

GRIZZLY GAZETTE

JANUARY 12, 2024



ACADEMICS



Mrs. McClintock
Reading Specialist

Greetings!

My name is Eliane McClintock, but many of you may know me as Mrs. M. I have been teaching for twelve years, all at Gateway International School. I taught third grade for three years, followed by eight years in Kindergarten. This year, I have accepted a new role as our school's reading intervention teacher. I am delighted to be supporting our students on their reading journey. Reading is a complex process. It involves several "strands" that must work effortlessly together to produce skilled, accurate, and fluent reading with strong comprehension. Support from parents is invaluable to ensure success. Here are some ways to support your child at home:

- Allow your child to choose their books. Reading should be enjoyable and if they are struggling, it can deter their interest.
- Make reading special by creating a reading space in your home or visiting the local library to attain a library card.
- Discuss what you read with your child. Ask them questions about the text.
- Ask your child's teacher what skills your child may need more support in and then ask for resources to utilize at home.

If you have questions about how to support your child with their reading, please feel free to reach out to me at eliane.mcclintock@gcccharters.org. I look forward to working with all members of our learning community to foster reading success for all students.

Kind Regards,
Mrs. McClintock



INQUIRY CENTER

GIS INTERACTIVE LIBRARY 1,246 Interactive books about:



- 21st Century Science
- About Our World
- Afrikan Safari
- American Holidays
- Ancient Empires & Civilizations
- and more...

GREAT NEWS! WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY NEW BOOKS. ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO CHECK THEM OUT!

In 2023 we had received 51 missing books and \$291.91 for lost books! Thank you for being 'Caring'. We appreciate your support!

Author of the Month
MO WILLEMS

Mo Willems is an author, illustrator, animator, playwright and the inaugural Kennedy Center Education Artist-in-Residence. Willems is best known for his best-selling picture books.

He's been awarded:

- Three Caldecott Honors
- Two Theodor Seuss Geisel Awards
- Five Geisel Honors
- Six Emmy Awards

<https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/>

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IB SPOTLIGHT



Mrs. Patel

Instructional Coach

PYP & MYP Coordinator

IB LEARNER PROFILE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we progress through the academic year, we wanted to provide you with more information about the IB Learner Profile Attributes.

The IB Learner Profile is at the core of our educational philosophy, shaping the holistic growth of our students. These attributes are instilled in students throughout their IB journey, fostering qualities that empower them to become globally minded and responsible individuals. Here's a brief overview of how we are nurturing them at Gateway International School.

Each month, we celebrate a student of the month at each grade level. This student is chosen as one who greatly embodies the learner profile attribute for that month. We have celebrated recipients of the awards for principled, inquirers, thinkers, communicators, and risk-takers. Our upcoming attributes to celebrate for the remainder of the year are caring, reflective, knowledgeable, open-minded, and balanced.

Each unit also includes one to three attributes as a focus. Teachers instill these attributes in their students by incorporating them into learning experiences. Ask your students what attribute they are focusing on in their current unit!

IB LEARNER PROFILE

Caring

Show kindness



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Principled

Be kind and respectful even when no one is watching.

Camila Hernandez
2nd grade



Caring

Being nice to people and listening to what they have to say.



David Kaul
5th Grade

Inquirer

Ask questions and always have something on your mind. Be excited to learn something new.

Arianna Kovalev
7th Grade



Open Minded

Think about how other people might feel before excluding them just because they are different. You never know what someone is going through.



Wengel Li
8th Grade

Risk Taker

Be willing to do something challenging or new, even if it scares you.

Elijah Reid
3rd Grade



YOUTH VOLUNTEER
DIRECTORY
SACRAMENTO, CA



HOW CAN YOU SHOW YOUR COMMUNITY THAT YOU ARE A CARING PERSON?

1. Rake leaves for an elderly neighbor.
2. Offer dog-walking services.
3. If you know another language, be a translator at parent-teacher conferences.
4. Clean up your local park.



<https://www.cityofsacramento.org/-/media/Corporate/Files/EDD/CommunityEngagement/Volunteer/YouthVolunteerDirectory2016.pdf?la=en>

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SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS



Mrs. Olson
School Counselor

Hello GIS Families,

We hope you enjoyed your Winter Break and look forward to the many exciting lessons and activities we have planned for this month. We are focusing on Social Emotional Learning (SEL).

You may be asking “What is SEL?” SEL are the strategies used for managing emotions related to relationships, working with others, problem solving, and decision making. These skills help us lead successful lives at school, work, and home. People with strong social emotional skills can easily cope with everyday challenges in life. I am excited to continue this journey with our students. I am here to serve our students and families whether it's Academic, Social-Emotional, or College & Career.

Happy New Year and welcome back!

JANUARY LESSONS

- 2nd Grade - SEL Emotions
- 4th Grade - SEL Managing Emotions
- 5th Grade - SEL Managing Emotions
- 6th Grade - 1. SEL Diversity 2. Decoding our Brains
- 7th Grade - 1. SEL Diversity 2. Decoding our Brains
- 8th Grade - SEL Self Management

“A little progress each day adds up to big results.”

– Satya Nani

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2024-25 HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION DATES

SJUSD (San Juan USD)

Open Enrollment: Dec. 4, 2023 - Jan. 19, 2024
Interdistrict transfer: January 29, 2024 - February 29, 2024
Intradistrict transfer: March 1, 2024, through April 26

TRUSD (Twin Rivers USD)

Open Enrollment: January 8, 2024 - March 15, 2024
Interdistrict transfer: Starting January 8, 2024
Intradistrict transfer: January 8, 2024 - March 15, 2024

SCUSD (Sacramento City USD)

Open Enrollment: February 5, 2024 - February 23, 2024
Interdistrict transfer: April 15, 2024 - May 3, 2024
Intradistrict transfer: April 15, 2024 - May 3, 2024

RJUHSD (Roseville Joint Union High SD)

Open Enrollment: now by January 5, 2024
Interdistrict transfer: December 21, 2023 - June 30, 2024
Intradistrict transfer: November 15, 2023 to December 20, 2023

FCUSD (Folsom Cordova USD)

Open Enrollment: open, no due date
Interdistrict transfer: Now by February 2, 2024
Intradistrict transfer: Now by February 2, 2024

NUSD (Natomas Unified School District)

Open Enrollment: open, no due date
Interdistrict transfer: open, per permit request
Intradistrict transfer: open, per permit request

EGUSD (Elk Grove USD)

Open Enrollment: January 10, 2024 - January 19, 2024
Interdistrict transfer: request transfer on April 1, 2024
Intradistrict transfer: request transfer on April 1, 2024

INTRADISTRICT TRANSFER

An Intradistrict transfer is for those families who missed the Open Enrollment window. It gives your Residential School District a permission to attend a different school in the district other than the school designated by the student's established attendance area.

INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER

An Interdistrict Transfer gives your Residential School district a permission for your student to enroll in a different school within this district's boundaries.



IMPORTANT DATES

January 9th to January 31st – Re-Enrollment for Current Students

January 15th – NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

January 19th – **HOUSE COLOR DAY**

January 25th– GCC Parent Summit 5:30-7:30pm

February 1st to March 22nd – OPEN ENROLLMENT for the next School Year

February 1st – Spelling Bee 4:30-5:30pm

February 15th– Maker Fair 4:30-6:00pm

February 19th to February 23rd – NO SCHOOL, President's Week Holiday

February 28th & 29th – Minimum Days, Dismissal at 12:30pm

February 29th & March 1st – STUDENT LED CONFERENCES 1:00-5:00pm

March 6th & 7th – 5th Grade Exhibition 4:30-5:30pm

March 25th to April 1st – NO SCHOOL, Spring Recess

GIS ACADEMIC RESOURCES

*All apps are on the GIS website, at the bottom of the front page

*Request access codes from your teacher

GIS CHROMEBOOK UNIVERSAL LOGIN



MATH



READING



NO HOMEWORK?

- Read 15-30 minutes daily
- Practice spelling word
- Practice math
- Study with flash cards
- Write a journal
- Help parents
- Exercise
- Spend time with family

SPELLING BEE

Spelling bee is a competition in which contestants are asked to spell a broad selection of words, usually with a varying degree of difficulty. To compete, contestants must memorize the spellings of words as written in dictionaries, and recite them accordingly.

HOW TO GET A CHILD READY FOR A SPELLING BEE?

Method 1 - Learning Word Mapping

1. Start by saying the word.
2. Count the sounds in the word.
3. Place a blank for each sound.
4. Help your child write down the correct spelling
5. Write the word as a whole.

MORE TIPS



MAKER FAIR

What exactly is a Maker Fair? Think science fair, but with lots of hands-on activities! A Maker Fair is an event designed to encourage students and families to explore, design, experiment and build. The projects are designed to inspire curiosity and creativity using everyday objects, such as cardboard, Legos, or art supplies. Additionally, Maker Fairs help to prepare students for the critical 21st century skills in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math using hands on learning.