
The Gordon Flash

September 15, 2017

Richard Gordon Elementary

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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

Welcome Back!

Wow! What a great first full week back to school! Parents, thank you so much for trusting our school to provide a safe, nurturing and engaging experience for your child!

These first few weeks' students are learning, reviewing and practicing all our STAR Expectations. These routines ensure students become independent self-managers throughout the building and maximizes learning time in class. In a week or so, we will post on our website some of the common language we use and helpful tips for parents. We continue to foster a safe and positive learning environment at school with high expectations for all our students.

Additionally, teachers are busy building relationships with students and learning what their individual instructional needs are so they can create the best educational program in class for them.

If you are new to Gordon, we welcome you! If there is anything we can do to answer any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, or contact our office.

I want to thank those parents who came to me and expressed concern about the parking lot blocks added over the summer. I contacted our Facilities Director who came out and met with a parent and myself. A plan is in place to ensure space for emergency vehicles as well as other safety measures.

Have a wonderful weekend and don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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



What's Happening This Month

September 26

Picture Day

October 24

Picture Retakes

October 25 – 27

No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Meet Your School Board

nksdboard@nkschools.org

Jim Almond

Glen Robbins

Bill Webb

Cindy Webster-Martinson

Beth Worthington

September Board Meetings

Thursday, September 22

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



Student Picture Day, Tuesday, September 26th

The pictures will be taken by Olympic Photo Group. All students will receive one class photo at no charge, even if they do not order individual pictures. This picture will go home with students after picture re-takes in October.

Order envelopes and payment must be with the child at the time their picture is taken. Pictures will be returned approximately 3 weeks after picture day. If you are unhappy with your child's picture, retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th.

Picking up Students during School Hours

If you need to pick up a student during the school day, you will need to stop in the office to sign your child out. To maximize student learning, your child will not be called out of class until you arrive at school to sign him/her out. The office staff will call the classroom and ask that your child be sent to meet you in the office. If a student leaves after 2:30 and before 3:50 dismissal, it is recorded as tardy. If you know that your student needs to be released early, please send a note to your child's teacher.



Birthdays, Invitations and Gifts:

Due to the distraction to the educational process, please do not have gifts (e.g., flowers, balloons, etc.) delivered to the school for your child. If you would like to bring a treat for your

child to share on his/her birthday, please contact the teacher ahead of time to make arrangements. He or she will have a suggestion about the appropriate day and time for the treat. In consideration for the feelings and needs of our students, please do not send invitations for parties at home to school unless an invitation is provided for every child in the classroom.

THE GORDON FLASH NEWSLETTER

The Gordon Flash Newsletter is available on the Gordon Website. To access it please go to www.nkschools.org. Select schools and pick Gordon. The link to The Gordon Flash is located on the Headline page. If you would prefer a hard copy of The Gordon Flash, please complete the following and have your student turn it into the school office.

Yes, I would like to receive a hard copy of The Gordon Flash bi-monthly.

Student's Name: _____ Teacher: _____



Upcoming Events

November 9
1:15pm
Veterans' Day Assembly

November 10
Veterans' Day –No School

November 23 - 24
Thanksgiving Break
No School

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

PE with Mr. B!

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a happy and healthy summer break. My goal is that all children experience an active and successful experience in PE, and leave the gym happy.

Since the grade levels I teach include Kindergarten through Eighth, although the concepts taught will be quite similar, the instructional methods vary quite a bit. At all grade levels we work on: being nice to each other, following the rules of the activity, good sportsmanship, working as a team member, active participation, and listening to teacher cues.

Over the first month of the school year we will cover throwing and catching, jumping rope, cooperative games and a variety of stretches and exercises.

In the month of October we will continue to focus on four components of fitness including; cardiorespiratory (jogging, prolonged physical activity), flexibility (stretching), muscular strength (push-ups, crunches, climbing rock wall), muscular endurance (trying to continue even though you may want to stop).

Please encourage your children to dress appropriately for PE days. What that means is “play clothes” and comfortable shoes. Remember that when wearing a skirt or dress on PE days to wear shorts as well. Thanks

Here's to a successful start to the year with many fun-filled activities. Until next month!

Mr. B



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
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Gordon Elementary Drop-off & Pick-up

Here are some guidelines to help with Gordon student pick up and drop off transition times to ensure a simple and easy experience for everyone. See map below for quick reference.

- Please be patient, kind, and courteous of everyone.
- No parking in the pick-up circle from 8:45am-9:30am and 2:45pm-4:15pm as posted. Please stay with your vehicle and continue to pull forward as the drop off information sign indicates. This is especially important in the morning to help all students get to class on time.
- If you would like to escort your child inside please park accordingly and walk your child(ren) to the front of the school. Please do not allow children to walk through the parking lot without an adult.
- When exiting the parking lot during pick- up or drop- off hours please do NOT attempt to make a right hand turn at the stop sign into the circle, this is for the safety of everyone.



End of Day Pick-up

Roundabout-Car Pick-Up: Students will wait in their alphabetic area until you get them within the circle. Please pull forward in the circle. Staff will be supervising and releasing students into your car.

If you are walking to pick-up your child: Please park your car in the designated parking areas and walk on the sidewalk around the school to the covered area by the gym. Staff will be supervising and releasing students.

Let's make this a safe and fun school year for everyone!

Music Minutes:



Welcome Back !



Welcome back! I am excited to be teaching music to your children again this year at Gordon Elementary! In music class, we will start experimenting with many activities: rhythmic movement, percussive patterns, drama, simple instruments (recorders for 4th & 5th), as well as singing and growing in understanding of music theory and history.

Class guidelines in music:

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| Safe- | * Follow classroom traffic patterns |
| | * Stay in your space |
| Teamwork- | * Participate |
| | * Use encouraging words |
| Act Respectfully- | * Listen and follow directions |
| | * Raise hand to talk/wait to be called on |
| Responsible- | * Use instruments/materials as directed |



Volunteer Opportunities: Thank you for your help! ☺

Recorder Belt Testers:

Must know how to read basic rhythms and notes in treble clef.
I will walk you through the process of the test at your convenience.

Times needed: Monday -Thursday mornings until 12:15pm.

(Exact times = 9:25-10:05; 10:50-11:30; & 12:15-12:30)

We will be starting recorders in the classroom on November 13th

The 12:15 pm slot (recorder recess) begins immediately.

Past volunteers have either picked a day (Ex: Mondays) and come to all of the slots on that day or come at a particular time on a few days to focus on a certain grade. Let me know when you are available and I will set you up! Last year one volunteer stayed the whole morning and worked on small classroom projects as well...a great help!

Accompanist: I would like to have someone help with the Veteran's Day program and/or a song in the March 2nd performance.



Leah Barrett: music specialist at Richard Gordon Elementary

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