

Gilbert Park Elementary

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Gilbert Park Families--

I wish you and your family a safe and happy Holiday season! School will be closed for the winter break but you will all be in our hearts and minds. We look forward to joining as a learning community again on January 4th.



Sincerely,
Stacie Moncrief

UPCOMING DATES

December 17th - Winter Craft given out with lunches 12:00-1:00

December 17th GP Mini Library 12:00-1:00

December 18th - YouthTruth Survey Closes

December 21-Jan1 - Winter Break

January 4th School Resumes

January 18th No School - MLK Day

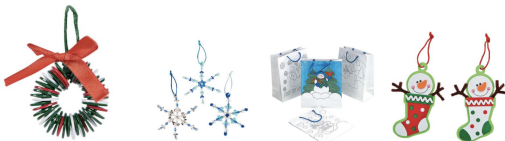
QUICK LINKS

[Our school website](#)

[Lunch menus and bus stops](#)

[PTA Facebook page](#)

[Tech Support Resources](#)



KIDS WINTER CRAFT

Thursday Only, pick up a mini winter craft kit with your student lunches. GP bus stops and school will be giving out a mini winter craft kit with student lunches.

WE'D LIKE YOUR FEEDBACK

I urge you to 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

STUDENT ALARMS

Would having alarms set help your student keep track of their class schedule and get back to class on time after breaks? Our staff have been helping students and families set alarms to help remind them to come back to class. Here is a resource some of our staff created. Click on the link for the video.

Video for Students - [How to Set Alarms \(and bookmark them\)](#)

GARDEN UPDATES

It's Madeline here, your Garden Educator from Grow Portland! Although we can't see students in our lovely school garden right now, we're still busy at work caring for the space, creating online activities, filming lesson videos for students, and leading virtual garden field trips with classroom teachers.

Out in the garden, we've been at work putting it to bed for the winter. That means garden beds have been planted with cover crops or covered with mulch in order to protect the soil from rain and weeds in the winter. You can see all of that and more in this [Garden Update video!](#)

When we're not working outside, we've been inside creating fun, virtual garden lessons for your kids. Our online lessons this month are all about water! Students will be learning about the water cycle, why it's important for the garden, and ways to conserve water at home. You can find these activities through your child's online classroom or on our [Grow Portland YouTube Channel](#).

If you're looking for additional outdoor or garden activities to do with your child at home, check out our website for activities!

<https://www.growportland.org/lessons-educationa-l-resources>

Thanks for supporting garden learning at your school. Let me know if you'd like more information or want to get involved.

TEACHER GIFTS

If you would like to send a card or small gift to your child's teacher you can do so by giving it to the school lunch bus drivers any day this week or dropping it off at school. Be sure to include who it is "To" and who it is "From" along with the school name, "GP" I will make arrangements to get these items to the teachers.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Once again, the **David Douglas Dads Club** is conducting a tree recycling program to earn funds to benefit student activities. Please note the drop-off site has been relocated this year in support of the District's Covid-19 guidelines.

Many school clubs and organizations have participated in this project as a fundraiser for their programs by helping the Dads Club pick up and process trees. Groups who have helped in the past include the tennis, softball & basketball teams, the Robotics Club, DDHS Student Council and band.

Where: Savage Memorial Presbyterian Church parking lot – 139th & Mill

When: December 26th & December 27th
January 2nd, 3rd, 9th & 10th

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5 Pick-up or Delivery (Flocked Trees \$10)
For tree pick-up information or if your group would like to participate in this fundraiser call 503-660-3076 or email daviddouglasdadsclub@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting our students by recycling your Christmas tree with us this year.

BIRTHDAYS

December 17th-December 31st Student Birthdays

<i>Student Name</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
Elena M.A	K	20th	Fisher
Ainsley J	K	24th	Fisher
Ibrahim S	K	25th	Davis
Wynter S	K	21st	Arden
Justin A	K	29th	Arden
Joseph M	2	21st	Riepe
Mia A	2	23rd	Harrison
Claire N	3	19th	Joers
Marah P	3	28th	Riehl

Tre'Jion C	4	29th	Franzke
Akima D	4	29th	Franzke
Giselle A	4	31st	Franzke
Natalie M	4	28th	Dean
Lesia B	4	17th	Burton
Promise B	4	20th	Burton
Iva N	5	26th	Topolski
Scarlett R	5	28th	Topolski

December Staff Birthdays:

Debbie Foley - Head Cook - 28th

January 1st - January 6th Student Birthdays

<i>Student Name</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
Anita D	K	4th	Arden
Kevin L	2	3rd	Schill
Aubree G	3	6th	Riehl
Jose C.M	4	2nd	Burton

January Staff Birthdays:

Jayne McGaffey - Instructional Assistant - 3rd

Jamie Voelker - Behavior Specialist - 4th

Scott Burton - 4th Grade Teacher - 15th