

Gilbert Park Elementary

Wednesday, October 26, 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Gilbert Park Families--

Welcome to our new weekly school newsletter format. Our weekly newsletter will now be sent to your email every Wednesday by the end of the day. I would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions for the content to be included in our newsletter. I want to be sure you have information that is important to you!

It was wonderful to see so many students and families at our FuelEd curriculum materials distribution last week. We hope you are enjoying and taking care of all of your wonderful new learning materials!



Have a wonderful week!
Stacie Moncrief

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, November 1

Daylight Savings Time ends

Wednesday, November 11

Veteran's Day - No School

Thursday, November 12

Apple Tasting Kits given out with meals

Monday, November 16th

Teacher Work Day - No School

November 24th & 25 - Conferences, No School

November 25th, 26th, 27th - No School

QUICK LINKS

[Our school website](#)

[Lunch menus and bus stops](#)

[PTA Facebook page](#)

[Tech Support Resources](#)

PRODUCTIVE STRUGGLE

Please allow your children to struggle, productive struggle is good for their brain! Please do not give them the answers as tempting and hard as that is, doing this takes away from their learning. You may find your child looking to you for help because they don't want to be wrong in front of you. If you find this is happening, give your child encouragement and compliment them for working hard. Reassure them it is ok to be wrong. There is so much to be learned from our mistakes!

ATTENDANCE

Thurs	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed
92.5%	89.6%	92.7%	93.3%	94%

Here you see the attendance percentages for all GP students from Thursday through Wednesday of the last week. Attendance is important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently.

In Distance Learning attendance is counted for participation in any portion of the school day, including asynchronous work. While our percentage of attendance is high there are many students not participating in learning throughout the day. Please reach out to the teacher or the school if you need support in improving your child's attendance.

GARDEN UPDATES

NEW GARDEN EDUCATOR: We are sad to share that Brooke Robinson who was assigned as our Garden Educator, will be leaving Portland next month to be with family during these challenging times. We will miss Brooke but we are excited to introduce you to Madeline Miller (mmiller@growportland.org) who will be our new Garden Educator. Madeline is in her second year with Grow Portland, is a trained Master Gardener, and holds a Masters degree from the Leadership for Sustainability program at PSU. She cares deeply about garden education and loves working with children.

Here's an intro video - [Madeline Intro Video](#)

On 11/12 we will be giving out 100 apple tasting kits through meal pick-up - thanks to a generous donation from Portland Nursery!

FUELED

Here is the [FuelEd Parent Orientation Video 10/16/20](#) if you missed the live information sessions. The trainer goes into the online school to show some features. She also included a slide about how to bypass the learning coach code at the end of an observational assessment and information about our help desk.

PTA NEWS

You can support our PTA and Gilbert Park by signing up for two rebate programs:

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Please choose Gilbert Park in the search field. To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com

Fred Meyer Community Rewards - This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Fredy Meyer Rewards card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Fred Meyer and swipe your Shopper's Card. Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Fred Meyer Community Rewards selection on your digital account. Select Gilbert Park PTA. Please also support our Gilbert Park PTA by becoming a member. Membership is \$9.50 for the year. You can make a check payable to Gilbert Park PTA and mail it to Gilbert Park School or go to <https://www.pta.org/> and click on the red "Join" button at the top of the screen then click on "Join your Local PTA" and follow the steps.

Our next PTA meeting will be held virtually on December 8th from 7:00-8:30.

BIRTHDAYS

October 26-31 Student Birthdays

Gilbert Park would like to start recognizing student's birthdays. We will include the current week's birthdays in our newsletter and mail a small card. I apologize for missed birthdays from September and October. You will still get a card in the mail!

<i>Student Name</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Birth Date</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
Rylan Young	<i>Fourth</i>	26	<i>Burton</i>
Brian Salazar Anderson	<i>Second</i>	27	<i>Phillips</i>
Joseph Ivanchenko	<i>Second</i>	27	<i>Harrison</i>
Nash Lowrance	<i>Kinder</i>	28	<i>Fisher</i>
Daisy Cortes Hernandez	<i>First</i>	29	<i>Flagel</i>
Junjie Tan	<i>Fifth</i>	29	<i>Richardson</i>
Adel Gazibara	<i>Kinder</i>	30	<i>Fisher</i>
Zyler Bronleewe	<i>Third</i>	30	<i>Spencer</i>
Tucker Fry	<i>Fifth</i>	31	<i>Topolski</i>

October Staff Birthdays:

Ms. Utz - October 2nd

Ms. Vasilyevna - October 3rd

Ms. Hull - October 14th

Ms. Schefers - October 16th