



Thunderbird Take Home - 12/2/2020

Gordon Russell Middle School Phone: 503-667-6900

Office Phone Hours: 8:00 - 4:00 Web Address: <http://russell.gresham.k12.or.us>

 <https://twitter.com/GRMSTBirds>  <https://www.instagram.com/gordonrussellthunderbirds>

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		Holiday Food Drive thru December 10th
Wednesday	December 16, 2020	No Advisory Class - Grading Day
Friday	December 18, 2020	Last Day Before Winter Break
		Winter Break (December 21 - January 1)
Monday	January 4, 2020	School Resumes

UPDATE TO GRMS GRADING

This year has brought about much change in education and a constant need to reevaluate the way we do things. After conversations with multiple stakeholders and reviewing feedback from parents, students, and teachers after conferences, we have decided to make a few changes to our grading policy. These changes better align with comprehensive distance learning and possible limited in-person instruction as well as hybrid learning. They also ensure engagement and flexibility for our families during these difficult times. Please review the attached document in the email that outlines these changes in detail. Teachers are applying these changes today and you will see them reflected in your students grades this quarter.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

I wanted to thank and acknowledge the parents and students who attended conferences. I also wanted to thank the staff at Gordon Russell for preparing grades, speaking to you about your student(s) and putting in those extra hours to make conferences valuable for all who attended. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to contact teachers through email or by phone to chat about your student to celebrate successes or identify areas in need of improvement. Remember, we are here to provide the best educational experience possible and want to partner with you in that process.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE 2020-2021

Many things have changed this year, but one remains the same, the importance of supporting our Gordon Russell community. GRMS is happy to announce that we will be holding our annual food drive beginning Monday November 16th, and running through Thursday, December 10.

This will be a **school-wide contest** to reach a goal of **1500 items**. There will be a drop off bin located outside our building for drive up donations to be made during school hours 8-4 Monday through Friday.

Current amount - 315 items

If we meet our goal of 1500 items, Mr. Hayden will have to learn a dance for Tik-Tok!!!

BACK LIBRARY FOREST

It is with sad news that I report that many of our beloved Western Red Cedars behind the library have begun to die. We have consulted with a few arborists and they determined that they are suffering from a root fungus disease that is not treatable. Once the dying and dead trees are removed, we will begin planting native trees in the same area.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is really important in our online classes. Please make every effort to have your students attend their daily classes. If your student is going to be absent make sure to call the main

office number and excuse them 503-667-6900. Then have the students complete the work they missed from a class that day.

SUN PROGRAM

Dear guardian or parents,

This is a short survey regarding SUN programming this Fall. Please fill out the survey if your student is interested in attending any of our programming.

English: <https://forms.gle/urw6AsjWBFRr3YpYA>

TECHNOLOGY PROBLEMS

Call the Family Tech Support phone number for any questions at 503-258-4733. If you leave a voicemail someone will call you back as soon as possible. We suggest calling during Tech's office hours from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

TECH TIP

*Is your Chromebook running slow, try this tip first.

Allow your Chromebook to completely shut off at the end of the school day. Our devices have updates that help our software and computer run smoothly. The updates will usually occur on their own when the computer turns off. Please note that closing the lid after use does NOT shut off the computer; therefore, it does not generate the update.

SCHOOL OFFICE PHONE HOURS

8:00 am - 4:00 pm School Days

The GRMS building is closed to the public. If you feel there is a need to come to the building, please contact the front office to schedule an appointment. For the safety of our staff, do not drop by the school without an appointment.

IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

Immunizations are an important part of keeping our kids and community safe from certain diseases. That is why vaccines are required for school. Click here to see what immunizations are required for

your child's grade. Fall is a great time to catch-up on vaccines and get your yearly flu shots. Students need to be up-to-date on vaccines or give the school documentation of an exemption by early January, so that your child is not at risk of being excluded from school.

[FAQ- Online Learning and Immunizations 2020 09 28.pdf](#)

PARENTVUE(Grade Checks/Attendance)

ParentVue is a tool with our student information system that will allow parents to access their student(s) ongoing progress and final grades, current attendance reports, and have the ability to update demographic data (i.e. address, phone, etc.). Parents or guardians should have an access code, but if you do not please call the main school office number at 503-667-6900 for an activation code.

The **GRMS website** is an online resource that includes information from both of our newsletters, as well as other school-related information.
<http://russell.gresham.k12.or.us>

GRMS is also on **Social Media**.

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GRMSTBirds>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/gordonrussellthunderbirds>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/GordonRussellMiddleSchool/>

MEAL INFORMATION/FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS* (Please use link below)

<https://www.gresham.k12.or.us/domain/41>

****Applications must be completed every school year to maintain enrollment in the federal program.***

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

In a digital environment, it is important to remember ways to maximize the time spent online.

Tips for Being Successful

- Be Prepared (remember to charge devices at night and have class materials ready)
- Stay On Task (avoid distractions and give your full attention to the class)
- Be Visible
- Mute your microphone when starting a class meeting. Turn it on when needed.
- Use appropriate language when speaking
- Wear school appropriate clothing
- Academic Integrity-avoid plagiarism, copying, or turning in work that is not your own.
- Report any problems immediately to an adult

We support our students' right to free expression and the right to dress in a comfortable manner. It is critical to keep in mind that we are a public school and an academic setting.

Free Online Workshops for Teens and Parents



- ◆ **Alcohol/Cannabis and Youth** - health effects of alcohol and cannabis, laws, and advertisement tactics that can affect young people
- ◆ **Vaping and your Health** — Nicotine and Cannabis facts, trends, and interventions
- ◆ **Family Empowerment** — Teen brain development, connecting, and exploring values and goals together as a family



Weekly Online Workshop **Schedule:**

Tuesdays , 6-8pm

Please see reverse for details

To register for the workshop please call
Maritza Leon at 503-593-0014 or go to
nwfs.org/familyworkshops.html

Pre-registration required

Please call (503) 593-0014 or register at nwfs.org/familyworkshops.html

*This program is funded by Multnomah County Mental Health and Addiction Services and
SAMHSA SPF-PFS*



Grab-and-Go Meals

Monday to Friday from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Free & Reduced Meal Qualification:

Students whose families receive Basic Food Assistance, SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid automatically qualify for free and reduced meals. Nutrition Services gets daily reports from the state to ensure we are matching all family members in the household for approval. Nutrition Services staff will communicate with families regarding status changes and qualification by letter, email, and phone calls.



If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the GBSD Nutrition Services Office at (503) 261-4590.

Feeding our Future, together we can make it happen!

Sheldon Moore,
Director of Nutrition Services



Free & Reduced Meal Applications:

Applications are required at the start of each school year to continue the free & reduced status from last year.

English Application:

<https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp>

Spanish Application:

<https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/FRLApp/?Length=2>

Applications can also be picked up at the Nutrition Services Office (1505 NW Eastman Pkwy, Gresham).

Applications MUST be completed by October 26, 2020. If a new application is not received by October 26, students will default to 'paid' status and will be required to pay full price for meals once the emergency feeding program ends in December.

ONLINE SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2020-2021

Horario Middle School	Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri Student	Wednesday Student
Advisory 8:30-8:55 (25 min)	Advisory Live lessons & check-in	Advisory Live lessons & check-in
Period 1 9:00-9:50 (50 min)	Period 1 Live lessons & check-in (Approx. 30 min of live instruction, 20 min small groups and/or independent classwork)	45 minutes of iReady Math 45 minutes of iReady Reading
Period 2 9:55-10:45 (50 min)	Period 2 Live lessons & check-in (Approx. 30 min of live instruction, 20 min small groups and/or independent classwork)	
10:45-11:25 (40 min)	LUNCH	LUNCH
11:25-12:15 (50 min)	Extra time for classwork	Teacher office hours 12:40-1:10
Period 3 12:15-1:05 (50 min)	Period 3 Live lessons & check-in (Approx. 30 min of live instruction, 20 min small groups and/or independent classwork)	Time for assigned classwork
Period 4 1:10-2:00 (50 min)	Period 4 Live lessons & check-in (Approx. 30 min of live instruction, 20 min small groups and/or independent classwork)	
Period 5 2:05-2:55 (50 min)	Period 5 Live lessons & check-in (Approx. 30 min of live instruction, 20 min small groups and/or independent classwork)	



Free health coverage
offered by the state of Oregon

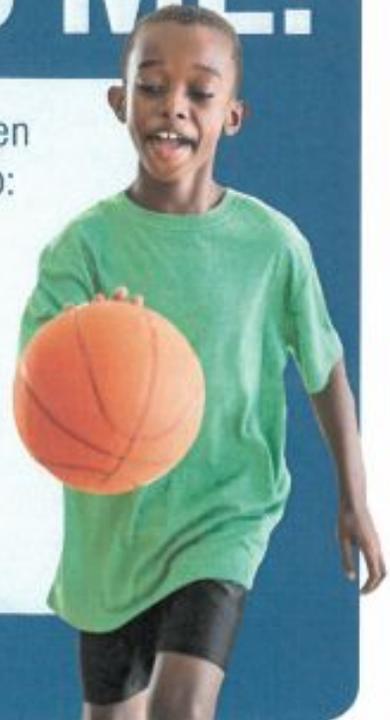
OHP COVERS ME!

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) is open to **all** children and teens **regardless of immigration status** who:

- Are younger than 19.
- Meet income and other criteria.

OHP covers the health care services children and teens need to thrive:

check-ups • vaccinations • mental health care • glasses
tooth fillings • prescriptions • labs • x-rays • hospital care
rides to and from medical appointments • and more!



Apply today.

We are a trusted OHP-certified community partner who can help you apply. Our help is free.

Call us today
for more information.



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Multnomah County
Community Health Worker
(503)746-1220 | karla@orlhc.org



You can get this document in other languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer. Contact the Community Partner Outreach Program at community.outreach@dhsosha.state.or.us. We accept all relay calls or you can dial 711.