

# THE HOWLER

Garibaldi Grade School | Newsletter



## February 2026

Do you have a child who will be 3 by September 1st, 2026? Do you live in the Garibaldi Grade School boundary? If so, they may be eligible to attend our 3-4 year old preschool program here at GGS. If you have not been added to our wait list, please reach out to Tami in the office at 503-322-0311.

## Important Dates & Reminders

February 2nd, Monday | No School - Professional Development  
February 9th, Monday | School Board Meeting, 5:30pm @ District Office  
February 12th, Thursday | Free Family Paint Night, 5:30pm @ GGS  
February 16th, Monday | No School - President's Day Holiday  
February 23rd, Monday | PRESCHOOL ONLY - No School

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## Upcoming Family Nights!

**Be sure to save the dates for upcoming Family Nights!**

February 12th, 5:30 - 6:30pm - Free Family Paint Night  
March 19th, 5:30 - 7pm - Family Skate Night - Tillaskate  
April 16-17th, Parent/Teacher Conferences  
May 14th - GGS Spring Music Program

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Kindness Spirit Week- Be The Change  
February 9-13th

Monday 2/9	Tuesday 2/10	Wednesday 2/11	Thursday 2/12	Friday 2/13
Make everyone feel seen! Smile and say Hello to Everyone!	Make kindness a pattern!	Score points by helping others!	Kindness never gets old!	Color our world with kindness!
				
Wear a shirt with a positive message!	Wear patterned clothing (floral, polka dots, plaid, stripes) Let's weave kindness into our day.	Wear your favorite sports team!	Dress like an old person! Ask your parents or grandparents for help. Have fun!	Wear Garibaldi Wolves colors or your favorite color!

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## 2025-26 Statewide Assessments, 3rd-5th Grades

Every year we need to notify families of the Statewide Assessments that will be happening. Oregon law permits parents to annually opt-out of Oregon's statewide assessments in English Language Arts and/or Mathematics by submitting an annual form to the school the student attends. Please view the notice at this link: [OSAS Opt Out Form English](#) or ask for a paper form in the school office.

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## Vaccine Exclusion day is coming up February 26, 2026

Make sure your student is up to date on immunizations and or the required medical/non-medical exemption forms. Oregon requires all paperwork to be completed by February 25, 2026 for your student to continue attending school. Please call the school office or visit with your healthcare provider if you have any questions!

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## PLEASE KEEP STUDENTS WITH SYMPTOMS OUT OF SCHOOL

This list is school instructions, not medical advice. Please contact your health care provider with health concerns.

SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	THE STUDENT MAY RETURN AFTER...
 <b>Fever:</b> temperature of 100.4°F (38°C) or greater	<b>*Fever-free for 24 hours</b> without taking fever-reducing medicine. <small>*The list below tells the shortest time to stay home. A student may need to stay home longer for some illnesses.</small>
 <b>New cough illness</b>	<b>*Symptoms improving for 24 hours</b> (no cough or cough is well-controlled).
 <b>New difficulty breathing</b>	<b>*Symptoms improving for 24 hours</b> (breathing comfortably). <i>Urgent medical care may be needed.</i>
 <b>Diarrhea:</b> 3 loose or watery stools in a day OR not able to control bowel movements	<b>*Symptoms improving for 24 hours</b> (no more than two bowel movements more than normal and no longer having accidents) with orders from doctor to school nurse.
 <b>Vomiting:</b> two or more episodes that are unexplained	<b>*Symptom-free for 24 hours OR</b> with orders from doctor to school nurse.
 <b>Headache with stiff neck and fever</b>	<b>*Symptom-free OR</b> with orders from doctor to school nurse. Follow fever instructions above. → <i>Urgent medical care may be needed.</i>
<b>Skin rash or open sores</b>	<b>*Symptom free</b> , which means rash is gone OR sores are dry or can be completely covered by a bandage OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
<b>Red eyes with colored drainage</b>	<b>*Symptom-free</b> , which means redness and drainage are gone OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
<b>Jaundice:</b> new yellow color in eyes or skin	<b>*After the school has orders</b> from doctor or local public health authority to school nurse.
<b>Acting differently without a reason:</b> unusually sleepy, grumpy, or confused.	<b>*Symptom-free</b> , which means return to normal behavior OR with orders from doctor to school nurse.
<b>Major health event,</b> like an illness lasting 2 or more weeks OR a hospital stay, OR health condition requires more care than school staff can safely provide.	<b>*After the school has orders</b> from doctor to school nurse AND after measures are in place for the student's safety. Please work with school staff to address special health-care needs so the student may attend safely.



## Turn Recyclables into Appreciation!

We're launching a simple can and bottle drive to help support staff appreciation across the district. Blue recycling bags with labels will be available, and families are invited to fill them with refundable cans and bottles and drop them off at school or the Bottle Drop at Fred Meyer.

All funds raised will go toward district staff appreciation efforts, helping us recognize and support the incredible work our staff does every day. Participation is completely optional, but every bag makes a difference. Thank you for helping us turn recyclables into appreciation!

Join us for a free event!

# SAFER HOMES

Conversations for caregivers to help kids make safer choices.

Wednesday,  
February 18th  
6:00-7:30pm

Neah-Kah-Nie  
High School  
Cafeteria

**FREE MEAL FOR ALL IN ATTENDANCE!**

Each adult participant will receive a gift bag and a \$10 Fred Meyer gift card.

*At this event, you will learn about underage substance use and how you can talk to your kids about drugs and alcohol. There will be prizes, games, and lots of resources!*



As space is limited, we encourage you to sign up in advance by scanning the QR code or going to [bit.ly/safernkn](https://bit.ly/safernkn). We cannot guarantee gift bags and gift cards once spaces are filled.

Kids are welcome to join! Please note that there will not be any childcare on-site, though we will provide fidget toys and activities.



This event is a partnership between the Tillamook Family Counseling Center, Tillamook County Community Health Centers, and Song for Charlie. If you have any questions, email [sarahe@tfcc.org](mailto:sarahe@tfcc.org)



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