

GIRDWOOD NEWS

GIRDWOOD K-8 SCHOOL

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Note from the Principal

Dear Girdwood PK-8 Families,

I hope this message finds you enjoying our beautiful fall season! Our middle school cross country running and boys' basketball have come to a close. Our Girdwood School athletes had awesome seasons! Our middle school boys basketball team was undefeated! A big thank you to Coach Kelley for coaching our boy's basketball team. Also, a big thank you to Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Donnelly for coaching our cross-country running team. Our middle school girls will be starting volleyball in a few short weeks with practice starting on 10/15. We thank Carmen Romerdahl for being our volleyball coach this year. We are excited to see many of our girls go out for volleyball.

Just a few reminders for all:

- Keep up with your child's grades and assignments through accessing Q Parent Connect at any time. Do you know how to login to Q? If not, give our front office a call at 742-5300 to get your login and password.
- Winter is here, or at least the chilly air feels like it. Please send your student to school with appropriate gear and clothing. We go outside everyday rain or shine unless the temperatures are below negative 10 degrees.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are taking place this month on 10/23 and 10/24. These days are half days for students with dismissal at 11:30 am. Note this is a change from years past as we are starting 30 minutes earlier. Conferences will take place on those afternoons and the evening of 10/23. The online conference scheduler will open on October 15th for parents to sign up and will close on Tuesday, October 22nd. You can sign up through the ASD website at www.asdk12.org and search for Conference Scheduler or through the ASD Mobile App. Also, just a heads up that Friday, October 18th, is a grading day for staff and Friday, October 25th is a professional development day. There is no school for students on either of these dates.

If you have celebrations, questions, or concerns, please call or email anytime. I feel very lucky to be Girdwood School's principal and appreciate our community. Lastly, thank you for all you do for your children!

Take care,

Kari Anderson, Principal
Girdwood PK-8 School

Upcoming Events

10/14 No School for Students Indigenous Peoples Day

10/17 Staff vs. Student Game

10/18 End of 1st Quarter No School for Students, Grading Day

Oct. 18 Alaska Day

Oct. 21-24 Book Fair in the Library

10/23 Parent Teacher Conference Days—Afternoon and Evening Conferences on Wednesday. Half Day for Students—Out at 11:30 am

10/24 Parent Teacher Conference Days—Afternoon Conferences Only Half Day for Students—Out at 11:30 am

10/25 No School for Students, School Based Professional Development Inservice in the am.

10/25 Trunk or Treat 6-8 pm

10/26 Kids and Cops Event at the Ice Cream Shop

11/1 “Halloween” Themed Middle School Dance 6-7:30 pm in the HeArt Room

11/5 Asynchronous Day for Students and Staff—Voting Day



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After School Playground Use

For the safety of our students and a more smooth after school dismissal, the Girdwood School playground will be closed from 2:30-3:00 pm Monday through Friday. School dismisses at 2:30 pm and, for safety reasons, students are expected to head for home, or after school care on buses, bikes, feet or in parent's cars. The only exception is when students remain to participate in school or FVCS supervised activities. Playground closures immediately following school to ensure a smooth and safe transition are a standard policy with elementary schools across our school district. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe and for your understanding.

Come to the Scholastic BOOOOOOok Fair!

October 21-24, 2024

The Book fair will be open for shopping on Monday and Tuesday October 21 and 22 from 2:30-4:00 and on Wednesday and Thursday October 23-24 from 12-5 pm during our Parent/Teacher Conference week.

All purchases help support more books for our school library. Additional details will be sent home with students.



Books-Books-Books



**Scholastic Book
Fair in October
during parent
teacher
conference week!**





Here at Girdwood PK-8 School, we would like to acknowledge with gratitude the Dena'ina people, past and present, who have lived on these lands since long before Anchorage and Girdwood were here. May we all be good stewards of these lands. Chin'an. (/CHIN-nan? {Meaning—Thank you})



Just a reminder to keep your dogs leashed when visiting the Girdwood School or the school playground. This is for the safety of our students and to ensure that our playground remains free of dog poop. Thank you for your cooperation!

Parent Volunteers

One of the best things about Girdwood School is how active our families are within our classrooms and school. We greatly appreciate all your help and hope to continue this partnership. We strongly suggest ALL parents complete the ASD online volunteer application asap, as well as complete the parent driver paperwork in the front office. If you plan to do any of the following, you will need to complete the online volunteer application: assist teachers in prepping for a project, being a chaperone, classroom volunteer, field trip volunteer, PTA volunteer, reading tutor, science fair judge, special events or project volunteer, and library helper. Basically, if you plan on helping out at any function or volunteering in any format, you will need to complete the ASD online application at least 7 days prior to volunteering in the school or for a school event. Please go to the following link to complete the ASD volunteer online application process: <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/13771>. In regard to parent drivers, we will no longer be able to accept paper applications a few days prior to or the day of a field trip. The parent driver paperwork will need to be completed at school in the front office. All parent driver paperwork will need to be completed at least 10 days in advance of all field trips. The front office staff will need a copy of your driver's license, proof of auto insurance, and registration. We look forward to working with you and appreciate your kindness and help this school year!



Girdwood K-8 and the Girdwood PTA are on Facebook. Please check our pages out and **"LIKE"** us! We will be posting frequently and our pages will have the latest school information.



We would like to shout out a big THANK YOU to Subway and the Ice Cream Shop, Girdwood K-8's school business partners! If you know of anyone else who would like to be our partner, please let us know.



Girdwood School Parents:

Glacier Valley Transit will be providing an after school activities service at The Girdwood School, but only if your son/daughter calls them. Your child can call them at the end of the day, if they need a ride after school or after their sports practice. They are only running one bus right now and they will not come to the school unless they get a prior phone call. This is a free service. They don't mind stopping at the Girdwood School, so please don't feel that this is an imposition to them. Please have your put the GVT number in their phone, 907-382.9909.

For more information about Glacier Valley Transit and for current bus stops and schedules please visit www.glaciervalleytransit.com or call 907-382-9909.



Sign up to receive text message alerts from our school

Parents and community members can sign up to receive SMS text messages from ASD or our school. ASD will use this service to communicate school closure information and general district news. Our school uses this service to share news and updates with families. Additionally, ASD's Transportation Department will send a text message when school buses are more than 20 minutes late.

Text messages will only be sent to people who opt-in to receive texts. Users can opt-out at any time. This service is not intended to replace existing communications, but rather help enhance them.

Visit ASD's website to learn more about receiving text messages, how to opt-in and to read frequently asked questions. Learn more at www.asdk12.org/textupdates.

ASD's vendor, School Messenger, does not charge for the text messages users will receive, However, wireless providers may charge for individual text messages depending on the plan associated with a person's phone. Users should familiarize themselves with their wireless package before opting-in to receive text messages.



Dear Caregivers,

Boost Reading provides your child with the opportunity to learn and practice literacy skills within an engaging story world that adapts to each student as they move through the program. This means that you do not need to assist students with their learning. Once your child can log in, they're ready to start using the program.

Your child can learn with Boost Reading during school hours and independently at home.

- Log in to clever.asdk12.org
- Log in with the credentials from your teacher

Tips and Tricks

- Practice logging in with your child consistently until they can log in independently.
- Keep your child's login information in a single place so they know where to go if they forget it.
- Provide your child with headphones or a quiet place to play.
- *Website:*



Recap of 2024 Basketball Season

Girdwood Middle School Boys Basketball Dominates Season, Finishes Undefeated

The Girdwood Middle School boys' basketball team concluded its 2024 season with an impressive 8-0 record, showcasing its exceptional teamwork and skill while playing against other Middle Schools throughout Anchorage. A talented group of 8th graders led the Grizzlies, and the team received invaluable support from its younger teammates, creating a strong and cohesive unit.

The 8th-grade players, known for their experience and leadership, played a pivotal role in the team's success. Their dedication and hard work on the court inspired their younger counterparts, fostering a positive and competitive environment. The 7th and 6th graders eagerly followed the lead of their older teammates, contributing their energy and enthusiasm to the team's overall performance.

The team's undefeated season was a testament to its exceptional talent and commitment. It consistently outplayed its opponents, demonstrating impressive athleticism and defensive prowess. The players' ability to work together on the court was a critical factor in its success, as they displayed good communication and understanding of each other's strengths.

The Girdwood Middle School boys' basketball team's undefeated season is a source of pride for the school and the community. Their accomplishments result from countless hours of practice, dedication, and teamwork. The team's success inspires younger athletes to pursue their basketball goals and strive for excellence. As the eighth graders prepare to move on to high school, they leave behind a legacy of Girdwood Basketball excellence.

Go Grizzlies!

Alaska Aviation



FLY-IN INTENSIVE

Learning about Airplanes in Alaska

In this intensive, students explored the science, history, and culture of airplanes and aviation in Alaska. We traveled to the Aviation History Museum in Anchorage and identified old and new airplanes at Lake Hood. We will read stories about Alaska aviation and made our own paper airplanes. Thanks for taking flight with us in this high flying intensive.



Girdwood School Garden and Harvest Potluck 2024

The Girdwood School garden grew like crazy this year thanks to a USDA grant for farm to school and so many local volunteers. We would especially like to thank our Girdwood PTA, Andy Henlin, Kyle Kelley, Christi Davidson, our garden staff committee, students, and all of our garden volunteers for helping us grow so much food this year.

Students learned about preparing, planting, harvesting, and food processing from our school garden and were able to enjoy a delicious potluck made almost exclusively from food grown at Girdwood School.





Health Class update with Mrs. Murphy

Health means taking care of our Bodies, Minds, and Each other.

4th and 5th grade classes got messy & used toothpaste to visualize how our words are sometimes easy to spill out, but hard to take back.

We learned about the powerful impact we can have on others in an effort to be more mindful of our words. Their reflections were heartfelt.



Toothpaste Activity Reflection

Today, we completed an activity where we talked about toothpaste words. Please share what you learned from this activity and how you can use what you learned to make good choices this year.

Things that are hurtful
make ^{inward} stitches those make
scars after a apologize,
but that scar will
always be remembered
and stay forever. This
will help me by
making sure to not say
unkind words.

Nurse Notes

Greetings Girdwood Families,

October has started out so wonderfully, the fall colors and the sun have been beautiful! Many of our favorite celebrations are coming soon: Halloween, Thanksgiving and winter holidays. As we head into this season of sugar, consider offering no-sugar and non-food treats to encourage healthy choices and be inclusive of children with food allergies.

According to the American Heart Association, children should limit consumption of added sugar to 6 teaspoons or 12 to 25 grams daily depending on their size. A 2.6 ounce bag of skittles contains 47 grams of sugar, a fun size contains 11 grams. A full size snickers bar contains 30g of sugar, a fun size contains 8g.

The **Girdwood Health Fair** is Saturday 10/12 from 9am to 1pm. TDaP, RSV, Flu and Covid vaccinations will be available, get your family protected from all kinds of terrible illnesses.

There are free flu shot clinics available locally to get you and your family vaccinated. People ages 6 months and up are able to be vaccinated at the following clinics with no appointment needed:

When: Thursday 10/24 from 3 to 6pm

Where: **Girdwood Health Clinic**

When: Wednesday 10/30 from 9:30am to 12:30pm

Where: **Girdwood Health Clinic**

We hope you #KeepItTeal and have a fabulous rest of your October, Happy Halloween!

Nurse Alannah: Turner_Alannah@asdk12.org

Nurse Summer: Stone_Olivia@asdk12.org



Direct phone: 907-742-5301

8th Grade Health update

Students in 8th Grade are enrolled in a Semester long Health class. This group has been so much fun to teach!!! We have shared some great discussions in our Gatherings, taken advantage of the sunshine with some mindfulness practice, explored our various personalities, and promoted our self esteem & presentation skills with Who's Who slide sharing. We are currently studying the physiological effects of stress and tools for management. This crew has wonderful insight and fantastic participation! I appreciate their efforts so much!!



Trunk or Treat: Host a Trunk

The Girdwood School PTA will host its Halloween "Trunk or Treat" event on Friday, October 25th. We are looking for help in making this a fun, safe, and successful event, and we'd like to invite families to host a trunk.

You might be asking, "What would this involve?" Basically, you'd dress in your Halloween best, park a vehicle in the school parking lot, decorate the trunk/parking space, and hand out candy or goodies to kids as they trick or treat from car to car. As an alternative to handing out candy, you could have the kids play a game or do a craft.

There will also be awesome prizes for the 3 best trunks!

Important Details:

When: Friday, October 25

Trunk Set-up: 4:00-6:00 pm

Event Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Where: Girdwood School Parking Lot

Why: because it will be a spooky good time!

If you'd like to host a trunk, please email pta.girdwood@gmail.com to register by October 15!

Sincerely,
Girdwood PTA



Anchorage School District Compliance/Equal Employment Opportunity Office

REVISED: 8/2007; 8/2012; 5/2013; 7/2014

ASD Statement of Non-discrimination for ASD Publications

The Board is committed to an environment of non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, economic status, union affiliation, disability and other human differences. No person shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, any academic or extracurricular program or educational opportunity or service offered by the District. The District will comply with the applicable statutes, regulations, and executive orders adopted by Federal, State and Municipal agencies. The District notes the concurrent applicability of the Individuals with Disabilities Act, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the relevant disability provisions of Alaska law.

Inquiries or complaints may be addressed to the District's Compliance/Equal Employment Opportunity Executive Director, who also serves as the Title IX and ADA/ADAAA Coordinator, ASD Education Center, 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage, AK 99504-3135 (907) 742-4132, or to any of the following external agencies: Alaska State Commission for Human Rights, Anchorage Equal Rights Commission, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Director of the Office for Civil Rights-U.S. Department of Education or Office of Civil Rights-U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



Emergency Response

The Anchorage School District (ASD) is committed to ensuring the safety and security of our students, staff, and visitors. Take a moment to review this guide to ensure you are prepared in the event of an emergency situation at school. ASD follows the response protocols established by the ASD School Board. School and district staff train yearly on emergency protocols and situation management and students take part in drills throughout each school year.

Actions in an emergency



STAY PUT

"**Stay Put**" is ordered when there is an issue **INSIDE/OUTSIDE** the building. Police activity in the area, a wild animal nearby, or a medical incident are all common causes. Everyone returns inside the building, exterior doors are locked and "business as usual" generally continues inside the school.



LOCKDOWN

LOCKDOWN is ordered when there is an issue **OUTSIDE the building**, most often police activity in the area that could pose an imminent threat, such as a weapon or unstable individual. All interior/exterior doors will remain locked until the 'all clear' is given.



ACTIVE THREAT

Ordered when there is a threat **INSIDE the building**. Students and staff will use ALICE Protocols. Do NOT call staff/ students during an active threat. Parents are not allowed on site during Stayput/Lockdown/Active threat (ALICE).



EVACUATE

Ordered when people must exit the building due to unsafe circumstances such as fire, gas leak, or building damages. If student pick-up or off-site reunification is required, instructions will be communicated by the district.



SHELTER IN PLACE

Ordered when personal protection is necessary from dangerous weather conditions such as a gas leak, blizzard, or hail. May also be ordered in the event of a hazmat situation in the area.

Please note: some situations may require a combination of actions above.

Examples of school actions

Severe weather - Schools may **Shelter in Place** until weather passes; could delay release of students at end of day until safe to exit building.

Fire or Hazmat Situation in the Area - **Evacuation** or **Shelter in Place**, depending on location and severity of fire/ hazmat issue.

Threat of Violence or Weapon on a Person - **ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate)**, **LOCKDOWN (exterior threat)**, or **Evacuation**, depending on the situation.

Intruder - Requires an immediate **Lockdown or ALICE**. **Police Activity in the Area** - **Lockdown** or **Stay Put** may be called for by any staff member at the school.

What do I need to know and do?

- If you're at a school and an emergency occurs, **follow protocol** with students and staff.
- We know families want information right away. Experience has taught us that initial information is almost always incorrect. Please know, our security and administrative staff are working hard to determine what the real situation is and will communicate with families as soon as information is verified as accurate and next actions have been determined.
- **Do not call the school or security staff**, as they are working on the situation and ensuring your student's safety. **Do not go to the school**; this may interfere with procedures. Only public safety personnel will be allowed in/near a school during an emergency situation.
- We understand you may want to communicate with your student during an emergency, however, **please refrain from calling**; it may prevent him/her hearing important, possibly life-saving, instructions.
- It is vital parents and guardians **keep their information updated in ASDConnect**. We will utilize email, text messaging, and phone calls to communicate with you.
- The fastest way to get information in an emergency situation is to **follow us on Twitter and Facebook (@ASD_Info)**. It is our first and fastest means of getting messages out. Also, check our website for alerts on the homepage.

Student Government Update

by Maria Nafzger

2024-2025 Student Government Executive Board

President: Conrad Sieling

Vice President: Isaac Gates

Secretaries: Jenna Komes and Trudy Stair

Treasurer: Ruby Loso

Commissioner of Spirit: Maria Nafzger

Student Advisory Board Representatives: Wrangell Martyn, Ariana Barber, Havelah Falter

Members at Large: Serenity Silva, Ezra Ranke, Reagan Martyn, Andrew Gates, Annie Bailey, Jasper Fleming, Wes Kelly

This first quarter of our 2024-2025 school year has been full of events!

The first spirit day, which was Loungewear or Pajama Day, was won by Ms. Rose's kindergarteners. They had the highest percentage of dressed up students per class, which was 93%. The next day the student government presented Grizzly Gary, our school mascot stuffy, to the class, who were very excited for the prize.

Currently, Socktober has started. Socktober is a large community service project for the month of October in which students donate socks, gloves, and hats. Please consider donating new or gently used items, which are collected in each classroom. The class that collects the most donations will win an ice cream party!

This October we have many holiday events planned. During the PTA's Trunk or Treat, the student government is taking charge of the annual haunted trail, in which middle school students create a creep path through the woods and act as monsters or guide.

For the week of Halloween, we are planning a Spirit Week! Students can dress up a different way each day of the week! At the end of the day on Friday, we will have a staff-student game in the gym for everyone to watch and show off their class colors.

Spirit Week: October 28 - November 1

MONDAY: Animal Day

TUESDAY: Rhyme Day

WEDNESDAY: Wacky Wednesday

THURSDAY: Opposite Day

FRIDAY: Class Color Day

The evening of November 1, the middle school will be having a Halloween party for grades 6-8. The fun will include dancing, music, and food. The event will be held from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the HeArt room.

Moose Safety

Parents—teach kids to Be KidSafe around moose:

- Remember that moose are wild animals
- Don't scream and run
- Never get between a mother moose and its calf

Stay away from moose:

- Keep at least 100 feet away (2 houses) from any moose and twice as far from one with a calf
- Get behind something big if a moose comes toward you
- Avoid moose: go back home, to school, to the nearest Safe Home or find a different, safe walking route
- Don't try to pet or feed moose
- Don't throw snowballs or objects at moose

Signs of a moose ready to attack:

- It dashes around, its ears go down, it will lick its lips, and the hair goes up on the back of its neck. You are too close if you can see all this!



Anchorage School District
 Supporting and Strengthening Our Students for the Future



Rain Gear, Lost and Found, and Reflective Gear Reminder

Please encourage your child to bring their rain gear each day. As hardy Alaskans we go out for recess in just about any weather so our students can get some exercise and let out some energy. It is getting to be the end of the year when students tend to forget about bringing their extra gear. Remember, we do live in a rain forest!

Our Lost and Found is filling up more and more every day. Please tell your child to look in there for lost items. Our Lost and Found cart is located in the mini-commons beside the middle doors. Please label all belongings. We have black and silver Sharpies in the office for anyone to borrow, if needed.

Although we still have plenty of light outside now, we are losing 5-6 minutes of daylight every day and it's dark when the kiddos are heading to school. Please encourage your child to wear reflective clothing and remind oneself to slow down when driving during these times when students are going to school. We want to ensure all of Girdwood kiddos and community members are safe.



**Big Brothers Big Sisters
of America**

Big Brothers Big Sisters Drop-Off Bin

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska has provided Girdwood School with a donation drop-off box. This bin is located across from the school parking lot. Please donate gently used clothes, shoes, and cloth items only. Please do not drop household items or leave items next to the bin. To donate household items please call Big Brothers Big Sisters at (907)563-1997 to set up a time for pick up. This service is provided for free by Big Brothers Big Sisters. These donated items are used to stock local Value Village locations and the proceeds of the items are given to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska in order to help them reach their yearly goal of serving 2,000 children across Alaska.

Sign up for FVCS Classes!

Four Valleys Community Schools has classes going on now and are constantly rolling out lots of new ones for community members of all ages. If you feel unable to take any of our classes due to class costs, please contact FVCS at www.fourvalleys.org or by phone at 907.742.5317. We have financial aid, scholarships, and payment plans available.

Middle School XC Running

Our 2024 season was full of Miles & Smiles! Collectively, we logged over 1,500 miles of running!! We want to give a **BIG THANKS** to the Nordic Ski Club & SUBWAY for supporting our local race, to PTA and & Girdwood Community for funding our New Uniforms & first ever Team Banner, to all of our Parent Volunteers for Cheering & Driving us to various practice & meet locations, AND to True North Church for PIZZA! We are GRATEFUL for all of the support for a successful & memorable season! We ran in the elements, raced hard, hiked, biked, and even did some impromptu swimming!!

8th graders, we will miss your large presence next year!!
Well done runners! So proud of each and every one of you!

Coach Murphy & Coach Donnelly





*Free. Open to the public. No insurance required.

Anchorage School District Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 23rd

From 1pm to 8pm

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| ❖ Goldenview Middle School | ❖ Mears Middle School |
| ❖ Gruening Middle School | ❖ Wendler Middle School |

Thursday, October 24th

From 1pm to 8pm

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| ❖ Bartlett High School | ❖ East High School |
| ❖ Chugiak High School | ❖ South High School |
| ❖ Dimond High School | ❖ West High School |

Fluzone for 6 months + and Fluvad High Dose for 65+ while supplies last.

**Tdap (or DTaP) will be available for adults and pediatrics while supplies last.*

Print the consent form at <https://www.asdk12.org/Domain/1216>

Contact Healthcare Services at 742-4136 for more information.



Save the Date

Girdwood PTA Presents 

trunk or treat

FRIDAY, October 25

6PM - 8PM



We're still looking for volunteers to host trunks!

STRENGTH TRAINING

W/MELANEE & LAUREN

JOIN US EVERY MON & THURS
@ 6:30 PM FOR ONE HOUR OF
MIXED CIRCUIT/DRY LAND TRAINING
WORKOUTS

DROP IN @ \$10 EACH CLASS

**OR REGISTER FOR ALL SESSIONS
PRICE PRORATES**



REGISTER @ [FOURVALLEYS.ORG](https://fourvalleys.org)



Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center

Afterschool Activities

**Monday Oct 7
& Thursday Oct 17**

Join a Naturalist from the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
for hands-on activities that focus on Alaskan wildlife! Activities
vary weekly/seasonally.



**\$15 per class, or \$120 for ALL (10) Activities
Register @ [FourValleys.org](https://fourvalleys.org)**



Elemental Breathwork

with Dr. Amy Conklin

Join Dr. Conklin in October for a (2) hour
session of guided breathwork and
meditation.

**Friday, Oct 11th @ 6 PM
\$50 per person
Register @ fourvalleys.org**



GLACIER VALLEY QUILTERS

"Quilting + Sewing + Knitting =
Camaraderie + Laughter + Creative Products!"

Wednesdays
September 18 - December 11
(no class 11/6/24)
10 am to 4 pm

Details & register
[@fourvalleys.org](https://fourvalleys.org)



THE ARTERY IN GIRDWOOD PRESENTS AFTERSCHOOL ART

OPEN NOW!!!

JOIN GIRDWOOD'S NEWEST CREATIVES THE
ARTERY ARTISTS FOR A ONE HOUR AFTER
SCHOOL OF FUN CRAFTS!

PROJECTS WILL ROTATE WEEKLY

TUES OCT 1, 8, 15, & 22
OR
WED OCT 2, 9, 16, & 23

2:45-4 PM

GRADES 2+
\$50 PER PARTICIPANT



REGISTER NOW [A] [FOURVALLEYS.ORG](https://fourvalleys.org)



SAVE THE DATE!!



SPORT SWAP November 2nd

More info, Volunteer Sign-ups & Control
Sheets coming soon!



ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL

Join Coach Jen Wellner for skills building & fun
after-school basketball training!

Grades 2 & 3 - Thursdays - 5 to 6 pm
Oct 3, 10, 17 & Nov 7

Grades 4 & 5 - Mondays - 5 to 6 pm
Oct 7, 21, 28 & Nov 4

\$50 Per Participant, Register @ FourValleys.org



PICKLE BALL TOURNAMENT



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

\$20 PER PARTICIPANT

REGISTER SOLO OR WITH A TEAMMATE!
PRIZES FOR 1ST & 2ND PLACE, AND MOST
IMPROVED PLAYER (CLUB VOTE)



GIRDWOOD FINE ARTS FALL/WINTER SERIES

PLAYDOUGH FOR GROWNUPS



Thursday, Oct 24th from 6-8 PM
@ Girdwood Brewing Company (age 21+)
\$15 Per Participant

All materials included; just bring your
creativity and beer \$



REGISTER @ FOURVALLEYS.ORG



YOU CAN HELP Girdwood PTA **EARN DONATIONS**
JUST BY SHOPPING WITH YOUR FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD!

Fred Meyer donates over \$2 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Girdwood PTA at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number GP641.
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Girdwood PTA earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

Join Girdwood PTA



Why join PTA? Our focus is supporting programs that help students be successful in their learning. Last year PTA funded over \$20,000 in programs and supplies for our students and school, including:

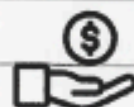
School Garden, Classroom Safety Kits, Halloween Carnival, Classroom Grants, Holiday Bazaar, Running Club, Drama and Music Programs, Field Trip Transportation, Field Trip Scholarships, Teacher Appreciation Week, Battle of the Books, Field Day, and Fall Intensives. For 2022-2023, new Classroom Display Technology and so much more!

Questions? Email us at pta.girdwood@gmail.com

Supporting Member



Who should be a supporting member? Parents, family members, friends, and community members who want to support our school and students



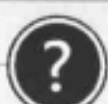
All \$10 goes to support Girdwood School PTA programs



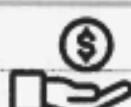
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