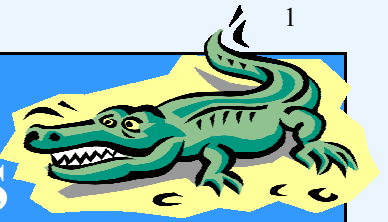




# GATOR NEWS



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September 2016

PRINCIPAL: MR. BLAKE BRISCOE  
HEAD TEACHER: MR. JEEVAN DOSANJH  
SECRETARY: MRS. JUDY POATO

PAC Co-CHAIR: HEELAH TAI & GILL BASSETT  
PAC SECRETARY: ALISON DRUMMOND  
PAC TREASURER: ED SIT

**Mission Statement:** Gilpin School strives to promote an awareness of self and others and an appreciation of individual differences within a supportive and purposeful environment. Opportunities are provided through varied learning experiences for students to develop a love for learning and to be independent thinkers. We believe in nurturing a positive attitude in students which will further their intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth.

Dear Gilpin community,

Welcome back and welcome to all of the new students and families to Gilpin! It has been nice seeing everyone this week and to have the school filled with the laughter and excitement once again. As you know, this past week returning students have been in their last year's classes. We are planning to have students move into their new classes on Monday morning. Class lists will be posted in each classroom and by the office after lunch on Monday so that parents know where to pick up their children.

### New Staff

It is my pleasure to welcome Michael Rich and Will De Sousa to our staff. Mr. Rich is joining us from Kitchener Elementary School and will be teaching one of our Grade 4/5 classes this year while Mr. De Sousa will be teaching Band and Music while Mrs. Gair is away. Thank you for giving them a warm Gilpin welcome. I would also like to welcome back Mr. Dosanjh from paternity leave.

### School Safety

As we begin a new school year I would like to remind everyone to help us keep the children safe. Please drive safely and use the crosswalk. Mr. Mahseredjian organizes our student safety patrollers and they will be starting shortly and we thank them for their service.

### Welcome assembly

Today our Grade Sevens shared presentations they have been working on which highlight what it means to be a Gilpin Student. They spoke about kindness, hard work, determination, responsibility and many other qualities that are on display here every day. Led by Sienna and Maddie, the students did an impressive job. It was a great way for the Grade Sevens to showcase their leadership early in the year and I am sure they are going to accomplish many more great things over the next several months.

As always, my door is always open should you have any questions or concerns that you wish to discuss or even if you would like to stop by for a quick hello. Thank you to all of you for your continued support and partnership and I look forward to another successful school year.

Sincerely,

Blake Briscoe

## Upcoming Events in September 2016

Date	Time	Event
Sept 16	5:00-7:30 pm	Gilpin Gala
Sept 20		Gr 7 beginning band-first lesson and rental night
Sept 22	9:30-11:00 11:00-12:30	Div 1 Canoeing Div 2 Canoeing
Sept 22	1:45	Early Dismissal
	2:00-7:00 pm	Parent/Teacher meeting
Sept 23	1:45 pm	Early dismissal
Sept 27	9:30-11:00 11:00-12:30	Div 2 Canoeing Div 1 Canoeing
Sept 29	9:00 am	Grade 6 Immunization
Sept 29	1:00 pm	Terry Fox Run



# PAC News

Next PAC Meeting:  
TBA 2016  
7:00 pm

## Hot Lunches On-Line Orders

Lunch Date	Lunch Provider	Deadline for Ordering
Wednesday October 5	Subway	September 26
Wednesday October 12	Pizza Lunch	October 3
Wednesday October 19	Sushi	October 10
Wednesday, October 26	Boston Pizza	October 17

**Brand New!**

Please ensure that your lunch orders are submitted before the deadlines. The deadlines are there as we need to provide the orders to our suppliers 5-7 days before the lunch. Summarizing all the orders takes time and we need to ensure that our parent volunteers who run the lunches have some lead time. **No Late Orders accepted, sorry.** HOT LUNCH payments are available to pay online at <http://burnaby.schoolcashionline.com>



## Gilpin Fundraisers

Please remember that every time you go to Boston Pizza Brentwood on Lougheed Hwy and you tell them that you're part of Gilpin, 10% of our pre-tax bill will go towards Gilpin!

### Bell Schedule 2015-2016

8:53	am	- (bell rings)
8:58	am	- students expected in class
10:30	am	- recess starts ( <b>NO</b> bell)
10:45	am	- recess ends (bell rings)
12:05	pm	- start of lunch (students begin eating – no bell)
12:20	pm	- first bell rings ( <b>students may go outside</b> )
12:30	pm	- second bell rings ( <b>students must go outside</b> )
12:55	pm	- bell rings to come in
1:00	pm	- classes start
3:01	pm	- students dismissed (no bell)

### Administration 2016-2017

Blake Briscoe - Principal  
 Jeevan Dosanjh-Head Teacher  
 Judy Poato - Secretary



Please see our school's Weekly Updates and monthly calendar on the website:

<http://gilpin.sd41.bc.ca>

## Staff Parking Lot

Please do not drop off or pick up students in the School Staff parking lot.

Thank you for keeping our students safe!

**School Website** – Please check out our website at <http://gilpin.sd41.bc.ca> . School newsletter, calendar (Calendar icon), and other relevant information will be available on the website.

**Listserv** - Gilpin (school and PAC) uses a Listserv to communicate to parents about events, newsletter distribution and other important information. If you have not registered and would like to receive an electronic copy of our newsletter, please inform the office of your e-mail address.

# Attendance

## Leaving the School

Students are not permitted to leave the school during school hours without consent from a parent or guardian. We would appreciate it if you would arrange medical appointments outside of school hours. However, if your child must leave during regular school hours, a note is required. Students who normally eat lunch at school must bring written permission before they are allowed to leave the grounds during the lunch hour. A note is also required if your child is going to another child's house for lunch. If a student needs to go home due to sudden illness, we will contact a parent/guardian or an emergency contact. Finally, if you have arranged for a friend or relative to pick up your child, please send a note to the classroom teacher.

## Walking To School

- Know the route your child takes to and from school and how long it takes
- Encourage your child to walk with a friend or in a group and know the telephone numbers and addresses of these friends.
- Arrange for your child to arrive at school as close to the morning bell time as possible. Set a time for your child to report home after school.
- Encourage your child to wear light colored clothing so that s/he is easily seen on rainy, dark days
- Review street safety rules with your child.

## Nut Aware School

We have a number of children in our school who have serious, life-threatening peanut/nut allergies. This means that any contact with peanuts/nuts or nut products in the classroom, in even trace amounts, may endanger the child's life. We are requesting the assistance of all our families in keeping our school a peanut and nut aware environment. You can help by not sending snacks and lunch items that contain nuts or nut oils. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Further information will be passed on by your child's classroom teacher.

## Scent Awareness

We have staff members and children who have scent allergies and become quite ill when they are exposed to scents, perfumes and other scented products. We ask you to refrain from wearing scented products when visiting the school. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE WHEN:

Your child is **ABSENT**

Your child will be away for a **holiday**  
Students are **LATE** –They must sign in  
at the office

## Rainy days

With the weather changing please have your child dress appropriately. We will try to send the students outside for recess and lunch unless the weather is very uncooperative and raining heavily.



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Gilpin Elementary\*\*\*\*

Register at <https://burnaby.schoolcashonline.com>

**Step 1:** Visit <https://burnaby.schoolcashonline.com>

**Step 2:** Register by selecting "Get Started Today" and follow the steps.

**Step 3:** You will receive a confirmation email. Select the "click here" option, sign in and add your child(ren) to your household account.