

## “Shout Out”

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### **\$296,644.90 --- Yes, that's the Number!**

**NEW** Yes, that's the number of dollars that have been raised so far for the upcoming GCA gym that will be housed within the XZone sportsplex! At dismissal Monday you will not be able to miss the large banner on display showing the progress we have made together! This number is inclusive of cash/checks, matching funds, and promises for work in kind. Isn't that something to celebrate?

Several of us have not contributed yet. We've heard of many who plan to but have not gotten to it yet. Now is the time! Let's reach for our goal of \$450,000 by March; that's just \$154,000 to go! The pleasure is greater when we all join together.

Checks are a great way to give. However, for those who prefer to contribute online, go to the GCA web page ([www.GCAKids.com](http://www.GCAKids.com)). At the bottom of the home page it says "Support/Partner with GCA". That link takes you to ways to contribute to GCA, and **Believe.U-Knight.Build** is the first one.

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### **Open House ... Tuesday Evening, 6:30-8:00 pm**

Open House is a great opportunity to invite your friends, family, and colleagues to see GCA for themselves. It is also a great opportunity for you to get a preview of what is coming in the next grade. We look forward to seeing many of you Tuesday evening.

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### **Colds and Flu Season**

As the email this week said, during this flu and strep throat season, we at GCA have greatly increased the use and frequency of disinfectants and sanitizing products in the classrooms and in common areas. We ask that you be cautious as well. *If your child isn't well, please don't send him to school. If your child is running a fever, keep him at home until he has been fever free and symptom free - without over the counter or prescription medications – for a full 24 hours.* Whether it's flu, strep, or any other communicable bug, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" may be a very true adage as we work together for the health of our students and their teachers.

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### **Saying That You Care – A Valentine Surprise**

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**NEW** Our Valentine traditions are back! Through the attached form you are able to purchase a valentine for your child or a staff member through the high school fundraiser. Nothing says you care more than a public display for all around to see! Whether your child receives a valentine, that special candy, or a singing telegram, it's exciting to have it delivered in front of classmates. See the attached for details and the order form.

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### **Bringing School Supplies for the Haiti Service Project**

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Due to the snow the January service project was lengthened one week. Therefore, the items for the Haiti Service Project should be brought in this week Wednesday, February 7, for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, and Friday, February 9, for elementary students. These school supplies will be highly treasured by the students in our two Christian schools in Haiti. In a country where there's a 55% literacy rate, where 58% of schools have no toilets, 1 in 5 children are malnourished, and the life expectancy is 57, our contributions are truly a God-send.

Thank you for working with your child to promote an awareness of the world and its needs, foster empathy, and help him/her understand how he/she fits into a society where each is a part of a solution.

Community service also gives you the parent added opportunities to help your child understand the blessings we enjoy and how to share them with others.

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### **Report Cards Coming**

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**NEW** Second quarter report cards go home on Thursday, February 22. Report cards of students whose accounts are not up to date will be withheld until payment is made. This also pertains to library fines, excessive tardies, etc. We're proud of the progress the students have made this quarter. *Please return the report cards by Wednesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.*

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### **Who Do We Call on to Keep Us Safe?**

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**NEW** GCA's own Safety Patrol Squad ... that's who. Since October, our Safety Patrol Squad has been committed to ensuring your safety as you come and go during drop-off and check-out. This group of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students has been selected to serve in this capacity and has displayed qualities of leadership, responsibility and honesty. They oversee our hallways, sidewalks, stairwells, entrance ways and the atrium. They also attend leadership training meetings, and one squad member per month is recognized and awarded the "gold badge" for their exceptional growth in leadership—both in and out of the classroom. Our gold badge recipients, thus far, have been Ashton Ritz (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Stephanie Zuskin (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Carly Talley (5<sup>th</sup> grade). Under the guidance of fifth graders Corbin Rogers and Ashlyn Mason, this team of students is working hard to keep you safe. Thank you, Safety Patrollers, for taking your job seriously and watching out for us. We appreciate your time and commitment. You are making a difference.

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### **School Spirit Day at CiCi's February 13**

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Join us at CiCi's Pizza on Commonwealth Centre Parkway, **Monday, February 13, 5:00 - 8:00 pm.**

Bring your friends and family, and have a great time without cooking or clean up! By placing your receipt in the designated container at CiCi's on the 13th, **15%** will be donated to GCA! Better yet, it's a perfect time to visit with other families outside of the GCA walls!

As always for school spirit days, wearing a school shirt, allows you to wear an appropriate non-dress code pants/skirt.

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### **First Grade's "Greatest Fieldtrip EVER"!**

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**NEW** First Grade had a wonderful time on their field trip to the Children's Museum of Chesterfield on Tuesday. Comments of "Greatest field trip EVER" were heard all around. Students had plenty of time to explore and play all around the museum with their friends. They also participated in a fun, interactive time with museum staff learning all about magnets! Museum educators were very impressed with the knowledge that our students brought into the program as well. We would like to extend a big thank you to all of the chaperones who helped make this fun day possible

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### **Info on Makeup Days**

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**NEW** Private schools have the ability to use more discretion with the makeup of instructional time related to snow days. In addition, GCA has more instructional time built into each day than is required of public schools. GCA will be publishing its makeup time by February 16. We know that February 19 WILL be a full day of school

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### **RFE is on the Way!**

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**NEW** Yes, the Race Man will soon start his trip our way for Race for Education! Race for Education is not only a successful fundraiser at GCA, helping to offset school expenses, but it is a highly anticipated event. Race for Education is tied into regular physical exercise and healthy lifestyles. A flyer will be coming home soon with a letter soon to follow. The kickoff is February 20; the race itself is April 25 for K4 students through high school. Reserve the day – come out, volunteer, and cheer the students on!

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### **Mark Your Calendar**

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See the calendar on the website's homepage for school events through February. Fall sports schedules can be found on the website under the Athletics tab.