

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Directories are available in office
- Holiday shopping for Gilham Wear
- PTC still seeking volunteers
- Book Fair was a huge success!



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Gilham Book Fair Update

Dear Gilham Families,

Thank you so much to all our wonderful families! This year's Book Fair was a huge success! I am happy to report our sales were over \$9,100 which translates to a **\$5,400** in book profit!

With that profit, we have already purchased new

books for our school library as well as several classrooms- and we're just getting started.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who volunteered their time for this event. It takes a lot of volunteers and we couldn't do it without your help and enthusiasm.

Thank you to Betsey Paul for providing assistance and much needed moral support.

On behalf of my co-chair Sara Montoya and myself... thank you!

Kim Clark
Book Fair Chair

We Are Thrilled About New Gilham Staff!

Gilham is honored to welcome new faculty:

Alissa Hawtin (4/5 Blend Teacher)

Julie Hodson (TLC Teacher)



Please make them feel welcome!

Notes From the PTC

Hello Gilham Families,

The past few months of PTC events have been very successful and on behalf of the entire board I would like to give you a BIG THANK YOU!!! Our year started out with the Jog-A-Thon raising \$10,880.00 for school technology, we then had our October Family Craft Night and we had a great turn out with donated prizes given away and pretty crafts made by students and their parents. On November 10th we had our first Family Movie Night showing Spooky Buddies, we gave out Pumpkin Pies and Cool Whip to the first 20 families through the door. The first family was there at 5:55pm to make sure they got their pie. Santa Clara Fred Meyer donated the pies and cool whip and was a big hit with all.

Our next Family Movie Night is December 9th, featuring Disney's Cars 2. Doors will open at 6:15 and movie will start at 6:30, so bring your

pillows and blankets and snuggle down for another adventure with Lightning McQueen and Mater at the World Grand Prix!

The 5th Grade Class will be selling concessions! Free popcorn and water is provided by the PTC.

Since it is the winter months, we would like to keep in mind those in need and are asking that all families coming to this event bring a non perishable food item for FOOD for Lane County. We are also collecting socks in sizes **Newborn** to **Teen** for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). I spoke with Megan Shultz, Executive Director about something small we could do to help and she said socks are always something they never have enough of for the children. There will be a container at the door for you to put your donations in. Be watching for more information coming to you by e-mail and phone message as we get closer to the event.

We are still in need of a Vice – President and Fundraising Coordinator on our board, if this is of interest to you please contact me. Our Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels Coordinator position has been filled by Jen Jennings, Thank You Jen! She could use some additional help if you interested. Susan Essin has volunteered to help with the Carnival Silent Auction Thank You Susan!!! There is a lot to do in this area and Susan could use at least 4 more people to assist her, please speak up if interested.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Parent Teacher Club and our school!

Sincerely,

Betsey Paul
Gilham PTC President
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The PTC still needs help:

- Vice President
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Carnival Chair
- Carnival Committees
- Carnival Volunteers

GET INVOLVED!

Upcoming 2012 PTC Events:



January 12 – PTC Meeting. 7-8pm in the school library. All Welcome!

January 26 – Movie Night 6:30 – 8:00pm

February 1-13 – Otis Spunkmeyer Cooke Dough Fundraiser

February 9 – PTC Meeting. 7-8pm in the school library. All Welcome!

February 10 – Movie Night 6:30 – 8:00pm

March 8 – Cookie Dough Delivery

March 8 – PTC Meeting. 7-8pm in the school library. All Welcome!

March 9 – Family Activity Night 6:30-8:00pm



April 6 – Gilham Carnival

April 19 - PTC Meeting. 7-8pm in the school library. All Welcome!

May 1 – PTC Fund Proposals Due

**May 17 – General PTC Meeting to vote on fund distribution and the new board.
6:30 – 8:30pm in the School Library.**

GILHAM CARNIVAL:

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We are in need of a Carnival Chairperson and many others willing to head up different committees such as signs/promotion, ticket sales, games, prizes, food, decorations, set up/clean up, Silent Auction – **Susan Essin is our Chairperson for the auction but needs others to help on her committee** (securing donations, classroom plates, set up, handling auction sheets, clean up and distribution of items to buyers). With each committee we would like 1-2 people as chairperson and then a group of people to assist you. So if one of these areas interests you, grab your friends, put together a plan with your ideas and contact me, Betsey Paul: dbpaul3@comcast.net or 541-953-7177

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
547
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 or a print out of this information is available in the Gilham office.

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

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.

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

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 9th 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.



SHOW YOUR GILHAM SCHOOL COLORS!!!

PURCHASE A GILHAM T-SHIRT OR HOODED SWEATSHIRT

They make GREAT Holiday Gifts!!

Place your order online by Wednesday, December 7th

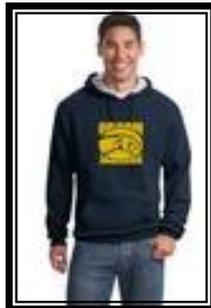


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**HURRY! Santa
already placed
his order!**

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Calendar of Events

For a complete list of upcoming Gilham Elementary School important dates and events, visit the school web site at:

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



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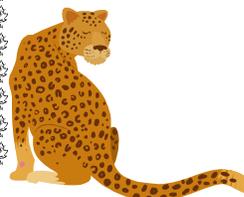


Check Out the Gilham Website

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

- 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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