

The Howler



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Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Message from the Principal

School is off to a wonderful start! Students and staff are settling in to the classrooms and routines of the school. Our new staff have been a wonderful addition to our GGS family and we are looking forward to many fun activities throughout the school year.

Students in 2nd-5th grades will be starting to use their Chromebooks again and it is important that we have their Internet Permission Form back on file ASAP. This is important for all families since a lot of our educational programs have online components to them. Once again our students in 3rd-5th grades will be taking the Smarter Balanced State Assessment in reading and math. These tests are tied to our national Common Core State Standards and what they are learning in the classroom. It tests students' ability to think critically as well as being able to compose and explain their thinking while typing their thoughts on the computer. Lastly, 5th graders will be taking the OAKS Assessment in the area of Science. This is the same as it has been in the past years.

Please make sure to talk with your child about what they are learning about in school as well as what they are currently reading. The more time we can spend talking about what they are learning and having them explain it, the more prepared they will be. Thanks for all that you do and helping all students be safe, respectful and responsible at school. Parents are always welcome at the school. If you are coming in, stop by and sign in at the office and we can get you taken care of. I look forward to seeing you at Open House on September 21st at 5:30 p.m.

Your principal,
Janmarie Nugent

Calendar of Events

September

September 20, Wednesday

- Site Council Meeting; 2:50 pm

September 21, Thursday

- Open House; GGS; 5:30-6:30 pm

September 25, Monday

- Dental Sealants begin (all week)

September 28, Thursday

- Life Touch Fall Photos; wolfden



Late start

MONDAY'S

Doors open at 8:50 am

Class starts at 9:20 am

MEALTIME LUNCH PROGRAM

If you feel you would qualify for free or reduced lunches and have not applied you can do that online on the NKN website. Call school office for student ID number.

If your child was on the free/reduced lunch program last year – you NEED TO REAPPLY each year.

Please call the office if you have any questions regarding the lunch program at 503-322-0311.



GG'S Open House

Thursday, September 21st

Time: 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Open House is an informal time to meet your child's teacher and other staff members and see the school. Please meet in the gym @ 5:30.

Hope to see you there!



Lifetouch photographers will be here on Thursday September 28th. Order forms will be coming home soon. All students are photographed; although no package can be purchased unless order form and money are in hand on photo day.

Retakes will be on November 6th for another chance for purchases. If you have any questions, contact the office at 503-322-0311. You can also visit MyLifetouch.com for clothing suggestions, online payment details and more.

PE days are on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

Please help your child remember to wear tight fitting tennis shoes on those days. This helps to prevent injuries from slipping and falling along with help with better movement while participating in good physical education. Thank you.

Attendance:

This year, GGS will be acknowledging students with perfect attendance for each month, trimester, and for the entire year! Students will be recognized at our monthly assemblies as well as in the Howler each month. Classrooms with perfect attendance each day will receive a "Class Paw" towards their next Class Paw Party!

Just a Few Reminders ...

Arrival time is 7:35 am; free breakfast is served for all students and the tardy bell rings at 8:05 am. **Monday** arrival time is 8:50 am and tardy bell rings at 9:20 am.

When visiting the school, ALWAYS check in at the office, wear a visitor badge or volunteer name tag at all times.

Parents, please contact the office with any daily changes to your child's regular routine, contacting us before 1:00 pm. Dismissal time is a very busy time and it is our priority to dismiss students on time and safely.

Buses depart the school at 2:35 pm, all "walkers and pick up" students will be at the **flagpole area** with a staff member supervising. Please do not go into the bus area to retrieve your child. We want to know who taking your child and meeting at the flagpole area provides that safety. Please notice the "No Parking" signs at the front entrance, there is no parking in that designated area at posted times.

Parents please help students to keep toys, figets and pokeman cards, etc. at home. They are not allowed at school.

Always feel free to contact the office with any questions.