



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Plea from the PTC**
- **Directories are Ready — Contact Office**
- **Get to Cold Stone for one of our Fundraisers**
- **Otis Spunkmeyer earns \$4,300 ....not enough**
- **Check Out the Gilham Web Site and Calendar**

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## Notes from the Gilham PTC

Hello Gilham Parents,

In the past month, we have had many questions as to why the PTC has so many fundraisers at the beginning of the year.

Why do we have the Jog-a-Thon and the Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough fundraiser right after? Why does the Book Fair take place at the same time, and what is it with all of the Cold Stone Creamery fundraisers? Great questions, and we know where you're coming from.

The Jog-a-Thon is the one fundraiser each year that is specifically for technology needs in the classrooms and school. All money raised from this event is spent right away on technology that the teachers decide is most important for the school. It is purchased so that your kids can use it this year. Some of the items we have purchased in the past are laptops for the COWS (classrooms on wheels) digital cameras, math software, and many other items that help your teachers and students.

We chose Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough this year to replace Sally Foster. We love the Sally Foster sale, but they switched to only selling gift cards this year and we decided to try a different fundraiser. The cookie dough is easy to sell, is very popular, and is great for the holidays. We didn't anticipate that many other teams or organizations would be selling cookie dough at the same time. This year the cookie dough raised \$4,300. Last year, the Sally Foster and Otis Spunkmeyer sales raised \$10,000. We will be looking for other fundraising opportunities next year.

The Book Fair is not a PTC fundraiser, but is a very important one that benefits the school library and classrooms with much needed books. We realize that these are all close together and will revisit the timing of PTC fundraisers next year as we do understand that times are difficult and pockets are not bottomless.

Why do we have so many Cold Stone

Creamery fundraiser dates? We got lucky! This is a great opportunity to take the family out for ice cream while supporting a local business and your school.

We have a few other smaller fundraisers throughout the rest of the year: t-shirt sales and the Euphoria chocolate sale coming in February. And how could we forget our Box Tops program. Our Box Top Coordinator this year is Tash Ruckwardt, who has done a fantastic job. She procured the Civil War football tickets for the last drawing and has tickets to the Civil War men's and women's basketball games for the upcoming drawings. She has helped raise \$950.30 so far this year, just from box tops. So, keep sending these in! Last year we were able to purchase new die cut letters for the teachers with the box top funds.

Our annual Gilham Carnival is a great family event, but also happens to be one of our largest fundraisers. This coming year it will be held on May 6th. Last year this event brought in \$9,000 for Gilham.

Why do we need to raise this money, and what did the money go to last year? At the May PTC All Parent Meeting, there is a vote on proposals submitted for these funds. In the May 2010 meeting, the proposals voted on totaled \$16,508. These funds allowed Gilham to keep our school nurse's hours the same as last year and fund 3.5 hours per day of classified staffing for the 2010-2011 school year. Without these funds, our children would not get the help or supervision they need during their day.

The PTC also provided \$100 to each teacher this year to be used for classroom supplies, classroom parties, or any other classroom need. This helps reduce out-of-pocket expenses for your teachers. We also provide \$500 per grade level to be used for field trips, books, software, and other needs that provide our children with a great educational experience.

Every year we get offers for many fund-

raisers. We try to choose those that make the most money for Gilham with the least effort for parents and the volunteers. We also try to choose many different options to fit everyone's different abilities to give or volunteer. We appreciate all you do to make Gilham a great school.

PTC Needs your help!

Gilham Carnival is coming and preparations will begin in February. We are looking for new committee leads as we have had several past leads move on to middle school. We are looking for new ideas, new energy, and talents. We have committees that will fit every level of time commitment. Watch for more information to come out in January, and please contact any member of the PTC if you have questions.

We have many positions on the board that will be opening up next year. Christie Wolgamott, our Fundraising Coordinator, and Jamie Black, our Secretary, have kids that will be moving on to middle school. If you are interested in either of these positions, we invite you to come to our board meetings and find out what they do.

### Next PTC Board/Parent Meeting

Come to our PTC meeting on January 12th from 6:15-7:15 in the library. Principal Gig Nelson will be discussing the upcoming district budget cuts, we will present the technology requests for the Jog-a-Thon money, and we will talk about carnival committees and kick off the 2011 carnival planning. We would love to hear your ideas and have a chance to meet you. We strive to make Gilham the best school for your children.

We hope you have a beautiful winter season and a prosperous new year!

Sincerely,  
Betsey Paul  
PTC Vice President



# Otis Spunkmeyer Winners

We raised \$4,300 with the Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough fundraiser. .

## Winners

Top Selling Student: Sydney Natt - Sold 38 Tubs (winning the Nintendo Dsi)  
 Second Place: Bailey Prusz - Sold 25 Tubs (winning a \$25 gift card)  
 Principal for a Day: Madeline Blyton

Gilham Jaguar's Cinch Bag Winners: (most sold per classroom)

**Lifeskills** Nicolas Giulietti

### Kindergarten

Norton AM : Ava Johnson  
 Williams AM: Brandon Knipe  
 Williams PM: Landon Straney

### 1st Grade

Edgecomb: Olivia Montoya  
 McCaskill: Ethan San Miguel  
 Shershun: Rowdy Stone

### 2nd Grade

Brown: Elliott Reynolds  
 Corbeau: Ethan Louthan  
 Massie: TJ Jacobi

### 3rd Grade

Lovato: Ryan Duncan  
 Siporin: Griffin Sydow  
 Ziegler: Madeline Blyton

### 4th Grade

Anderson: Cameron Shears  
 Fitzgerald: Natalia Miller  
 Lilyengren: Emma Neuman

### 5th Grade

Bays: Gabe Cuddeback  
 Gulka: Sydney Natt  
 Muscatell: Tanner Wolgamott

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 ★ **Cookie Party Winners** ★  
 ★ **Top Selling Classrooms** ★  
 ★ **in Each Grade** ★  
 ★ Kindergarten: Ms. Williams AM ★  
 ★ 1st Grade: Ms. Shershun ★  
 ★ 2nd Grade: Mrs. Brown ★  
 ★ 3rd Grade: Ms. Lovato ★  
 ★ 4th Grade: Ms. Lilyengren ★  
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## 2010—2011 PTC Board

**President**  
Robin Obermire

**Vice President**  
Betsey Paul

**Treasurer**  
Candace Lovato

**Secretary**  
Jaime Black

**Volunteer Coordinator**  
Kristen Natt

**Fundraising Coordinators**  
Christie Wolgamott

**Events Coordinators**  
Erika Maks

**At-Large**  
Paula Hougue  
Tasha Ruckwardt

## 2010—2011 Site Council

**Teachers**  
Susie Bays, Laurie McCaskill,  
Jenna Norton and Julia Siporin

**Parents**  
Renee Buchanan  
Lori Durling

**Classified**  
Patti Gehlhaar

**Administrative**  
Gig Nelson

# Helpful Hints & Reminders

## LABEL THOSE CLOTHES

We find a lot of clothing in our lost and found with no names. Please remember to label your children's clothing, especially coats and hoodies. If an article of clothing is labeled and gets lost, we'll be able to locate its owner.

## PINK NOTE/LATE ARRIVAL

Students who arrive late in the morning will need to check into the office. Those students will be sent to class with a pink note indicating they have checked in. If a student comes late to class without a pink note, they will be sent back to the office to get one.

## PLANNED ABSENCE

To pre-arrange a planned absence for your student, please notify the office and teacher by note prior to the absence.

## GILHAM ATTENDANCE

Gilham Elementary School starts promptly at 7:55 a.m. Students are expected to be in class by 7:50 a.m. and preparing to begin each day. Absences and late arrivals are upsetting for students. Both disrupt their schedules, require re-adjustments to the class routine, and slow down learning.

*Please remember to use the  
24-Hour Attendance Line  
541-790-6225  
to call in all absences and  
tardiness.*

## NOTES FROM THE NURSE: CHECK FOR HEAD LICE

I would like to encourage you to check your student for head lice periodically. School age children occasionally get head lice and the sooner treatment begins the easier it is to get rid of those bugs. Signs that your child has head lice can be scratching the head and/or little bite marks on the head. The live lice are often difficult to see as they are fast and small. A really good lice comb on wet hair will usually reveal any live creatures and are good to help detect the bugs. If you have concerns about your child or want further information on treating head lice, I am available for consultation and have lice treat-

ments available if purchasing treatment products is difficult. If you have questions, please contact me at 710-3150.

Laurie Rowe, RN, School Nurse



## LOST AND FOUND

Our school Lost and Found has a large collection of items. Please have your child check for his or her things. You are welcome to come look also. We will be sending all unclaimed items to CASA (children in foster care) as soon as school is out on December 17th.

## EMERGENCY CLOTHES

Gilham appreciates donations of lightly used children's clothing for our emergency clothes closet. We use this clothing for children who need changes during the school day. Sweat pants are most useful as the sizes are flexible. Please drop off any donations at the office.



*Have a  
Wonderful  
Winter  
Break!!*



**GILHAM'S  
NOVEMBER  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS  
605  
THANKS TO ALL  
OUR  
VOLUNTEERS.**

# Assistance to Children and Families

Listed below are agencies that provide assistance to children and families in our area. For additional information go to [www.211lane.org](http://www.211lane.org) or a print out of this information is available in the Gilham office.

## Emergency Assistance

The provision of emergency assistance to low income individuals and families is coordinated by a group of non-profit organizations and churches. In order to emphasize coordination, a centralized direct referral system is provided by Infoline, a non-profit information and referral agency. Emergency food, shelter, and medical assistance are the most common forms of assistance provided by this network. Food for Lane County, Inc. is the umbrella organization that distributes food to over 63 agencies and on-site meal programs. The Lane County Housing Authority and Community Services Agency provide emergency energy assistance to low-income families during the winter months.

- Food for Lane County 541/343-2822
- Lane County Housing Authority 541/682-3755
- St. Vincent de Paul 541/461-8688

**Direction Service** (344-7303) is a nonprofit multi-family support agency operating in Eugene, Oregon since 1977. The overall goals of Direction Service are simple, real and make a difference in the lives of those we are able to touch:

- To coordinate the delivery of services to families who have children with disabilities.
- To reduce family stress, confusion, frustration and isolation.
- To reduce the lifetime cost of services provided to children with disabilities.
- To encourage an informed partnership between families and school districts that optimizes learning.

**FOOD for Lane County** partners with 20 food pantries throughout the county. Each pantry serves a specific area. Days and hours of operation vary. If you need a food box, call us at (541) 343-2822 Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm to find out the location and hours for services near you. We can also tell you where you can go to enjoy no-cost meals in a safe, comfortable environment.

**Catholic Community Services of Lane County, Inc.** (CCS) is a social service agency serving the needs of low income, disadvantaged and disenfranchised individuals and families in the Eugene/Springfield metropolitan area since 1952. The agency's clients are those families and individuals who are homeless, at risk of being homeless and who either lack jobs or living wage jobs.

Business:

Catholic Comm. Services of Lane County, Inc.  
945 W 7th Avenue  
Eugene, OR 97402  
345-3628

The **Customer Care Program** (formerly known as **Energy Share**) provides financial aid for qualifying low-income customers. Customers-in-need may be eligible to receive up to \$200 in bill assistance per year, which is credited directly to their EWEB account.

The Customer Care program is funded by EWEB and its customers, the City of Eugene, and the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission. The program is administered under a contract with the Lane County Human Services Commission. Assistance is based on household income. To apply for aid, customers first must schedule an appointment by calling one of the numbers listed below:

- St. Vincent de Paul Society: 461-8794
- Celeste Campbell Senior Center: 682-5318 (for customers 60 years and older)
- Catholic Community Services: 747-8349 (for customers living in the Springfield/McKenzie area)

Organizations that provide free or low-cost **healthcare and dental services** include:

4J My School's Health Centers (formerly School-Based Health Centers)

Sheldon High School -Serves students and siblings of 4J and Bethel School Districts.

2455 Willakenzie Rd.  
Eugene, OR 97401  
541-790-6644  
Staff with limited Spanish.

Community Health Centers of Lane County (including RiverStone Clinic, Safe and Sound)

Safe and Sound - Sees homeless and at-risk youth up to age 21. Provides primary care, reproductive health, and referral to specialty care.

941 West 7th  
Eugene, OR 97402  
[www.co.lane.or.us/hsc/safe\\_sound.htm](http://www.co.lane.or.us/hsc/safe_sound.htm)

Healthy Tomorrows

Provides primary care to children birth to 12. Older children accepted if no access to school-based health centers.

River Bend Pavilion  
4th Floor Pediatrics  
3377 River Bend Drive  
Springfield, OR 97477  
541-222-8500

Spanish speaking staff.

Lane Community College  
Volunteers In Medicine  
White Bird Clinic





# Gilham School Directory

The directories are now available in the school office. Pick up your copy for \$4.00.

## There's Still Time — Spread Some Holiday Cheer

### PROVIDE A SENIOR STOCKING

We're in the throws of putting together our annual Senior Stocking community service project. This project benefits the senior citizens in the Gilham neighborhood, including those in senior foster care, senior daycare, assisted living, retirement homes and nursing homes.

Gilham families are invited to take a stocking and fill it with treats. Each stocking has a name and suggestion list to help you with the most needed items. Seniors especially love homemade cards and ornaments. Stockings are available in the school office every day. Students must have a note from an adult to receive a stocking as a take-home family project.

Stockings must be returned to the office by December 10<sup>th</sup> so they can be delivered to the residents by the following week.

#### Additional needs:

Donations of fleece lap blankets. Last year we had enough lap blankets for every stocking.

You may also make a cash/check donation to be used to help offset the winter utility bills of the various foster homes.

A box will be available in the office for the above donations. Please call the office for any other information at 541-790-6200.

Senior Stockings has been a successful community service project, and Gilham families have enjoyed bringing cheer to our neighborhood seniors by giving from their hearts.



Thank you in advance for your donations and participation.





# Cold Stone Fundraisers



## Cold Stone Nights!



Pick up a sweet treat for your family or friends and help support Gilham!  
 A percentage of all Cold Stone Creamery sales for the night come right back to our school.  
 (purchase ice-cream treats, pies, & gift certificates too)

**Gilham Cold Stone Nights**  
**Thursdays 5-9pm**

**November 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>    December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**January 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>    February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Remember to bring in the Cold Stone certificate below to support Gilham!*

Print more Gilham Cold Stone Night certificates from the Gilham website:  
<http://schools.4j.lane.edu/gilham/Welcome.html>

**FUNDRAISING**  
*Indulge Yourself for a Great Cause*  
 Visit Cold Stone Creamery® on our designated school dates, and a percentage of your sale will go directly to Gilham! Make sure you give them this slip or they may not help us out in the future.

Gilham Elementary School  
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## Jaguar Jive

### Gilham Elementary School

3307 Honeywood Street

Eugene, Oregon 97408

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E-mail: <http://schools.4j.lane.edu/gilham>

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December 20, 2010

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- 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!!!

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the office.**