## The Howler

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Garibaldi Grade School's

#### SPRING BOOK FAIR

April 4th thru April 8th

Students will have the opportunity to shop the Book Fair with their

classrooms.





Family Night

At the book fair will be April 6th from 2:35 to 6:00pm.

There will be story time, with cookies and milk.

\*\*\*All money from the Spring Sale, will go toward the Got Books program.

#### **Beverly Cleary Birthday Celebration**

This year, Beverly Cleary will be turning 100 years old! To celebrate her birthday, Garibaldi Grade School is partnering with the Friends of Rockaway Beach Library and encouraging students to read her books (or have them read to them). Starting April 1st-26th, every time a student finishes reading one of her books, they can stop by the library or the office to fill out a form with their name, the title of the book and tell their favorite part of the book and turn it in. All entries will be collected on April 26th and 15 student names will be drawn to have a pizza party with some of the Friends of Rockaway Beach Library Board Members on April 28th from 2:00-2:30 at the school. Award winners will be announced the morning of the 28th.

#### Calendar of Events



#### Tuesday 5th

Hoops Night; @ 6:30 pm; gym

#### Wednesday 6th

 Book Fair Family Night; 2:35 to 6:00 pm; GGS library

#### Monday 11th

School Board Meeting; 6:30 pm; District Office

#### Tuesday 12th

Hoops Night @ 6:30 in the gym

#### Thursday 14th

NED Assembly; 1:00 to 1:45 pm; gym

#### Friday 15th

 Family Paint Night; 5:30 to 7:00 pm; GGS Cafeteria

#### Saturday 16th

PG Spring Carnival; 3:30 pm

#### Tuesday 19th

NO Hoops

#### Wednesday 20th

Site Council Meeting; 2:50 pm

#### Friday 22nd

 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader Field Trip to Alder Creek Farm; Down by the Riverside

#### Monday 25th

NO School/ Staff Development

#### Tuesday 26th

Hoops Night @ 6:30 in the gym

## Attendance is an essential component to a student's academic success.

We understand that absences occur due to illness, appointments, family emergencies and special circumstances and we do not want sick children to come to school. However, all absences affect student performances and they miss valuable instruction time. Please attempts to make appointments, vacations or family days out of school instruction time when possible.

Also, please contact the school office by 8:30am when your child(ren) are absent. All Family/Vacation days must be pre-approved to days in advance to be excused. (Forms available in the office)



## The NED Program

On Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, our students will be attending a school-wide assembly called the NED Program. This is a character education assembly focused on a cartoon character whose name is an acronym for **Never give up**, **Encourage others**, and **Do your best**. There will be storytelling, humor, and yo-yo tricks. Students will then have the opportunity to purchase yo-yo's over the next week and will be able to play with them at recess in a designated area between April 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.



## Pre - Registration For school year 2016/2017 At GGS 9:30-11:00 am Wednesday, May 4th

Kindergarten students need to be 5 years old by Sept 1, 2016 You will need:

- ~Birth Certificate
- ~Immunization Record

Parents will take care of paperwork, while students visit a classroom. The morning will end with a short bus ride for both parents and students. VERY IMPORTANT – Please RSVP to (503) 322-0311 with child's name and birth date.

## **Smarter Balanced Testing is Here!**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment in the near future. Parents, it is important that your child is getting a good night's sleep and is eating a healthy breakfast each and every day. This testing can be stressful for you child and it is important to remain positive and help encourage your child. It is important to make sure your child arrives on time because these rigorous tests are very time consuming. We want our students to have the best chance possible of passing the tests. Each student will have to take a computer adaptive test (CAT) and a performance task (PT) in both English/Language Arts and Math. The following are the tentative dates students will be testing: April 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>—English/Language Arts CAT Test

April 18th-22nd—English/Language Arts Performance Test

May 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>—Mathematics CAT Test for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders—4<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the Performance Math Test

May9th-13<sup>th</sup>—Mathematics Performance Test for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders—4<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the CAT Math Test

If you are interested in seeing a practice test and what it will look like for your child, you can visit <a href="www.oaksportal.com">www.oaksportal.com</a>, click on "students" and then "practice tests". You can choose the grade level test to practice on. The tests that are training tests show a grade level band (such as 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) and will show you the different types of questions that may be asked on the tests. The practice tests do not have all the different types of questions, but shows what the test will look like. The testing window closes June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## GGS Spring Music Program Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

@ 7:00 pm

Students will demonstrate their musical skills they have been learning and practicing in music class.

Come enjoy the performance, the program will start at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium. Students should meet with their teachers in the classrooms at 6:45pm.

#### Community Invited

There will be a NKN Community Track and Field Renovation Project meeting on April 23, 2016. It will be held at the high school from 9-noon in the lower gym.



Mrs. Clark's and Ms. Cox's classes went to the Oregon Children's Theater. They saw the play "Bad Kitty" and had pizza in the park in Portland.

#### Wolf Pack Activity



Our April Wolf Pack Party is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> for our K-2 students and April 29<sup>th</sup> for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students who do not receive any referrals for the month of April (starting April 1<sup>st</sup>) will be invited to join us for the planned activity.



# Family Paint Night

We are having our first annual family paint night at Garibaldi Grade School. On April 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in our cafeteria, our very own Tami Waldron is going to do a step-by-step painting on canvas (similar to the one pictured here) for students and parents. The cost is \$10 for each person painting and is open to our families. There are only 50 spots available so look for a flyer coming home on April 4<sup>th</sup> to reserve your place!



Thank you to the Mudd Nick Foundation for sponsoring this fun field trip and providing the funds to purchase the books for all the first graders.