# The Howler

**Be Respectful** 

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Be Responsible



## Lifetouch Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will be on Friday, November  $6^{\text{th}}$ . If your child was absent, did not purchase a package, forgot money or just need retakes, here is the chance to do so.

Retakes require that you send the other package with your child on retake day. If you need an order/money envelope, call the office and we will send one home before Friday. Thank you.

No School Wednesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day Holiday



## Calendar of Events Novembe Friday, 11/6 Lifetouch Retake Day; PM Monday, 11/9 NKN District School Board Meeting; DO; 6:30 pm Tuesday, 11/10 Hoops Night; GGS gym; 6:30 pm Wednesday, 11/11 No School; Veteran's Day Holiday Friday, 11/13 Parent Group Movie Night; gym 6:30 pm Tuesday, 11/17 Hoops Night; GGS gym; 6:30 pm Saturday, 11/21 Parent Group Parent's Afternoon Out; 2:00-4:30 pm GGS gym Tuesday, 11/24 Hoops Night; GGS gym; 6:30 pm

#### Thursday, 11/25 through 11/27

No School – Thanksgiving Holiday Break

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#### Dart for Art - Another Great Year!

GGS students ran in the Dart for Art fun run on Friday, October 2, to help raise funds for the school's Art Literacy Program (which is presented by the Community Arts Project, or CAP). Here are the results of their efforts:

~ A final total of \$2,191.00 in pledges collected

AND FINALLY...the classroom with the most pledge contributions...Mrs. Shepard's class! They are the winners of the ice cream party!

CAP would like to give a BIG thank you to GGS students for their enthusiastic participation in this event. Sincere thanks, also, to parents and families for supporting their students and the Art Literacy Program. The GGS staff and a great group of parent volunteers were so helpful and supportive, too. Thanks to all for a successful Dart for Art!



#### School Messenger System

School Messenger is an automated calling system that the District uses for attendance calls, to notify parent of special events, but most importantly to notify parents of an unexpected, weather related, school closure. The system will call the phone numbers that is in your child's student record. For returning students, our schools provide to parents a print out of the parent contact information that is a part or your child's student record. It is <u>VERY IMPORTANT</u> that our schools have the most current parent contact information.

Please review and update your child's parent contact information at the beginning of the year and any time during the year that contact information changes.

#### ► FlashAlert System

FlashAlert is the service we use to provide notice of emergency closures to the Portland television and radio stations. The system will send you a text and/or email message. You may log in and request a test message to revalidate your account. To subscribe to this service, you can go to the District website @ nknsd.org and go to the Parent link and click on the FlashAlert Signup. You also can download the iOS/Android app FlashAlert Messenger to your phones and link it to your account, <a href="http://flashalert.net/news.html?id=1123">http://flashalert.net/news.html?id=1123</a>



### No Referral, No Behavior Alert Activity

We are going to try something new this year with focusing on students that are "doing the right thing." Between November 16<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> all students who are being safe, respectful and responsible in all areas of the school will have a fun activity on the afternoon of the 24<sup>th</sup>. We will have a K-2<sup>nd</sup> activity followed by a 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> activity. In order to be able to participate, students will have to not have received a referral or behavior alert during the 16<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> of the month. We will talk with students about this activity and how they can earn it. Our hope is to do this once a month!

# Looking ahead . .



## Mark your Calendar

- Spirit Week 12/14 through 12/18
- Winter Concert Program; 12/10 at 7:00pm
- Winter Break 12/21 through 1/3/2015
- School Resumes on 1/4/2016

## No school on Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> - Grade Day

1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Ends 12/3

Watch for report cards to come home the week after Grade Day. We encourage parents to view report cards with your child/children.

Feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions.



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#### "Talk About Trees" and Papermaking

Several classes participated in forest discovery sponsored by the Oregon Forestry Resource Institute. They learned about deciduous and evergreen trees that are native to the Tillamook State Forest. Following the exploration, students learned what products are made from trees and how to make paper. Visit the OFRI website to learn more at http://oregonforests.org/.



## **Common Core Corner**

With all of the focus on testing and standards, we want to help parents see an example of a Common Core Standard we are teaching at Garibaldi. The following standards are examples of what we are asking students to do at the different grade levels. All of our students have been working on writing narrative pieces of work. As you can see, at all grade levels, students are asked to do

Kindergarten—Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events, tell about the events in the order in which they occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened.

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade—*Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.* Under each grade level there are more detailed standards that are being taught.

 $3^{d}$  grade--Establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.

 $5^{th}$  grade--Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.

To find out more about the Common Core Standards visit http://www.corestandards.org/.

#### Need math homework help?

Visit our new Math Resources link on GGS's homepage. It is located at the bottom of the homepage under "Parent Resources". Click on the EngageNY link and grade level to find homework support for parent and caregivers. Here you can read parent newsletters, watch homework help videos, and find example problems from the day's lesson. In the top right hand corner of the math homework you will find the lesson number, grade level, and modular number to help refine your search. For example, the picture shows a homework page from Lesson 16. The 4-3 shows that this is homework from the 4<sup>th</sup> grade in modular 3.

