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# The Gordon Flash

October 20 2017

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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

### P.E. with Mr. B

It is hard for me to believe that November is almost here! First of all let me say that how much I continue to enjoy the students I work with every day!

This month we have been rock wall climbing, throwing and catching and various cooperative games and activities. Learning Targets include: good sportsmanship, following rules, jogging, skipping, and jumping rope. Students love being active and they love PE at school. As you know active children are happy children.

As you encourage your children to be active at home, and the weather begins to change making outdoor activities become a bit more of a challenge, you may want to consider some indoor activities such as bowling, roller skating, and swimming. Whatever the activity I am sure your children and you will benefit from it!

As always please remind you kids to wear "play" clothes and sneakers, if possible, on their PE days.

Until Next Month,

Mr. "B"

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### What's Happening This Month

#### October 20

PTA Fall Carnival  
5:30-8:00 pm

#### October 24

Picture Retakes

#### October 25 – 27

No School - Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

#### October 26

School Board Meeting

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### Upcoming Events

#### November 3 & 6

Vision & Hearing Screening

#### November 9

Veteran's Day Assembly  
1:15pm

School Board Meeting

#### November 14

Family Reading Night 6-7pm



### Don't forget to fall back!

Daylight Savings Time begins  
on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>,  
2017.

## Winter Weather Plans



Every winter we have snow, wind and icy roads – weather changes which may require school schedule delays, or closures.

**How do you know if school is delayed or canceled?** Because we have such a large school district with a wide variety of elevations, it might be dry and sunny in Poulsbo but deep snow and ice in Hansville. If roads are impassable or dangerous in ANY part of our school district, we may choose to delay or cancel school.

The North Kitsap School District website ([www.nkschools.org](http://www.nkschools.org)) and local TV and radio stations will tell you if our school district is running on schedule.

You will get a phone call from NKSD if school is delayed or cancelled. All parents and staff members will receive a telephone call at approximately 5:30 am to let them know the status. Please make sure we have a working phone number for you and that your voicemail box can accept messages.



## Meet Your School Board

[nksdboard@nkschools.org](mailto:nksdboard@nkschools.org)

Jim Almond

Glen Robbins

Bill Webb

Cindy Webster-Martinson

Beth Worthington

October Board Meetings


Thursday, October 27

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

## 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  
Poulsbo WA 98340

 **Food Event Guidelines: No home prepared foods may be served** or sold in schools during, before, or after the school day or at any school sponsored event. **This means for birthday celebrations foods must be commercially produced.** For complete information go to [www.nkschools.org](http://www.nkschools.org) – parent information-Food Services link and click on Food Event Guide.



**Volunteers:** If you wish to volunteer in your child's classroom please make arrangements with the teacher. All volunteers must sign in at the office and wear a Guest Pass badge before going to the classroom. **All volunteers must complete a Volunteer Packet, which includes an Information Sheet and WSP Background Check prior to helping in the classroom. The Information Sheet and WSP Background Checks are valid for 2 years.** These forms are available online at [nkschools.org](http://nkschools.org)-For Families-volunteering. Processing the Background check takes 5-7 working days. However there are certain times of the year, fall and spring, when it can take 2-3 weeks to process the background check. If you are not sure you have a current background check on file, please call or stop by the school office and we will check your status.

## Nondiscrimination Notification

The North Kitsap School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, disability, or age in its program or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The North Kitsap School District offers classes in many career and technical education program areas (American Sign Language, Athletic Medicine, Computer Science, Culinary Arts, Digital Graphics/Photography, Environmental Science, FASCE, Health, Production Arts, Recording Arts) under its open admissions policy. For more information about CTE course offerings and admissions criteria, contact Kim Eimers (18360 Caldart Avenue NE; Poulsbo, WA 98370; 360-396-3040.) Lack of English language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in career and technical education programs. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Chris Willits, Assistant Superintendent 18360 Caldart Ave. NE, Poulsbo WA 98370 (360) 396-3003 [cwillits@nkschools.org](mailto:cwillits@nkschools.org) Lori Kingery, Assistant Director of Special Education 18360 Caldart Ave NE, Poulsbo WA 98370 (360)396-3072 [lkingery@nkschools.org](mailto:lkingery@nkschools.org)



## Veterans' Day Assembly

We welcome you to invite any military veteran from your family to our Veterans' Day Assembly on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm. It could be a parent, grandparent, or other relative or special family friend.

Please write down the name of the veteran you plan to invite so we know how many to plan for.

Our Student is inviting:

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Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> to your child's classroom teacher or to the office.**

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## Next PTA Meeting:

TUESDAY, 11/14/17,  
4:00 PM,  
IN THE LIBRARY



FALL CARNIVAL  
10/20/17 5:30-8:00PM



5K TURKEY TROT  
11/18/17 9:00AM



MEETING MINUTES  
AVAILABLE ON THE  
GORDON WEBSITE

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# PTA NEWS

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## Dear Gordon Families:

We hear often that many of you want to help with PTA, but you don't have time or you are not sure what the PTA even does. We understand! And we would like to share with you some of what we do and what we are all about.

Q: What does the PTA do for Gordon?

A: The Accelerated Reader, Scholastic News and Reflex Math programs that your child's classroom uses were funded by the PTA. The PTA also gives grants to each teacher to purchase items for their classrooms. These are some of the largest budget items that the PTA funds. In the past the PTA has funded Lexia, and Accelerated Math as well, but unfortunately due to low fundraiser participation our budget could not cover these programs this year.

Q: How is my money used from all of these fundraisers?

A: Most goes to the above programs. It also sponsors fun activities for your children such as Passport Club, Fall Carnival, the 5K Fun Run, Family Fun Nights, STEM nights, Tie Dye Day, Popcorn Fridays, Gordon Gear and more. Without funding Gordon PTA cannot sponsor these activities.

Q: Are the members of the PTA Board paid?

A: No. Board members are volunteers and receive no financial compensation. In fact many hold full time jobs in addition to putting in the volunteer hours towards the operation of the PTA. Some may also be ninjas and secret agents.

Q: I don't have time to volunteer and I hate fundraisers, can I just write you a check?

A: Absolutely! Your check will go to the continued sponsorship of the above programs unless you specify otherwise. We genuinely appreciate your support!

Feel free to contact  
us anytime at:  
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gmail.com](mailto:richardgordonpta@gmail.com)

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