Leadership Matters

All year staff and students have been working hard on leadership skills. A few weeks ago one of our first grade students put his leadership skills into action when he ran for help for a neighbor who had been severely injured in a tractor accident. Gaston Fire & Rescue honored Waylon Boyd for his swift and brave action at the Triple G Assembly.

Read & Ride Challenge Bike Winners

The winners of the Knights of Pythias Read & Ride Challenge bikes were awarded on May 9th.

Kindergarten Winners: Gage Lyon & Claire Clemo
1st Grade Winners: Charlie Cornils & Addison Sheets
2nd Grade Winners: Dimitrius Davis & Abigail Hoogerhuies
Helmet Winners: Bennett Kraatz, Isaiah Siemon, Hank Hansen, Kylee Gann, Kinzie Huserik, Stella Fleskes, Alivia Marsh, Aliyah Sullivan and Sawyer Dailey

Summer afternoon - summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.

-- Henry James

Be so happy that when others look at you they become happy too!
Parents/Guardians:

At the beginning of the year families were asked to sign a “Meal Payment Acknowledgement” for their students meal plans. During the course of the year we have sent out invoices and weekly balance phone calls for those families who have a balance due.

As a parent/guardian, it is your obligation to keep a positive balance in their meal account and be aware when funds expire. As a district, we are required to provide your students with a lunch at the parent’s financial responsibility.

Currently, families owe the district over $6,000 in meal payments. We met our obligation, your students have been fed and you have been sent the information regarding the balance due. Now, it is time for families to pay their bills.

If you are unsure of your balance—please contact the district office, your building secretary or check your account on mymealtime.com.

Thank you!

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**Attendance Update**

During May, the following classrooms had the least amount of absences and won the weekly Attendance Award.

- Mrs. Westcott’s 1st graders (won 2 weeks!)
- Ms. Smith’s 3rd graders
- Mr. DeWolf’s 4th graders (won 2 weeks!)

**Behavior Update**

We are ending the year strong! We have been working hard on our goal of no physical contact for the rest of the year.

We are continuing to make positive choices at school and become positive leaders.
COOL THINGS WE ARE DOING
## Check Out What’s Coming Up...!

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### MEDICATION REMINDER

If your child had medication at school—please be sure to pick it up by the last day of school—June 7th. Medications left after that date will be destroyed.

To help you plan for next year, click [HERE](#) to see the 2019-20 School Year Adopted Calendar

**Tips for better attendance:**

1. Plan appointments on in-service or grading days
2. Plan vacations around non-school days

**REPORT CARDS** will be available for parent pick up June 12th—14th. At the end of day on Friday the 14th, they will be taken to the post office to mail.

### Wednesdays are 2:30 Dismissal!

Call Before 2:00pm with going home changes
May’s Problem of the Month

I'm planting a garden this summer and need to surround it with a fence to protect it from the deer. Last summer I planted a long, skinny garden all the way around a 30 foot wooden fence so that I would only need to put a netting fence along three sides of it. The sides were each 1 foot wide.

This year I decided to move my garden to another spot where there is NOT a permanent fence and I changed the shape so my garden would be six feet long and 8 feet wide.

K-2 Question: How many feet is it around the outside of my garden?

Question 1: How much larger is the area of my garden this year?

Question 2: I accidentally ripped up my netting and needed to buy more. I thought since my garden was larger I would need to buy more netting. How does the amount of netting I need to buy this year compare to last year?

Question 3: I like to add a layer of mint compost that is 6 inches deep before I plant my seeds. How many cubic feet of mint compost will I need this year?

Each correct answer gets an extra entry in the drawing for a special prize!

Answers:

K-2: 28 feet
3-6:
Q 1—18 sq. ft. larger
Q 2—I need fewer feet of netting this year.
Q 3—24 cubic feet of compost

Congratulations
K-2 Winner: Finn Johnson
3-6 Winner: Ava Dodson
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.

RETURN YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS NOW!

Gaston School District can now benefit from purchases Amazon Smile! If you shop on Amazon they will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to our district.

In our very first quarter, GSD was sent a donation check for $100! Currently, there are 26 customers supporting GSD—so tell your friends to shop and help GSD at the same time!

Help us out and change your Amazon bookmark to the following address: http://smile.amazon.com. You will be prompted to choose a charity to donate to—there you can select Gaston School District.

Thank you so much!

Summer Sizzle
August 18th, 11:30 am
Brown Park, Gaston
Hosted by: Wapato Valley & New Life Christian Churches

Get your school supplies for free
Look for more info as the date gets closer

Remember to check Face Book and the Gaston SD website throughout the summer for updates and activities.

Summer Lunch Program
This summer, meals at no charge are available to all children and teens 1-18 years old, but not at GSD.

To find the nearest summer meal site, text “FOOD” to 877877 or call 1-866-348-6479 (1-866-3-HUNGRY), or visit

Good-bye Mrs. Sweaney! The library and café won’t be the same without you!

Enjoy retirement!

2019-2020 School Supply List
On GSD Website: Elementary> Parents

Don’t Forget to Check Lost & Found
All items left after June 14th will be donated to charity.
Vermont Hills Family Life Center
@ Gaston Elementary

Early Childhood Education
$100 referral bonus for existing families

Childcare located at the New Life Christian Church, across the street.

Preschool Education for 3 & 4 year olds.

AM or PM and wrap around care to accommodate Gaston School Schedule.

Qualified staff and customized curriculum.

Daily organic snacks.

For space and availability
Call 503-452-8633
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