

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:

Engage in collaboration

Xemplify innovation

Persevere in challenging endeavors

Learn with passion

Own integrity

Reach for the stars

Embody resiliency

Radiate empathy

Seek joy

THE GORDON FLASH

NOVEMBER 5, 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

Hello Families,

The month of November brings with it an opportunity to focus on gratitude. As a community, we have a plethora of reasons to be grateful, therefore, each morning this month we will be sharing thankful messages from students and staff. On Friday, I shared how grateful I am for each person who is part of the Richard Gordon community! From the students who work hard each day to learn and grow, to the teachers who plan and prepare lessons to challenge students, to the classified staff who work tirelessly to keep this building running smoothly, to the families who work as partners with us, I am genuinely thankful for each person! In addition, I am thankful to work in a school community which supports every student as both learners and people!

Another way we will show our gratitude this month is by celebrating **Veteran's Day** with an assembly on **Friday, November 9th from 1:15-2:00**. We love honoring our veterans at this annual celebration. Please invite a special family member or family friend who has served in the military to be recognized at this event. Following the assembly, a reception for our honored guests will be held in the DaVinci Room. If you and a veteran will be attending, please RSVP. Also, the event will start promptly at 1:15, so please arrive early and remember to sign in at the office.

As the year progresses, I want to continue to hear from you. Please consider attending the next **Parent & Principal Talk on November 13 from 3:00-3:45**. The purpose of these talks is to hear your perspective. It would be fantastic to have feedback on the conference process this year. Bring your questions, concerns, or celebrations. Light refreshments will be provided.

Again, thank you for your contribution to our school community!

Christine Frantzen
Principal



Upcoming Events

November 9

Veteran's Day
Assembly 1:15pm

November 12

Veterans Day
No School

November 13

Parent & Principal Talk
3:00-3:45pm

November 15

Family Reading Night
6-7pm
in the library

November 17

PTA 5k Turkey Trot

November 22-23

Thanksgiving Break
No School

Gordon: 396-3800

Attendance: 396-3803

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.

North Kitsap School District

18360 Caldart Ave. NE
Poulsbo WA 98340
(360)396-3000
www.nkschools.org

A Big Thank You

Every year we screen our entire school for vision and hearing problems. This is a tremendous undertaking and one that could not be accomplished without the help of our amazing volunteers.





**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
AT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL**

Can you help?

COMMUNITY

ARE YOU FRIENDLY, APPROACHABLE, AND YOUNG AT HEART? IF SO, WE NEED YOU!



THINGS TO DO

- Reading to or with children
- Playing fun word games
- Training and treats provided

Get in touch:

Shannon Weber
Richard Gordon Elementary, 26331 Barber Cut Off Rd NE, Kingston, WA98346
360-396-3815, sweber@nkschools.org



A Note from the Health Room

We are in need of a few girl's pants, and shirts for our health room. If your child has outgrown some of their clothes and you would like to donate them, it would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for sizes that would fit Kindergarten through third grade.

Meet Your School Board

nksdboard@nkschools.org
Rick Eckert
Jim Almond
Glen Robbins
Cindy Webster-Martinson
Beth Worthington
School Board Meeting

Thursday, November 8

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



Nondiscrimination Notification

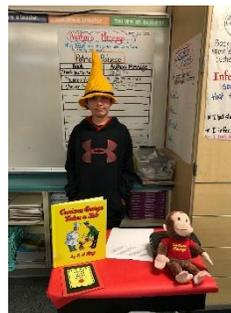
The North Kitsap School District will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, immigration status, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Questions or complaints of alleged discrimination can be directed to the district's Title IX/RW 28A.640 Compliance Officer Rachel Davenport, Executive Director, rdavenport@nkschools.org (360) 396-3003 and/or the ADA and 504 Coordinator, Courtney O' Catherine, Assistant Director of Special Education, COCatherine@nkschools.org (360) 396-3023; address - 18360 Caldart Ave NE, Poulsbo WA 98370.

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

Each month we will be celebrating the percentage of students attending school, because **School Attendance Matters!**

Kindergarten	94.14%
1st	93.19%
2nd	95.04%
3rd	94.94%
4th	94.94%
5th	93.05%
MSOP	96.88%

3rd Grade Wax Museum



Music Minutes:



In November...



Students will be performing as well as the KMS Band

Join us for the Veterans Day Assembly on November 9th at 1:15pm

Gordon Strings is Starting!

Elisha Rose will be our strings pedagogy teacher for Gordon Strings this year.

He has been playing stringed instruments since 2004 and is currently finishing his masters in music education this May.

Rose Music Studio in Bremerton is his primary teaching spot so we are so fortunate to have him here in Kingston!

3rd-8th grades:

Gordon Elementary Strings is starting this November!

(Orchestra instruments= violin, viola, cello & double bass)

Rehearsals:

- Before school from 8:15am to 9:00am (music room F-5)
 - **Tuesday, Nov. 13th**, will be a meet and greet session: hand out books, pay registration, answer parent questions, and fit students for instruments.
 - **Intermediate:** Tuesday mornings
November 20th – April 30th (20 sessions)
 - **Beginning:** Thursday mornings
November 15th through May 2nd (20 sessions)
- ** No school or delayed start (inclement weather) = No strings class**

Performances:

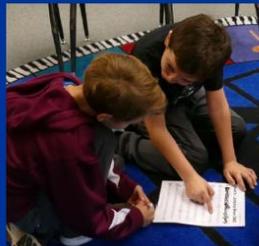
Gordon intermediate (3-8th grade) concert: March 8th
Seattle Symphony Link up Concert: March 12th
Arts Festival (intermediate strings only): Spring TBD
Recital May 2nd

Registration Cost and Instruments:

The registration fee is \$120.00 made out to "Rose Music Studio." This pays for the book and the lessons. Elisha will be taking over for Mrs. Larson this year. There may be scholarships available if needed (E-mail Mrs. Barrett)

Music Learning is in full swing!

It is so much fun to see students remember what they learned last year, then share it with others!



Leah Barrett: music specialist at Richard Gordon Elementary

lbarrett@nkschools.org

(360) 396-3821