
The Gordon Flash

April 13, 2018

Richard Gordon Elementary

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 Parents!

This spring, 3-8th grade students will take the Smarter Balanced tests in math and English language arts. Students in grades 5 and 8 will also take the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS).

This is the fourth year our state will administer the Smarter Balanced tests and the first year for the WCAS. The results from these tests will give a more accurate picture of whether students are on track to be ready for college or career.

Most students will take the tests online. Our school is scheduled to take the tests at various times April-June 2018. Your child's teacher will share the testing schedule with you. You can help by making sure your child gets plenty of rest, eats a hearty breakfast, and focuses on doing their very best and "showing what they know."

For more information about the Smarter Balanced tests, visit

www.k12.wa.us/smarter.

To try out an online Smarter Balanced practice test, visit

<https://wa.portal.airast.org/training-tests.stml>.

For more information about the WCAS, visit

<http://www.k12.wa.us/Science/Assessments.aspx>.

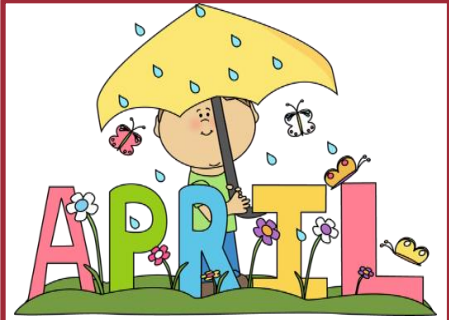
To try out a WCAS training test, visit <https://wa.portal.airast.org/training-tests.stml>.

Please call or email Karen Tollefson, Principal, or Andrea Neault, our Assessment Coordinator, if you have questions about state testing.

Thank you for continuing to work with us to make sure your child is successful. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to better support your child. We want your child to leave us with a solid foundation of skills and a future full of opportunities.

Sincerely,

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



What's Happening this Month

April 19th

Family Reading Night
6-7 pm in the library

Upcoming Events

May 1st

On-line check-in for returning students begins.

May 4th

Navy Brass Band Concert
3:00-3:45 pm

May 4th

PTA Family Fun Night Auction,
Bingo & Dinner at Gordon
5:30 pm

May 18th

PTA Tie Dye Day

STEM Night-Planetarium

May 17th

STEM Night-Mathblast

May 24th

Memorial Day

May 28th –no school

Gordon Office: 396-3800

Attendance: 396-3803

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



2018/19 Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who will be five on or before August 31, 2018 he/she is eligible to register for the 2018/2019 school year. To register your student go to www.nkschools.org. In the "Quick Links" click on Enrolling Students. In order to complete the registration, please make sure you are at a computer with a printer, as there will be documents you need to print and bring to school to complete your registration.

What to bring to the School Office

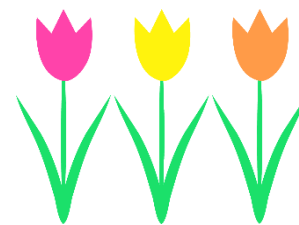
- Proof of address, If not able to upload during registration
- A copy of your child's Birth Certificate, if not able to upload during registration
- A copy of your child's certificate of Immunization Status (CIS), if not able to upload during registration



Anchor's Away!

Your United States Navy Brass Band is coming to Gordon for an exclusive concert on May 4th! The concert is in the gym from 3 to 3:45 pm. Parents and family are invited.

Please come join us as we celebrate music and our Navy!



Meet Your School Board

nksdboard@nkschools.org

Jim Almond

Glen Robbins

Cindy Webster-Martinson

Beth Worthington

School Board Meeting

Thursday April 26th

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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Nondiscrimination Notification

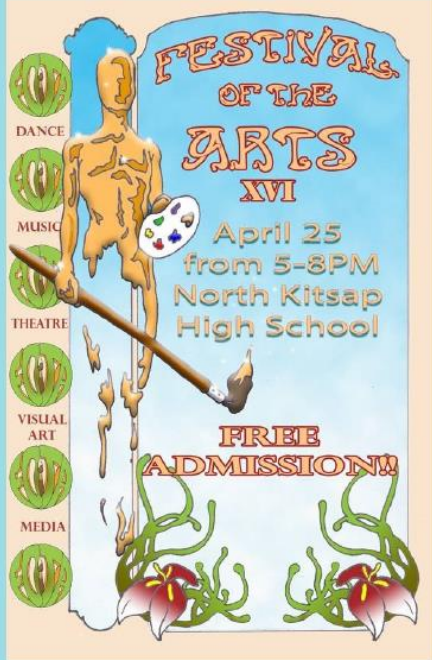
The North Kitsap School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, disability, or age in its program or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The North Kitsap School District offers classes in many career and technical 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 Lori Kingery, Assistant Director of Special Education 18360 Caldart Ave NE, Poulsbo WA 98370 (360)396-3072 kingery@nkschools.org

Music Minutes:



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

We had a great time in Seattle this year...



Come watch 4th grade students as well as the intermediate strings group perform at our district Festival of the Arts on Wednesday, April 25th!

We have a time slot from 6:30-7:00pm at the North Kitsap Auditorium. We probably won't use all of our allotted time so come around 6:30pm and enjoy the other art and performance exhibits too!

Orchestra Recital: May 8th

The Gordon Strings classes will be performing in the multi-purpose room at Richard Gordon Elementary School on Tuesday, May 8th at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to watch as students celebrate their achievements this year.



Leah Barrett: Music Specialist at Richard Gordon Elementary

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**GORDON PTA WINS
THE POWER UP
CHALLENGE!**



**POPCORN FUN DAY
4/20/2018
SECOND RECESS**



**THANK YOU READERS
AND DONORS!!**



**DINNER, BINGO AND
AUCTION
5/4/2018 5:30-8:00**

PTA NEWS

Dear Gordon Families:

Many thanks to all who donated to the Read-A-Thon! And thank you Gordon Explorers for being super readers! You raised \$2,648! This almost exactly covers the cost of the Accelerated Reader program that is used in your child's classroom. The Read-A-Thon may be over, but that doesn't mean you have to stop reading! Keep up the good work!

Another big thank you to those new members who joined the PTA recently. Thanks to you, the PTA won a state-wide PTA membership contest and was awarded \$200! This is money that we can use to further support student activities at Gordon.

Our next major event will be the 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. We hope you will join us for dinner and bingo! Flyers are coming home with instructions on how to RSVP. In the meantime, if you would like to volunteer, or if you are a local business owner or individual who would like to donate items or services for the silent auction, we would really appreciate it! Any help large or small is welcome!!!! Please email GordonFFN@hotmail.com or call/text:

Michelle Pickering
206-498-5656

Or

Carrie Atkins
906-361-4827

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

Thank you Gordon families for your continued support! We are proud to be part of the Gordon community!