

# The Gordon Flash

February 9, 2018

## 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 Gordon/Options Families,

I wanted to share with you all that I have decided to retire at the end of this school year. I shared the news with staff this afternoon, and wanted to make sure I informed families tonight. After many years in education, I am ready to spend more time with my grandchildren, and enjoy the next chapter of my life.

It has truly been an honor to work with such an amazing group of educators at Gordon/Options and an equally amazing community of students and their families. You have all touched my heart and I'm grateful for the opportunity to share in your child's education. I believe in North Kitsap School District and while I am retiring, am confident in the future of our very special school district and its strong commitment toward every child's educational success.

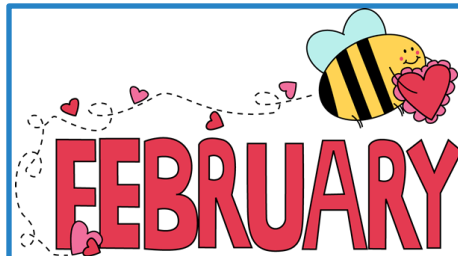
I plan to continue working hard for our students, staff and families until the end of the year. If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. You will receive information soon about the process for selecting the next principal and ways you can participate. I will work closely with our district administration and staff to ensure a smooth transition. This is a wonderful school with amazing students, staff, parents and community.

Warmly,

Karen Tollefson, Principal

Richard Gordon Elementary, K-5

NK Options K-8



## What's Happening this Month

### **Feb 16-18**

NK Options parent  
Musical Dinner Theater &  
Auction

### **Feb 19**

No School- President's Day

### **Feb 20**

Non-student Day  
No School

## Upcoming Events

### **March 2**

Dr. Seuss's Birthday

### **March 28-30**

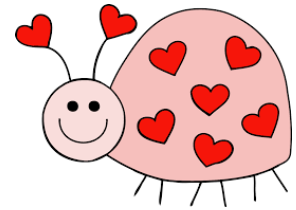
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**Lost & Found** – Our lost and found is overflowing!  
Please check the lost & found for  
your child's jackets, gloves,  
lunchboxes, etc.



**Student Pick-Up Time** – Please  
remember that your child needs to  
be picked up by 3:50pm (3pm on  
Wednesdays).



### **Meet Your School Board**

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

Jim Almond

Glen Robbins

Cindy Webster-Martinson

Beth Worthington

January Board Meeting

Thursday, February 22nd

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

**NK Options parent group presents**

**The Luckiest Guy in the World**

**Musical Dinner Theater**

**& Live Auction**

**February 16-17-18**

**Friday & Saturday 7:00 pm**

**Sunday 1:00 pm matinee**

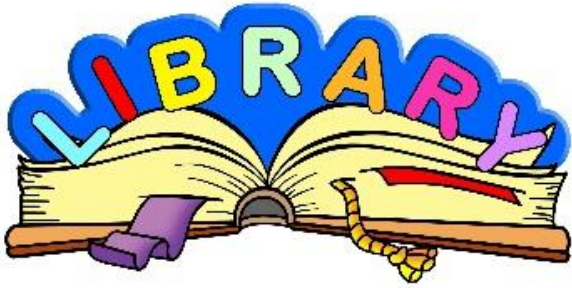
**Dress to impress and you may become  
one of our game show contestants!!!**

**Tickets Available at [nkoptions.org](http://nkoptions.org)**

### **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.

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## News from the Library

In the library this week we are finishing up the Hour of Code. Students in second grade and up will be bringing home a completion certificate in recognition of completing their assigned task and to remind students to show their families what coding is!

**Family Reading night is Thursday, February 15th** from 6-7 for kindergarten through third grade students and their families. This month Mrs. Kelly Rosenbach who taught here for many years will be back for a visit as our special guest reader! Students are welcome to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal.



A Big thank you to The Pizza Factory for donating a large assortment of pizzas to our WATCH D.O.G.S. program.



Our Scholastic Book Fair is coming! It will be in our library from March 12-16. We are in need of volunteers. Please contact Mrs. V if you are able to help. 396.3814

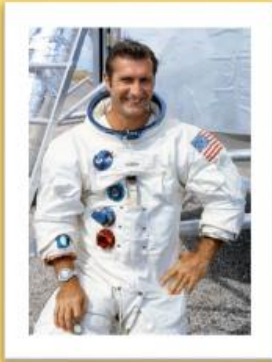
# Music Minutes:



These 5th Grade Students performed at the Richard Gordon Memorial on January 28th: Beautiful Singing!



Oct 5, 1929 – Nov 6, 2017



Richard F. "Dick" Gordon, Jr. is our namesake and school hero and we were glad to honor him with the "Richard Gordon Song" at his celebration of life on Sunday afternoon. Many who attended the memorial were very moved by our students' performance. Thanks PTSA for donating over fifty Gordon Song CDs to Richard's family. Thank you also to those families who brought students to the Museum of Flight for this special performance.



Great accompanists too!



**Coming Up!** Packets will be sent home this month for the Benaroya Hall field trip (4-5th) & mark your calendar for our school performance (3rd-5th): March 2nd 1:15-2:00pm



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