

Gilbert Park Elementary

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Gilbert Park Families--

This has been an incredibly tough year with the continuing pandemic, the fires, and a new way to go to school. We still have many things to be grateful for during this time of year. I am always thankful for my family, friends, and those who have given support and comfort through this time. I am thankful for the students and teachers who are working hard every day to produce the best results in this very different educational experience. It's not perfect but I am grateful for giving it their very best every day. I am thankful for the overwhelming support from parents to set up a positive learning environment at home and suddenly becoming "teachers" and motivational coaches for their students. It's hard work too! Finally I am thankful for the support of the Gilbert Park community. We do not know the final outcome, or when we get to come back in the building but we do know that we are stronger together!



Sincerely,
Stacie Moncrief

UPCOMING DATES

11/30-12/18 YouthTruth Surey Window Open
December 3rd - Mini Library Book Check-Out
12:00-1:00
December 8 - PTA Meeting 7:00-8:30
December 21-Jan1 - Winter Break

QUICK LINKS

- [Our school website](#)
- [Lunch menus and bus stops](#)
- [PTA Facebook page](#)
- [Tech Support Resources](#)

WE'D LIKE YOUR FEEDBACK

Please take 15 minutes of your time to complete the YouthTruth Family Survey.

This online survey will help us improve your child's school. We have asked YouthTruth – a nonprofit organization that supports hundreds of schools and districts across the county – to conduct an anonymous survey on our behalf.

Please take the survey before it closes at midnight on December 18th by clicking this link:

ytsurvey.org/ddsdfamily20

Please note:

- The survey needs to be completed in one sitting.
- We ask that one member of each household fill out the survey.
- If you have more than one child who attends the same school, you may respond to the survey multiple times - one time per child.
- If you write any comments, please do not include your name or anything else that might identify you. Your responses are anonymous, and they will be combined with the responses of other parents and guardians before being shared back with school and district leadership.

We sincerely thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback. **Your response is incredibly valuable to us.**

If you have any questions about the survey, or our plans for how we will use your feedback, please contact Stacie Moncrief at stacie_moncrief@ddsd40.org.

PTA NEWS

Please join us for our next virtual **PTA Meeting on December 8th at 7:00 pm!** We will be voting in new PTA board positions and talking about Giving Tree and 2021 PTA programs. If you would like to attend, go to our [PTA Facebook page](#) and send a message with your student's name. A link will be sent to you.

One of the school programs PTA contributes to is the annual **Giving tree**. The school is accepting donations of turkeys, hams, hand soap, dish soap, and toilet paper. All of these can be dropped off at the Gilbert Park school office Monday-Wednesday 7:30-4:00.

Have you signed up for **Amazon Smile** yet? It's an easy way to get donations to our school simply by shopping with Amazon. Just go to www.smile.amazon.com and select "Gilbert Park" for the charity. Shopping from this website is the same as Amazon except Gilbert Park gets a portion of the sales!

ATTENDANCE WEBSITE

DDSD has launched a new family resource: <https://www.ddouglas.k12.or.us/departments/student-services/attendance/>

This page is intended to teach you everything you need to know about Attendance. Here's what we know:

1. Attendance is a critical part of your child's school success.
2. Attendance is one of the most reliable measures used to determine if students are on a pathway to school success or not.
3. Students who have the best attendance rates are the students who succeed the most in school.
4. Students who succeed the most in school (and go the farthest in school and acquire advanced degrees) earn the most money in their careers. [View Education Pays Chart](#)

5. We, ALL of the staff in the David Douglas School District, are passionate about helping your student to be as successful as they can be in their schooling. If you need anything, we are here to help!

BIRTHDAYS

November 26th-December 8th Student Birthdays

<i>Student Name</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
<i>Ya'shanee</i>	<i>K</i>	<i>12/6</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Dmytro</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>11/26</i>	<i>Flagel</i>
<i>Gregory</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>12/5</i>	<i>Flagel</i>
<i>Anatoliy</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>11/26</i>	<i>Joers</i>
<i>Jean-Daniel</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>11/29</i>	<i>Spencer</i>
<i>Blaire</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>11/30</i>	<i>Joers</i>
<i>Abdifatah</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>11/30</i>	<i>Spencer</i>
<i>Lily</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>11/30</i>	<i>Spencer</i>
<i>McKenna</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>12/1</i>	<i>Burton</i>
<i>Manaia</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>12/3</i>	<i>Plancon</i>
<i>Aaron</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>12/7</i>	<i>Topolski</i>
<i>Eleazar</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>12/7</i>	<i>Richardson</i>
<i>Wanika</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>12/7</i>	<i>Wallace</i>

December Staff Birthdays:

Laura Riehl - 3rd Grade - 4th

Lisa Olney - Instructional Assistant - 22nd

Debbie Foley - Head Cook - 28th