



Welcome to the 2010 - 2011 school year

Hello Families,

GAPPO (Gresham Arthur Academy Parent Organization) would like to welcome you all back to the new school year. It's great to see familiar faces and exciting to see new ones too.

GAAPO has already been busy planning school events and fundraisers for the upcoming school year. We will kick off the school year with the Teddy Bear Parade which will be September 25th! This year we will also be collecting new teddy bears to be donated to a local emergency service. We will also be fundraising in September by selling Mt. Hood Theater Movie Tickets as well as Entertainment books. That's just what September holds for us! Below is a list of tentative events and fundraisers for the new school year:

October

Hoe Down / Carnival
Wrapping Paper / Gift Sale
Personalized Books Sale
Spirit Mountain Casino Bus

November

Family Activity
Food Drive

December

Breakfast with Santa
Toy Shop
Toy Drive for Emanuel Children's Hospital

January

Donuts with Dudes
Family Activity Night

February

Mt. Hood Theater Movie Tickets
Family Activity Night
Spirit Mountain Casino Bus
Spirit Week

March

2nd - Dr. Seuss Night
St. Jude's Math A Thon
Cookie Dough Sale

April

Spring Sock Hop
Plant & Flower Bulb sale

May

Jog A Thon
Morning with Mom
Talent Show

June

Field Day

2010 - 2011 GAPPO Board Members

We would like to introduce you to the GAPPO board members for this school year:

President - Jamie Coughlin

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Vice President - Francine Albright

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Secretary - Heather Patrick

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Volunteer Coordinator - Amanda Webber

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School Rules

Drop off - School doors will open at 8:10 and class begins promptly at 8:30. It is helpful for your child(ren) to arrive with enough time to use the restroom, put away personal items and get settled in. The closer to 8:10 the more ready the kiddos are for school!

Pick up - Kindergarten students who are only staying for kindergarten can be picked up at 11:45 under the church overhang. Kindergartners that will stay for Kinder Enrichment will follow the dismissal of all the other students. This year dismissal will be staggered by last name. Students will not be ready for pick up before the listed times.

*Families with a last name starting with **A to F** will be ready for pick up at **3:05**

*Families with a last name starting with **G to P** will be ready for pick up at **3:10**

*Families with a last name starting with **Q to Z** will be ready for pick up at **3:15**

When you drop off or pick up please enter through the North entrance (by the playground) and exit out the South one.

Cont. School Rules

Rules:

1. Drive slowly in the parking lot and watch out for kids. The speed limit in the parking lot is 10 mph.
2. Keep your vehicle parked while your child(ren) is getting out or in. Avoid rolling forward until you are sure there are no children near your car.
3. The handicap spaces should not be used during drop-off and pick up unless you have a permit. Respecting this law is important to help maintain our relationship with the church.
4. Coach your child to make eye contact with the driver before walking in front of a car and never walk behind one.
5. No pets allowed in, on, or around the playground
6. No smoking on school grounds
7. Please do not leave your child(ren) unattended in your car.
8. Please make sure you check in with the school office when volunteering at the school. They will have a sheet for you to sign, as well as a badge for you to wear. If no one is in the school office you can find the information on the bulletin board located outside the office doors.

GAAPO Meeting

Please join us for the first GAAPO meeting of the year! Wednesday, September 29th at 6:30 in one of the school classrooms. This is a great opportunity for you to see what is going on this school year and how to get involved with your school. We would like to see everyone attend.

Please make a note that we will be having a General Parent Meeting in October, February, and May.

Events

City of Gresham, Teddy Bear Parade

On Saturday the 25th of September. Bring your decorated bikes / tricycles or even your wagon. Please show your school spirit by wearing school colored clothing. The parade starts at 10 am, but we will need to start lining up at 9 am. This year we will be collecting new teddy bears to go to a local emergency service. If your interested in being a part of the parade, or donating a new teddy bear please contact Amy Weaver at fundraising.chair@gaapo.org, or Brandy Benefiel at events.chair@gaapo.org.

Country Hoe Down

The first school sanctioned event of the year will be in October. It's the Country Hoe Down. If you are interested in helping out please contact Amanda Webber at volunteer.coordinator@gaapo.org

School Logo Shirt's

Shirts, Sweatshirts, and Polos with our School Logo will be available to order during the first week of school. They will be ready for delivery just in time to be worn for the Teddy Bear Parade. If you have any questions please contact Jamie Coughlin at 503-705-2959 or at president@gaapo.org