Elementary students had a fantastic time Trick-or-Treating around campus on Friday. Dressed in cool costumes, the students visited classrooms and offices for candy. Students Services did it up big with a balloon arch and a fog machine! The students loved it! Many thanks to all of the staff who gave out candy and the elementary teachers and parapros who wrangled excited kids into costumes and around the school!
**Jack-o-Lantern Carving**

The Pre-K/Kindergartners carved a jack-o-lantern! They read the story, “The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything” by Linda Williams about a pumpkin that yells, “Boo!” then carved their own. Learning to read is fun!

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**Ecology**

Cory Richardson’s Biology students took an on-campus “field trip” as part of their study of ecology. Students visited different parts of campus to discover and classify biotic (living) and abiotic (nonliving) elements of GSD’s ecology.

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**Upcoming Events**

- 11/9 & 11/10 Dorm to Dollar General
- 11/7 Time Change FALL BACK 1 hour
- 11/9 Mid-Quarter 2
- 11/11 Veteran’s Day
- 11/12 5th grade Fire Safety
- 11/18 Parent Involvement Day
- 11/18 Rome High School Leadership
- 11/18 Dorm trip to Shorter Univ play “A Taste of Sunrise”
- 11/22-26 Thanksgiving Break
**Activities at Home**

Some people out there still think being Deaf or Hard of Hearing limits what you can do. GSD families know better! Getting involved in community sports and activities is fun! For example, this fall, Markayla participated in a local youth cheerleading program and her brother Le’Ondre played pee-wee football. They had a blast! When their local police department held a road race to raise money for Special Olympics, Natalie Wimpy and her mom Sandy (a GSD teacher) joined in. Natalie finished 5th in her age group and both got medals! What kind of activities are you and your child involved with at home? Send your pictures to Marie—we’d love to see!

**Family Engagement**

Check out these excellent examples of what students are learning at GSD. Talking with your child about what they are studying in school is important. November is Family Engagement Month and one way families can be involved is taking an interest in what you child does every day at GSD. It is also an excellent way to build communication and literacy skills! Ask your child to see examples of their work and let them explain it to you. Ask questions. Give praise. Don’t know a sign? Ask your child to help you learn it or look it up. Many GSD families live far from the school and sometimes feel like they can’t be involved as much as they’d like due to distance. Having regular conversations with your child about their studies is an essential way to be involved—and distance doesn’t matter!

- **Bill of Rights** online video by Omari
- **Powers of Congress tree map** by Nolan
- **House and Senate double bubble map** by Patrick
- **Ear anatomy** by Rusia
- **Tree map of angle types** by Telicia
- **Food Web** by Patrick
- **Geometry dilation models** by Trell and Elizabeth
- **Environmental Science**

It’s time to FALL BACK! Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour at 2 am on Sunday, 11/7—don’t want to miss the bus. :) Replace your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries, too!
November is Family Engagement Month: Superintendent Woods’ Letter to Parents and Families

Dear Georgia families,

Each November, we celebrate Family Engagement Month. This is always an important time to recognize how essential — how indispensable — families are to their children’s educational success. For two years in a row, however, I’ve felt that the “thank you” we owe — as educators — to Georgia’s parents and families is bigger than any letter could fully express.

The challenges facing parents, families, and children over the last year and a half have been enormous. While the pandemic has placed a strain on all of us, I know it has been difficult in unique ways for the parents and families of school-aged children.

You have always been your child’s first teacher, but this school year, you have adapted to quickly changing information, helped your children adjust to new safety protocols, and extended grace and patience to teachers and school staff as we’ve all navigated this new normal together. You’ve also continued the often unsung, but always important, work of keeping your child learning — from reading before bedtime and helping with homework to exploring the outdoors.

I believe wholeheartedly that when schools and families work in true partnership — not always agreeing, but in open conversation and in pursuit of the same goal — our children will succeed at new levels.

Thank you, parents and families, for all you’ve done to support your children’s learning, and their schools, this year. Your role is more important than it has ever been, and nothing we do as educators could be accomplished without you.

With gratitude,

Richard Woods
State School Superintendent
Sports Gray 50/50 Hoodie with the roman numbers, CLXXV (175) printed in gold shimmer. The outline and all other words are printed in forest green. The year GSD was established (1840) is printed in a small oval on the back.

FOREST GREN INK

Pennants $8

Car Decal Stickers $5 Each

4.75” x 5.5”

GSD MOM

4.75” x 6”

GSD PROUD PARENT

3.5” x 7.5”

GSD Mom

Tiger paws are breaking through the golden yellow hoodies and exposing the tiger fur pattern. Ink colors: orange, white, and black

BACK: Roman Numbers for 175 printed in green shimmer while the large scratch is in gold glitter.

Available in Unisex, Ladies, and Youth!

Forest Green V-Neck Short Sleeves

Available in Unisex and Ladies!

Forest Green long sleeves with everything printed in gold shimmer!

Available in Unisex, Ladies, and Youth!

GSD Apparel Order Form

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- See Jennifer to pay using credit card.

Please turn this form and proof of payment to the front office at GSD.

Thank you for supporting GSD PTDA!
# CLXXV Hoodies and More!  ROUND 2

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- Jennifer Sanford
  - 232 Perry Farm Rd SW
  - Cave Spring, GA 30124

**Round 2:**
Due Monday, November 1, 2021
Ready by Friday, November 12, 2021

Any questions? Please e-mail Loren at
-lofick@dne.k12.ga.us or ask one of our GSD Apparel students.