

Sylvio J. Gilbert Elementary School

Monthly Newsletter



Principal's Pen

April 5, 2021

Dear Gilbert Family and Friends,

Spring is here, somewhat. Although we are still seeing snow, we have been able to go outside for recess most days with the warmer weather. Please encourage students to wear their coats/jackets on a regular basis. It is not quite warm enough to be outside with only a t-shirt.

We received the chocolate fundraiser shipment, and students should have brought that home to distribute. Thank you for your support in that endeavor. We doubled our sales from last year!

Thank you for attending parent teacher conferences at the end of March. We love talking with you about all of the wonderful ways your student is succeeding here at Gilbert. It is important to have two-way communication with parents and guardians.

If an issue does arise, we can tackle that together. I would encourage you to speak to your child's teacher whenever you have a question. Also, please keep a current phone number on file with the office. We need to be able to reach you at any time.

We are already looking toward the end of the school year and getting ready for next year. Kindergarten screening will be in the fall, however, Kindergarten registration is happening now. If you have a future Kindergarten student, then please make sure you have contacted the school to register.

Enjoy April break, and I look forward to finishing the year strong with all of you!

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Educationally yours,

Sarah Landry
Principal



Spring is here!



It has been a very windy winter, there are some days while greeting the Gilbert students in the morning, I was sure I'd meet Mary Poppins in the sky. Hopefully, we will start seeing some warmer weather on a regular basis. Last year we missed spring all together, so this year it is a wonderful feeling to be here, in school, with the children.

This year, more than ever, we are fine tuning and using our technology skills. Teachers have been using any resources available to deepen a sense of engagement with students. Although technology can be a useful tool to help students learn and create, there are times when it can become a road block. As a school, we need your help to ensure that while your student is at home learning, they are using technology in a safe manner. Sometimes this means keeping a keen eye on what sites they visit or sometimes it means monitoring the length of time they are on a screen. At school we talk about digital foot prints, meaning once something is out there on the great big web, anyone can see it and use it if not done in a secure place. It's also important to know that teachers and adults at the school can follow the history on devices to help guide students on a path to make better decisions.

During the month of April we also have a week long break. I hope you are able to spend some time with your family enjoying the company of one another. One nugget I have learned this year with all the shut downs, quarantines, and social distancing is to appreciate those around me. If not for the light in others around us, our own light might grow dimmer. Please know every adult in our building works hard to propel your child to success. My wish for all families at Gilbert is for a Happy Easter!

It takes a village to raise a child, and I'm so glad to be a part of the Gilbert tribe!

Mrs. Lakeman

Dean of Students at Gilbert School

626-2491 ext. 3652

ALL REGISTRATION PAPERWORK MUST BE RETURNED BY THE END OF THE 2021 SCHOOL YEAR TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

We are taking registration information for Preschool screening for school year 2021/2022. Please call Gilbert School at 626-2491 if your child will be 4 years old by October 15. Screening will be in September.

We are also taking registration information for Kindergarten Screening. Current Pre-K families should contact their home school to schedule an appointment. Screening will be in September. Phone numbers for your home school are listed below:

- Gilbert – 626-2491
- Lincoln – 626-2483
- Hussey – 626-2461
- Farrington – 626-2479

Personal Body Safety Lessons

With Mrs. Michaud April 2021

"No one should look at or touch your Private Body Parts EXCEPT: to keep you healthy"

****At school we define Private Body Parts as "the parts of our bodies' covered by our swimsuits".***

Personal Body Safety Talking Points:

- It is NEVER too late to tell.***
- We NEVER keep secrets about touching.***
 - If the first person you tell does not believe you, KEEP TELLING until a safe adult believes you.***
- If touching happens, it is NEVER a child's fault.***
- Help your child identify a safe adult to talk to at home, school, daycare, soccer, any place your child spends time.***

Ask your child to demonstrate saying "No". They will stand up tall, look you in the eye, use a strong voice and say some version of "No". We have been practicing being assertive in any situation that is unwanted.

Some Read Aloud Resources for Parents

My Body Belongs To Me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IvQseuEOkKc>

My Body Belongs To Me Book as a short Film

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-5mdt9YN6I>

My Body Belongs To Me; From My Head To My Toes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1tIOsg1EcPY>

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7	- 1 st Wednesday of the month – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
April 16	- WORKSHOP DAY – NO SCHOOL
April 19-23	- APRIL VACATION – NO SCHOOL (return Monday April 26)
May 31	- MEMORIAL DAY – NO SCHOOL
June 11	- ANTICIPATED LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



NEWS FROM THE NURSE

APRIL IS HERE

Hopefully the days will be full of sunshine!

Please remember to send in extra clothing for PreK, Kindergarteners and 1st graders. We are running very low on extras.

Remember that TICKS are active! Please check kids or have them check themselves after playing outside. TICKS love warm places so check heads, underarms, private areas, and belly buttons.

Please continue to keep your children home when they are sick - everyone has been doing a great job with this!

As always, please call with any questions or concerns.

Emily Davis, MSN, RN
626-2491 ext. 3658

CONGRATULATIONS FOR BEING CHOSEN AS MARCH'S CITIZEN OF THE MONTH:

Mrs. Loiko (Kindergarten)	Zachary Thomson-Collins, Liam Hall
Mrs. Mattice (Kindergarten)	Zander Downes, Octavia Reynolds
Mrs. Cooper (Kindergarten)	Elliott Lawson, Jermaine Clark
Ms. Marston (K/1st)	Brooklynn Triplett, Brooklynn Morrissette, Isabella St. Pierre Robbins
Ms. Lettre (1st Grade)	Ayeri Gilman, Jacob Moody
Mrs. Guthrie (2nd Grade)	Esraa Jamal, Anthony McDonald
Mrs. Simonton (2nd Grade)	Xander Verburgt, Sybil Brown
Mrs. Moore (3rd Grade)	Colin McCullough, Valerie Plant
Ms. Sementelli (3rd Grade)	Marilyn Babb, Molly Duplessis
Ms. Libby (4th Grade)	Deacon Dolloff, Reise Singleton
Mr. Daunis (4th Grade)	William Wardwell, Karma Lewis
Ms. Pottle (5th Grade)	Jayden Taylor, Ava Hinegardner
Mrs. Dow (5th Grade)	Regan Fraser, Ashlin Wolf-McKinlay
Mr. Meader (6th Grade)	Owen Eastman, Raiden Ramkissoon
Mr. Johnston (6th Grade)	Aven Nicholas, Abby Leger

Every month this year we will be spotlighting a different grade - April is 5th Grade!

Greetings Gilbert Families!

This has been a year like no other. Our amazing 5th graders and their families have really stepped up to the challenge! We have worked hard at discovering this new way of learning with technology. Some students are learning on a hybrid schedule, while other students are fully remote. To say we are proud would be an understatement.

In math, students are working hard on multi-digit multiplication and long division. We are working on decimals next!

In reading, we have been exploring fiction books. We have completed a book study of the fantasy novel *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt, where students have been working on skills such as asking questions and making inferences.

In writing, we have been working hard on our cPort essays. Our 5th graders have some great future career ambitions! We will be exploring opinion writing this spring.

In social studies, our 5th graders have explored topics such as the different regions of the United States and their various landforms. This spring we will be discovering Colonial America!

In science, we have learned a lot about the Earth! From the weather and the water cycle to weathering and erosion and the rock cycle--our 5th grade scientists have been busy!

It hardly seems like we are in the third trimester of school already! Enjoy the coming spring weather--get outside and enjoy it!

Be safe, be healthy, be happy!

Erin Pottle and Lauren Dow
5th Grade Team

HANNAFORD HELPS SCHOOLS SPRING PROGRAM RUNS FROM MARCH 14 - MAY 29.

How does HANNAFORD HELPS SCHOOL work?

For every 4 qualifying Hannaford Helps Schools items that a customer buys at any Hannaford, they will receive a printout for 3 school dollars at the register. This means that:

4 Products purchased = 3 school dollars	12 products purchased = 9 school dollars
8 products purchased = 6 school dollars	16 products purchased = 12 school dollars

NOTE: All products must be purchased in a single transaction.

Customers who earn a school dollars printout at the register with their qualifying purchases will place the printout in the appropriate slot for their local school in the Hannaford Helps Schools collection tower located at the front of the store that their school is registered with – **Gilbert School is registered at Cony St. Hannaford** – or turn receipts into the school office as you get them. Your school will receive a check for the total number of school dollars submitted. Additionally, Hannaford will donate \$1,000 to the school that earns the most school dollars at each store.

NEW for 2021!

Customers who shop with **Hannaford To Go** can either specify which school should receive their School Dollars in their order notes when placing their order, OR let the store associate know which school to give their School Dollars to when they pick their order up from the store. Please check our [Hannaford Helps Schools web page](#) for additional information and links to downloadable PDFs.