

# Gilbert Park Elementary

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Dear Gilbert Park Families--*

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that we are now halfway through the year.

As many of you may know on December 23, Governor Brown announced new guidance on the reopening of schools in a letter to the directors of the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education. In the letter, Governor Brown calls on Oregon's local school boards, superintendents, educators, and school employees to work together toward the resumption of in-person instruction. The Governor's guidance prioritizes elementary education.

This communication comes with many unanswered questions and unknowns. We will continue to monitor guidance from the State, OHA, and our county health department and keep you informed of any new information.

Please stay vigilant in wearing face coverings, washing hands, and practicing physical distancing in order to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.



Sincerely,  
Stacie Moncrief

## UPCOMING DATES

January 8th-12th Materials Distribution  
January 7th DDSD Board Meeting 7:00 pm  
January 12th PTA Meeting 7:00 pm  
January 13th Food Pantry 2:00-4:00 pm  
January 18th No School - MLK Day  
January 29th No School - Teacher Work Day - Report Cards

## QUICK LINKS

[Our school website](#)

[Lunch menus and bus stops](#)

[PTA Facebook page](#)

[Tech Support Resources](#)

## PTA NEWS

You are invited to join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, January 12th starting at 7:00 PM. Here is the link to join our virtual meeting - <https://meet.google.com/ext-mpxs-aqq>

## MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION

It is time for us to get more materials and resources out to you to support you and your students in CDL. Beginning this Friday you can come to GP to pick up your materials anytime between 9:00-3:30. We will continue distribution on Monday and Tuesday of next week as well, All K-5 students will receive the missing pieces of the FuelEd Curriculum that were backordered. Some grade levels have additional materials for students to pick up.

All Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students will be receiving new touchscreen chromebooks. To get the new chromebook you MUST return your currently borrowed chromebook, if you had one. Here is a link to Touchscreen Chromebook Unboxing and Basics: [Video Tutorial \(English\)](#) other language translations are coming soon We will also have additional basic school supplies available such as pencils, crayons, glue sticks, headphones and paper. Just ask for them when you arrive and let us know what you need.

## REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be completed by teachers at the end of January and mailed home by February 8th. The purpose of the DDSD report card is to communicate with families and students about progress towards grade level expectations. It identifies areas of strengths and areas where improvement is needed.

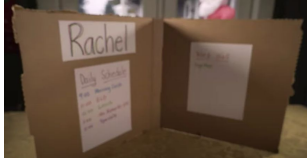
The report card format has been modified. It is a temporary one-year report card in response to Comprehensive Distance Learning.

Students will receive marks based on performance levels of what has been taught so far.

Don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about how your child is doing.

## STUDY CARREL

Is your child struggling to stay focused? Study Carrels are one strategy you could use to minimize distraction and



create a learning space at home. Here is a video on how to make one using materials you might already have at home.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D\\_iXEgpaTdA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_iXEgpaTdA)

## FREE MEALS

Our distribution of daily, free meals for kids (1-18 years) has resumed! Meals are served Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. Please see the attachment for details about stops and pick up times. [DDSD Meal Sites 1-4-21.pdf](#)

Each day you can pick up breakfast, lunch and dinner all in one bag. Look for new menu items in 2021, including macaroni and cheese! [View our menus here](#). Just like meals served at school, to-go meals provide the nutrition requirements established by the US Department of Agriculture.

We would love your input! You can help us by taking a survey that will be available on our [Nutrition Services webpage](#) after January 19.

If you aren't as familiar with our current meal program, you can find more information at [www.ddouglas.k12.or.us/food-resources](http://www.ddouglas.k12.or.us/food-resources), or by choosing the Food Resources link on the home page. We post regular updates on our website to help keep you informed.

## Fun Facts:

- Did you know that our Nutrition Services has provided over 500,000 meals to students since school buildings closed back in March!
- Did you know that we make several items from scratch such as bread, spaghetti sauce, and muffins of many flavors including spice, pear, and gingerbread!

## BIRTHDAYS

### January 7th - 13th Student Birthdays

<i>Student Name</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
Jayziah	2	9th	Phillips
Twyla	3	12th	Riehl
Ja'shawntae	3	14th	Spencer
Joshua	4	16th	Dean
Eilen	4	15th	Burton

### January Staff Birthdays:

Jayne McGaffey - Instructional Assistant - 3rd

Jamie Voelker - Behavior Specialist - 4th

Scott Burton - 4th Grade Teacher - 15th