

# Gause Boosters

Gause Elementary Our Parent Volunteer Newsletter Nov/Dec 2011

## Booster Club Mission Statement

The Booster Club encourages parent participation & raises funds to enhance & expand the Academic, Enrichment & Social Programs that are available to each & every student at Gause Elementary. The Booster Club believes that parent involvement during elementary school years can be a key to the success of the individual student.

### How can I help?

### What can I do to get involved?

### I want to help, but only have a small amount of time to help.

The Volunteer Program at Gause Elementary is open to any parent, grandparent, or guardian who would like to be involved in their student's education and/or school activities. There are several ways to be involved.

One way is to join the Boosters as a Committee Member. This group of parents meets monthly with the school principal to discuss Booster activities and the budget. In addition, the members of this committee organize and direct Booster events or fundraisers.

Another way to be involved is to support Booster events. Anyone who would like to be a part of an activity can contact a Booster Committee Member. The Parent Volunteer forms that were filled out at the beginning of the year help the Booster Committee find parents who have an interest in different events.

However, parents are always welcome to contact a Booster Committee Member if they wish to become involved in an upcoming event or activity.

The third way to become involved is to volunteer in the classroom. Parents are strongly encouraged to discuss with teachers how they can help out, whether it is working with students in the class or helping prepare for projects, art, or other activities. Please contact your child's teacher directly to plan how and when you can help out.

And lastly, please come to the Fall & Winter General Membership Booster Meetings. These meetings are a great time for you to find out about upcoming school events & activities to volunteer.

We have many great activities planned for our children and their families and we want you to join us in making them a great success. ☺

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Parents, after reading this Booster Newsletter, please fill in your child's name, teacher's name and sign this slip. Have your child return this signed slip to Mr. Larson in the office and your child(ren) will receive a Best Foot Forward.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## Thank you ...

... Book Share Night was a lot of fun! Loads of people, ice cream and books. Many thanks to Mrs. Leifsen, Heidi Farrell/Coordinator, Justine Garver, Emily Watts, Jeanie Moran, Betty Gabel, Sarah Bollenbaugh, and everyone who brought in books to share.

## Thank you ...

... Book Fair was a huge success with over \$2000 in sales. Many thanks to Mrs. Leifsen, Amy Smith/Coordinator, and everyone who supported the book fair.

## Family Movie Night ~ “Chestnut”

Mark your calendars! Family Movie Night is Tuesday, **November 22nd**, from 6-8 pm, in the **Gause Library**. Please remember that a parent or guardian must attend with the students. Don't miss this opportunity for a fun family evening! Extend the invitation to family that may be visiting for the holiday!

*The cost is one can food or non-perishable item per person.*

*All proceeds will go to the Washougal Children's Society in downtown Washougal.*

## Stuff-the-Bus Class Competition

Send your non-perishable food items into school between **November 14 - December 9**. The class with the most food donations will receive a reward!

## Mark your Calendar ...

Holiday Scrip Order Date ~ December 5

Festival of Trees Booster Decorating ~ December 8 (12-8pm) & December 9 (9am-2pm)

**Washougal Festival of Trees Celebration** ~ Open to the Public December 9 & 10

Winter Book Share Night ~ January 12 (6-7pm)

Winter General Booster Meeting ~ January 19 (6:30-7:30pm) Gause Library

Family Fitness Night ~ February

Valentine's Day Balloons ~ February 13 & 14

## Booster Connections

The Booster **Bulletin Board** is located in the front entrance of the school and is your info zone.

The Booster **Newsletter** is published bi-monthly & will be sent home (one per family). It is also available online at <http://www.washougal.k12.wa.us/gause/>.

Make sure to read it over & catch up on what is happening.

Remember, after you have read the newsletter, be sure to sign the bottom of the **first** page & send it back to school with your student.

Your child will receive a **'Best Foot Forward'** from our principal, Mr. Rex Larson!

## E-Scrip & Scrip

**E-Scrip** ~ We now have 398 Gause supporters who have registered their Safeway Club Card with the e-scrip program ensuring Gause Elementary School continues to receive designated Safeway donations!

Did you know that you can register family members Safeway Club Cards too!?! So if grandparents, aunts and uncles use a Safeway Club Card you can register it for the escrip program by visiting [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) & designating Gause Elementary as the recipient school. Safeway generously donates a percentage of every dollar spent with your registered Safeway Club Card back to Gause Elementary. All you have to do is register the card with the escrip program. Gause receives over \$6000 a year from this program!

Forms are also available at the Gause Booster Bulletin Board.

*Thank you to all who continue to support Gause by registering your Safeway Club Card with the E-Scrip Program! You are making a difference!!!*

**Scrip** ~ The Winter Holidays are just around the corner. Make sure you order your Holiday Scrip Gift Cards for all your seasonal shopping, entertaining, & gift giving!

The next Scrip order date is **December 5th, 2011**.

What is this???? This is another way that Gause raises money. When you buy Scrip 'gift cards' you receive full face value for the card; the individual company pays Gause a pre-determined percentage or donation for each card sold.

The following are the scrip order dates for the 2011-2012 school year:

**December 5, 2011**

**May 14, 2012**

## Thank you ...

... to all the parents who attended the fall Booster Meeting for the General Membership held on October 20th. We had a great turn out of parents interested in supporting the many booster activities planned for this academic year at Gause.

This was also a wonderful opportunity to welcome & showcase our school to the new Washougal School District Superintendent, Dawn Tarzian, who was impressed with the quality of Gause Elementary events, activities, & volunteers in support of our kids education!

Mark your calendar - Winter General Booster Meeting, **January 19, 2012**, 6:30– 7:30pm, Gause Library

## **Boosters Supports Gause Elementary School Events & Activities**

The Volunteer Program at Gause Elementary is open to any parent, grandparent, or guardian who would like to be involved in their student's education and/or school activities.

Sport-A-Thon	Stuff-the-Bus	Year Book Accountant
Book Fair	Secretary Appreciation	& Data Entry
Book Share	Family Movie Night	Purchaser
Ice Cream Social	Valentine Balloons	Newsletter Editor
Math & Science Night	Assembly Coordinator	Bulletin Board
Literacy Day	Family Fitness Night	Checkbook/Accounting
Family Bingo Night	Art-in-Residency	Safety Patrol
Health Day	Art Kiln Coordinator	Field Trip Support
Festival of Trees	Jump Rope for Heart	Field Trip Transportation
Classroom Volunteer	Box Tops, Labels, & UPCs	Kindergarten Support
Picture Day	Scrip & E-scrip	Health Room Supplies
Teacher & Staff Appreciation	Teacher Wish List	5th Grade BBQ
Bus Driver Appreciation	Year Book Staff	Field Day