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Monday, Martin Luther King Day, A National and School Holiday

Monday, January 15, our nation observes Martin Luther King Day and recognizes the contribution of this great leader in our country. He exemplifies standing up for what is right, living a life of service to both God and man, demonstrating the difference one committed person can make, and making the world a better place for all God’s children. We encourage you as parents to be discussing these things at home especially as you talk about *why* there is no school on Monday.

School Spirit Week Moved to Next Week

Due to the snow, School Spirit Week has been moved to this coming week. There were a number of disappointed students who had planned and dressed – only to have school cancelled. We have that school spirit; let’s let it show!

Monday: GCA Family Skate Night at Skate-A-Way is 6:30-8:30 pm. Come visit; relax and connect. Though there is no school, attendance at the GCA Family Skate Night counts towards the school spirit sticks!

Tuesday-Friday: These days are exactly the same as on the list sent home previously.

School Spirit Sticks: The criteria for earning those remains the same except that the actual attendance at the GCA Family Skate Night counts instead of the number of pre-purchased tickets. Therefore, the following things will be counted towards the awarding of the spirit sticks:

- Attendance at the GCA Family Skate Night
- Class participation on each spirit day
- Pep Rally Participation
- Spirit Cry at the Pep Rally

GCA Family Skate Night Monday Evening

Monday evening it’s the GCA Family Skate Night, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm! Visit with other families or do a little skating yourself! It’s a time to relax and chill. Attendance at the school skate night counts towards the School Spirit Sticks at the Thursday pep rally. *Students will need to check in with the volunteer as they enter the rink to be sure they are counted in their class total.* Pre-purchased tickets are still in your best interest and avoids the line waiting to pay to get in. Concessions are also available; keep in mind that cash is needed for purchases. Credit cards are not accepted.

Competing in the National Cheerleaders of America Competition

NEW The JV competitive Cheer team performed in the National Christian Cheerleaders of America Competition in Orlando this past weekend and represented their school well. The competition was steep; teams from large schools were present, and the quality in performance was obvious. GCA feels blessed to have come in a close 2nd place in the overall competition. Each of Guardian Christian's stunt duos came in 1st in their divisions, and the impact team did themselves proud as well. For more, go to www.facebook.com/GuardianChristianAcademy.

The girls conducted themselves well both on and off the mat. Their spirits and interactions with each other and with others was notable. They looked out for each other and conducted themselves in a Christ-like manner. Trips like this – whether athletic, missional, or otherwise - promote a sense of community and comradery that not only creates memories but enriches lives. Such was evident in our girls.

Thank you, GCA, for your support this fall by participating in various fundraisers such as the Applebee's Pancake Breakfast and eating at Chipotle's. In addition your prayers for the girls and words of encouragement were huge, appreciated, and answered.

Haiti Service Project

NEW Haiti is reportedly the poorest country in the western hemisphere. The 2010 earthquake perpetuated the problem. It's estimated that 3 million people were affected by the earthquake of which 300,000 people lost their lives; millions were left homeless and many, many were orphaned. Today, depending on your source, only 25% -40% have access to clean water. Most Haitians live on \$2 a day. Only 60% of Haitians can read. Understandably the effort to survive and get basic necessities takes precedence over education for so many.

Due to circumstances in Haiti itself, GCA is changing its focus from sending items specifically for the New Horizons Orphanage to helping two small Christian schools in the community around the orphanage. Therefore, this month we are collecting items for two very small Christian schools located in the same community as the orphanage; these schools too struggle to have the basic tools with which to teach these children. We ask that for this community service project each student bring the following:

Kindergarten	3 boxes of 24 crayons *
First	3 pair children's scissors *
Second	4 rulers (inches and cm)
Third	3 black and white composition books
Fourth	2 Box of chalk and 2 chalkboard erasers *
Fifth	2 Box of chalk and 2chalkboard erasers *
6 th	Flashcards: 2 Sets of Addition and a box of 24 Crayons *
7 th	Flashcards: 2 Sets of Subtraction and a box of 24 Crayons *
8 th	Flashcards: 3 sets of Subtraction
9 th	Flashcards: 3 sets of multiplication
10-12 th	3 Packages of loose leaf ruled notebook paper and 1 set of division flashcards

* For things like crayons and scissors we ask that items NOT be purchased at stores like the Dollar Tree; let's insure that the items we purchase are durable.

We are blessed that the church of one of our students goes to this community- including the orphanage and the schools -to assist with physical needs on a regular basis. Mr. Johnson, father of Abby, will be taking care of the delivery of the school supplies. Thank you Mr. Johnson. Because of the number of

snow days we've had, our Haiti Service Project is off to a late start, and, therefore, can be brought to Chapel on February 7 (grades 6-12) and February 9 (grades K-5).

"Lead with Love"

NEW The February community service project will be "Lead with Love". Students and families are encouraged to collect gently worn shoes and to bring them to the last Chapel of the month, Friday, February 23, for K-5 and Wednesday, February 28 for 6-12. These shoes will be sent to 3rd world countries through an organization that will give a monetary amount for the shoes to the charity of our choice; we chose "Lead with Love", an agency that trains service dogs for children. *We tell you know so that you will save your gently used shoes and encourage others to do the same.*

Snow and Makeup Info

With this much school missed, makeup days come into question. ***However, Monday, January 15, WILL REMAIN a Student/Teacher Holiday in observance of Martin Luther King Day.*** February 19, however, will be a makeup day. You'll be apprised of changes – once we know how much school we're missing.

For the most part we make the same call as Chesterfield County when it comes to snow days or delayed openings. However, there are times when we use our own judgment when circumstances may differ. Regrettably with last minute changes, our information did not reach the television on one occasion. However, information is posted on facebook within minutes after a decision is made.

Raising Highly Capable Kids

NEW Beginning January 23, 2018, XZone will be hosting a **FREE**, 12 week class entitled Raising Highly Capable Kids. This course is designed around the 40 Developmental Assets, which studies have proven lead to higher student success rates. During the class, parents will be provided with discussion around each of the different assets that help young people grow to be healthy, caring, and responsible. Raising kids can be tough, but developing tools and encouraging community does not have to be.

The class will be meeting every Tuesday night from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Dinner will be provided as well as childcare for those who need it. Register Online at www.xzoneva.org. The course is limited to 30 participants.

Art Classes

NEW GCA provides instruction in more than the core academics; we desire to provide a well-rounded education and give students opportunities to explore areas in which they may have undiscovered interests and/or talents. Please see the attached to learn what has been going on in the art room recently.

What I Need to Know to Be Informed Parent Meeting for Rising 6th Graders: Tuesday, January 23, 7 pm

Did the 5th grade parent meeting "What I Must Know to Be Informed" make it to your 2018 calendar? If not, you'll want to do that now. A letter with a return section has been sent home as well. Please complete and send back to school.

When answering parental questions we frequently learn that parents are aware of what they see – *but don't have an understanding of what is happening to bring that about.* We hear, "Oh, I wish I would

have known ...”, “That helps me understand it so much better. If only everyone realized ... “, or “That’s something we *all* should know.” The 23rd focuses particularly on what parents of 5th graders and above need to know about GCA middle school and high school.

Mark Your Calendar

See the calendar on the website’s homepage for school events through January. Winter sports schedules will soon be found on the website under the Athletics tab.

ART CLASS ROOM NEWSLETTER

K-5

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Art class so far this year has been full of many adventures and a lot of creativity. From pointillism to pop art, the students have experienced many different ways to create art, all while including history, geography and different countries.

Kindergarten: Over the past month the Kindergarteners have been studying all of the different types of lines (dashed, straight, spiral, wavy, zig-zag and thick). They did an awesome job drawing each line and filling in the spaces with vibrant watercolors.

First Grade: To continue their study on the Statue of Liberty the first graders drew their very own "Lady Liberty" Portraits. The students did so well adding in all of the facial features to create beautiful portraits. They also used creativity to fill in the background with colors of their choosing.

Second Grade: After reading about colonial quilting the students were able to create their very own symmetrical quilt design on individual squares. When put together the squares create a collaborative class quilt. They also looked at positive and negative space, and created silhouette portraits of themselves.

Third Grade: This current section has pulled their knowledge about animals and they have also looked at the design work of aboriginal people from Australia. Each student drew a large scale animal, filled it in with colors and shapes and is now creating dotted designs around them.

Fourth Grade: Since they studied Virginia in their regular class I decided to bring that into the art room. For this project the students have been putting in a lot of work to create Virginia landscapes using the technique called pointillism. Even it takes a lot of patience each project is coming along beautifully.

Fifth Grade: The fifth grade has been hard at work creating mosaic landscapes using mulita-media paper. Using a reference photo the students are choosing different types and colors of paper to cut into shapes and glue into a design that will create beautiful landscapes

WHAT'S NEXT?

Kindergarten will be creating paper sculptures featuring the lines they previously studied and first grade will create straw mosaic art. The second graders will be creating Gustav Klimt Trees that will feature beautiful gold designs. For third grade we will be moving into Picasso/ Sandra Silberzweig self-portraits. Even though fourth and fifth will be working on their current projects for a little longer they will eventually move into 3D art as well. Fourth grade will be doing wire portraits and fifth grade will move into card board buildings.