GASTON GREYHOUNDS ARE LEADERS!

Greyhound Leadership Award

Each week at the Triple “G” assembly the Greyhound Leadership Pup is given to the classroom or person who has shown outstanding leadership during the previous week.

The winners so far have been: Mrs. Krause’s 1st grade class, Mrs. Hiersche’s 6th graders, Ms. Haworth, Ms. Stewart’s 5th graders and Mrs. McMaster’s kindergarteners. We are so proud of all of you!

Yeah! October 4th is Picture Day

Ordering & Paying for Pictures

Check/Cash/Money Order
- Student turns in at the time their picture is taken

Online Orders
- Student does not bring anything to the camera, photographer will match the student online

Payments via cash, check or money order may not be made at any other time except picture day or re-take day.

Online orders can be made up to 48 hours after picture day.

Automated emails have been sent to parents who’s email addresses are on file. This is a new system for us, so if you did not receive an email and you would like to—please email Mystie Taber at taberm@gastonk12.org.

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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

Teaching GRIT
- Provide feedback that is demanding and supportive
- Model GRIT
- Encourage curiosity in students

September Math Problem Winner

Congratulations Winner Cris Medina!
Honorable mention to Eden Fulcher
Answer: She had 47 chickens and 7 goats.
October prize: Family game night prize pack
OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Things to know before they go:

MEDICATION

- If your student will need ANY medication, prescription or over the counter, turn it in to the main office NO LATER than Friday, October 5th.
- ONLY PARENTS CAN TURN IN OR PICK UP MEDICATIONS.
- All medications must be in their original container.
- Prescription medications must have a prescription label on the container.

Departure on the morning of October 8th:

- Parents—drop off students and their camping gear at the normal drop off location outside the Commons building
- Bus will load at 8:30 am and depart by 9:15. Campers will arrive at Camp Trickle Creek by 10:30 am.

Return in the afternoon of October 11th:

- Bus will load at approximately 11:30 am and return to school by approximately 1:00.
- Parents must make arrangements for their students to be picked up at this time. Students and their camping gear will be waiting at the normal pick up location outside the Commons building.
- Medication must be picked up in the elementary office by Friday, October 19th.

Questions?
Email Thea Hiersche at hierschet@gastonk12.org

“Must we always teach our children with books? Let them look at the mountains and the stars up above. Let them look at the beauty of the waters and the trees and flowers on earth. They will then begin to think, and to think is the beginning of a real education.

- David Polis
On September 19th, we took twenty 5th and 6th grade students to Camp Tilikum to be trained to be Conflict Managers. It was a day full of learning new skills, practicing empathy skills and some fun in canoes! Our Conflict Managers go out in pairs during primary recess to help younger students solve problems. This is a great opportunity for our students to be positive leaders at our school.

At the end of last year our Peer Helpers wanted to help make our school more welcoming and came up with the idea to make banners. They worked during their recesses to paint the banners and presented the completed banners to Mrs. McKenzie last year to have up for the opening of our new building.

PreK students are quickly learning the routines at school. If you have a child in the preschool class and have not received any emails from Mrs. Beauchaine, please email her at beauchainel@gastonk12.org. She will add you to her mailing list and catch you up on what you have missed.
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### REMEMBER!

*Wednesday's are 2:30 Dismissal*

*Call Before 2:00pm with going home changes*
3rd—6th Grade Girls Basketball begins in October
Sign up at Gaston Youth Sports
All sports for elementary students are run through Gaston Youth Sports and by parents. Office staff do not know practice or game schedules and do not know how to contact coaches—so be sure you get that information!

October’s Problem of the Month

1. Egyptian Hieroglyphics
   The ancient Egyptians covered the walls of their temples and monuments with hieroglyphic symbols, a form of picture writing. You are an archaeologist trying to figure out the meaning of the hieroglyphic symbols. The symbols for the number 3,458 are shown below.

   3,458

   a. Write in the value of each symbol. The symbols are in order according to size. You will need to extrapolate the values of the additional symbols.

   Astonished man  Tadpole  Pointing finger  Lotus flower  Coiled rope  Heel bone  Stick

   Value: _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______

   b. Write the hieroglyphs for these numbers:

   1,000 _______ 3,000 _______ 100 _______

   400 _______ 10 _______ 50 _______ 8 _______

   c. Write these hieroglyphic numbers in our system.

   _______ _______ _______ _______ _______

   d. Write the following numbers in hieroglyphic symbols:

   341 _______ 1,063 _______ 2,000 _______ 999 _______

   From the Library:

   Storybook Pumpkins will start October 15th and run through November 1st.

   Information will be sent home with students.

   Check out some of last year’s awesome submissions!

   Vision Screenings

   September 26th most students in attendance participated in a basic vision screening done by the Oregon Lion’s Sight & Hearing Foundation.

   Parents will receive their student’s results via backpack mail by the end of the first week in October.

   Oregon Law mandates all students 7 years old or younger receive a vision screening before the 120th day of school or when they enter a U.S. school for the first time.

   If your student was absent, and is 7 years old or younger, you will be required to submit proof of a vision screening by your child’s physician before the 120th day of school. You will be sent a notification letter at the same time the results are sent out.

   Additionally, if your student would benefit from glasses, there is a program called the KEX Kids Fund that provides assistance purchasing glasses for those who qualify.

   For more information, contact Mystie Taber in the main office, by phone 503-985-7240, or via email at taberm@gastonk12.org.
Free Opportunity for Families
LifeWorks Northwest in partnership with Parenting Together and Washington County Children, Youth & Families will be offering a Strengthening Families series in both English and Spanish beginning on October 23rd. This parenting education series is designed for families and their children ages 10 – 14. Parents and teens learn separately and have opportunities to practice what they have learned together during the 7 weekly sessions. Registration is required. Flyers and more information can be found at Parenting Together Washington County events — Spanish info and English info.

Paperwork Reminders
- Lunch applications are due back by Oct. 10th or student accounts will be changed to “Full Pay”
- If you receive a letter requesting information for your student’s record, please get it in as soon as possible. The information requested is either mandated by Oregon Law to be in a student’s cumulative file or required by Gaston School District Board Policy.

Safety Reminders
1. After school transportation changes MUST be called in *before 2:00 pm* by a parent/guardian—an older sibling is not a substitute for a parent, nor is telling your elementary student enough—the office needs to know so that your student is where they are supposed to be at the right time.
2. If an emergency contact or older siblings will be picking up your student — you still need to call and give your permission for that to happen. They cannot make transportation changes — only you, the parent/guardian can do that.
3. If you come into the school at any time—you MUST sign in with the office and get a visitor or volunteer badge BEFORE you go down the hall. We cannot have anyone in the hall without the office knowing they are here.
4. All medication must be turned in to the office by a parent—NO Exceptions!
5. Remember to submit Pre-Arranged Absence forms if you know your student will be gone for more than half of the day.
6. If your student will be absent remember to call the school and leave a message on the Attendance Line. Be sure to talk slowly, leave first and last names and speak clearly so we can understand your message.

Disneyland? Beach? Superman?
What do these have in common?
They are all on sweatshirts and lunchboxes in Lost & Found.
Are they yours???
Please take them home.

Got Info?
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.
ALL STUDENTS GRADUATE PREPARED

In 2010, Oregon adopted higher K-12 standards in English Language Arts and Math to ensure all students move from grade to grade with the academic knowledge and skills necessary for success beyond high school. Because we raised the bar for what we expect students to know and be able to do, we have also changed the way we measure student progress through our state tests, known as Smarter Balanced.

Why does participation matter?
While no single test can give a complete picture of your child’s progress, having your child take the statewide tests provides educators and administrators with information about what educational approaches are working and where additional resources are needed. Your child’s participation is important to ensure schools and districts receive the targeted resources they need to help all students succeed.

Description of rights
House Bill 2655 permits parents and adult students to annually opt-out of Oregon’s statewide summative tests in English Language Arts and Math by submitting an annual form to the school the student attends. Schools will provide parents with the annual form for 2018-19 at least 30 days prior to the start of testing. Visit this link to learn more about House Bill 2655: http://tinyurl.com/OR-HB2655.

OREGON’S STATE TESTS

- **Challenge your child to think critically** and apply his or her knowledge to real-world problems
- **Go beyond multiple choice** and ask your child to explain his or her answers
- **Act as a snapshot of your child’s progress** and may be considered along with other pieces of information to determine your child’s academic success
- **Help identify schools and districts** that need additional supports to ensure more students are meeting higher standards

When will my child take the test?
Your child will be tested once after he or she has completed at least two-thirds of the school year. Your child’s school will determine the specific dates your child takes the tests within the statewide testing window.

STATEWIDE TESTING WINDOWS

Smarter Balanced English Language Arts & Math Tests
January 8 – June 7, 2019

Oregon Extended Assessments for English Language Arts & Math
February 14 – April 25, 2019

STAY INFORMED

Talk to your child’s teacher or school principal if you have questions or want to learn more.

Resources
To learn more about what your child should know and be able to do in English Language Arts & Math: http://tinyurl.com/ELARoadmap & http://tinyurl.com/MathRoadmap
To view sample test questions: http://tinyurl.com/ORPracticeTests
To read more about your child’s test results: http://tinyurl.com/ORTestResults