

# GRIZZLY GAZETTE

MARCH 15, 2024



## ACADEMICS



*Mrs. Kaul*  
PYP Vice Principal

### STATE TESTING: APRIL 15th - 26th 3rd - 8th GRADES

The CAASPP, or California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, is a standardized test for 3rd through 8th and 11th grade students in California take each year to assess their understanding in English and Mathematics. Students' Science knowledge is assessed in 5th, 8th, and once in high school. The CAASPP provides valuable information to educators and parents about students' academic strengths and areas where they may need extra support. The results help shape educational programs and policies to ensure that students receive a high-quality education that prepares them for their future endeavors, whether it's college, a career, or other life goals.

At GIS, CAASPP testing will take place April 15th through the 25th. To prepare for it, families can encourage students to review material covered in class, practice test-taking strategies, and ensure they get enough rest and nutrition on the test days. Additionally, staying informed about the test format and providing a supportive environment can help alleviate test anxiety. Practice and training test can be found at [www.caaspp.org](http://www.caaspp.org). It's also beneficial to communicate with teachers for additional resources or guidance.

Attendance is crucial during State Testing window, and we're asking parents to do not schedule any appointments. Please mark these dates on your calendars and make sure that your children won't be late to school.



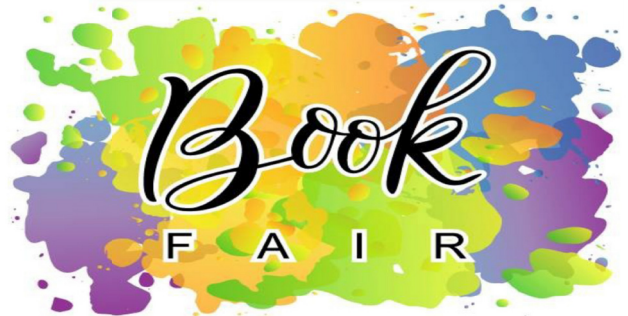
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## INQUIRY CENTER



SCHOLASTIC

OPEN TO ALL



APRIL 8-12

MON-WED 3:00 - 5:30PM

THU 3:00 - 6:45PM

FRI 12:00 - 2:45PM

## AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss has born on March 2, 1904, Springfield, Massachusetts, and died September 24, 1991, La Jolla, California. He was an American writer and illustrator of immensely popular children's books noted for their nonsense words, playful rhymes, and unusual creatures.

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Dr-Seuss>



<https://www.seussville.com/books/>



## 5TH GRADE EXHIBITION



*Mrs. Patel*

Instructional  
Coach  
PYP & MYP Coordinator

This month, our 5th-grade students showcased their hard work and creativity during the culminating PYP Exhibition project in the multipurpose room. They proudly presented their projects, demonstrating their dedication and learning achievements to the entire school community.

We were delighted to see a strong turnout from both our GIS students and their supportive parents/guardians. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for meaningful interactions, allowing everyone to engage with the presenters, ask insightful questions, and provide valuable feedback.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our students' education journey. We look forward to welcoming you to the 8th grade Community Project showcase on April 8th-9th.



**Knowledgeable**

Learn and understand



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## MARCH IB LEARNER PROFILE

# SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS



*Mrs. Sam Olson*  
School Counselor

March is the beginning of Spring and is known as the season of hope and growth. All parents want their children to show growth and be successful in school, life, and their relationships. As a parent, you are your child's first teacher, providing guidance and encouragement through all the stages of development from the first day of school to graduating from high school, secondary education and entering the workforce. There are many ways parents can support their students throughout the school year. Below are a few ways to support your child.

## Tips for growth and success:

- Model and talk to your child about the importance of being on time and ready to learn each and every day.
- Show an interest in your child's learning. Tell your child your expectations when it comes to school work and encourage them to never give up!
- Establish regular times for family members to eat, sleep, play, work and study. Have schoolwork, especially reading, come before sports, TV, and chores.
- Encourage reading daily. Visit the local library online so your child can pick out a book they are interested in.
- Know your child's strengths and encourage them through their struggles.
- Express confidence in your child's ability to be successful. Talk with your child about their future.
- Ask them about their day. If they say "I don't know" ask specific questions like:
  - "What was the coolest part of the day?"
  - "What is something that made you smile today?"
  - "What made you proud today?"
  - "Tell me something that made you laugh today."

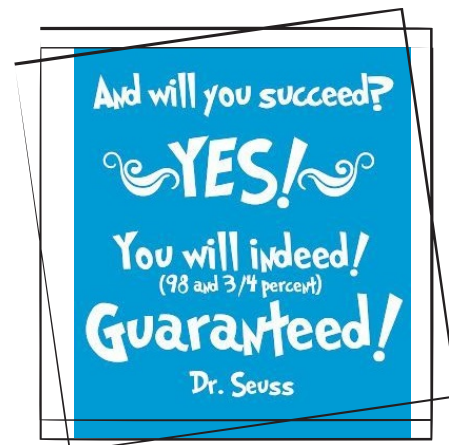
*Next Month: College and Career Readiness Month*



Careers on Wheels is a hands-on event promoting student awareness with variety of careers, linking school with the world of work, and allows students to meet positive career role models. Students learn by hearing the stories of a typical day on the job in the vehicle. We are currently recruiting speakers for our College and Career Readiness Month events. Please contact Mrs. Sam or Mrs. Svitlana for more information.

## MARCH LESSONS

- TK, K & 1st** - SEL Relationship Skills
- 4th Grade** - SEL Social Awareness
- 5th Grade** - SEL Social Awareness
- 6th Grade** - SEL Responsibility & Self Management
- 7th Grade** - SEL Responsibility & Self Management
- 8th Grade** - SEL Code Switching



**MARCH STUDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS- MARCH 7TH & 21ST 3:30-4:30PM RM. E03**

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Ms. Sofia  
Registrar

## OPEN REGISTRATION



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The open enrollment window is closing soon! The deadline for applying is March 22nd. It is crucial to submit your application before the due date to give siblings of current students a chance to enroll for the 2024-25 school year. If you still need to apply, please scan the QR code to access the form. If the applicant has siblings at GIS, kindly provide their names in the application.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help and support you every step of the way. You can reach me via email at [sofiia.andreichenko@gcccharters.org](mailto:sofiia.andreichenko@gcccharters.org) or by phone at 916 386-1985. When you call, please press option 2 to speak directly with me.

We're thrilled to hear back from you and hope your children and their siblings can join us for the upcoming academic year!

Best regards,  
Sofiia



Ms. Cooper  
Music Teacher

## VAPA - MUSIC PERFORMANCES

Hello GIS Families!

After a great Winter Celebration, our GIS Music classes are working hard on some upcoming Spring performances:

**3rd Grade: Friday, March 22 at 8:45**

**4th Grade: Friday, April 12 at 8:45**

**5th Grade: Friday, April 19 at 8:45**

All performances are in the MPR, and you are welcome to come see your students perform! MYP Music will be having a Spring Showcase in May, dates to be announced. Our upcoming unit is Music Around the World. 6th grade will cover music of Africa, the Middle East and Western/Southern Asia. 7th grade will focus on music of East Asia and Oceania. 8th grade will explore how the music of Europe combined with music of other regions of the world as immigrants came to North and South America.



PRIVATE  
MUSIC  
INSTRUCTIONS  
IN THE  
AREA



**OPEN HOUSE - APRIL 11th,  
5:30-7:00pm**

DON'T  
MISS IT



Location - Start in the MPR and then Visit Classrooms.  
Stop by the Inquiry Center for our Spring Book Fair

**HOT DOGS WILL BE PROVIDED**



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**February 1st-March 22nd**  
Open Enrollment

### March

- Slavic Heritage Month
- Women's History Month
- National Reading Month

**March 21st** - Student Council Meeting

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

**April 1st** - NO School

**April 4th** - Student Council Meeting

**April 5th** - Student of the Month Assembly

**April 15th** - BMX Bike Assembly

**April 8th through 12th** - Scholastic Spring Book Fair, MYP Community Project Showcase

**April 10th** - Pastries with Principal

**April 11th** - Open House

