



GILCHRIST ELECTION RULES

1. Students from fourth & fifth grade can run for the following offices.

President - fifth grade
Vice President - fifth grade
Treasurer - fifth grade
Secretary - fourth grade
Historian - fourth grade

2. All candidates must have a "C" average and the approval of their parents and teacher. Candidate must exhibit strong academic and leadership skills.
3. Candidates may create one poster (standard size.) Poster due to Mrs. Berry by **September 16th** before 2:50 p.m.
4. Speeches may only be 30 seconds long. You may not promise anything unattainable to your peers during your speech. You may not tell your peers that you will give them something or do something (other than be a great leader!) for their vote!
5. Candidates are responsible for running their campaign in a fair and honest manner. If a candidate has any question about whether he/she can do something, please check with Mrs. Whitaker, Mrs. Berry, or Mrs. O'Brien.
6. Candidates may not have buttons, shirts, stickers, extra posters, flyers, etc. Candidates may not promise things that cost money or give out candy, gum, etc. Candidates may not promise anything unattainable to peers such as longer recess, fast food at lunch, etc.
7. Candidates are subject to being disqualified for running for an office if they break a rule, miss the informative morning meeting, or miss a deadline.
8. A candidate must be able to attend Student Council meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in Mrs. Whitaker's room. More than two unexcused absences from these meetings will result in being removed from Student Council.

Student Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

Fifth Grade Student Council Officer Application Candidate's Schedule

In order to be eligible for Student Council you must:

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Position applying for (Please Circle):

Treasurer

Vice President

President

In order to be eligible for student council you must:

- September 3rd: Have completed and turned in the Gilchrist Student Council application and speech for your classroom election to your teacher. Your application must have a signature by a parent/guardian. No late applications will be accepted.
- September 3rd – September 9th: Read your essay/speech aloud to your class and be nominated by your classmates for your chosen position.
- September 11th at 8:00 am: In Mrs. Whitaker's classroom, you must attend a mandatory informative meeting on Student Council election procedures. (Parents may attend the meeting as well.)
- September 11th – 16th (no later than 2:50 pm): Turn in your standard size poster to Mrs. Berry. She will return them after she has photographed them and compiled a slideshow.
- Students should prepare a 30 second speech (you may use the same speech that you presented to your class). The speech CANNOT be longer than 30 seconds.
- September 16th-20th: Students will tape their speeches for WGES. You will receive a speech schedule with your date and time at the beginning of the week.
- September 23rd– October 1st: Students' speeches will be aired on WGES. Poster slideshow will be running through the lunch period in on cafeteria screen.
- October 2nd: Student Council elections. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will vote.
- October 3rd: WGES announces Student Council members.
- If you are not elected into an officer position, you may still run for a class representative position after the conclusion of the school wide officer election. Each 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade class will elect two representatives.
- You must be able to attend meetings the first Wednesday of every month in the morning at 8:00 am. Meetings will be in Mrs. Whitaker's classroom. The first meeting will be October 9th. Please note that this first meeting will fall on the second Wednesday of the month due to the election date.