

Wednesday Weekly Newsletter
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Barb Keeton, Principal

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Principal's Message

I want to thank all of our parents for making sure your children were online with their teachers this week. On the first day, we had 97% of students attending! That is only 11 elementary students and 5 middle school students who were not able to get online with their teachers. I am also hearing many positive things from teachers about how much they enjoyed being able to connect with their students. We know this level of success would not be possible without support from parents at home. We appreciate you, and all your effort and time you are contributing to help this be a successful school experience.

Thank you! I hope to see you all next week at the materials Pick Up Parties/House Competition!
(More details below.)

Ms. Keeton

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Attached is the updated Rights & Responsibilities Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year. It has been posted on our website (under the Parents tab), as well in ParentVUE.

[R R 20-21 English.pdf](#)

Whitney Roush

Hello! I am blessed to be the K-8 School Counselor at DCD K-8. This is my 9th year in Damascus and I love our school. I enjoy being a part of the DCD K-8 community and helping kids feel successful socially, emotionally and academically. One of the best things about working at DCD K-8 is the ability to watch students grow up from kindergarten to eighth grade. I look forward to communicating with students and families to help them feel connected. If you are brand new to DCD K-8, please stay tuned for further info about a virtual "New Student Meet and Greet." The best way to contact me is via email: roush3@gresham.k12.or.us. You are also welcome to call the main office to leave me a message: 503.658.3171. I look forward to supporting you this school year!

Does your family or someone you know need resources?

For food support, (in addition to GBSD's food resources) please see the Oregon Food bank's locations, click [here](#).

GBSD meal program, click: [here](#)

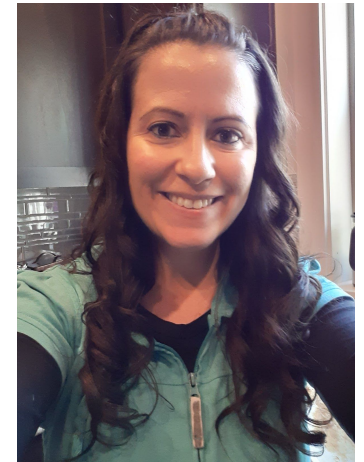
Utility bill support and other social services, please call/text 211 or visit their website: [211 Website](#)

For a full list of community resources including by not limited to: meal assistance, utility/financial assistance, daycare, school-based health clinics, OHP, etc., click: [Here](#)

COVID-19 Emotional Support Line:

This line is 24/7 and the number is 855-238-8644 (503-575-3761)

If you don't see what you're looking for or need assistance navigating resources, please email (or call 503.658.3171) our K-8 **School Counselor, Whitney Roush:** roush3@gresham.k12.or.us and she will be glad to help you.



House Competition/Essential Materials and Supplies Pick Up Party:

This was originally scheduled for the week of 9/21, but had to be delayed until the week of 9/28, due to the fact that our school was in the Level 2 evacuation zone and we were unable to have staff in the building. This is a chance to see your child's teacher and to pick up items that are specific to their classroom/grade level. Here is the basic schedule: from 4:30-7:00PM on-

- Tuesday, 9/29: Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 6th Grade
- Wednesday, 9/30: 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, 7th Grade
- Thursday, 10/1: 4th Grade, 5th Grade, 8th Grade

We encourage parents to come at each assigned time that you have children in that grade. This is a great opportunity for students to meet their teacher(s)!

MS Choir Opportunity:

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

This year we will be offering choir after school hours as an extracurricular activity. Unfortunately there were no options to have choir as a class during the school day, due to the schedule. We will be meeting regularly for 45 min (3:15-4:00) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

If you are interested in joining choir this year please contact Mrs. Yavorskyi at yavorskyi@gresham.k12.or.us

Technology:

We still have a small number of students who do not have a device checked out to them. If you still need one, please contact the office. If you are experiencing any difficulties with technology, please try the family tech support line: 503-258-4733 We appreciate your patience as we get this new system up and running.

