

GRIZZLY GAZETTE

The official newsletter of Gateway International School





GATEWAY International School

Gateway Community Charters

An International Baccalaureate World School (TK-8)



VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#IBStrong

As an IB (International Baccalaureate) school, our goal is to develop and support inquiring, knowledgeable, confident, and caring young people. Therefore, GIS is committed to a rigorous educational framework to shape global citizens who are reflective life-long learners, and who are ready to act in an ever-changing world. IB frameworks facilitate this process by utilizing inquiry-based learning, and conceptual planning.

Students often work collaboratively and enjoy relevant, real-life projects that support the skill base they will need in college and beyond. IB extends from PYP (Primary Years Program) through MYP (Middle Years Program) here at GIS, and into DP (Diploma Program) at some local high school campuses. When completed, the IB program gives students the opportunity to earn college credit and makes their entrance into universities more accessible.

Each academic unit in PYP and MYP are created with subject matter to support a theme. Units can span subjects or be subject-specific, depending on grade levels. In PYP, there are four units per year in TK and kindergarten, six units per year in 1st-5th grade, and at least three units per subject per grade level in MYP. These units are planned by teachers in Toddle, an electronic platform for student and teacher access that is designed specifically for IB. Students in 6th-8th grade are assigned some formative and all summative tasks on Toddle where they also create reflections for their learning. Access to the electronic platforms that are used by teachers and students are always available to parents. If you have any questions about our IB platform for instruction or any other platforms used for classroom instruction, always feel free to inquire of your student's teacher(s) or office administration.

Mrs. Baudot
MYP Vice Principal

ATTENDANCE

Perfect Attendance



Once a month we run a “Perfect Attendance” report for the whole school.

Individual students’ names who had never missed a day and never been late/tardy/early dismissed were put in a bin for a grand drawal in December’s assembly. The winner will get a bike.

Classes with the biggest percentage of students with Perfect Attendance are getting school mascot, Mishka, and a Tick-Tack-Toe board game for the whole month. October’s winners are 1A, 4B, and 6B classes. Congratulation and keep up the perfect attendance!!!

STUDENT RELEASE POLICY

Per our school policy, all of our parents/guardians have to complete a new Emergency Card for each student in two circumstances: at the beginning of each school year and in the case of the phone number/ address/email change. Although the Emergency Card has limited space, we encourage using back side of the form if needed to include everyone whom you allow to pick up your child(ren) from school. For each contact person, include first and last name, relationship to the student, and a valid phone number.

Please remember that parent/guardian authorization is required if your student is leaving with someone other than parent/guardian or an emergency contact. Parents/Guardians may add emergency contact only in person, not by phone or note. Anyone not familiar with the staff will be asked to provide identification before taking the student.

STUDENT EMERGENCY CARD

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FILE ←

916-286-1986
gis@gcccharters.org

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

FALL FESTIVAL





HEART & SOUL

CULMINATION



Mrs. Gonzalez

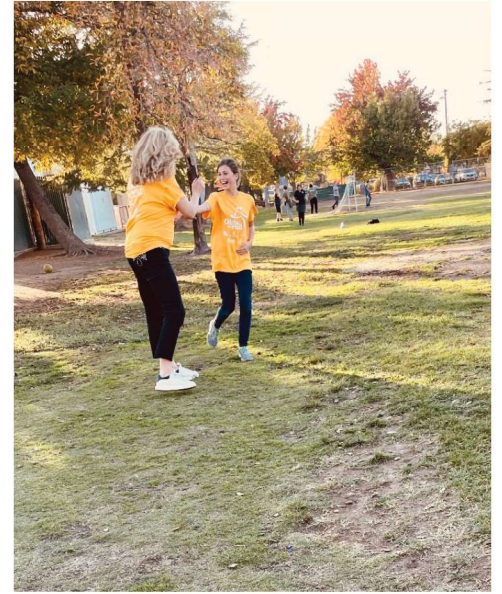
The Heart and Sole team just accomplished their 5K run! The girls did a great job. Thanks to Ms. Botsch and Ms. Gonzalez for being amazing and supportive coaches.



Ms. Botsch

HEART & SOUL

CULMINATION



FALL, 2023



JOGATHON



THANK YOU to all the PYP and MYP students that participated in the Jog-A-Thon! We are beyond proud of all their hard work. We would also love to give thanks to the admin, staff, and teachers who came out to help and support us during this time.

A special THANK YOU to our parents/guardians who supported our school!

Inquiry Center

Meet the Librarian



Ms. Svitlana Kovalev

Hello GIS Parents/Guardians,

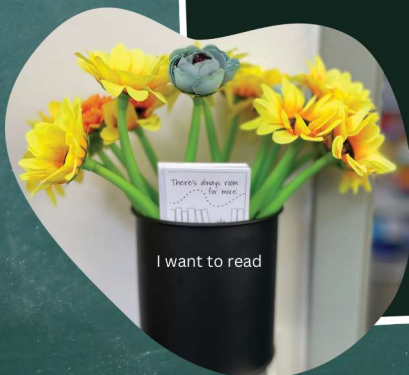
GIS Inquiry Center is now open for all our students! They're welcome to come during recess or after school to check out books and conduct research for their projects. It is proven that reading consistently helps students with vocabulary development, reading comprehension, and their ability to become life-long learners.

GIS ONLINE INQUIRY CENTER



"I want to read"

All of our students have an opportunity to request a book or a series of books of a favorite author or topic to read. All they need to do is to write a request on a "I want to read" note and drop it off at the library.



Find a Golden Ticket!

Our library has a hidden treasure among book pages called a "Golden Ticket". Whoever will discover it will receive a prize form a Library Treasure Chest!

HOW TO WIN - BY READING BOOKS!

The more you read the more chances you have to find a Golden Ticket.

Please see Ms. K for details.



Author of the Month
JORY JOHN



Jory John is an American author of children's books, and he is known for discussing difficult topics in his books. Jory John's books have landed on the New York Times bestseller list, and he has been an E.B. White Read-Aloud Honor recipient twice.

GIS students love to read his books, and their favorite ones are "The Couch Potato" and "The Cool Bean"

Read More On

<https://www.joryjohn.com/>

NED

**Never give up!
Encourage others!
Do your best!**

Mindset Mission

The mindset mission took kids on adventures over to Everest mountain and climbing experience, deserted Caribbean Island and a treasure chest search, space mission and brain learning discovery.

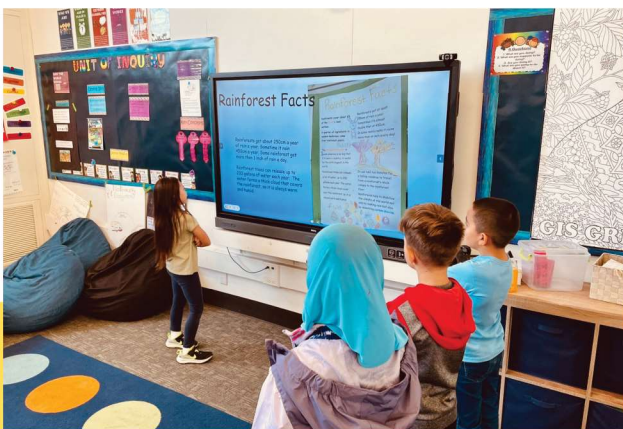
Anyone can reach any goals like Ned with the power of YET, constant encouragement, and the mindset of "Learn & Grow" instead of you saying "I know"!!!





SPOTLIGHT

2A Ecosystem Presentations for the how world works.
Teacher - Mrs. Sevier





KCRA



FOOD DRIVE

WINNERS



Green House
TK-2nd

2B
Prize



Red House
3rd-5th

4B
Prize



Blue House
6th-8th

7B
Prize



FREE

Thanksgiving Resources



FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER & TURKEY GIVEAWAYS IN SACRAMENTO

Visit this website for more info:

<https://icaliforniafoodstamps.com/free-thanksgiving-dinner-in-sacramento/>

2.1.1 SACRAMENTO

Locate Thanksgiving Food Baskets Giveaways by entering your Zip Code:

<https://www.211sacramento.org/211/thanksgiving-baskets/>



THE UPCOMING

DECEMBER EVENTS



Winter Celebrations

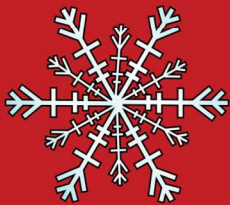
TK-K 8:45am - 9:15am
1st-2nd 9:30-10:00am

Dec, 20

Winter Celebrations

T6th-8th 8:35-9:20am ; 3rd-5th 9:30-10:15am
Minimum Day, No ASP

Dec, 21



No School Winter Break

Helps reduce dark circles,
eye puffiness, and fine lines

Dec, 22-
Jan. 8

JANUARY 9TH, 2024

RETURN TO SCHOOL