
The Gordon Flash

November 3, 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

Hello Families!

Not only is November here, but so is snow! As I drove into school this morning, it was really coming down!

Veteran's Day-Next Thursday is our annual Veteran's Day Assembly. Please invite a special family member or family friend who has served in the military. We love honoring our veterans at this celebration. Following the assembly, a reception for our honored guests will be held in one of our classrooms. Please complete an RSVP form letting us know who will be attending so we can plan accordingly.

Campus Parking/Traffic Flow and Safety Plans-You're invited!

A Roundtable Discussion will be held on November 16th in our library from 6-7:00 for parents and community members interested in information regarding West Kingston construction project and how it impacts our traffic flow and dismissal plans for students. We also have information to share regarding the upcoming levy and how you can share input regarding our facilities as well as upgrades to our parking lot. Jeff Shea, County Traffic Engineer, will join us. He can answer any questions about local traffic flow and West Kingston Road construction.

With a new trail for bikes, it's also helpful to discuss bike safety and get any input from parents regarding the safety of our students at dismissal times. This includes our students who walk to and from school as well.

I'm looking forward to a solution oriented discussion which results in a well-articulated safety plan for families, students and our community.

See upcoming events at school and PTA meetings on the right of Gordon Flash and mark your calendars!

Have a wonderful weekend and don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

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



What's Happening This Month

November 6

Vision & Hearing Screening

November 9

Veterans' Day Assembly
1:15 PM

November 10

Veteran's Day Observance
No School

November 14

PTA meeting 4 pm in the
library

Family Reading Night 6-7 pm

November 17

PTA Popcorn Fun Day

November 16

Roundtable Discussion
6-7 pm in the library

November 18

PTA 5K Turkey Trot 9 am at
Gordon

Upcoming Events

November 23 & 24

Thanksgiving Break
No School

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Lori Kingery, Assistant Director of Special Education



Holiday Shoppe Donation Drive Nov. 6-17

Unclutter for the holidays!

Gordon Holiday Shoppe Donation Drive!

We need over 2,500 items to stock the store.

Please consider donating: * Anything Goodwill would accept, but NO clothes please. * Gently used items as gifts for dads, moms, sisters, brothers, grandparents, caregivers, etc. * Items that can fit in a child's backpack – nothing too large or overly heavy please. * No toys that resemble weapons, no pocket knives, etc.

Boxes will be inside the main Gordon doors ready to accept your donated items.



Don't forget to fall back!

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, November 5th, 2017.

Notice from Kitsap County regarding West Kingston

Road bridge closure: West Kingston Road to remain closed until March 2018 due to construction delays.



We love our new Gordon T-shirts! A huge THANK YOU to Cristen Marceau and our PTA for Coordinating together to bring them to us!

Sincerely,

The Richard Gordon Staff



Meet Your School Board

nksdboard@nkschools.org

Jim Almond

Glen Robbins

Bill Webb

Cindy Webster-Martinson

Beth Worthington

November Board Meeting

Thursday, November 9th

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

Music Minutes:



In November...



Students and the KMS band will perform numerous songs and the Cub Scouts from Troop 4555 will post the colors.

Join us for our Veterans Day Assembly on Nov 9th (1:15-2:00pm)



Gordon Strings is Starting!

3rd-8th grades:

Gordon Elementary Strings is starting this November!
(Orchestra instruments= violin, viola, cello & double bass)

Rehearsals:

- Before school from 8:15am to 9:00am (music room F-5)
 - **Tuesday, Nov. 14**, we will be a meet and greet session: hand out books, pay registration, answer parent questions, and fit students for instruments.
 - **Intermediate:** Tuesday mornings
November 21st – May 1st (20 sessions)
 - **Beginning:** Thursday mornings
November 16th through May 3rd (20 sessions)
- ** No school or delayed start (inclement weather) = No strings class**

Performances: Seattle Symphony Link up Concert March 6th
Recital May 3rd

Registration Cost and Instruments:

The registration fee is \$120.00 made out to "Carmen Larson." This pays for the book and the lessons. Carmen is a seasoned Orchestra teacher and worked with our students last year. There may be scholarships available if needed (E-mail Mrs. Barrett)

Instruments can be rented at Ted Brown music in Silverdale (\$35-\$50 per month depending on the instrument) or can be purchased at Shar music online.

School instruments: We have repaired some school instruments for use in our program. The cost for checking out a school instrument for the year is \$20.00.

Carmen Larson, strings teacher
Leah Barrett, Gordon Elementary music teacher
(360) 396-3821 lbarrett@nkschools.org



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Leah Barrett: music specialist at Richard Gordon Elementary

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Next PTA Meeting:

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



POPCORN FUN DAY
11/17/17
SECOND RECESS



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



MEETING MINUTES
AVAILABLE ON THE
GORDON WEBSITE

PTA NEWS

Dear Gordon Families:

Thank you, thank you, thank you for volunteering! You made such a difference this month! To all who brought food for our teacher brunch during conferences, and all who volunteered at the Fall Carnival, Passport Club, Popcorn Funday, among others, we appreciate your support!!

The PTA depends so much on volunteers. None of what we do would be possible without you! If you have a little time to spare for any of our events, we would love to hear from you! Our next Popcorn Friday will be 11/17/17. If you could come assist in popping popcorn or in selling popcorn at second recess we could sure use your help! Many PTA committee positions require only a few hours a month. If you can spare some time, please contact us. Think how much more amazing this school would be with your help! The school will thank you and you will be our hero!

Also, a big thank you to those who participated in our Fall Bulb Fundraiser and those who brought their kiddos out to the Fall Carnival! Your generous support helped us raise enough money to pay for 3/4 of our teacher grants for the 2017-2018 school year! This is money that teachers can use on anything they need for their classrooms. You made this possible!

Our Fall 5K Turkey Trot is coming right up, 11/18/17. Entries will be accepted up until the morning of the race, but if you want to order a T-shirt, please get those forms in by next week (November 10th at the very latest.) Prizes for the top 3 finishers this year will include gift cards from Albertsons, Central Market or Costco to help you complete that Thanksgiving dinner.

Finally, do you want to know what your PTA is up to? Would you like to find out how our fundraisers are doing, and what we have planned next? Would you like to have the scoop first? Maybe you have an idea that will change everything! If so, come to our next meeting, 11/14/17 at 4:00 pm in the school library! Hope to see you there!

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



Turkey Trot!
Saturday, November 18th, 2017 9:00am

Proceeds will benefit PTA activities and programs for the Gordon Elementary School community.

*****PLEASE COMPLETE ENTRY FORM ON REVERSE*****

PRIZES

Each participant will receive a race packet with goodies from our sponsors! Prizes for the top three finishers!

FEES AND REGISTRATION

Individual: **\$10**, Family of 4 or More: **\$35**, Children 3 and Younger: **Free**

Gordon 5K Turkey Trot T-Shirts are also available for an additional \$10 per shirt.

*****Entry deadline is Friday November 3rd, 2017 if ordering T-Shirts.*****

Entries without t-shirt orders will be accepted until race day.

Can't make it to the race on November 18th? Make a donation to the Gordon PTA as a Sleepwalker!

RACE PACKET PICK-UP

At check-in at Gordon Elementary on Race Day from 8:00 AM to 8:50 AM

RACE COURSE

The course starts and ends at Gordon Elementary School and winds through the tree-lined trails and pathways surrounding the high school and middle school.

RESTRICTIONS

No refunds of entry fees and no mailed confirmations of entry. Race will take place rain or shine. Baby joggers are allowed, but the course includes some steep trails that might make the going difficult. **We will attempt to have a staff member on hand but building access may not be available- portable restrooms are located at the high school track.**

The North Kitsap School District does not sponsor this event and assumes no responsibility for it. In consideration of the privilege to distribute materials, the North Kitsap School District shall be held harmless from any cause of action filed in any court or administrative tribunal arising out of the distribution of these materials, including costs, attorney's fees and judgements or awards.

PLEASE COMPLETE FOR EACH PERSON AND SIGN WAIVER!!

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Division: 5K or Sleepwalker

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First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Division: 5K or Sleepwalker

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

T shirts (\$10 each) list quantity: ___YS ___YM ___YL ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

Total Amount Enclosed (including entry fees and t shirts (\$10 each): \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Gordon PTA and return to: Richard Gordon Elementary
26331 Barber Cutoff Road, Kingston, WA 98346

Waiver Statement/Athlete's Release:

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry in the Gordon Elementary School PTA 5K Fun Run/Walk in Kingston WA, Saturday, November 18, 2017, I, the undersigned participant intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, forever waive, release, and discharge all rights, claims, and actions for damages that I may have, or that may hereafter, accrue to me against the Gordon PTA including all units and councils, and all of their officers, directors, members, and volunteers. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and able to participate in the event and acknowledge that I am aware of the inherent risks in participating in an athletic event of this type.

* _____ for _____
Signature Printed Name Date

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Waiver must be signed to participate. Parent or guardian must sign if participant is under 18 years.