
The Gordon Flash

March 2, 2018

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!

March is here and Spring Conferences are fast approaching! This week, you should receive information from your child's teacher regarding conference scheduling on March 28-30. This conference marks the end of the second school trimester. Teachers will give parents their child's report card and go over their progress.

After spring vacation (4/2-4/6), we enter into our final trimester of learning. We also will begin state testing for grades 3-5. More information will be shared at the end of the month, with schedules for specific grade levels and how you can best support your students for spring learning.

Safety Update:

Elementary schools across our district are assessing safety protocols. For now, there are several ways you can help support safety efforts at school:

Send transportation changes with your child in the morning so teachers are notified in advance of any changes.

If you have last minute changes, please call no later than 3:30pm (M,T,TH,F) & 2:30pm (W).

Schedule classroom visits with teachers two days prior allowing teachers advance notice

School starts at 9:20. When dropping your child off for school in the morning, allow plenty of travel time as gates are closed before 9:20. The entry door in the drop off area is locked promptly at 9:20. If you arrive after the gates are closed, you will need to drive to the front of the school, park and come in to the office and sign your child in.

Please review and update your contact information-emergency information so we have up to date phone numbers in the event of an emergency.

Absences

Schools across the state and district are becoming increasingly accountable for student attendance, both excused and unexcused. Eighteen absences are considered "chronic" as it averages 2 days of missed school each month.

While we appreciate consistent attendance, please do keep your children home when they are sick. This has been a rough year for flu bugs and viruses! We miss students when they are absent yet we want our students to stay home and get well! Please provide documentation to the office of Doctor visits.

If you are planning a trip, please complete the Pre-Approved form in the office one week prior to your trip. This allows teachers and parent's time to communicate assignments so important skills can be maintained. While we recognize special trips with family can provide enriching experiences, successful school experiences and quality education cannot be duplicated in worksheets or provided on computer programs. Students do miss valuable learning and parents are encouraged to talk with teachers regarding the work they are missing. We are required by law to send letters to parents when students are missing school, even excused absences. If you do get a letter, please know we are trying to partner with you and raise awareness around your child's absences. We always want to help remove any barriers to your child attending school. If we can be of assistance, please contact myself or Jennifer Seemueller, our school counselor.

STEM Family Nights Are Back!

Thanks to Kingston Rotary and North Kitsap Schools Foundation, we have two STEM Family Nights planned: May 17th and May 24th. Watch for more information as spring approaches!
Warmly,

Karen Tollefson, Principal

Richard Gordon Elementary, K-5 NK Options K-8



What's Happening this Month

March 5, 2018

2018-19 Kindergarten Online Registration Begins

March 8

PTA Chuck-E-Cheese Night

March 12-16

Scholastic Book Fair

March 13

2018-19 Kindergarten Evening Registration Event 4:30-6:30 in the library

March 15

Family Reading Night
6-7 pm in the library

Wear your PJ's and bring a stuffed animal

March 28-30

No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Upcoming Events

Spring Break

April 2nd- 6th - no school

Memorial Day

May 28th -no school

STEM Night

May 17th

Stem Night

May 24th

For more information on what is happening at Gordon, please visit the Gordon website.



Scholastic Book Fair - 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



North Kitsap Options 2018-2019 Enrollment

Information Night: March 6th 5:30pm – 7pm
at Gordon Elementary School in P-11.

Come learn about our alternative program, meet the teachers, currently enrolled parents and students – families welcome



Kindergarten Registration Opens March 5th!

Kindergarten Registration for 18-19 school year begins March 5th. All registration is on-line. March 13th, 4:30-6:30, Gordon will host an evening registration opportunity in our Library for interested families who would like assistance with our district on-line registration process. Computers, answers to questions, and helpful information will be available to help prepare your child for a positive start to the school year!



Please Join Us In The Library For Family Reading Night!

Thursday, March 15th from 6-7 pm

We will be joined by a guest reader, have cookies and juice, there will be a raffle for a free book, and time to enjoy reading with your family. For kindergarten—3rd grade students and their families
Please feel free to wear your PJ's and bring a stuffed animal!

Meet Your School Board

nksdboard@nkschools.org

Jim Almond

Glen Robbins

Cindy Webster-Martinson

Beth Worthington

School Board Meeting

Thursday, March 8th

Thursday, March 22nd

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.

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We would like to congratulate 15 students who have shown exceptional attendance. From September through January, the following students have had 0 absences and up to 5 tardies. Way to go!

Larkin Smith
Felicia Lane
Cayden Wells
Peyton Miller
Nolan Leibelt

Josephine Broholm
Noah Misuda
Kaden Campa
Kaleb Britt
Jaxen O'Brien

Lyllian Moore
Ianna Talib
Aidan Leibelt
Phoenix Lang
Kaylee Spivey

Music Minutes:



4th and 5th Grade Field Trip to Benaroya Hall!

4th and 5th grade students have been working hard for their performance in Seattle and performed wonderfully on Friday!



If your child is participating in the Benaroya field trip (March 6th), please remember to send them to school with a disposable sack lunch, dressed for the weather. Strings students please drop off your instruments before school to be loaded by 9:00am. Please do not send money or other items from home.

Great Spring Concert Friday!

2-3rd grade Options students joined 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students to perform music they have been learning in class.



Leah Barrett: Music Specialist at Richard Gordon Elementary

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THANK YOU FOR
CONTINUING TO
SEND IN BOX TOPS!



POPCORN FUN DAY
3/16/2018
SECOND RECESS



READ-A-THON IS
HAPPENING NOW!



CHUCK-E-CHEESE
NIGHT 3/8/18

PTA NEWS

Dear Gordon Families:

The Gordon PTA is gearing up for an Family Fun Night/Silent Auction with food, bingo and fundraising on **May 4th!** We need as much support as possible to make this a success!

Funds raised by the Silent Auction will provide a significant amount of our funding so we can continue sponsoring Fall Carnival, STEM Nights, Popcorn Fun Days, Passport Club, Teacher Grants, Tie Dye Day, Reflex Math, AR, Scholastic News, and other fun programs at Gordon!

We would really appreciate volunteers to help with:

- Fundraising (requesting donations from Gordon families and local businesses)
- Working the event (setup, bingo, serving food, silent auction, check-in, check-out, and clean-up)
- Or donating items or services to the event

If you'd like to help make this event a success, please email GordonFFN@hotmail.com or call/text:

Michelle Pickering
206-498-5656

Or

Carrie Atkins
906-361-4827

Any help large or small is welcome!!!!

Thank you!

Feel free to contact
us anytime at:
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