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BOARD REPORT

December 15, 2025

- This year's theme: Everyone Contributing Every Day!

Attendance:

- 283 Students
- K – 57 1 – 43 2 – 65 3 – 57 4 – 61

Events:

- Holiday Programs are scheduled and we are practicing, practicing, practicing! We look forward to our contribution to the season!
 - December 18th @ 6:30 p.m. will be the 2nd/3rd/4th Grade Program
 - December 19th @ 9:30 a.m. will be the Kindergarten and First Grade Program

Celebrations: Holiday Spirit

- This is the season to celebrate: Celebrate staff, students, families, community, and learning! ❤️



Contribution Focus – Family Engagement

- Family Connection meetings in August/September bring teachers and families together to build partnership and connect with student/family dynamics and interests.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences continue teacher/family connection in reporting and introducing academic performance and planning. Parents are our partners and their child's first teacher.
- Parent volunteers in our buildings working with our students.
- Monthly Habit Award and Veterans Day Assemblies and Holiday performances – celebrate greatness, share music and contribute songs to celebrate
- GPS PTO partners with us in Family Engagement opportunities outside of the school day:
 - MAD SCIENCE NIGHT – science experiments with procedures listed for parents and students to do experiments

- GRINCHMAS – dress the part and come play games, read stories, do a craft, and meet the Grinch. Printed 400 tickets and ran out! 😊
- PURPLE AND GOLD FRIDAYS – spirit days to promote school spirit

THANK YOU, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER JOHN HOCTOR:

- **17 YEARS OF SERVICE TO STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FAMILIES OF THE GSD COMMUNITY!**
- **SERVING GSD SINCE 2008**
 - Gas prices were \$1.18 per gallon
 - George W. Bush was President
 - Barack Obama was elected President
 - \$40,000 was the average salary of a teacher
 - 2008 was the first year of the WASL
 - Essential Academic Learning Requirements were WA state standards (EALR)
 - “Roll with Me” most popular country song – Highway Bros.
 - “Low” was most popular song – Flo Rida
 - Population around 3,400
 - Free and Reduced % in Goldendale was 46.9%
 - Summer Olympics were held in Beijing – Michael Phelps won 8 gold medals
 - iPhone 3G was released
 - Google Docs was started to be adopted in schools
 - Marvel Universe began in 2008 with Ironman

Things I learned from my Students Last Week:

- The best thing about the holidays is family, but I really love the food!
- Stone soup is like synergy. Everyone gives something to make a large pot that feeds everyone. Sharing is caring!
- Everyone has a culture. It is what you love and believe and celebrate. It is how you dress and what you eat.
- A noun is a person, place or thing.
- Kindness is how we show that we are grateful.
- The setting is where a story takes place, the character is the person or animal in the story, and the details are what make the story a story.
- Comparing numbers means looking at two or more numbers and deciding which one is greater than, less than, or equal to the other. You can take one more step and figure out how many more or less.
- You can make and create energy by turning a handle on a clear box full of engineering stuff. You know it works when the light comes on.
- The Grinch is grinchy at the beginning of the story, because his heart is three sizes too small.
- Basketball has a lot of skills. You have to dribble, pass, and shoot all with your eyes up AND pay attention to everyone else so they don't steal the ball.
- To make a good shot in basketball, you just need to think about BEEF: balance, elbows, eyes, and focus.

