questions or need clarification.

FERPA:

In compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, parents who wish to review their child's records may do so by making a request to the principal of their child's school. Adult students may also ask to review their records. If a parent objects to something in the record, a correction or addition of comments may be requested. If an agreement cannot be reached between the parent and principal, a hearing may be requested. Please contact the Teaching and Learning Services office at 396-3020 to arrange a hearing.

Music Minutes:



Happy October !

Pictures from Fall Carnival 2016: this year's carnival is on October 20th, 5:30-8:00pm



September lessons focused on learning the music room patterns, routines, and signals, while also reviewing music skills learned in previous years, particularly rhythm reading. Mrs. Barrett uses many signals in class. Some signals are used as standard conducting and concert positions, while others facilitate classroom transitions.



In **October**, intermediate grades will begin to assess rhythm reading while primary grades use a steady beat to discover patterns and rhythms. All students will learn/review performance expectations and tips as they prepare for the **Veteran's Day** assembly on **November 9th at 1:15pm**. We hope you will join us for our celebration!

Confirmation and information for Gordon Strings is coming soon!

Save the date: Thursday, October 26th 12:30-2:30pm for instrument sizing.



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