

Gibson Elementary

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NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message



Fall has officially arrived, and I am loving my commute from home to Gibson everyday and seeing the foliage colours change into beautiful hues of red and yellow. As the weather becomes increasingly cold and wet, please remember that unless there is a severe weather system moving through, Gibson normally goes outside for recess and lunch even if there's rain. We encourage students to come to school prepared for the day, and that means dressing accordingly (rain boots, jackets, umbrellas).

Our students and staff have settled into their classrooms and getting to know new routines and expectations from their teachers, and learning is in full effect. We welcomed parents and guardians to our first Parent Teacher Conferences this week, so thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to be with us and to discuss your child's school experience.

This month, we are focusing on **BEING RESPECTFUL**. Each morning, the announcement crew gives a tip on how to be respectful. You can also help at home by asking your child how they practiced being respectful in class today, or in the halls, or outside!

Thanksgiving and Diwali is going to be just around the corner. As families get ready to celebrate together, the staff at Gibson would like to wish everyone a safe and happy start to this Autumn season.



As a parent, you have the privilege of not only actively taking part in your child's learning, but also at your child's school! We want to hear from you, and we want to see you! There are many events in and around the school throughout the year that requires our community to lend a helping hand. It takes a village, right? Please look out for a notice coming home with your child which will include details on how you can get involved at Gibson.



We want to welcome Ms. Gnanenthra to Gibson! She will be teaching Division 8 in the grade 3/4 classroom starting Monday. Also welcome to Ms. Dhadda, who will be a teaching partner to Ms. Grewal in Division 1, grade 7 classroom on Wednesdays. Finally, a special welcome to our UBC Teacher Candidates: Ms. Dettling, Ms. Harris, Ms. Glinsbockel, and Ms. Matusiak.



This is a reminder that if you are picking your child up early, to please notify your child’s teacher ahead of time, either via email or a note in the planner, so that they can prepare your child for early pick up. The office becomes very busy and it interrupts the classrooms when we have to page in for your child.

NOTE: We are seeing an increasing number of parents wanting to pick up their children right before the dismissal bell. Therefore, parents coming to pick up their children after 2:30pm will be asked to wait until 3pm. As well, if you are going to be late picking up your child, please arrange for alternative pick up.



We’re Late!

We are also seeing a number of students being late for school each day. We know that mornings can be hectic for many families, however, when students come to class late, it not only disrupts the flow of the lesson and distracts other students, it can also impede your child’s learning. Coming to school on time can set your child up for success at school and for life!



Professional Literacy Community

At Gibson, we believe that an effective, comprehensive literacy framework is built on a foundation of 3 Instructional Principles:

- 1. All learners can engage in joyful, meaning-filled literacy learning**
- 2. Teachers and students reflect on comprehensive evidence about learning**
- 3. Instruction is responsive to evidence of student learning**

We are excited to continue in Delta School District’s Professional Literacy Community along with 8 other Delta schools. As a staff, we will be working on providing an effective balanced literacy program that’s designed to help all students build a strong foundation in reading and writing.



Halloween Reminders

Halloween is just around the corner, and this is a reminder to all students that although costumes are okay to wear to school that day, it is **NOT** appropriate to bring toy weapons (guns, knives, light sabres, etc), costumes showing violence/ gore to school. This will still be a regular school day for Gibson, so make sure that the costume will not interfere with learning.

Our Halloween costume parade for primaries (Kindergartens to Grade 3s) will be on October 31st at 1:45pm. Parents and families are welcome to come watch the parade, and we ask that if you are joining us, to go to the gym at 2pm.



If you have not signed up for PARENT CONNECT, make sure you do so! Starting this year, all report cards will be online! This is also where you will be able to sign your child’s permission forms to various school events/activities.

If you’re unsure of how to do this, please visit

<https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/DistrictCustom/ParentConnectSignin.pdf>



Gibson is pleased to welcome back our PAC Executive Members this year!

- PAC Chair: Julia Allen
- PAC Treasurer: Melissa Houle
- PAC Secretary: Amber Holbrook
- DPAC Representative: Bob Nath

Our PAC meetings are 1st Tuesdays of each month in the school library at 7pm. ALL parents are welcome to join even if you are not on the Executive Committee! This is a great opportunity to come hear about the exciting events we are planning. If you can’t make it, please make sure to look at the PAC meeting minutes posted on our school website.

<https://gb.deltasd.bc.ca/parent-community/pac/pac-meeting-minutes-2019-20/>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2-3	Parent Teacher Conferences 2pm Dismissal
October 1-4	Scholastics Book Fair
October 4	World Teacher Day
October 14	Thanksgiving - No School
October 17	Photo Retakes
October 18	PAC Movie Night 6pm Doors Open
October 21	Federal Elections in the Gym Grade 6 Immunization
October 23	Aboriginal Bingo Night 6:00pm
October 25	Pro-D Day - No School
October 27	Diwali
October 31	Halloween Parade 1:45pm in the Gym