



SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- Check out the Gilham Website
- Rummage Sale Fundraiser April 10th
- Remember: Save Box Tops to help Gilham fundraising
- Kindergarten Orientation Coming Soon

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Help Your Child Succeed in School

It's important for parents to be involved in their children's education. Although the primary responsibility for teaching our children lies with the schools and teachers, parents play a very important role in education. Help your children achieve all they can. Here are some helpful tips:

- Make a schedule for homework
- Check homework assignments daily
- Read with your child
- Establish open communication with the teacher
- Keep house rules
- Make regular bedtimes
- Communicate with your child about school
- Know your child and understand signs of learning problems
- If your child has problems with some subjects, consider tutoring or another type of enhancement program
- Praise children for good grades
- Ensure proper attendance
- Provide breakfast for optimal learning throughout the day
- Limit television on school nights
- Encourage your child to participate in class
- Help your children learn good study habits
- Study with your children and help them prepare for tests



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GILHAM'S MARCH VOLUNTEER HOURS

520

Thanks to all our volunteers!

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2011-2012 Kindergarten Orientation

Tuesday, May 10th is Gilham's Kindergarten Orientation from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Gilham Library. If you know anyone who has an incoming kindergartener, please share this information. Kinder information packets are available. It is a good idea to fill out the paper work before the orientation, so you may spend your time meeting teachers. Important documents to bring include: birth certificate, immunization records (children will not be allowed to start school without this information), and address verification (EWEB, or phone bill). A physical exam is required by the Eugene 4J School District before a student enters kindergarten. If you have further questions, please call the office at 541-790-6200.



5th GRADE RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 10th

5th Grade will be hosting a rummage sale in the Gilham parking lot starting around 9:00 am. Please stop by, and spread the word.

Do you have items to donate or want to help out? Please contact Kelly Prusz or Sue White.

Thank you for your support!!!

Reminders and Procedures

GILHAM ELEMENTARY HOMEROOM PLACEMENT POLICY 2011-2012

As we move toward the end of the year, Gilham will begin discussions regarding classroom placement for the next year. An important piece of our decision-making is to have parent input. Parents provide valuable insight about characteristics unique to their student. We will continue the opportunity for parents to give the school any information about their child they feel would be helpful to us as we make decisions about placement. Information you want us to consider must be submitted in writing on a Student Homeroom Placement Information form and submitted to the office by April 29th. Pick up a form in the office or download it from the Gilham Website.



While we both appreciate and respect parent input regarding the educational setting for the child, we will not consider a request for a particular teacher. Responding to individual requests for particular teachers does not allow us the flexibility we need to adequately balance classrooms for the best possible educational setting. We do share all parent information sheets with the teachers. It is important that we provide the most appropriate and equitable educational setting for each student at Gilham.

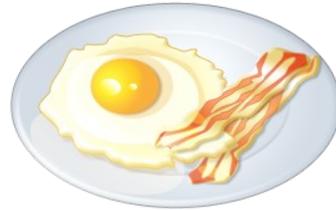
We will continue to address, as we have in the past, the social, emotional, and academic needs of each child. Every attempt will be

made to create classes balanced by gender, academic levels, learning styles, and social skills. Strong consideration will also be given to children with special needs.

Our goal is to create the best learning environment possible for all our students. We know your support and assistance with our policies will continue to make Gilham Elementary the best educational opportunity for your student.

BREAKFAST AT GILHAM

Did you know that Gilham's kitchen is open every morning at 7:20 a.m. and serves a nutritious breakfast for only \$1.20 and that your student can use his or her lunch meal account for breakfast also? Students on both reduced price and free lunch programs are also eligible for a free breakfast every morning. Check out the lunch menu next time it comes home to view the breakfast menu and have breakfast with us one morning. Try it, you'll like it!!



Please remember to use the
24-HOUR ATTENDANCE LINE
 To call in all absences and tardies!
541-790-6225

GILHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TARDY/ABSENCE POLICY

Due to the importance of the social, emotional, and academic benefits of arriving at school on time and maintaining good attendance, students are encouraged to attend school daily, arriving at 7:45 a.m., when doors open, providing them with ample time to socialize, prepare for the school day, and ensure participation in valuable opening activities.

Students are expected to be in class at 7:45 a.m. every day. Excused absences and tardies consist of: doctor/dentist appointments, illness and bereavement, or

preplanned absences. Parent should inform the school as early as possible if their student will be arriving late or will be absent. This can be done by calling the attendance line at 541-790-6225, e-mailing or sending a note ahead

of time. **Students not in class at 7:55 a.m. must check in at the office prior to going to class.** Tardies and unexcused absences become part of each student's permanent record. All tardies and

unexcused absences will be notified by the autodial system with a phone call home. This procedure helps to maintain the safety of all students.

Oregon State Law (ORS 339 010-339.990) requires that students attend school on a regular basis. Eight (8) or more half-day absences in a four-week period are considered a violation of Oregon school attendance requirements.

Check Out Gilham's Online Calendar!!

Go to Gilham's Home Page at <http://schools.4j.lane.edu/gilham> and click on the Calendar link. The Gilham Web site also offers classroom information, access to library resources, Jaguar Jive archives and more!!



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Calendar of Events
For a complete list of upcoming
Gilham Elementary School im-
portant dates and events, visit
the school web site at
<http://schools.4j.lane.edu/gilham>

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You can:

- Get general information
- School hours and phone #'s
- See a current Gilham calendar
- See a current lunch menu or make a payment on your lunch account
- Find staff e-mail addresses
- Look at the current Jaguar Jive newsletter
- Find forms on line
- Look at what's happening in the classrooms
- Find information about after-school activities and links to their sites

Make Gilham a Favorite or save it
to your desktop!!!