

# Gateway International School Newsletter

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## Houses News:

GIS students, families and staff are doing wonders on our fundraisers. In January, we did Jog-A-Thon fundraiser. It was a great success! We raised over a \$1200.00

### HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

Red House: 3329 points  
Blue House: 2731 points  
Yellow House: 1686 points  
Green House: 2904 points  
Purple House: 1768 points

Congratulations  
to the Red  
House again for  
being in lead!

## School News

YOU ARE INVITED!  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> IS OUR  
IB NIGHT!

Come join us for the celebrations and have a chance to view your student(s) IB related work in their classroom(s). This is your chance to learn about IB, play some fun games, and maybe even win a prize!

We will have pizza, salad, & breadsticks for \$3.



There will also be a cake auction!

Spelling Bee is at 4:00-5:00

IB Night is 5:00-7:00

Students from GIS are invited to participate in Sacramento State's Academic Talent Search (ATS) Program, which provides current 4th-8th graders the opportunity to attend challenging, unique, and fun summer courses in a collegiate environment. ATS is a non-profit program that offers over 120 courses each summer in both traditional and non-traditional subjects that are specially designed for two age groups: grades 6-9 and grades 4-5. To qualify for ATS, students simply take the ATS Qualifying Exam (College Ability Test). GIS will be offering the exam on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a processing fee of \$15, payable on or before the date of the test. For more information about signing up to take the test, contact the school office at (916) 286-1985.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>
  - 9:00 - 9:30 - TK & Kinder Monthly Assembly
  - 11:00-11:40 - TK & Kinder Grade Student Store in Pilgrim Hall
- ◆ Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>
  - 8:30 - 9:00 - 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Monthly Assembly
  - 9:30 - 10:00 - 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Monthly Assembly
  - 11:00 -12:30 - 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Store in MPR
- ◆ Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>
  - 3:30 - 4:30 - School Site Council/ELAC Meeting
- ◆ Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>
  - 4:00 - 5:00 - Spelling Bee
  - 5:00 - 7:00 - IB Night
- ◆ Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Box Tops are due
- ◆ Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>
  - No School, Presidents' Week Break
- ◆ Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>
  - End of Trimester 2

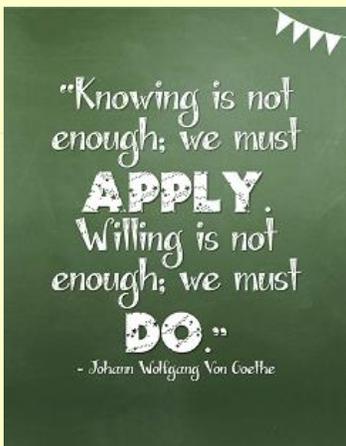
February 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>  
NO SCHOOL, PRESIDENTS' WEEK BREAK



## School Counselor's Corner



Thank you for your generous donations of Box Tops. We are getting closer to our \$500 goal with each passing month. In December, Mrs. McClintock's class won the ice cream party! For January, Ms. Greco's class came through with 70 Box Tops & won the ice cream party! We are \$300 closer to our \$500 goal.



### A little humor by Anna P. & Evelyn M.

Questions:

- ✓ Teacher: What happened in 1809?
- ✓ Teachers: What happened in 1819?
- ✓ Why did the skeleton leave the party?
- ✓ Where do TVs go on vacation?
- ✓ What vegetable should you not take on a book?

Answers:

- ✓ Student: Abraham Lincoln was born.
- ✓ Student: Abraham Lincoln was 10.
- ✓ He had no body to dance with.
- ✓ To remote places.
- ✓ A leek!

### *Finding Time for family.*

Families today are busier than ever, and life can get even more hectic when school is in session. How can you make "together time" possible for your family? Here are several ideas.

**Commit.** Decide how you'll spend your time together, and make it a priority. Examples: shared mealtimes, evening

read-aloud Schedule.

**Mark everyone's schedule on a calendar,** including family time. You'll be more apt to take this time seriously if you plan ahead.

**Trim.** Help everyone pare down busy schedules. Set an example by saying no to activities that make you feel rushed or that interfere with family time.

### *"Go-o-o School"*

If you want to get your child pumped up about learning, a pep rally may be going a bit overboard. Instead, try some of the following suggestions. They're not as flashy as a pair of pom-poms, but they're sure to put some "Rah, Rah!" in your youngster's school experience!

**Talk the talk** Kids pick up their parent's feelings about school and learning. Whenever possible, look for opportunities to express your enthusiasm. Example: "Wow! That's really interesting. Can you tell me more?" Your child just might get the idea that school is an exciting place to be.

**Be a model** Actions speak louder than words, so don't forget to show your youngster that learning is cool, too. Examples: go on-line or to the library to find out how a DVD player works; share an interesting article about a favorite celebrity; invite your child to learn to make a craft with you.

**Make it real** Does your child have a hobby or interest he/she absolutely loves? Try linking her obsession to school subjects. For example, if she's wild about ponies, you might relate her social studies homework to horses. ("I see you're reading about Asia. Did you know the Mongols were famous horse riders?") Even tough subjects will seem more fun when your child connects them to something she enjoys.

### Teacher of the Month by Student Council

Student Council has chosen Mrs. McClintock for teacher of the month. Congratulations to Mrs. McClintock! Mrs. McClintock, you have always filled a bucket for your students which makes them want to learn. You have been an amazing teacher to all of your students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and now you are doing wonders in Kindergarten. You are persistent and have never given up and we thank you for being an inspiring teacher!