Academic Bowl

The Academic Bowl team has been hard at work, getting ready for competition in March. This year’s team includes both experience and new energy: Nolan Johnson (3rd year player), Raul Real (2nd year), Trell Moorman (1st year), and Rusia Saidi (1st year). Academic Bowl is a Youth Program of Gallaudet University. This past week, the team took the ranking test, which determined if they would move up to Regionals and their “seed” in the tournament. Results are in—the team will compete in Regionals! The team practices everyday at lunch in the cafeteria and really work hard. Wish them luck in March!

Back row: Trell, Rusia, Raul, and Nolan
Front: Head Coach Marie Dickinson and Assistant Coach Cory Richardson

Yay for Ice Cream!

A big tiger ROAR for the Upper Elementary department for earning 10 Peace Days! As part of PBIS, students who show respect, responsibility, and resilience are rewarded. The students enjoyed their ice cream treat Monday. Next goal: 30 days—you can do it!

175th Anniversary Celebration
Little Miss GSD and Miss GSD Pageant

As part of our ongoing 175th Anniversary celebration, GSD is bringing back the Little Miss GSD and Miss GSD Pageant! There are several age categories so students of all ages can participate. The pageant will be on 12 April and the deadline to register is 28 March. Full information and the registration form is attached to this newsletter and can also be found on our website. The pageant will be a lot of fun and a great experience for all involved. Questions? Contact Pageant chairs Jamie Herston or Candace Heflin.

Name That Building!

Exciting news—GSD is looking for ideas for naming a building on campus. We want to name it in honor or in memory of a Deaf person. We want your ideas and suggestions!!

Guidelines: Must be a Deaf or Hard of Hearing person and cannot be someone who already has a building named for them at GSD.

We will accept ideas for names until Sunday 6 February. The GSD 175th Anniversary committee will decide the top 5 names. Then we will have a vote! The vote will be posted on social media, our website, etc. so everyone can vote.

Got a suggestion? Visit the GSD webpage now!
The Columbian Exchange

World History students learned about the Columbian Exchange, a network of trading between Europe, Africa, and the Americas during the 15th and 16th centuries that included plants, animals, natural resources, finished goods, diseases, and slaves. They played a review game together, testing their knowledge of which good travelled which way across the ocean. They did pretty well!

Daiva’nte chooses Africa for the source of cacao...uh-oh, wrong answer (I don’t think Santos agrees!)...but Isaiah got the next one about pigs and cattle right!

Don’t forget about the FREE Sign It! account you can get for your family! A fantastic, virtual way to improve your ASL skills! Make it your 2022 resolution to improve communication with your child. Complete the registration form attached or contact Marie at 706.331.6314.

Upcoming Events

February is National Black History Month
Feb 4-20 Winter Olympics XXIV
2/5 World Nutella Day
2/9 National Pizza Day

• 2/8 & 2/9 Dorm shopping at Dollar General
• 2/11 Progress Reports sent home
• 2/11 Fire Safety (5th grade)
• 2/14 Valentine’s Day

Baby Shower!

GSD hosted a baby shower for Megan Sisson, one of our awesome paraprofessionals. She and her husband are expecting a little boy. It was a lovely event with beautiful décor, yummy food, and sweet little baby clothes! Congratulations, Megan!

Progress Reports

The Quarter 3 mid-quarter is Friday 4 February. Progress reports will be sent home next week.

Artwork from Middle School Art Class.

Tracy Hedrick and Megan enjoy lunch.

L: Megan with her gifts. Top: gift table and decor

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Great News! Many parents and family members wish there was a way to improve communication with their child, but ASL classes are not available in their area. Sign It! to the rescue! GSD has purchased licenses for ALL GSD families! Sign It! is virtual, so anyone can use it anytime. Access to Sign It! will be FREE for all GSD families. All you need to do is contact Marie Dickinson (706.331.6314, Talking Points app, or mdickinson@doe.k12.ga.us) OR fill out the form on the back and she will get an account set up for your family. Don’t delay—get started with your FREE Sign It! account today!

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Each family can have one account to share with everyone in the family.

First Name ________________________________

Last Name ________________________________

Email ________________________________ (this email address will only be used for your SignIt! account)

Student Name ________________________________

We will set up your family’s account, then contact you with the username and password so you can get started!
Georgia School for the Deaf

175th Anniversary Celebration

Little Miss GSD and Miss GSD Pageant

In honor of GSD’s 175th Anniversary, we are bringing back the Miss GSD and Little Miss GSD Pageant!

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 @ 5:00pm

Location: Georgia School for the Deaf

Entry Fee: $20.00 (make checks payable to Georgia School for the Deaf)

Age Divisions: 5-8 Years Old; 9-12 Years Old; 13-15 Years Old; 16 and Up

Award Categories:
Miss Congeniality, Petite Miss GSD, Little Miss GSD, Junior Miss GSD, Miss GSD

Costume Guidelines:
Students participating in the pageant will need a pageant dress. This can be a
Sunday/Church dress or more formal if you wish.

Order of Events
Group Presentation, Individual Walk, Panel Question

Deadline to Register: March 28, 2022

Questions: contact Janie Herston (jherston@doe.k12.ga.us) or Candace Heflin (cheflin@doe.k12.ga.us)

*GSD does have gently used pageant dresses for students to use and choose from (limited sizes and quantities).
Little Miss GSD & Miss GSD Pageant

Registration Form

Student Name ____________________________________________

Age ____________________________________________

Registration Fee: $20.00 ______(check included) ______(pay via phone)

(Please include the registration fee with this registration form. Make checks payable to: Georgia School for the Deaf; you can also call Jennifer Sanford at GSD, 706-777-2200, to pay the registration fee via phone)

Registration Deadline: March 28, 2022

Pageant Guidelines

1. Dresses should be Church dresses or more formal

2. Dresses should be age appropriate

3. Hair and makeup should be age appropriate and should follow GSD's dress code

Questions: contact Jamie Herston, jherston@doe.k12.ga.us OR  Candace Heflin, cheflin@doe.k12.ga.us