

September - 2011

Dear Parents,

I am very excited for the 2011 - 2012 school year - my **eighth** year at Gilham Elementary, and my fourth year teaching 5th grade. I look forward to getting to know you and your child.

Please drop by, call, or e-mail to introduce yourself or just to say hello. Although I am confident that we'll get off to a fast start there are always many details that must be worked out in the first few weeks. I appreciate your patience in this regard. Many questions and issues will be addressed at **Curriculum Night** coming up in a few weeks (tentatively Thursday, 9/21, from 6:00 to 6:35).

If you would like to discuss or address an important issue please call and set up a time with me. I am available by phone, e-mail, or in person after school (before school is a bit too hectic).

My goal is to work in partnership with you to ensure a successful year. I will continue to keep you informed about what we're doing this year through letters, emails, and phone calls.

Mr. Gulka's Short Personal Bio:

I attended the University of Oregon and graduated in 1994. I am a huge DUCK fan! I began teaching at the middle school level before teaching 4th grade at Yujin Gakuen for 5 years. I taught 3rd grade here at Gilham for 4 years and really enjoy 5th grade! My hobbies are mountain biking, triathlon, and photography.

My wife, Emily, and I have two kids - Quinn, age 7 years, and Merra, 5.

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Sincerely,

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