

November Updates

Reminders:

Safety Reminder-Halloween Treats

Halloween can be a risky time for our students who have life-threatening food allergies. Please be vigilant to ensure that you do not send any nut-based treats to school with your child. We appreciate your support with this very important matter.

Parking lot safety

When dropping off or picking up your child(ren), please refrain from using the parking lot off Clare Ave. This area is designated as a bus loading zone and staff parking lot. The safety of our children is of utmost importance to all of us and we thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Upcoming Dates:

Please refer to our Gordon website (calendar tab) for additional special event days.

Gr. 8 Day at Centennial - Wednesday, November 10

Picture Retakes - November 11, 9:00 a.m.

Progress Reports – November 18

Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations and The Elementary Progress Report for students in Grades 1 - 8

On November 18, students in Kindergarten will bring home the Communication of Learning Initial Observations report. This provides parents/guardians with an overview of the initial observations of their child's learning and early evidence of growth in learning related to the overall expectations in the Kindergarten Program. It also provides information about appropriate next steps to further your child's learning. It serves as the basis for discussion with parents/guardians and as a support for parents'/guardians' ongoing participation in their child's learning.

Also, on November 18, parents of students in Grades 1-8 will receive their Elementary Progress Reports. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and learning skills. Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead.

Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on towards achieving the grade-level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or

percentage marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. For subjects in which your child is 'Progressing with Difficulty', the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success.

Progress reports are intended to be part of discussions, interviews, or conferences with students and are part of ongoing communication with parents and students about student achievement throughout the year.

An invitation for a conference/interview will be sent home from your child's homeroom teacher soon. **Our official interview night is Thursday, November 25th, with multiple interview options throughout the week.** Thank you for taking the time to be invested in your child's academic career.

We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

PD Day – November 19th

On Friday, November 19th, teachers will be involved in school-based professional development. Students will not attend school on that day.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: week of Nov. 22 - 26.

School Advisory Council: next meeting is Nov. 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

Congratulations to our Student Recognition Award Winners

for the month of October:

Kindergarten: Owen B., Coby F., Hazel S., Luci H., Keegan M.

Primary: Payton M-G., Carter E., Bareera A., Kassie S., Mason M., Shelby B., Naomi D, Anson C., Mack F., Miles W., Savannah H., Jack J., Isaak M., Kaylie E., Logan B., Maggie Y., Rafay I.,

Junior: Ireland R., Soochan L., Brock S., Jackson L., Zain S., Ella F., Nico K., Lily W., Sinead S., Kyle N.

Intermediate: Kendra L., Hamna A., Haider I., Kali C., Memphis P., Aria A., Jackson V., Riley R., Lyla V., Quintin B., Maximus D-V., Amber S.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRIZZLIES!

We are proud of you!