

Gateway International School Newsletter

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HOUSE NEWS

GIS students, families and staff are doing wonders on our fundraisers. The See's Fundraiser raised almost \$700 for GIS with sales of almost \$2000. THANK YOU!

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

Red House: 2062 points
Blue House: 1552 points
Yellow House: 1041 points
Green House: 1757 points
Purple House: 1580 points

Congratulations
to the Red House
for taking the
lead with the
See's Fundraiser!

Fast ForWord

We have a new program this year to support students who are struggling with reading or English. Fast ForWord is an evidence-based language and reading intervention program that uses a unique three-step approach to deliver fast learning gains. Step one of this program prepares the brain for reading and learning by improving the cognitive skills that are weak in struggling learners (memory, attention, and processing speed). Step two ensures every learner receives personalized, intensive practice on a wide variety of reading and language skills – more than any other approach or intervention. During step three, learners reinforce their new reading and language skills and rapidly build fluency and comprehension. We have used this program since August and have seen multiple students improve drastically.

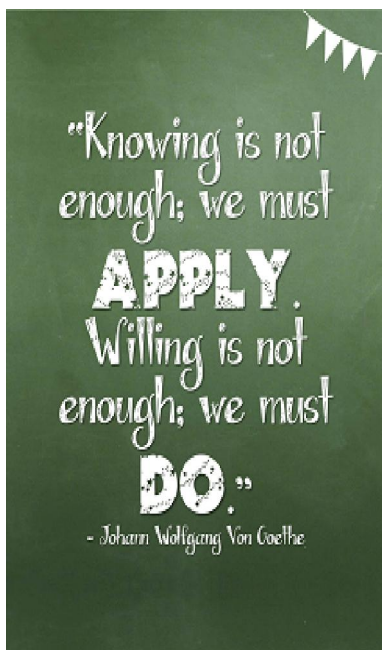
For semester 2, we are being more principled about using this program as it is designed and for all students who need it. In TK-5th, a student will complete 2 hours a week at school and can do extra at home. In 6th-8th, students can either complete their 2 hours at home or stay after school to complete it. We are happy to offer this intervention to our students. If you have questions or want your child to be signed up, please talk to your child's teacher.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, January 26th - Wednesday, February 28th
 - SaveAround Coupon Books Fundraiser - \$25 per book
- Wednesday, January 31st - GIS Student Store at lunch time
- Thursday, February 1st
 - 8:30 - 9:00 - TK, 1st-2nd Grade Monthly Assembly
 - 9:15 - 9:45 - Kindergarten Monthly Assembly
- Friday, February 2nd
 - 8:50 - 9:20 - 6th - 8th Grade Monthly Assembly
 - 9:30 - 10:00 - 3rd - 5th Grade Monthly Assembly
- **Sunday, February 4th - WASC Community Meeting 4pm in MPR**
- **Monday, February 5th - Parent Luncheon with WASC 12pm Pilgrim Hall**
- Monday, February 5th - School Site Council Meeting 1:30pm
- Friday, February 9th - House Buddy Reading
- Monday, February 19th - Friday, February 23th
 - No School, Presidents' Week Break
- Monday, February 27th - Friday, March 3rd
 - Read-a-thon
- Wednesday, February 28th - Thursday, March 1st
 - Minimum Days - Dismissal @ 12:30 pm
- Thursday, March 1st - Friday, March 2nd
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences - Please sign up in the office!



Thank you for your generous donations of Box Tops. We are getting closer to our \$500 goal with each passing month. We are \$250 closer to our goal.



February 19th - 23rd
NO SCHOOL

PRESIDENTS'
WEEK BREAK

WASC Community Meeting

We will be welcoming our WASC committee on Sunday, February 4th at 4:00pm in the MPR. There will be a few student performances and light refreshments will be served. Parents can bring children if they want.

WASC Parent Luncheon

On Monday, February 5th will be the Parent Luncheon with the WASC team. This will be a traditional Russian meal in Pilgrim Hall from 12:00-1:00pm. Call the office to sign up.

Look for our parent workshop regarding "Discipline" on our website.

It's Flu Season!

Do NOT send your child to school if they have a fever, they are vomiting, or have diarrhea. Here are a few things you can do to help keep your child and others healthy:

- Teach your children to: wash their hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub; not to share personal items like drinks, food or unwashed utensils; and cover up their coughs or sneezes using the elbow, arm or sleeve instead of the hand when a tissue is unavailable.
- Know the signs and symptoms: flu includes fever, cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.

ASES Information

Starting January, students will work on their homework from 3:30-4:30 unless they are doing enrichment (i.e., STEM, sewing, tutoring, band, choir, sports, FFW, ASL). Tutoring teachers will also be helping with homework.

MYP Information

8th Grade Community Project is under way.

- Jan. 16th - Apr 20th: carrying out the service as action and record information and developments in their process journals.
- April 23rd - May 4th: reflect on their project and turn everything in to Mrs. Baudot.
- May 11th: Students will be presenting their community project in Pilgrim Hall.

PYP Showcase Times

Come and support our classes having their IB Showcases this month.

- First Grade Showcase: 2/8 at 2:15-3:00 pm. Rooms: 15, 16, 17
- Fourth Grade Showcase: 2/15 at 8:45-9:45 am. Rooms: 4, 10
- TK/Kindergarten Showcase: 2/16 at 9:15-10:00 am. Rooms: 14, and across the street at SAUCC