Elementary students had fun exchanging Valentines last Friday. It was a “sweet” day too, as there was also candy!

- Carson with his valentines.
- Le’Ondre shows one of his cards.
- Valentine bag
- Markayla delivers valentines.
- Jaydon feels the cards.
- Zaida and Hannah look at their cards.
- Allison has a lot of treats!
- Cute hedgehog Valentine bag
- Cameran holds his bag.
- Eagan delivers valentines.
- Kingsley has many goodies!
- Brody delivers valentines.

**Upcoming Events**

- February is National Women Inventors Month
- Feb 17-20 Advancement of Science Week
- 2/20 Love Your Pet Day
- 2/21 Presidents Day
- 2/21 Academic Bowl scrimmage vs ASD
- 2/22 & 2/23 Dorm shopping at Dollar General
- 2/28-3/11 Academic Bowl Regional Virtual Competition
- 3/1-11 Spring Benchmark Tests
- Thursday 3/3 Homegoing
- Friday 3/4 No classes/Teacher Workday
- 3/11 End Quarter 3
**Peace Days**

High School enjoyed an ice cream break because they earned 10 Peace Days as part of PBIS. Great job—now aim for 30!

![Image of students enjoying ice cream]

Who’s putting bunny ears on Le’Ambriah??
Last Thursday, a large tree fell in Cave Spring, knocking out the power for most of the town. GSD was without power until 1:30 pm—but that didn’t stop learning from happening! We are all dependent on tech these days, so teachers had to get creative. Mallory Edge, High School ELA teacher, created a vocabulary scavenger hunt for her 9th grade literature and American literature classes. Students had to search the classroom to find the vocabulary words and their definitions. A fun way to learn!

Ja’Niyah matched correctly; the fallen tree.

Trell found the right match for “engulfed.”

Yovanni spins the wheel for a language-based game while Adaivun looks on. The students had to answer various “who,” “where,” and “when” questions to score points.

Yovanni and Ja’Niyah search.

Chaunaci and KJ compare notes.

Raybon wonders if his word is under the board.

US History students organized pictures into 2 bubble maps to show the successes and failures of Reconstruction. Learning Target: I can identify and analyze legal, political, and social dimensions of Reconstruction.

The learning target for kindergarteners Le’Ondre and Allison was to compare numbers and decide which was “more than” and which was “fewer than.”

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Tigers At Work!

Check out some of the great work being done by GSD students. These examples show work aligned to the learning standards and/or to IEP goals. Each lesson has at least one learning target that helps students focus their thinking.

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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 can 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.

Black History Month: Black Deaf History

Frederick Murray Gordon served as the first principal of the Colored Department of the Georgia School for the Deaf, which accepted students starting in 1882. Rev. F. M. Gordon, who was born a slave, was known as a man of intelligence and morals. He was a licensed teacher and Methodist minister and guided the development of the Colored Department until his death in 1928, after 46 years of service. Both his first and second wives served as matrons for the school. Lucinda Gordon was matron from 1882 until her death in 1893; Maria Leigh became the matron and a teacher after her marriage to Gordon in 1894 and continued in that position for some time after his death.

Rev. Gordon was deeply beloved and respected, and repeatedly commended for his work, especially given the circumstances under which the school, and even more so, the Colored Department, operated: a shoestring budget, overcrowded buildings in great need of repair, and underpaid staff. Despite these challenges, students at the school did well and their educational progress was remarked upon by visitors and the school board. At least 5 of his children followed in his footsteps, pursuing careers in Deaf Education. Two of his sons and one son-in-law served as principals of the Colored Department after Gordon’s passing, and dozens of family members served in other roles at both GSD and other deaf schools.

The current GSD campus on Perry Farm Road is named Gordon Campus in memory of F.M. Gordon, as is a gymnasium-auditorium that was dedicated in November 1953 (what we now call the “Old Gym”) and a dorm. We remember F.M. Gordon with gratitude for all he did for African-American Deaf students in Georgia.
The NTID Regional STEM Center is hosting 4 FREE camps this summer for Deaf and hard of Hearing High School Students!! Space is limited to apply NOW at [https://www.aidb.org/Page/3934](https://www.aidb.org/Page/3934).

**STEM Academy - June 12-July 2, 2022**

Are you Deaf or Hard of Hearing?
Will you be in grades 9-12 in the fall of 2022?
Are you at least 15 years old? (14 years old may be accepted on a case by case basis)
Are you interested in science, technology, engineering, and/or math?
Are you confident in your science and math skills?
Would you like to learn about a possible career in Robotics, Engineering, Cyber-security, or Marine Biology?

If yes, then the STEM Academy Camp may be for you! You can choose to attend one, two, or all camps!

**MarineLab Camp (Key Largo, FL) - This camp is limited to *Southeast region residents only**

June 12-18, 2022

**STEM in Agriculture (Huntsville, AL)**

June 19-25, 2022

**GenCyber Camp (Huntsville, AL)**

June 26 - July 2, 2022

**Summer Transition Program - June 12-July 2, 2022 - Huntsville, AL**

Prepare for the transition from high school to college!

- Improve your academic skills
- Develop your leadership skills
- Enhance your college readiness skills
- Meet new friends
- Experience life on a college campus
*STP is only offered to students in grades 10-12 AND are at least 15 years old.*
Camp Juliena 2022
Summer Camp for Deaf / Hard of Hearing Youth

Camp Juliena is back for 2022 at a beautiful new location!

Join us this summer for activities, friends, and fun!

- Arts and Crafts
- Canoeing
- Swimming
- Campfire
and much more!

This year camp will be on July 17 - 22 in Covington, GA
at the FFA FHA Campground

Registration is open for Deaf or Hard of Hearing children ages 6 - 13

Fill out the application on our website: gcdhh.org/youthprograms
Questions? Feel free to reach out to us!
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