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It could almost be said that all of Gateway Lab School became a stage as we saw our first Black History Month Program complete with amazing performances from all over our GLS community!

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Mrs. White’s class is continuing on with their science experiments, testing minerals. Here, Kacidee and Mrs. White discuss their “scratch test”. Third graders tried to scratch minerals with a fingernail, a paper clip and a penny, recording their findings in a table. If they keep this up, they’ll definitely be ready for Mr. Loper’s class!
FOURTH GRADE

*by Ms. Wendy Brennen*

The fourth graders take time breaking out into small groups for self-directed as well as one-on-one learning in areas that need strengthening. Here, Ms. Mitchell is doing some extra math drills with Anaiyah.

FIFTH GRADE

*by Mrs. Yolanda Cain & Ms. Deborah Curry*

This month’s pick for the Gladiator of the Month for elementary school is Fatimah, a fourth grader in Mrs. Brennan’s class. Check out Mr. Wainwright’s Dean’s List to read more about this honor.

Congratulations Fatimah!

This month, fifth grade girls are starting girl groups lead by Behavior Specialist, Ms. Johnson. Girls groups allow for open communication within a confidential space. Girls groups take place in the presence of a caring, qualified adult with an emphasis on team-building and cooperation. It’s a great time for girls to begin voicing and building upon shared experiences while being aware of and accepting differences amongst themselves. We believe this sets the stage for confidence and empathy for our girls.
“Triops make me feel big. That makes me feel like I can learn.”

Student K

In Mr. Loper’s class, sixth graders have wholly accepted the challenge of raising class pets (or, rather, generations of them). The triops have been a much beloved addition to the classroom. They are such a treasure that the students have taken it upon themselves to create their own newsletter to highlight their pet and what their pets mean to them complete with columns, quotes, and hand drawn illustrations! (The editor of this newsletter feels imitation is the sincerest form of flattery and is so proud of them and all of their hard work! Way to go 6th grade!)
There’s a lot of pie to go around in the seventh grade! Ms. McClintock is teaching seventh graders about circles and measuring angles using arts integration techniques. The students have drawn their names. But, upon close inspection, each name shows the way each angle was formed (see close up above).

**GLADIATOR OF THE MONTH**

This month’s pick for the Gladiator of the Month for middle school is Haleemah, a seventh grader in Mr. Quill’s class. Check out Mr. Wainwright’s Dean’s List to read more about this honor.

Congratulations Haleemah!
From algebraic equations to word problems and graphing, the eighth graders are kicking it into high gear with preparing for testing and high school in Ms. Burke’s class.
OTHER SCHOOL NEWS
by Gateway Community Members

Boys Basketball this season was a major success! The Gladiators doubled their win total from last season and acquired their first ever home win over Charter School of New Castle! Amir M.’s buzzer beater gave the Gladiators a 32-31 win. A one point game! Coach Sontowski and Coach Gallo were more than enthused about the team’s improvement and can’t wait for next season with the returning sixth graders, seventh graders and incoming fifth graders. Eighth graders Aysayjah H., Khalil J., Keyshaun M., Anthony K.-A., and Solomon M. will be missed. But their leadership will live on! Go Gladiators!
SPECIALISTS SPOTLIGHT
See what the specialists in our building have been up to this month.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH POSTERS & TRAFFIC LIGHT MINDFULNESS
Mrs. Emily Cathell
“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.” —Maya Angelou
Black History Month has been celebrated school wide, including in the counselor’s office! Students have been learning about many different people who have shaped history. One poster depicts individuals who are authors, actors, coaches, and athletes, just to name a few! There are legendary figures such as Michelle Obama, Quincy Jones, and Arthur Ashe.
Traffic Light Mindfulness Did you know? Garrett Morgan was the inventor of the 3 signal traffic light. He also invented a hair straightening product, a breathing device, and a revamped sewing machine. The traffic light can be used as a symbol for managing our emotions. The Traffic Light Mindfulness Exercise teaches students to stop and identify their emotions, take care by using coping strategies, then choose how to react when faced with a problem. It is a simple strategy to help students regulate their body and focus on the present moment.

NURSE’S CORNER
by Mrs. Tara Weaver
It seems that every day we hear more and more about the Coronavirus. Below are some tips for preparedness that you can do at home to help cut down on current flu cases and the spread of respiratory infections such as the coronavirus:

1. Enforce that every child either wash hands or use hand sanitizer when returning from school. Hand sanitizer should contain at least 60% or more alcohol to be effective.
2. Make sure to include times throughout the day where your children are actively washing their hands with soap and water.
3. Use the mornings to go over proper hand washing and coughing etiquette and reinforce it throughout the day. (Covering sneeze and cough with arm or tissue and washing hands afterwards)
4. Stay home if you are sick.
5. Visit the doctor if symptoms of dry cough, fever and other flu symptoms persist for more than three days.
6. Regularly wipe down surfaces like door knobs, desks, counters, etc., on a regular basis.
7. Do not directly shake hands or touch surfaces if you can help it.
8. Keep yourselves healthy- boost immune system by eating nutrient rich foods, drinking a lot of water and staying hydrated, getting rest.

Thank you for your efforts in keeping our students and community healthy! I will update as information is received.
Gateway Lab School (GLS) had a great opportunity to participate for the second year in the Youth In City Government (YICG) Convention speech presentation at Warner Elementary School on Thursday, February 13, 2020. This was the first round of the six participating schools and districts competition consists of selected interested students in grades 4, 5, 6 given information about our city government and the role of the government officials, delegates, councilpersons, treasurer, President of City Council, and Mayor. The students had to write a speech about current topic issues, present their ideas and convince their peers to vote for them as party candidates for the national, and for the second round Thursday, February 20, 2020 patriotic representatives. The winners of the two party conventions city government positions will participate in a videotaping of their speeches, and the participating schools will be part of a school-wide district voting of the candidates. Currently, GLS has one winner finalist from the first round convention, 6th grade, Imani/ Council Person B. We are awaiting to find out the decision for the second round. The final school-wide district winners will attend the Youth In City Government day and dinner in Wilmington with the city government officials at the Mayor’s office. GLS Student Council and Leadership class representatives, as well as, some last year and new student participants including delegate assistance helpers from 6th, 7th and 8th grade were perfectly matched to take on the challenge of YICG.
CALYPSO CONNECTIONS
by Mr. Aubrey Everett

March 14th every year is a special day for the math community. First, it is the birthday of the brilliant mathematician Albert Einstein, and secondly, the date forms the first digits of the mathematical constant known as pi. Pi is the ratio of a circle’s circumference to its diameter (circumference/diameter). It is a constant ratio meaning that every circle, everywhere, will always have the same ratio of c/d. Every ratio forms a fraction close to 22/7 or an irrational decimal approximately 3.14, thus, March 14th.
We will celebrate this at Gateway with Math Night on Thursday, March 12 at 5:30 with a pizza “pi” dinner and math games. On Friday, we will celebrate Pi day as a school community by making a paper link chain representing a portion of the infinite decimal values of pi.
I hope that you have a chance to celebrate with us, or take the day to celebrate as a family. Have children talk about the parts of a circle. Have them calculate the diameter of the pizza or apple pie before they eat (C=pi x d). The link below gives some family fun ways to celebrate Pi Day at home.

https://www.familyeducation.com/school-learning/8-fun-activities-celebrate-pi-day-math

Math is fun!!!

Duo Extreme of Calypso Connections treated us to a very educational concert on March 6, 2020. Calypso Connections has been working with GLS students, introducing them to the sounds of early Calypso street bands and Trinidad and Tobago’s national instrument, the steelpan.
BLACK HISTORY MONTH BULLETIN BOARDS
by Ms. Yolanda Cain

Every year, during the month of February, GLS takes the time to recognize the contributions of black Americans to math, science, writing, and United States culture at large. Students were able to and learn about notable figures such as Harriet Tubman, Langston Hughes, Augusta Savage, Maya Angelou, Mae Jemison, W.E.B DuBois, etc. There was also a bulletin board that included some of our more notable figures at Gateway Lab School. Teachers were asked to submit the name of one black student per grade that contributed to an excellent culture and was “making history” in their classrooms. Take a look at some of the bulletin boards that adorned our hallways for Black History Month. Not only were they decorative and inspiring, but they were educational as well!
DiAE (Delaware Institute of the Arts in Education) is back at Gateway for more arts integration! In our music class, the Visiting Artist Teacher, Mr. Jason, is sharing the history and culture of Calypso music. He is also showing them various percussion techniques. Students share laughs between the clapping and tapping beats they create with the Visiting Teacher and Mr. Everett. We are so grateful for our partnership with DiAE!

Gateway Art Teacher, Ms. Stacey Johnson is not only dedicated to her students, she is also dedicated to the welfare of children in the community. Ms. Johnson sits on the board of a new non-profit – Action for Delaware’s Children. AFDC is a social welfare organization set up to advocate for Delaware’s at-risk children. Ms. Johnson was in attendance at the organization’s Launch Event held at Warner Elementary School in Wilmington, on February 28th. She was joined by former Delaware District Attorney, Matt Denn and other notables such as Sen. Tizzy Lockman and former Sen. Liane Sorenson. There are three areas that are the current focus of Action for Delaware’s Children:

1. The Nurse Family Partnership Program is a state program that sends registered nurses to the homes of first time mothers living in poverty to ensure that their babies get off to a good start.

2. The state’s grant for Outside School Time programs with the focus of increasing funds available to schools with high populations of students living in poverty, and

3. Supplementing the state’s re-entry services for juveniles with behavioral therapy and vocational training services.

We are proud to have teachers like Ms. Johnson who are dedicated to making our communities better and ensuring access to services for all of Delaware’s children.
Our Gym Teacher, Coach Watson has tirelessly been showing our students how to play games like kick ball and pickle ball. It can be difficult learning a new sport. But, Zach and Janiylia are making it look like a piece of cake!
The Gateway Lab School Dean’s Office held their annual Middle School and Elementary School dances recently. The Middle School Dance was held on Friday, February 21st 2020 between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM in the GLS Gymnasium. The Elementary School Dance was held on Friday, February 28th 2020 between 2:15 PM and 3:30 PM in the GLS Gymnasium. Gateway Lab School’s own Mr. Everett provided the deejaying for both events. The dances are a great way to allow our student body to grow and develop through social interactions with their peers. Good times, snacks and dancing were had by everyone who attended. A special thank you goes out to those Gateway Lab School Staff Members who volunteered their time to help chaperone the Middle School Dance.
Please support the Gateway Lab School Fundraiser. Funds earned will be used for our Field Day and a Photo Booth for our 8th Grade Dance. For your convenience orders may be placed online at www.joecorbi.com. The Gateway Lab School code is #6722. Be sure to include the participant number of the student that you are supporting. If you are a member of the community use this Participant Code: 512324.

Contact Parent.Engagement@gls.k12.de.us with any questions.

Below are some points taken from a positive guidance toolbox for parents by Bright Horizons Education Team. This toolbox offers simple solutions to common parenting challenges.

**Ready for Success**
- Plan ahead and maintain a predictable schedule. Children feel safer and happier when they know what to expect.
- Get up before your child. Prep backpacks, lunches, and coffee the night before.

**Relationship Building and Self-Care**
- Spend time together. Eat dinner together, read stories at bedtime, and take time to talk about the day. These little moments cement your relationship and give children the security they need.
- Keep perspective. Try to remember that most challenges probably won’t matter a year or five years from now.
- Tell a joke. Sometimes just saying something silly or absurd is enough to reduce tensions. Humor should never be mean-spirited or at a child’s expense.
- Change it up. If you’re having a rough day, go for a walk, put on some music, or get out of the house.
- Take care of yourself. Parenting is an endurance sport and you need to care for yourself so you can care for your child.

(See a complete version of this toolbox at https://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/positive-guidance-guide-for-parents)
If you were born with the ability to change someone’s perspective or emotions, never waste that gift. It is one of the most powerful gifts God can give—the ability to influence.”

Shannon L. Alder

There are so many reasons for us to be grateful this month at Gateway Lab School where we had a fabulous Black History month celebration. But, on the very day of our BHM program we had a special surprise visitor that added to our joy, and to our school pride. The Secretary of Education for Delaware, Susan Bunting, came to see what life as a Gateway Gladiator looks like. Dr. Bunting toured the building interacting with teachers and students, asking thoughtful questions, and sharing personal stories of her educational journey. We were delighted to host not only a distinguished guest, but such a gracious lady!

On that day we celebrated the courage and inspiration of many influential women who are revered in history. How perfect to have a strong Delaware woman in educational leadership visit our school as well.

Thank you, Dr. Bunting!
CONT'D
by Ms. Stacey Johnson

The Black History Month Program was the brain child of fifth grade teacher, Yolanda Cain. The GLS Community thoroughly enjoyed this program and look forward to next year’s program. Thank you Mrs. Cain for coordinating this event! See video highlights of the BHM Program on our facebook page.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

by Mr. David Wainwright

- Mar 16 - Mar 27 School closed
- Mar 30 Smarter Balance Assessments Begin
- Apr 6 - Apr 9 DeSSA Assessments
- Apr 10 - Apr 20 Spring Break
- Apr 27 - Apr 30 Career Week

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS

Due to concern for Covid-19, our school building will be closed until March 27th. Please refer to our homepage at www.gatewaylabschool.org for future updates and calendar changes as needed.

THE DEAN’S LIST
by Mr. David Wainwright

The Gateway Lab School Dean’s Office would like to recognize Gateway Lab students who exhibit the qualities of being a true Gladiator while at school. The students who are acknowledged are true HERO’s who Help others, Exhibit exceptional effort, Respect self and others and Own their actions every day of the school year.

This month’s Elementary Gladiator of the Month is 4th Grade student, Fatimah. Fatimah was nominated by Ms. Brennan. Fatimah is described as being very respectful and a student who is “dedicated and extremely focused on her schoolwork.” When Fatimah applies herself to her work “she can accomplish anything that she wants to accomplish.” Fatimah is a “joy to have in class and is always kind to her peers and adults alike.”

This month’s Middle School Gladiator of the Month is 7th Grade student, Haleemah. Haleemah was nominated by Art Teacher, Ms. Johnson, and is described as “extremely intelligent” and an “excellent student.” Haleemah is “always cooperative and helpful” in class and is always “kind and pleasant” with all of her peers and staff members.

Fatimah and Haleemah truly exhibit all of the attributes a Gladiator possesses and are our HERO’s. Congratulations Fatimah and Haleemah on your selection as Gladiator of the Month!

A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:
by Principal Marlin White

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At Gateway Lab School, everyone plays a part and we each have a big job to do. Parents, students, and staff are the driving force of making things come to life at Gateway. We make things come alive with our creative imaginations. We express creativity through lessons of drawings, paintings, scriptures, dance, poetry, music, song, acting, speeches and/or monologue. Let us all continue to set the stage at Gateway for brilliant futures.