

“Shout Out”

GUARDIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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June 8	High School Graduation, 7 pm Sycamore Presbyterian Church
June 11	K-5 Crazy Hat Day
June 12	K-5 Mismatch Day
June 12-14	9 th Grade Pennsylvania Trip
June 12-18	10 th -12 th Grade Mission Trip
June 13	K-5 “Survivor”: Field Day 8 th Grade to Busch Gardens
June 14	K-5 Hawaiian Day, 11:00-12:00; 12:15 Dismissal
June 15	Last Day of School; 12:15 Dismissal Dress Code Applies

Not Being Truthful Erodes Trust

NEW Elementary students studied the 9th Commandment, “Do Not Lie”, with our Fifth Grade teacher, Mrs. Brinkley. Lying is when we don’t tell the truth, but it is also when we don’t tell the whole story. Mrs. Brinkley explained that this is where most of us usually have difficulty. Sometimes we lie to protect someone from getting in trouble or we lie to fit in, but when we lie we lose trust and freedom.

Mrs. Brinkley told of a time in her childhood when she lied to her best Elementary School friend, which caused her best friend to no longer want to be her friend. It also hurt Mrs. Brinkley by giving her the reputation of being a liar in the class. She told another story of her children and how they protected the one sibling who was lying by withholding the truth from Mrs. Brinkley and her husband.

Lying can easily become a pattern for how we live our life, but God wants us to be honest and truthful. She explained that the word “sin” is an archery term and means to miss the mark. Our target as a Christian is to live for Jesus and to have an abundant life. When we lie, we miss the target. Lying proves we are untrustworthy - but today is a new day. God offers forgiveness and His grace when we confess our lying to Him!

From the Clinic

NEW As the 2017-18 school year draws to a close, it is time to make plans to pick up your student’s medication from our school clinic. Necessary medication must be available to support student needs through the end of the last day of school on June 15. All medications must be picked up from the clinic at the end of the school year unless the child is registered for summer school-age care. Regardless of their age, students are not permitted to pick up medication to take home. Parents may pick up medication by the end of day on June 15.

Field Day 2018



We were meant to thrive, not just survive!

Mrs. O'Neal needs 15-20 volunteers to man the "Survivor" field day event stations Wednesday morning, June 13th. Sign-up sheets are on the dismissal tables, or contact her at LONeal@GCAKids.com.

Also on Field Day, June 13th, it will be Royal Blue & Gold Day. The students will be divided into two teams, the Royal Blue Team and the Gold Team. Information was sent home with your student to let you know what team he/she will be on. Please make sure your child wears his/her team color T-shirt to Field Day. Students will also need to bring a disposable water bottle with their names on it and a snack.

We are looking forward to a great Field Day and Lots of Fun!

Field Day Reminders:

On Field Day each student needs to bring:

- A bottle of water labeled with the student's name.
- A snack labeled with student's name.
- A bagged lunch with a drink (no sodas), *or a school lunch may be purchased. School lunches this day will be a bagged lunch.*

**** Parents, please apply sunscreen before your child arrives at school ****

Field Day Attire:

- Must wear tennis shoes
- Wear royal blue or gold T-shirt according to team color (check with teacher if uncertain)
- Jeans, modest shorts, or caprices

To the parents who are volunteering to help, we thank you so very much!

Remember When?

It's time to order your GCA prepaid yearbook! Remember the moments captured on camera... the projects... field trips... parties... classmates ...lessons learned... and much more! **Now \$38.00, the cost goes up to \$43 after June 15.**

Do you need another form? See Ms. Dee.

Canceling the Summer Music Enrichment Camp

The Music Enrichment Camp scheduled for July 23-27, featuring the musical "Unselfie: #Selfless in a Selfie World", has not very many registrations come in. In fact, even though it is not time yet for the camp itself, registrations have been so low that we are concerned about making this a positive experience for our students. With fewer campers than there are speaking parts and auditions scheduled for Monday, it is unwise to conduct this camp this summer. Money will be returned/refunded to those

who have registered. The musical itself will be put on hold with the intent of using it another time. We regret that this decision has had to be made and that this will be a disappointment to those who had registered.

Register for the Summer Sports Camps

Have you planned your summer yet? Have you registered online for sports camps? Though the Music Camp is cancelled for this year, the sports camps are on full blast! Once again The GCA and X-Zone bring you summer camps under the name of "Elevate". Here are the camps and dates.

June 25-28:

Soccer	R1-R6	9:00-12:00
Volleyball	R5-R8	9:00-12:00
Volleyball	R9-R12	1:00-4:00
Baseball	Ages 8-14	9:00-12:00

July 16-19:

Cheer	R1-R5, R6-R12	9:00-12:00
Basketball	R1-R5	9:00-12:00
Basketball	R6-R12	1:00-4:00

Register online at www.GCAkids.com/summer-camps or www.XZoneva.org/summer-camps

AGECROFT HALL

NEW On Thursday, May 31, 9th -12th grade visited Agecroft Hall in Richmond, Va. Agecroft Hall was bought in England and then shipped to Virginia where it was reassembled. It offers students the rare opportunity to study Shakespeare in a setting contemporary with his life. We "set the scene" by beginning with a tour of the house, followed by a discussion of Elizabethan entertainment, theaters, actors, and audiences. Then it was "show-time," as students became the actors, technicians and audience members for the staging of a Shakespearean scene from *Romeo and Juliet*. Thematic and historical issues important to the selected scene were also discussed. While Justin, Elizabeth, Stanford, Tia, and Will took speaking parts, everyone else participated as audience members who were pickpockets, visiting the theater owner, members of the aristocracy, as well as others. After the performance, we wandered the grounds of gardens of the residence. It was a wonderful experience stepping back in time to Shakespeare's England.

From the Music Room

NEW Thank you so much for the opportunity to work with your child/children in Music this year! I have really enjoyed getting to know them and helping them to develop their God-given musical talents. Along with our weekly rhythm pattern practice on djembe drums and singing solfege, here is a sampling of lessons our students have recently enjoyed:

Kindergarten students recently sang "See Saw" with solfege (so, la, mi) , stomped on the steady beat J, clapped the rhythm, noted whether there were one or two notes on the beat (ta's or ti ti's) and added Orff instruments (xylophones, metallophones) playing ascending notes for the lyrics "up, up, up" and playing descending notes for the lyrics "down, down, down".

First grade students recently learned a folk song, “Old Dog Full of Fleas”, and were able to fill in missing rhythms and sing the song with solfege (so, mi, do). To distinguish between steady beat and melodic rhythm, half the class played the steady beat on the tambourines while the rest of the class played the melodic rhythm on rhythm sticks.

Second grade students recently learned to sing a folk song about a frog in Japanese. We found Japan on a world map and learned there are over 4700 species of frogs all over the world with about 90 species in the USA. They clapped the rhythm and then played the melody on our Boomwhacker tubes (tuned percussion tubes). They finished by singing the song in a round.

Third and Fourth graders have recently completed their Recorder unit by watching several video clips of adult Recorder Consorts (groups) using many different sizes of recorders made from many different types of wood. One video showed a group playing a musical piece from the 1600’s. The students particularly loved watching the performers with bass recorders (because they’re so big)! Another group played 3 Irish traditional folk songs and instead of using the traditionally shaped bass recorder, used a Paetzold recorder that was four sided with keys and derived from an organ pipe.

Congratulations to the following Third and Fourth grade students who completed all of their Recorder achievement level songs and earned their Black Belt in Recorder Karate. This has given them the opportunity to attend a celebratory lunch at a local Chinese Restaurant: Courtney Adams, Aaron Lafon, Kaylis Lowry, Gabriel Marr, Payton Murray, Banks Patterson, Brandon Rogers, Makaela Worsham, Marinda Boone, Eden Keene, Sam Mitchell, Blake Pearson, Kincer Pond, Wyatt Schmidt, Sheyenne Smith, Saryyah Bowers, J’adore Cadet, Zac McNelley, Ashton-Michael Ritz, Trent Sammons, Preeyal Shah and Gretchen Shearin. Thank you for your hard work!

Fifth grade students have learned E, D, and A major chords along with the E minor on their guitar. I am very proud of how hard they are working in class to make smooth transitions from chord to chord, as most students do not have a guitar at home to practice this with. We are finishing up our guitar unit by playing an arrangement of “Lean on Me” with the hymn “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”, which uses the A, D, and E major chords.

Have a wonderful summer. Keep making music and look for opportunities to use your talents for the Lord!

Maymont Park Visit

NEW On Thursday, May 29, both second grade classes went to the beautiful Maymont Park in Richmond, Virginia. Our first stop was the friendly farm animals where our students enjoyed petting and feeding small, hungry animals. As we made our way down the winding path we spied many different kinds of animals and plant life. Each student had a check list of animals that are usually seen at the park. Most students were able to check off the animals that were in view. Perhaps our favorite spot was the Japanese Gardens with its lovely waterfall and Koi fish filled ponds. After a steep climb up to the Italian garden we found a spot on the green to have a wonderful lunch. We thank our many parents who accompanied us on this trip. It is a great place to observe our Father’s world!

Third Grades Goes on Two Field Trips in May

NEW The third grade class took a trip to the **Quartermaster Museum** at Fort Lee, Virginia, in May. They took a guided tour of the museum looking for simple machines hidden among the many army artifacts. They were able to see General Patton's jeep, General Eisenhower's trailer where he made many plans for battle. Another favorite site of the students was the helicopter. There was a ship that could operate on land and in water, trucks that had to be started with a crank, and covered wagons. Also, the instructor had some hands on activities for the students to try and guess what artifacts were wrapped up inside a towel. All the students could use was their sense of touch to figure out what the artifact was. Next, they had to put the artifacts in categories according to their purpose as survival needs of a soldier and the time period they were used in. This trip enhanced the knowledge of U. S. History as well as simple machines in Science for the third grade class. One student's comment was "This is amazing!" Every student was able to show how much they had learned about Simple Machines in the classroom and apply it to what they saw in the museum.

The third grade also visited the **Museum of the Confederacy and the Confederate White House** in Richmond this past month. Our trip enhanced our study of Robert E. Lee, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, and many other people who were influential in the Civil War. We were able to learn more about the details of the war and some unusual facts such as how Stonewall Jackson was nicknamed "Stonewall" and Robert E. Lee's pet chicken. All the boys and girls enjoyed the tour of the Confederate White house, especially when the tour guide spoke of the Davis children. There were so many artifacts to see and learn about! We received two compliments from our tour guides on the behavior of our students and the expert knowledge that they already possessed pertaining to the Civil War. We were blessed with beautiful weather so we were able to enjoy a picnic lunch in the courtyard between the museum and White House. May we always remember the purpose of learning history, so as to not repeat it but to learn from it!

Report Cards Coming Home

NEW On June 15, the last day of school, K-5 report cards go home and parents see their children's progress. (6th -12th are mailed the following week.) A reminder to those whose account is not current: according to policy, the report card is released when your account is balanced. This includes everything from tuition to child care and library fines.

In the report card envelope will also be:

- Next year's supply list. As you unpack your child's current school supplies, be sure to set aside those things which can be used next year; new items are not required if the current item(s) still function satisfactorily.
- A very basic 2018-2019 school calendar. A more detailed one will be given at Orientation August 30.
- The results of the Terra Nova standardized testing

Registration Reminders

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- T-dap records must be turned in for rising 6th graders.
- The Handbook Receipt page must be turned in for each and every student.
- The registration fee increases to \$225 on July 1.

Watch D.O.G.S. ... a Continued Success

NEW The Watch D.O.G.S.[®] program at GCA has come to an end for the 2017-2018 school year. We have been blessed to have welcomed so many dads and male mentors to our classrooms this year, with many of them having committed to two, and even three, days of service. The familiar t-shirt welcoming students in the car line and patrolling the halls heightens the sense of security in the building and brings smiles to the students along the way. From the students' point of view, it is great to have their dads with them for the day. Having them read stories to the class, participate in science labs, share information in history, drill those math facts, and lend a hand on the computers has helped so much. Having them join in the activities in PE class, spend lunch time in the cafeteria, play with students at recess, and worship with them in chapel has added a special touch to so many days.

The dads have also expressed a great sense of enjoyment and satisfaction from being a part of their child's school day. Many have communicated what fun the day was. Others have expressed a newfound appreciation for the effort their child puts forth at *their* job each day – the job of being a student. Many have gained a greater appreciation for the teachers who minister to the children throughout the year. All have had such positive things to share! Thank you, dads, for giving of your time and for all of your encouraging and insightful feedback. You have helped to build a strong foundation of partnership that means so much to the culture of GCA.

As we look towards the 2018-2019 school year, we look forward to continuing to build this special program. Our first years have been a great success thanks to our dads' willingness to serve. You each truly are *Dads Of Great Students!*

Summer Open House

NEW Throughout the summer, families of our community continue to be interested in Guardian Christian Academy and what we have to offer. Like last year, we will hold a summer Open House, scheduled this year for July 17 from 9:00-4:00, a floating Open House. As you meet parents who are considering their options or who are concerned about their child's education and learning environment, let them know about GCA. Suggest they call for a tour or that they attend our Open House July 17.

Part of what makes our Open House events a success is you – parents who volunteer to greet and meet our visitors, who answer questions about specific grade levels and the classroom experiences. If you are willing to help out in such a way, please call Beth Adams at 804-715-3210.

GCA Orientation

NEW On Thursday, August 30th, we will host our Orientation Night at 5:30pm for all K-12 Students/Parents in the Life Center.

You are welcome to bring your school supplies on this night. *Please make sure everything is labeled with your child's name. Some supplies can be kept from the previous year. If they are in good shape there is no need to buy brand new.*

“You’ve Got Mail”

Be on the lookout this summer for updates and information through both email and Facebook. Don’t forget to check Facebook often for pictures, postings, and other reminders.

The staff and faculty of Guardian Christian Academy wish you a wonderful summer, enjoying relaxing days, spending more time with family, and renewing spiritually.