Gaston Greyhounds
Got Grit!
May, 2019

End of the School Year

Can you believe it is already May! This year has flown by! Here are some important items to add to your To Do list:

☐ Pick up any unused medication from office by June 6th
☐ Check Lost & Found for missing clothes
☐ Return library books by May 17th
☐ Volunteer for Field day - contact Mr. Holscher
☐ Volunteer for Carnival

Carnival

PTO needs volunteers for the Saturday, May 18th Carnival

There are three easy ways to sign up:
1. Call Laura Fordyce at 971-244-2134
2. Email Laura Fordyce at clfordsce07@yahoo.com
3. Sign up at https://signup.com/go/TGVxUUt

Introducing... Michelle Butler

Gaston Elementary would like to welcome the newest member of our team, Michelle Butler. Mrs. Butler’s role will work closely with students to help them be successful at school. She will be working one-on-one and in groups to address issues such as chronic absenteeism, trauma, and mental health. Mrs. Butler will be in room 5 and will be here one to two days a week. She will visit classrooms within the next few weeks—please give her a big Gaston Greyhound Welcome!

Life is just a never ending carnival ride. Ups, downs, twists and turns, you’ll never know if it is going to come to a stop or if the ride has just begun. So buckle your seatbelt because you’re about to take the ride of your life.
During April, the following classrooms had the least amount of absences and won the weekly Attendance Award.

Ms. Christensen’s 4th graders
Mr. DeWolf’s 4th graders
Ms. Smith’s 3rd graders
Mr. DeWolf’s 4th graders

Wow! We have rock star students with positive behavior! In April we only had 31 referrals in the entire elementary school, that is truly amazing work by our students!

We appreciate all your help and encouragement with the positive choices we are making here at school.

For more information visit:
http://www.smarterbalanced.org/parents/
TAG field trip to the Oregon Children's Theater to see Jason and the Argonauts

Gaston Elementary All-Stars

Gaston All-Stars is a partnership with the News-Times where they recognize three students every few weeks in the newspaper. Their photo and a sentence or two as to why that student shines is included in the article. For April, Gaston Elementary teachers selected these three students for their All-Star qualities. Congratulations!

Blake Cook
Blake always had a kind heart and friendly smile for everyone in our class. He is the first to offer help to someone who is struggling to learn. Blake works hard to do his best on his own work and sincerely wants to succeed in school.

Heather Thorne
Heather is a super leader. She is always on task and focused, and models good behavior for others.

Eli Lauth
Eli came into our class midway through the year, and is already such an awesome leader! He is kind, hard working, and responsible. I love having Eli in my classroom, and so do his peers. Keep up the great work, Eli!
CHECK OUT WHAT’S COMING UP...

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September 2019

| 4th               | First day of school Grades 1-12 2:30 Dismissal* |          |
| 6th               | Tailgate/Open House |          |
| 9th               | First day of school—Kinders |          |
| 16th              | First day of school—Preschool |          |

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

SWIMMING LESSONS: Tuesdays & Thursdays May 7—June 6
*Bring a swimsuit and towel on swim lesson days*
1st Graders—Depart: 12:45 pm 2nd Graders—Depart: 12:15 pm
Return: 2:45 pm Return: 2:15 pm

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!

May’s prize will be a Secret Prize Pack!

April's Math Problem Winner

Congratulations Kegan Reynolds!

There were several answers: 0,1,2,3,4,7 or 0,1,2,3,5,6 & then a million variants with fractions.
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.

The last day for library check out this year will be May 17th.
All classes that have 100% of books returned, or paid for if lost or damaged, will get popsicles and a free choice day in the library during their specials time.
The first 3 classes that have all books returned, or paid for if lost or damaged, will get an extra 15 minute recess.

Enjoy the sounds of spring at the Gaston 4th-12th grade Instrumental Concert. Music will begin at 7:00 pm May 16th in the Commons Gym.

Please turn in your Box Tops by the end of May!

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

Got Info?

Gaston Parents and Community Members:
Some folks have asked questions about possible issues regarding May 8th. This dated has been scheduled by some district staffs to “walk out” in support better school funding at the state level. Some schools in our area are having to close for the day for lack of staff to provide a safe environment for students.

Please note:
The staff of Gaston School District is committed to providing the students of our community with a quality education. We recognize and appreciate the community of Gaston valuing our schools; so, we will be welcoming our students to a regular and full school day on Wednesday, May 8th, 2019 (regular start time and 2:30 dismissal as usual).

Instead of walking out, our staff have chosen to wear red shirts in support of education. Thank you to staff, students and parents for the support you give to our schools on a continual basis!

Say/MKenzie

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

Parents and Community Volunteers:
State Testing Ice Cream Party for 3rd—6th Grade
Tuesday, May 14th
Noon—3:00 pm
Contact Emily Putney to volunteer putneye@gastonk12.org

2019-2020 School Supply List
On GSD Website: Elementary>Parents
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
www.facebook.com/vhflc