



Gilmore Elementary School

Caring For Each Other, Learning For A Lifetime. Prendre Soins De L'autre - L'apprentissage Pour La Vie

**James Gilmore
Elementary**
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Trevor Shuto
Principal

School Schedule:
8:45 - Classes Begin
9:55-10:10 - Recess
12:00-12:50 - Lunch
2:45 - Dismissal

School - 604-668-6268
Early Warning
604-668-6637

April 24th Week at a Glance	
Monday	Hot Lunch - Taco Luis
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Dear Gilmore Families,
Newsletters in this format will be one of the main sources of communication that you can expect to receive from the Gilmore office once again this year.

Ventilation Project at Gilmore:
This week the ventilation project will begin at Gilmore. This will provide our building with air circulation throughout. These permanent units will replace the temporary air purifiers in every room. There will be a day where each classroom will spend the day in the library with their teacher and classmates as the job is completed in each classroom. Wanted to keep everyone updated on this project.

District Track Meet:
Thursday May 4th is the day that Gilmore Grade 3-7 students will be attending the District Track Meet at Minoru track. The meet will look similar to last year. Our grade 3-7 students have been busy practicing Track and Field events for the past few weeks! **Please return signed Track Forms to your classroom teacher(s) asap.**

Movie Night:
Our next Gilmore PAC Movie Night will take place on Friday May 12th. Please have a look at the attached flyer for more specific details.

PAC Silent Auction Fundraiser:
Please have a look at the attached letter that explains the upcoming Silent Auction PAC fundraiser.

Babysitting Course:
Grade 6 / 7 students have received a notice about an upcoming optional babysitting course that will take place at Gilmore on May 19th on the Pro D Day. Reminder that there is still space for registration for our grade 6 students.

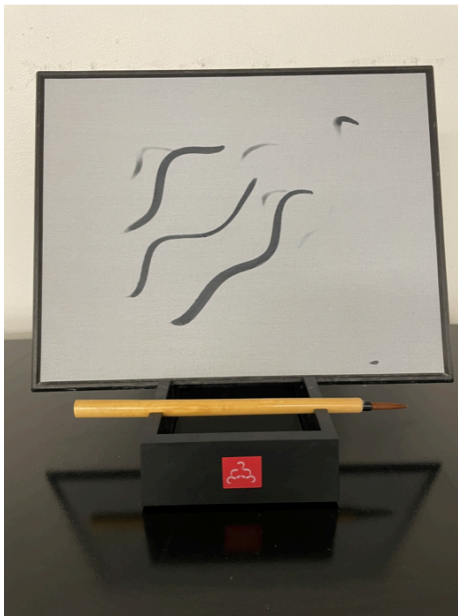
Affordability Fund Reminder:
A reminder that the Provincial Government announced a new, one time Student and Family Affordability Fund. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. Please reach out to Mr. Shuto if you could benefit from this fund. Thank you. As always, we thank you for your support and are enjoying teaching, learning with, and supporting our Gilmore students this year.

Sincerely,
Trevor Shuto and the Gilmore Staff

Important Dates!	
Apr 24	Hot Lunch - Taco Luis
May 1	Hot Lunch - Pizza
May 2	Community Breakfast
May 4	Track Meet at Minoru Grades 3-7
May 12	Gilmore Movie Night

At Gilmore we “Care for Self, Care for Others and Care for Place!”

Staff at Gilmore have been working towards generating “common language” that will be meaningful and helpful to support our students and create common expectations while we are together during the school days. This language will help to anchor our school decisions as well as conversations that we have daily. “Care for Self, Care for Others, and Care for Place” will be introduced to our students as our common language over the next few weeks and will become weaved through all that we do at Gilmore. It is always helpful for home and school to be on the same page, so if you can begin to use this language at home in your conversations it will help to begin to evolve an understanding of what this language means to all of us as individuals as we spend our days together. Thank you for your ongoing support!



Buddha Board

Many children have asked me about the “Buddha Board” that I have in my office so I thought that I would share with everyone. It is a fun artistic activity where you can paint on the board with water and then as the water dries, it disappears. This also serves as a calming technique when children are upset, frustrated, or sad. Wanted to pass along as this is an extremely helpful tool and fun activity.

Family Teams - We Are All Connected

At Gilmore, we have 32 “Family Teams” which each consist of students from Grade K-7. Throughout the year, we meet to help build community and for kids to work together with other staff and students from all grades and classes. Our focus last time we met was how we are all connected. Students each made themselves and drew a Country, Nation, or Cultural flag that represented them and their family. It is great to see how diverse a population we are and realize how much we can learn from each other. We are so proud!

