



# THE SCHOOL HELPER

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### Gallaudet Day Play

Kudos to Julie Burton's ASL I and ASL II classes for the fantastic performance of their play for Gallaudet Day. Thomas Gallaudet helped establish education for deaf students in the US and the play tells the story by having a statue of Gallaudet "awaken" and interact with Gallaudet University students. Video on our website and socials!



Cast with director Julie Burton



Santos introduces the play; Shawn was a fantastic Thomas Gallaudet.



Shawn and Allison pose as the famous statue of Gallaudet and Alice Cogswell, the Deaf child who prompted him to help provide education for deaf children; Parris, Isaiah, Miracle, and Kendriyn as Gallaudet students discussing the history they are learning.



Caleb explains more details at the end of they play; Anthony as narrator; Abe takes a photo of Gary with the "statue."



## Gallaudet Day Play, continued



Gary explains; Natalie cleans up around the statue; Shania and Joe ask questions; Caleb tells about Alice Cogswell.

## Student of the Semester



Each semester, the local Noon Optimist Cub honors one Middle School student who has demonstrated the Optimist Club ideals of positive thinking and working hard to be your best. Eighth grader Itzel Reyes-Guzman was selected by her teachers for this honor. She attended a luncheon with her parents, Connie Morris (GSD School Psychologist) and other honorees from local schools. Congratulations, Itzel, we are proud of you!

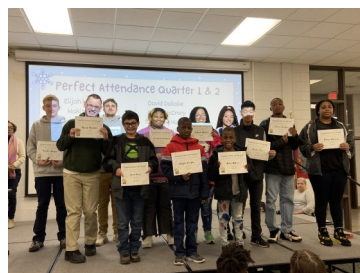
L: Itzel with certificate; Itzel with her parents

## Honor Roll

Congratulations to students who earned Honor Roll or Perfect Attendance recognition for second quarter. Keep up the great work!!



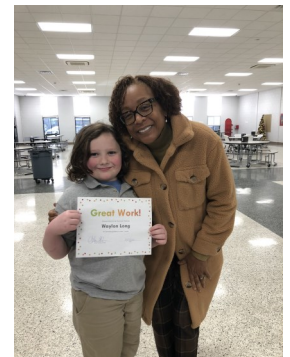
Zaida earned High Honor Roll—all As!!; Honor Roll students; Justin made the Principal's List; Tramaine and Le'Ambriah were recognized for their work at CCA.



Perfect attendance for 2nd quarter; Perfect attendance for 1st semester.

## Math Facts Challenge

Kudos to Waylon, who met the Math Facts Challenge for subtraction. Great job!





## Basketball vs Atlanta Area School for the Deaf

Our basketball teams recently played our “sister school,” the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf (AASD), first at AASD, then this week at home. We didn’t win, but both GSD teams continue to show improvement. From Athletic Director Erik Whitworth:

Tuesday 12/12/23 at AASD: We ran into a very fast AASD team. They outran and outhustled us for most of the game. But at times our Lady Tigers showed signs of improvement. By the time we got good and warmed up, we found ourselves already down 14-0. They didn’t quit and kept on playing hard. We were led by Ja’Niyah Holmes – 4, Haley Thompson – 2, Kendrilyn Landenberg – 2 and Jordyn Sasser – 2. Also playing hard for the Lady Tigers were Natalie Wimpy, Parris McCrory, Shania Rivers, and Aaliyah Newsom.

The final score: GSD – 10, AASD – 42

Our young men got a little more time to get their legs under them. It was a true cat fight between the Tigers and the Panthers. With good hustle and good teamwork, the Tigers kept the game close. And even cut it to only a 2 point lead by the Panthers. Then AASD threw a man-to-man defense on us and we just didn’t handle it well. The young men played their hearts out tonight. And if the ball had of bounced a little in our favor, it would have been a much closer game. The Tigers were led by Shawn Reed – 18, Gary Whitted – 9, Isaiah McGee – 8 and Raybon Zinn – 6. Also helping the Tigers tonight were Jose Brito, Yovanni Morales-Romero, Abraham Herston, and Anthony Heredia.

The final score: GSD – 41, AASD – 54



Kendrilyn and Haley run the ball; Abe does a lay-up during warm-up; Boys team in action at home



Girls in action at home; Coach Steven Herston fires up the team; Girls tip-off at AASD



Shawn's free throw; We love alumni support! Trell with Jamie Herston at AASD; Raul and Darison chat with students at GSD

## More Holiday Events



Sincere gratitude from all of us at GSD to three great groups that donated gifts for some GSD students in need. Barrow Arts and Sciences Academy's ASL teacher Keri Weiss' classes adopted several students and provided boxes of gifts! They also provided a gift for all elementary students that were delivered by Santa Claus! The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities also generously sponsored some students. Toys for Tots provided gifts for a student as well. Thank you, thank you to these wonderful people who helped make our students' holidays brighter!

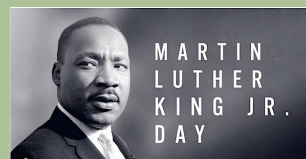
## Holiday Party

It was fantastic to have so many families attend our Holiday Party! I hope you enjoyed the performances—if you missed them, you can find them on our website and social media. Preparing for the party requires a lot of hands and I am so grateful for the many hands that helped! Thank you to Cheryl Beard, Jamie Herston, and the CCA students for their hard work creating the new table decorations. Thank you to the high school students who volunteered to set up, decorate, and clean up the cafeteria. Thank you to the Tiger Café staff for the delicious food and decorations. Thank you to Julie Burton for her work getting her students ready to perform. Thank you to Soibhan for media services. Thank you to the many staff members who donated yummy desserts. Thank you to our administrators for providing the support and resources needed for the event. Thank YOU, families, for attending!



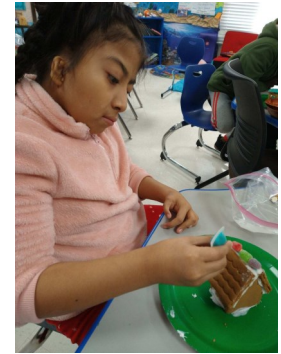
## Upcoming Events

- 1/15 MLK Day (Residential transportation, no classes)
- 1/16 100th Day of School
- 1/23 Basketball at Dalton Academy 6:00/7:30 pm
- 1/24-27 Mason-Dixon Basketball Tournament at NCSD
- Saturday, 2/10 HOMECOMING vs SCSD





## Gingerbread Houses



## Donation

A huge thank you to Vargo Orthodontics! Vargo Orthodontics has a Partners in Education program that donates \$50 to their school-aged patients' schools. The student is asked to pick one teacher and the \$50 is given to that teacher to use for their class. Sixth grader Bryce McRae chose his Social Studies teacher Kaylyn Nix for his donation. Thank you Vargo Orthodontics for your support for education!



## Emerge High School Leadership

In December, as part of her participation in the Emerge Leadership program, Miracle Castleberry learned about servant leadership. The group packed "Backpack Buddies" at Bagwell Choice Pantry that will be given to area students who experience food insecurity on weekends. She and the other students enjoyed doing work that helps others. Afterwards, the group went ice skating in Ridge Ferry Park.



# GET READY *For Summer Grow*

COME JOIN US FOR A 4 DAY EMPLOYMENT EXPLORATION EXPERIENCE! WHILE ENJOYING ACTIVITIES ON OUR CAMPUS AT ROOSEVELT WARM SPRINGS AND LIVING IN OUR DDORMS, YOU WILL ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES THAT WILL PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR GOALS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL.

## *Activities Include*

- Tour post-secondary programs in our community
- Visit the 7 Career Pathways offered at RWS
- Develop a Transition Toolkit
- Participate in cookouts and recreational activities
- Tour community industry virtually and in person

## *Dates Available*

- June 3rd - 6th (18 years and older)
- June 10th - 13th (18 years and older)
- June 17th - 20th (14-17 years)
- June 24th - 27th (14 - 17 years)

## *Criteria*

- Pre-Ets Permission form complete
- Current IEP
- Enrollment in a high school
- Independent in all activities of daily living
- Able to ambulate and navigate campus
- Able to self-monitor behavior and agree to follow campus rules

*The email to submit applications and actual application will be available in February! Start thinking of great candidates today!*

