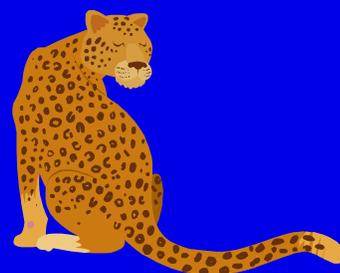


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Wondering about Winter Weather?

Sign up now for weather-related school closure alerts!

When schools close or bus routes change due to hazardous winter weather, you want to know as quickly as possible. There are several ways to get the news on snowy or icy days:

- Text-message alerts via Twitter (go to www.4j.lane.edu/weather to learn how to sign up)
- 4J website, www.4j.lane.edu
- KRVM 91.9 FM
- Other radio and television news stations



If there is a change in the school schedule or bus routes due to inclement weather, Eugene School District 4J will announce the change. If school is in session and on regular schedule, the district will NOT make an announcement. Weather-related school closure decisions normally are made early in the morning and announced via all methods by 6:30 a.m. These decisions are made district wide and are the same for every 4J school.

Parents of students who ride school buses that sometimes use snow routes have been informed of what to do when snow routes are in effect.

If school is in session, families are encouraged to consider road conditions in their areas and make their own decisions based on safety. Parents' individual decisions about school attendance will be honored.

Tune in to School News

More and more people get their news online these days. Now you can stay informed about 4J schools in the same way.

4J School News: <http://eepurl.com/fShWn>

Subscribe to key updates about schools and programs in the Eugene School District. You'll receive an email about once or twice per month.



Facebook: [facebook.com/4jschools](https://www.facebook.com/4jschools)

Get daily updates on district news, school events, and fun photos and facts, right in your Facebook news feed.



Twitter: twitter.com/4jschools

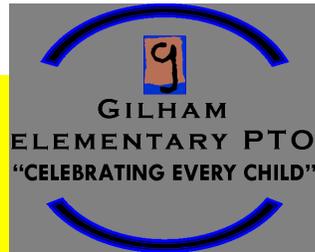
Follow @4jschools for occasional tweets about 4J school and district news.

School Closure Alerts: twitter.com/4jweather

Sign up to receive alerts when hazardous weather leads to school closures or snow routes for buses:

Follow @4jweather and set 4J's tweets to go to your phone.





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Parent : Samantha Little and Susan Essin
 Classified : Linda Willis
 Teacher : Candace Lovato, Annette Corbeau, Susie Belnap and Paula Cates
 Administrator : Gina Wilde

Check out the NEW PTO Website!!

<http://gilham-ptoweb.com>

Message from the Principal :

Dear Gilham Families,

Happy 2016! It has been so wonderful to see kids back in action after a fun and restful two weeks off. One of my personal goals for the upcoming season is a commitment to reaching out a bit more often to keep families informed of all the amazing happenings, here on campus.

For the month of January, we are working, as a community, to keep each other safe. We are remembering and recommitting to our school-wide safety guidelines, and we are practicing noticing safe behaviors in others. For example, our 1st graders have been nominating peers that they see using the playground equipment safely and keeping their "hands to self", so that nobody gets hurt. In the 4th grade, students are nominating peers who are using their social skills to navigate an often competitive athletic field during recess.

At the end of the month, students who have demonstrated an ability to model safe behavior consistently, throughout the month, will be invited to participate in a campus-wide social activity. This month's activity will be a large-group movie, shown in the gym, as we will be transitioning between PE and Music specialists on this day as well. So far, classes have done a tremendous job working together to earn this privilege and, as a result, we have already realized a decrease in safety accidents as well as physical altercations during these first two weeks of January.

Many thanks to all of the students who are working together to help us keep each other safe and to families who are supporting our message that safety at school is everyone's responsibility. It is wonderful to see students taking ownership of their own safety as well as looking out for one another.

Wishing you a month of wintery bliss,
Gina

Student Volunteers

Do you have a middle or high school student that needs volunteer hours or who loves reconnecting with their former elementary teachers and helping out?

If so, there are volunteer opportunities at Gilham. Parents should email Gilham teachers to let them know their child is interested in volunteering. Teachers will email the parent back and let them know specific times the student can volunteer. Please make sure that you email teachers at least 2 days before volunteering as it takes time to plan for the extra help.

Typical jobs include organizing, filing, correcting, labeling and copying to name a few. We love our Gilham family and definitely enjoy reconnecting with students from the past. So send those hard-working, focused, responsible kiddos back our way!

Thanks,
Gilham Staff

Afterschool Golf & Tennis Winter Session Begins February!!

All levels K-5th are welcome whether you are brand new, or you are trying to earn your next TGA color level.

TGA brings the golf course and tennis court to you, making it convenient and affordable to learn and play golf or tennis right on your school campus in a fun and safe environment. All equipment is provided! Financial aid is available!

Sign up today at www.playtga.com/soregon!

Tennis – Thursdays 2:20-3:20pm

Golf -Tuesdays 2:20-3:20pm

Location: Gilham Gym/Playground/field

**GILHAM'S DECEMBER
VOLUNTEER HOURS**

620

**THANKS TO ALL OUR
VOLUNTEERS.**

Parents' Helpful Hints & Policy Reminders

SCHOOL HOURS

Grades K - 5

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:55 a.m. to 2:10 p.m.

Wednesday

(Early Release)

7:55 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Students are encouraged to be in their classrooms by 7:45 a.m.

ABSENT OR LATE

Thank you to all those parents who remember to call the office when your child is absent or late. Please help us ensure the safety of your child by calling the office before 8:15 a.m. on the day your child is absent. If your child is late, please have him/her check in at the office before going



to the classroom. The attendance line number is 790-6225.

SICKNESS

If your child has not been fever free in the last 24 hours, please keep your child home. If your child is not well enough to participate in school (recess, P.E., etc.), please keep your child home.

Elementary schools do not have a full-time school nurse on site. Gilham has a nurse available on Mondays. If your child complains of feeling ill, we need to call you to decide

what we should do since we cannot diagnose symptoms.

LOST ITEMS

Please label all items brought to school with your child's name. All lost clothing items are placed in the lost and found shelves located in the main hallway. Smaller items like watches, glasses, etc. are kept in the office.

If your child has not been fever free in the last 24 hours, please keep them home.

HEALTH SERVICES

Gilham's school nurse is only on-site Mondays, otherwise first aid is provided by those staff members who hold first aid cards. Emergencies are handled by 911. Please do not send children to school for medical services.

MEDICINE DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Oregon law and district policy require all medication, (including over-the-counter cough drops, ibuprophen, etc.) to be administered in the office from the original container. We must have a Health Service Medication Form filled out and signed by the parent. We will be happy to send one home with your child or you may stop by the office and fill one out.

MEDICATION: NO HANDWRITTEN NOTES

For the safety of all children, no child is allowed to carry medication (inhalers and bee sting kits are exceptions if registered with the office and with parent or physician written instructions).

School personnel will accept changes in the medication dosage or time only with a new properly labeled pharmacy container reflecting the changes in dosage and/or time administered. Amoxicillin and other medications requiring three doses a day ARE

NOT GIVEN at school. Please make arrangements to have the second dose given after school.

If you have any questions regarding medication procedures, please call the office at 790-6200.

PICKING UP YOUR CHILD EARLY

Please do not call the office to have your child wait for you in the office. We will call your child to the office when you arrive to sign him/her out. You are welcome to send a note to let your teacher know why your child is leaving. Please allow yourself extra time to get your child from his/her classroom.

MOVING: CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the main office of any changes including address, work or home phone numbers, or emergency contact information. It is essential that we know how to reach you in case of an emergency. It is also good practice for children to know where you can be reached.

MESSAGES FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Because of the increasing growth of our

school, we seek your help in asking that you not call during the day to make arrangements for your child.

Please note: We will give messages to students if they are of an emergency nature. We will not interrupt a class for reminders.

Our primary purpose is to protect the classroom instruction time. Interrupting the classroom for messages disrupts this instruction time. In order to give one student a message, we are required to disrupt all students.

Please plan ahead. If you are worried your child will forget some important information, send a written note with your student for the teacher.

Messages received after 1:30 p.m. are NOT guaranteed to reach the student. Please call in the morning if possible.



Way to GO Wall of Fame Winners!!

Each month teachers choose a few students to honor for their outstanding effort and citizenship. These students get their picture taken and earn a special award that is placed on the wall. Stop by the main hall and honor our exceptional students! The honorees for December 2015 include:



Dail Curyea
Olivia Goodin
Lily McDonald
Max Kirkman
Emerson Finley
Jaxson Kitchens
Ariyanah Newbold
Liyora Holmes
Keenan Meyers
Gracyn Kinney
Thomas Brillon
Amy Gilbert
Diego Valdivia
Ashlyn Wilson

Karter Smith
Thomas Follett
Karly Hanson
Jose Garcia Haddon
Jada Ellis
Briant Chamberlain
Jackson Reeder
Clella Edwards
Roman Denning
Caroline Campbell
Izzie Harms
Torri Rutter
Liam Wade
Sierra Wigget

Madison Sullivan
Kara Gilbert
Neel Nair
Alex Hartsfield
Carter Schmidt
Aiden Chhay
Kylee Scott
Carlee Osterman
Cory Manago
Aidan Tisher
Carter Harward
Matthew Higgins
Grey Burner
Henry Vitus



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Check Out the Gilham Website

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

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!!!