

## Our Vision:

As educators, in partnership with parents and community, we are committed to preparing our students to face the challenges of a changing world. As explorers, our students will:

**E**ngage in collaboration

**X**emplify innovation

**P**ersevere in challenging endeavors

**L**earn with passion

**O**wn integrity

**R**each for the stars

**E**mbody resiliency

**R**adiate empathy

**S**eek joy

# The Gordon Flash

April 27, 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

As our year begins to come to a close we want to send out a huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to the North Kitsap Schools Foundation, the Suquamish Tribe and the S'Klallam Tribe for funding grants for our students, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, to use Lexia Core 5 this 2017/2018 school year.

This amazing program supports, practices and strengthens the varied skills needed for reading. Lexia is individualized and self-paced to support all our learners from beginners to more advanced readers. We use Lexia at school and it is also available for students to use at home. With the support of this program we have seen great reading growth across the primary grade levels.

THANK YOU North Kitsap Schools Foundation, Suquamish Tribe and S'Klallam Tribe for the *generous* grants that allowed us to use this reading program to engage our students in becoming better readers!!



**THANK YOU**



## Upcoming Events

### **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 7th**

On-line check-in for returning students begins.

### **May 17th**

STEM Night-Planetarium

### **May 18th**

PTA Tie Dye Day

### **May 24th**

STEM Night-Mathblast

### **May 28th**

Memorial Day  
-no school

Gordon Office:

396-3800

Attendance:

396-3803

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

## Coming Soon! Online Check-in for Returning Students

Starting on MAY 7<sup>th</sup>, all returning students in current grades K-11 need to be "Checked-in" for the 2018-19 school year - which will confirm your student's continued enrollment.

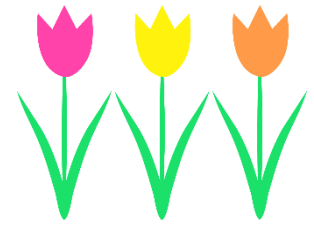
**Note:** For elementary students, the online check in process is in addition to the returning student questionnaire that went out before Spring Break. For secondary students who have already submitted course requests for next year, this process is also in addition to course selection that has already been completed.

The benefits of online Check-in Process are many. It streamlines the paperwork that would traditionally trickle back and forth in backpacks. For some students, the paperwork would be misplaced or lost.

While reducing the number of documents you must complete and providing accurate enrollment numbers is one advantage, there are several others:

- Application is part of Family Access.
- Provides accurate enrollment numbers prior to the start of school to reduce the possibility of having to add or drop teachers, which necessitates moving students to a new class after school has begun.
- Parents verify and update student information one time.
- All required forms are provided electronically.
- Some schools may add optional forms used in their buildings.
- Process can be completely done at home.
- Computers are available for families without a home computer.
- Note: Online check-in needs to be completed on a computer, NOT a mobile device or tablet.

If you have any questions about Online Check-in, please email [districtrecords@nkschools.org](mailto:districtrecords@nkschools.org) or call (360)396-3588.



### Meet Your School Board

nksdboard@nkschools.org

Jim Almond

Glen Robbins

Cindy Webster-Martinson

Beth Worthington

School Board Meeting

Thursday May 10th

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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## Festival of the Arts



### Nondiscrimination Notification

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# NO MORE HOMEWORK BATTLES

Six Tips for Helping Kids Fall in Love with Learning

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Battles over reading, writing, and arithmetic too often drive a wedge between parents and their kids. Many times these ongoing conflicts give youngsters a distaste for learning and send parents to bed at night wondering, "What are we doing wrong with this kid?"

The following tips are dedicated to creating happier homes, where children are free to fall in love with learning and parents no longer dread homework hassles:

## **Tip #1: Each evening, set aside a time for family learning.**

This is a time for your children to do their homework and for you to model the value of learning by enjoying a book. The best way to create a love of learning in your kids is to show them how much you enjoy it.

## **Tip #2: Avoid battles by offering choices.**

Research shows children are more likely to do their homework if they are given many small choices. For example:

- *Would you rather do your homework right after school or wait until four o'clock?*
- *Are you going to do your homework in your room or at the kitchen table?*
- *Are you going to do all your homework right now, or are you going to do half now and the rest after dinner?*

## **Tip #3: Help only when your child really wants it.**

There is nothing that creates more homework battles than parents who "help" when help is not wanted. Try asking:

*Would you like some ideas on that, or would you like me to leave you alone?*

Your child's desire to do it alone is a very healthy sign of independence and responsibility.

## **Tip #4: Spend most of your time noticing what they do well.**

DO NOT focus on what your child does wrong! Allow your child to get help in those areas from their teachers. Successful parents spend 99 percent of their energy noticing what their kids do well. They say things like:

- *Show me the very best letter you made today. You really worked hard on that!*
- *Look at that math problem. You got it right!*

## **Tip #5: Help only as long as it's enjoyable for both of you.**

Too frequently, homework help turns into a homework battle. Smart parents back out of the helper role as soon as they sense conflict brewing. Try hugging your child and saying:

*I love you too much to help if it means we are going to argue. I know this is really hard. Good luck.*

## **Tip #6: Help only as long as your child is doing most of the work.**

Say the following to yourself over and over again:

*This is my child's homework. Not mine!*

There is nothing more destructive than stealing the struggle of learning by doing too much for your child. Each time they achieve something difficult on their own, their self-esteem soars and they are better prepared for the real world. Give these Love and Logic® tips a try, and join thousands of parents who now have much happier, more responsible kids!

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Dr. Charles Fay is a nationally known speaker, parent, and school psychologist with The Love and Logic® Institute in Golden, Colo. His new video, "Hope for Underachieving Kids" provides a wealth of ideas for parents and educators struggling with bright kids who just won't try. For more information about Love and Logic parenting and teaching techniques, call **1-800-LUV-LOGIC** or visit [www.loveandlogic.com](http://www.loveandlogic.com).