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William P. Gorman Fort Banks Elementary

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Important Dates to Note -MAY

Wednesday, May 22nd (DATE and TIME CHANGE)	GFB Incoming Kindergarten Family Orientation (Adults Only) 6:00pm-6:45pm
Monday, May 27th	Memorial Day Schools Closed
Week of May 13th-16th	Incoming Kindergarten Screenings
Wednesday, May 22nd	Incoming Kindergarten Parent Orientation 6:00pm-6:45pm

Thursday, May 30th	GFB OPEN HOUSE 5:30pm-6:45pm
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Hello GFB Families!

On this National Teacher Appreciation Week, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for all of the family gestures of appreciation for our Fort's staff.

This is a special crew here at the Gorman Fort Banks. They come to work every day, prepared and committed to nurturing and educating your/our children/students. Their professionalism is steadfast and impressive.

This staff has welcomed me and the other new administration this year with open arms, ensuring we know they care and that they want this community to succeed and thrive.

I couldn't be more proud to be in the position I find myself; Our teachers ROCK!

May's Curriculum Updates by Grade for your Reference

[Kindergarten](#)

[1st Grade](#)

[2nd Grade](#)

There are many happenings in May and June at the Fort as we enter the last weeks of school! Please reach out if you have any questions related to our busy Spring schedule!

Ms. Wodarczyk and students, will be hosting another **Choral concert for all families** to attend, Tuesday, June 4th, Time TBD.

Times are set

8:30-8:50: 1st Grade

9:10-9:30: Kindergarten

9:50-10:10: 2nd grade, with quick moving on ceremony after

GFB Kindergarten Family Orientation

To all incoming Kindergarten Families - We are excited to have you and your child join our Gorman Fort Banks School community for the 2023-2024 school year!

It is time to meet, as there is information related to the GFB program for the 2024-25 school year.

We will hold an Incoming Kindergarten **Parent Information Night on Wednesday, May 22nd from 6:00pm-6:45pm (Date and Time Change)**

Details about curriculum, approaches to instruction, classroom placement and day-to-day logistics specific to our program and school will all be included.

Due to the content and if possible, we ask that this be considered an adult-only event.

Incoming Kindergarten Quick Tour!

On **Thursday, June 6th at 2:30pm, you and your child are invited to visit our school for a quick tour.** This is the perfect time for your child to see key areas in our building and take a peek inside a classroom. In an effort to limit indoor attendance numbers, we ask that only ONE guardian accompany each student.

Both of these events are optional attendance, so please do not stress if you can't make it. But we hope you do!

The Gorman Fort Bank's annual Open House has been scheduled - Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, May 30th @ 5:30pm-6:45pm** for this exciting family/student event when you will be able to visit classrooms and specialists to observe and review work that your child has completed this year! We look forward to seeing you here!

GFB PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION NEWS!

Teacher Appreciation Week!!

This week, May 6-10, is teacher appreciation week! Please remember to acknowledge all of your child's teachers and thank them for the amazing work they do!

The PTO is sponsoring a luncheon for the entire GFB staff on Friday. Thank you to everyone who has offered to donate desserts and drinks! Looks like we are in great shape for a lovely event!

Volunteers needed!!

We are in need of some volunteers for the following upcoming Spring Book Fair or Ice Cream Social!! If you are interested in helping, please reach out to us via our volunteer form and we will be back in touch! -

<https://forms.gle/ULhxrAYxF5atbpVn8> More information will be going out next week to those interested in volunteering at the Book Fair.

Save the date!

- Book Fair – May 28-31
- La Siesta Fundraising Night – May 29
- Spring Ice Cream Social – June 7

Next & Final PTO Meeting of the 2023-2024 School Year is TONIGHT!! – Thursday, May 9th at 6:30 PM in the GFB Cafeteria. We will also hold our PTO elections for the 2024-2025 school year! [AGENDA](#)
Please join us for our May Featured Organization of the Month – **Winthrop Community Food Pantry** -
<https://www.winthroppantry.com/>

Gorman Fort Banks Website

The [GFB website](#) is a great place to find resources and answers to frequently asked questions. You can also find information about our staff and APS curriculum

I truly appreciate you and your efforts as the GFB's administration is committed to clear and timely communication, with the intent to embrace Diversity, Equitable approaches, outcomes, and Inclusive practices.

My Best,

Mark