



WILDCAT FAMILY NEWS

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Oasis Volunteers Needed to Help Students Grow Their Reading Skills

Do you or someone you know want to become more involved with your school? Gresham-Barlow School District's Oasis Volunteer Program is looking for parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends to work with young children who are struggling with learning to read. The program is seeking adult volunteers who can spend one hour a week, during school hours, to work one-on-one with a child in grades 1-5. These volunteers will work to build reading and language skills, self-esteem, and positive attitudes toward learning. We will provide free training, materials, and consistent support from our staff.

The training will take place in two, three-hour sessions. Our fall training dates are Tuesday, September 19 from 9 am-12 pm and Wednesday, September 20 from 9 am-12 pm. Tutors are encouraged to attend a monthly support meeting to share experiences with other tutors and receive additional training and materials.

No teaching experience is required. The role of an Oasis tutor is that of a friend - offering experience, patience, encouragement, caring, and time.

If you, or someone you know would be interested in learning more about becoming an Oasis Tutor, please call Gresham-Barlow School District Oasis Volunteer Program Coordinator Marilyn Shephard at 503-665-3544 or email msshphard@frontier.com



DESPERATELY SEEKING....

The office is in desperate need of clothes to have for kids who have accidents. We really need boys pants, sweat pants are great, and underwear. All sizes to fit kindergarteners through 5th graders.

TEDDY BEAR PARADE!

WHAT: Gresham's annual Teddy Bear Parade, a family friendly event where we can march together showing our school spirit. **Wear your school shirts and school colors (blue and white)!**

WHEN: Saturday, September 30th. Parade starts at 10:00am. Those marching with us need to be there at 9:30am.

WHERE: Downtown Gresham. Participants start in the Easthill Church parking lot.

WHO: West Gresham students, staff and families are all welcome.



WHY: To come show Gresham that "West is Best"!!, and to have fun with your friends and teachers.



PANDA EXPRESS

PANDA EXPRESS FUNDRAISER!

Wednesday, October 4th from 4:00-9:00pm is West Gresham Night at Panda Express! Twenty percent (20%) of sales go to West Gresham PTC. Easy way to raise money and not have to cook dinner!

COMING EVENTS



Every Wednesday 1 Hour Late Start-9:35 am	
Fri. Sep. 29	Teacher Workday-NO SCHOOL
Wed. Oct. 4	Panda Express Fundraiser 4:00-9:00pm
Mon. Oct. 9	PTC Meeting 6:30pm
Thu. Oct. 12	Teacher Workday-NO SCHOOL
Fri. Oct. 13	State Inservice-NO SCHOOL
Tue. Oct. 17	Picture Day
Wed. Oct. 18	Fundraiser Kickoff

West Gresham Library Check Out & Return Policies & Procedures 2017-18

Amount of Materials Allowed Per Student Per Week

1 book: Kindergarten and 1st Grade **2 books:** 2nd Grade **3 books:** 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade

Return Policy

- Students will return their book(s) in the classroom designated return bin prior to the library visit per teacher instructions.
- Students are not allowed to check out new books unless they return the books they checked out from the previous week(s). **They must return all books previously checked out to be able to check out new ones.**

Overdue Books: One to Three Weeks

- If students do not return or renew their book(s) for one to three weeks, students will be told in the library that their book(s) are overdue. They will be told the titles and how much the books will cost to replace if they are not returned.
- **An overdue notice will be printed and given to the classroom teacher at the end of the library visit.**
- Teachers will send this home with students for parents to see.
- Students can either return the book(s) or pay the replacement amount listed for each book checked out.

***Note:** Replacement books will not be accepted in lieu of the money due or the actual book students checked out from the library. Many of our library books are special library bound copies to withstand the wear and tear of multiple uses.*

Overdue Books: One Month

- If students do not return their book(s) for one month, the same procedure as above will occur.
- In addition, a phone call home will be made and an overdue notice will be mailed to the address of record.

Overdue Books: Two Months +

- If students do not return their book(s) for two months +, the same procedure as above will occur.
- In addition, the book(s) will be marked as lost in our library system.
- **An overdue notice will be sent home weekly with the price to replace the books(s).**
- After the second monthly phone call, no other phone calls will be made.
- Students will not be allowed to check out books until the replacement amount is paid or the books are returned.

Student Transfers within or out of GBSD

The office will notify the library when they learn of a student transfer either to another school at GBSD or out of GBSD. The library staff will perform the following actions in order 1-4.

1. Attempt to retrieve the books/materials directly from the students with information about payment for lost materials.
2. Call the parents to locate and retrieve the materials with information about payment for lost materials.
3. Seek support from the classroom teacher to retrieve the materials.
4. Send a letter or email to the new school on record with payment information and the book/materials will be marked as lost in the library system.

Damaged Books:

- If at any time a student returns a book that has been damaged (i.e. ripped pages, colored in, water damaged, etc.) and therefore no longer able to continue to be circulated, **a notice will be sent home weekly with the price to replace the book(s).**