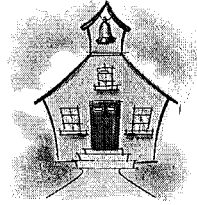


# Sylvio J. Gilbert Elementary School

## Monthly Newsletter



Principal's Pen

October 12, 2020

Dear Gilbert Family and Friends,

We have been very busy here at Gilbert School. We have settled into a new routine here, and we hope that you have at home as well. Although the method of delivery has changed this year, learning is happening 5 days per week. Students are expected to participate all 5 days, regardless if the learning is in-person or remotely. In addition, we have **parent teacher conferences coming up the week of October 26<sup>th</sup>**.

This year we will be doing all parent conferences via the phone or Zoom. Your child's teacher will communicate the method and times available for you to meet. Please reach out to schedule that conference if you have not already. This is an important time to discuss how your child is doing academically, behaviorally, and socially at Gilbert School. It also shows that we are all working together to make school a positive and safe experience for your child.

Following are some tips for better communication between home and Gilbert School:

- Review all papers your child brings home. Sign and return forms on time.
- Inform the school of any changes in your address, phone number or emergency contact.
- Contact your child's teacher any time you have a question or concern.
- Return phone calls from school as soon as possible.
- Require your child to participate in remote learning activities and complete the attendance form on every day that your child is learning from home.
- Read school newsletters.
- Contact the school regarding your child's absences or dismissal changes.
- Inform the teacher when you know your child will be absent from school.
- Communicate about school positively with your child.

We want to support you and will communicate with you regarding your child. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions or concerns.

Educationally yours,

Sarah Landry  
Principal



Welcome Back to School! It has been so exciting to see students in person and via Google Meetings.

I am Michelle Michaud, school counselor. I present classroom lessons in grades K-6 with a focus on dealing with emotions, problem solving, coping, career and Personal Body Safety.

I also offer Lunch Bunch groups to Grades 1-6. I have room this year for 4 students each Lunch Bunch.

I meet short term, 4-6 weeks, individually with students to help them cope and develop skills needed to be happy and successful at school.

If you are seeking more in depth counselling support, I can assist in locating a service that will best meet your needs.

Check out my Google Site, which is linked to all the classroom sites, usually in the specials section. My site will have lessons, book read alouds and parent resources available.

Please call me at 626-2491 ext 3629 or email me at [mmichaud@augustaschools.org](mailto:mmichaud@augustaschools.org) if I can help you in any way.

## Every month we will be spotlighting a different grade October is 2nd Grade

### Here's What's Happening in Second Grade:

Happy October, everyone! Second graders are off to a great start this year. With all the changes going on around them, they are proving to be a very adaptable group of students! They are doing a great job social-distancing and wearing their masks. We are washing our hands a lot and discussing the importance of it every day!

Right now we are reviewing skills that were learned in first grade, just to get our brains back in "school-mode". We have had a lot of time off this past year, but the students are doing well getting back in the swing of things.

For our 'remote days' this year, we are using a platform called Seesaw. Students have done a wonderful job learning how to log into their laptops, practicing math on IXL, reading books on Epic, as well as getting used to all the other websites we are using for virtual learning this year.

This year is going to be very different from the rest, but with the right attitude we can make it work!!!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 19/20 - PICTURE DAYS – **COHORT C STUDENTS** must make appts. between 8:00-9:00 either day  
October 12 - HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL  
Oct. 26-30 - Conference Week (late night – Thursday, October 29)  
November 11 - HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL  
November 25 - WORKSHOP – NO SCHOOL  
November 26 - HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL  
November 27 - HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL  
Dec. 23-Jan. 1 - WINTER VACATION (return to school 1/4/2021)  
January 18 - HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL  
Feb. 15-19 - FEBRUARY VACATION (return to school 2/22/2021)



## NEWS FROM THE NURSE

### WELCOME OCTOBER!

Please remember both kids and ticks LOVE leaves. Please check your kids after they have been playing in all the leaves that you just raked!



Please remember if your child is sick, keep them home. Wash hands often with soap and water. Wash masks daily.

Please remember to pack extra clothes in your child's back pack. Accidents happen, and our clothing supply at school is limited.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please call.

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



## The Salvation Army Capital Region

Serving the residents of Augusta, Waterville, Winslow, Sidney, Hallowell & Chelsea  
**MUST HAVE CHILDREN TO APPLY FOR CHRISTMAS**

**REGISTRATION FOR CHRISTMAS TOYS ONLY**

**EVERYONE MUST CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

**NO WALK INS**

**PLEASE CALL (207) 623-3752 FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

Appointments will be made for the Waterville Office, 179 Main Street, Suite 313 for the following days & times

- Tuesday, October 13                      9:00AM to Noon
- Thursday, October 15                    9:00AM to Noon
- Tuesday, October 20                    9:00AM to Noon
- Thursday, October 22                    9:00AM to Noon

Appointments will be made for the Office, 36 Eastern Avenue, for the following days & times

- Tuesday, October 13                    4:00PM to 8:00PM
- Wednesday, October 14                9:00AM to 2:00PM\*
- Thursday, October 15                    9:00AM to Noon
- Tuesday, October 20                    4:00PM to 8:00PM
- Wednesday, October 21                9:00AM to 2:00PM\*
- Thursday, October 22                    9:00AM to Noon

**\*Note: Closed from Noon to 12:30**

You **MUST** bring the following with you to your appointment:

- Photo ID (License, State ID, Passport)
- Birth Certificates, Social Security Cards or MaineCare Cards for all members of household including children (information is NOT copied, recorded or retained)
- Proof of residency / verification of address (lease, utility bill)

Google  
"Box Tops for Education"  
And  
See How You Can Help  
Gilbert School!

We can still accept clipped unexpired Box Tops until Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

You can still send Clipped Box Tops to school or you can mail them yourself. Be sure to follow the directions on the Box Top Website.

Check out the "Extra Credit" and "Monster Madness" Sweepstakes

**\*Earn Double Box Tops on General Mills Cereal \***

**\*While supplies last**

**It's easy to use the new Box Top App**

**Give it a try!**

**THE OLD  
BOX TOPS CLIPS**

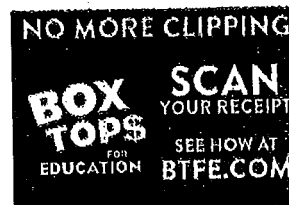


Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip them and send them to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

*\*All valid Box Tops clips submitted per the Program Rules by a Coordinator(s) of (an) eligible, enrolled school(s) will be honored.*

**THE NEW  
BOX TOPS LABELS**



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10¢ for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.