



Thunderbird Take Home - November 9th, 2022

Gordon Russell Middle School Weekly Newsletter

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Friday	November 11, 2022	No School - Veterans Day	
Tuesday	November 15, 2022	Principal Recognition	3:00 PM
Thursday	November 17, 2022	Academic Student of The Month	3:00 PM
Friday	November 18, 2022	Fall Social	

PARENT CONFERENCES

This year please plan on attending our online OR in-person student-led family teacher conferences. Students will help lead the conference by having prepared a slideshow that goes over their current performance as well as goals for the future. All of the conferences will be with your student's advisory teacher. Conference dates and times will be for Monday, November 21st from 5:00 - 8:00 PM and Tuesday, November 22nd from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Look for a scheduling email that was sent to you on Tuesday, November 8th, by your student's advisory teacher. If you're having trouble you're welcome to call the front office at 503-667-6900. We very much look forward to connecting with you. Please have your student join the conferences.

GRADING PRACTICES

At Gordon Russell, 70% of a student's overall grade will be based on summative assessments (tests, quizzes, etc.) and 30% will be based on formative assessments.

Students will have the opportunity to complete "test corrections" worth up to 50% of the point value for each question they correct.

The school grading agreement is that students can turn in any missing work up until the week before the end of the grading period without penalty. That date is this **Thursday November 10th**.

MORNING ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

Please do not drop your children off at school in the morning before 8:40 a.m. unless they have made prior arrangements with a teacher or are part of a supervised activity. There is no supervision available for students prior to 8:40 a.m. Thank you for your consideration.

COUNSELING CORNER

Hello GRMS Families! During the month of November students will be learning district wide suicide prevention curriculum. More information is to come for families regarding this. However, if you have any questions please reach out to your students' counselor.

We're also nearing the start of our Holiday Food Drive! If your family could benefit from food and meal support during this holiday season, please contact your students' counselor. And if you're able, please donate non-perishable foods when the time comes!

Counselor Tips & Tricks:

A few tips to reduce stress if the holidays have taken an emotional toll on you in the past:

1. Acknowledge your feelings. ...
2. Reach out for support as needed.
3. Stick to a budget. ...
4. Learn to say no. ...
5. Don't abandon healthy habits.

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6th Grade West Wing & 7th Grade

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6th Grade Explorers & 8th Grade

NWFS ALCOHOL & DRUG PREVENTION WORKSHOPS

Our district is offering free monthly family A&D prevention workshops. Please register [here](#) if you are interested in participating. We have also attached a PDF that has more information and a QR Code to register.

HOLIDAY FOOD BOX

If you are in need of a Thanksgiving food box please take a look at this [flyer](#) provided by the Sunshine Division. If you have any questions in regards to this please contact your students' school counselor.

FALL SOCIAL

Our fall social is Friday November 18th from 2:35 PM - 3:35PM. Criteria to attend is no major referrals for unsafe behavior starting November 7th.

COVID TESTING PERMISSION SLIP

Please fill out [this](#) form to give the school permission to administer a Covid Test to your child if needed.

SITE COUNCIL

Please join us for our Site Council meetings, the next site council will be on Tuesday December 6th and will meet the first Tuesday of each month thereafter at 3:45pm and will be held in the Whale Room Conference Room in our Library. The purpose of school site councils are to align professional development opportunities with our School Improvement Plan and allocate district resources to support our school in moving this plan forward. We appreciate all voices, and would love to have parents join us on this adventure!

STUDENT STORE

Our student store is now running with every Friday being available. ***Volunteers Needed!*** Please consider volunteering to help the PTC run the student store. 1-2 hours is all that is needed! If interested, please contact Corey Sexton by email: GRMS.PTC@gmail.com.

Reminder: volunteer application and background check needs to be submitted through the district website.

SCHOOL/PARENT COMMUNICATION

ParentSquare will be our primary mode of communication, replacing SchoolMessenger. We encourage you to download the app, so you can view information and respond via your cell phone. Please take a moment to review [this](#) slide deck created as an introduction for ParentSquare.