GASTON GREYHOUNDS
Got GRIT!
February, 2019

Immunization Exclusion Day—Feb. 20th

If you received a letter from Washington County Health Department regarding your student’s need for immunizations—please be sure to get those taken care of before February 20th. Once the vaccines have been administered, please turn in an updated shot record to the elementary office for the exclusion order to be cancelled. If students are not immunized by February 20th, they will not be permitted to attend school. To help parents, a Forest Grove Immunization Clinic will be held Friday, Feb. 15th from 8:30 am—4:00 pm at FG High School School-Based Health Center located at 1715 Nichols Lane.

2019-20 Preschool & Kindergarten Round-Up Time is Coming!

If you know of someone in Gaston who will be turning 4 or 5 years old by September 1, 2019—have their parents sign up for Round-Up! Call 503-985-7240 and get the child on the list. Registration paperwork will be mailed out to families on the list the first week of March.

Round up will be held on:

Thursday, April 4, 2019
5:00—6:00 pm
Gaston Elementary School

If your child is a Gaston resident, and is currently attending Gaston Elementary Preschool, they will automatically be signed up for Kindergarten. **You will need to provide the office with a birth certificate before September.

Families attending that are out of district will have to apply for inter-district transfer if they would like their preschooler to go to kindergarten here.

Questions? Call Mystie Taber at 503-985-7240 ext. 1226.

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THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND
• To volunteer you must first pass a background check, forms are available outside the main office
• All who enter the building must sign in at the main office and wear a badge during their stay
• Be Safe, Respectful, and Responsible while you are on campus

“Children are not things to be molded, but people to be unfolded.”  Jess Lair

“Learning is not a race for information, it’s a walk of discovery.”  Anonymous
Severe Weather Preparation
The Flash Alert Newswire & Messenger system distributes emergency messages, breaking news, weather closure information and news releases. Parents are strongly encouraged to sign up for this free service before bad weather hits and school delays or closures are a possibility. Info can also be found on the Gaston School District website and our Facebook feed.

To sign up for Flash Alert notices click on this link: https://www.flashalert.net/login/

Snow Routes are posted on the website under District, then click Transportation.

Senate Bill 895 and Oregon Administrative Rules 333-050-0010-0140 require schools to share immunization and exemption twice each year; the first was in September, the second is attached to this newsletter. You can also find the report on the bulletin board outside the main office and on the GSD website, Elementary > Parents.

School-Wide Lice Checks Coming
Soon we will be doing a school-wide lice check. PLEASE take time over the long weekend to check your children and treat them if you find any nits or live lice. District policy states that students cannot attend school if they have live bugs or if they have 5 or more nits. Learning cannot happen if they are not at school and this is a correctible issue that can be managed with persistence and attention on the part of parents. Thank you for your support and help.

Coats & Hats
All students go outside for fresh air and exercise at recess. Please be sure that your students are dressing warmly for the weather. Even in the covered play area students are exposed to wind, rain and cold.
The Preschool class had lots of fun learning about community helpers in January!

On the 16th, they all walked to the Gaston Fire Department and learned about what fire fighters do.

On the 17th, they had a visit from a grandpa who was a flight engineer for Air Force One.

On the 22nd, a couple of parents who are nurses came and told them about what nurses do.

Then, on the 28th, Officer Vance came to visit and they learned about being a police officer. What an educational month they had!

This Spring, students will again be taking the SBAC tests. Please visit the district web site if you are choosing to opt your student out of testing. You can find the form under the Department tab, then select Testing, the form is on the left side of the page.
## Check Out What’s Coming Up...

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**Wednesdays are 2:30 Dismissal**

**Call Before 2:00pm with going home changes**
Congratulations Winners!

K-2—Aiden Stroschiem—the answer was 8
3-6—Jade Walker—the answer was 972 eggs

Honorable Mention to Kayden Alpert for getting the K-2 and 3-6 problems correct!
If you would like to have an event or information published in the newsletter, please send the information to Mystie Taber at taberm@gastonk12.org by the 20th of the month for the following newsletter.