

# The Gordon Flash

March 23, 2018

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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

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Greetings Parents!

Conferences and spring vacation are a week away! Teachers have been working hard assessing students as well as completing second trimester report cards. You can expect to receive report cards at your conference.

### Woohoo! First "STEM Fest" at Gordon!

Thanks to the North Kitsap Schools Foundation and Kingston Rotary, we are planning a full day of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) learning at Gordon. We are fortunate to partner with Navy STEM Coordinators who will bring Bristlebots and Statapults for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Museum of Flight will be here all day working with Rocket Science, Coding and a Robot Garage for older students. K-2 students will have an assembly on Flying Gizmos and make their own kites to fly in the afternoon. This should be a fun filled day of learning for all of our students!

Smarter Balance Assessments (SBA) are planned for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students April – June. Watch for more information after students return from spring vacation.

### Safety Update

Our district will focus on safety through the remainder of the year. Teachers will be trained in new procedures, then create a plan for our students to learn the procedures as well as communicate the plan to parents.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 360-396-3800 or [ktollefson@nkschools.org](mailto:ktollefson@nkschools.org)

Warmly,  
Principal Tollefson



### What's Happening this Month

#### **March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Meet the principal candidates at Gordon at 7pm

#### **March 27<sup>th</sup>**

STEM Fest

#### **March 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**

No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

### Upcoming Events

#### **Spring Break**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> - no school

#### **April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Family Reading Night

#### **May 1<sup>st</sup>**

On-line check-in for returning students begins.

#### **May 4<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Family Fun Night Auction, Bingo & Dinner at Gordon 5pm

#### **May 18<sup>th</sup>**

PTA Tie Dye Day

#### **Memorial Day**

May 28<sup>th</sup> -no school

#### **STEM Night**

May 17<sup>th</sup>

#### **Stem Night**

May 24<sup>th</sup>

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



**Clothing Donations:** We are looking for children's clothes (size 5-12) for our health room. If you have any items you would like to donate (shirts, pants, shorts or socks) it would be greatly appreciated.



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!

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**REMINDER: PTA Tie Dye Orders are Due!**

In order for your child to participate, please return forms by **March 27th**. Extra forms are available in the office. If you have any questions, please email [guesthouse@centurytel.net](mailto:guesthouse@centurytel.net)



**Meet Your School Board**

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

Jim Almond

Glen Robbins

Cindy Webster-Martinson

Beth Worthington

School Board Meeting

Thursday April 12th

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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# WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



## Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



## Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



## Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



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## Counselor's Corner

One of my primary roles in working with students as counselor at Gordon is to be a "coach" vs. therapist for kids. I endeavor to assist students in making positive choices related to school concerns. As a parent you might find the following ideas for home to be helpful as your children grow to be responsible adults. The following are ideas for small problems that come up (safety problems are addressed by the parent). This is taken from Jim Fay, founder of the Love and Logic Institute:

### Love and Logic Rules for Choices

- Never give a choice on an issue that might cause a problem for you or for anyone else.
- For each choice, give only two options, each of which will be OK with you.
- If the child doesn't decide in ten seconds, decide for him or her.
- Only give choices that fit with your value system.

### Some Love and Logic Examples of Little Choices

- Would you like to wear your coat or carry it?
- Are you going to clean the garage or mow the lawn this week?
- Will you have these chores done tomorrow? Or do you need an extra day to get them finished?
- Are you having peas or carrots as your vegetable tonight?
- Are you going to bed now? Or would you like to wait 15 minutes?
- Can you stay with us and stop that, or do you need to leave for a while and come back when you are sweet?
- Are you going to put your pajamas on first or brush your teeth first?
- Will you be home at 10:00? Or do you need an extra half hour with your friends?

[www.loveandlogic.com](http://www.loveandlogic.com)

# Elementary Class Yearbooks

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**ORDERING DEADLINES**  
\$12\_ BEFORE 4/15 \$15\_ AFTER  
DUE: APRIL 15

Enclose payment in an envelope and RETURN to school by deadline.  
Delivery window is first week in June.

Make Checks payable to: OPG

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_



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