ROBOTICS TOURNAMENT

GSD’s two High School Robotics teams traveled to the Alabama School for the Deaf to compete in the 2nd Annual Robotics tournament hosted by the NTID Regional STEM Center and Vex Robotics. The students worked hard on building their robots and developing the coding (programming the robot) to make the robot perform specific tasks, such as moving cubes. They gained valuable experience observing other teams’ robots and strategies and improving their teamwork within their own teams and by partnering with other teams. Special thanks to teacher Cory Richardson for establishing the Robotics program and helping our students improve so many important career and life skills! The students are already brainstorming ideas for next year! Team A: Raymond Bravo, Jared Evans, and Raul Real. Team B: Nolan Johnson, Lauren Phillips, and Patrick Rodriguez. Trell Moorman served as pit crew for both teams.

The team in their neon green and yellow shirts by an AIDB sign.

Team A and Coach Cory at their work table: Raul, Raymond, and JJ.

Team B with Coach Cory at their work table: Trell, Patrick, Lauren, and Nolan.

Lauren and Nolan stand with their robot waiting for the Team Alliance selection.

Robots in action.

Team A and their partner team get ready to compete.
**Black History Month**

High School Boys RA Milinda McCall educated her students about Black Deaf history at GSD (such as the first Black superintendent Vera Owens and principal Eugene Perdue, as well as F.M. Gordon, for whom Gordon campus is named). Then the students chose their favorite African-American person to learn more about and wrote a story about them. Valuable and interesting learning!!

**Student Work**

Octavious, a 3rd grader, created a tree map to organize what he learned about polar lands. He then wrote an essay using the information. Great work!

**State Testing Dates**

Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessments,
April 20-30
Grades 3-8, English Language Arts and Mathematics
Grades 5 and 8 Social Studies and Science

Georgia Milestones End of Course Assessments,
April 27-May 8
High School students enrolled in:
9th Grade Literature
American Literature
Geometry
Algebra
Economics
US History
Biology
Student of the Month

Congratulations to Raymond Bravo, who was selected as the Student of the Month for February. He was honored by the Noon Optimist Club at their monthly luncheon for his positive work ethic and desire to succeed. We are proud of you, Raymond!

Power of Positivity

Middle School students in Teri Hicks’ class have been giving themselves “high fives” for their efforts in class. Great way to focus on the positive!

“I did extra research about our Learning Target today!”

“I worked hard to catch up on my missed work from last week! — Yovanni”

Upcoming Events

- 3/9 & 12 Dorm to YMCA
- 3/11 Dorm to Dollar General
- 3/11 HS Boys Dorm bowling and out to eat
- 3/12 Grease performance at AIDB
- 3/13 Honor Roll and AR Party
- 3/17 St. Patrick’s Day
- 3/18 Optimist Club Communication Contest
- 3/27-29 MS Math Competition at NTID
- 3/26 MS/HS Girls Dorm outing
- 4/6-10 Spring Break!

Graduation Coach Jo Nickelson introduces Raymond.

Raymond at the podium giving his speech.

Swearing in of Raymond at the podium giving his speech.
De’Via

De’Via is art that expresses the Deaf experience. These works of art were created by elementary and middle school students in Jamie Saunders’ ASL class. Very creative!

Deer by Braydence

Turtle by Octavious

Dolphins by Itzel

Unicorn by Kennedy

Cat by Jose

Cow by Jaelyn
Bear by Bryce

Shark by Tony

Alligator by Yovanni

Love by Parris

Be Kind by Adaivun
Dear State Schools Families,

The Georgia Department of Education, State Schools Division is aware of the statements made by the CDC Tuesday regarding the potential threat of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States. As we are updated by the Georgia Department of Public Health (GDPH), we will continue to follow the lead of local, state, and federal agencies. The GDPH has provided us with information via this link for you.

Please be aware that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is asking school officials, as well as childcare centers and workplaces, to prepare for a possible outbreak. At this time, there are no confirmed cases at any of the State Schools locations. The State Schools Division is working closely with local and state health officials in the event cases progress to our region. Additionally, in response to the CDC’s public comments that were recently shared in the media, we wanted to provide information about our coronavirus (COVID-19) planning.

- We are reinforcing the importance of healthy hygiene with our students and employees
- Should a confirmed case occur, we will immediately inform our school community
- State Schools has a plan to address a potential pandemic, including a Continuity of Learning component

Currently, we are reviewing our existing pandemic plan and making the necessary revisions to respond to COVID-19 scenarios. The plan is fluid and sections will be updated as new information becomes available. State Schools’ response plan addresses the specific activities necessary to keep schools open and operating while providing a clean and safe environment during an outbreak and the essential functions that must be performed by State Schools, if schools are closed. While the full impact of an outbreak cannot be predicted, planning for operations under such conditions can lessen the impact of the event on our students, staff, facilities and mission. The health and safety of our students and staff remains our top priority.

As a reminder, common cold and flu viruses are not unusual during the winter season. Precautions are recommended and we ask that everyone do their part to stay healthy: wash hands frequently, monitor your health, and stay home when ill.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenney Moore
State Schools Director
My Lucky Short Sleeve Shirts in ASL

St. Patrick’s Day: Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Form and $ Due by Monday, March 9.
All orders will be ready by Monday, March 16.

Irish Green with **GOLD GLITTER**

Heather Irish Green with White Ink

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Grand Total

If paying by credit card, please come see Jeannie Newman at GSD.
If paying by check, please write it out to GSD with “GSD Apparel” on the memo line.
Turn this form and money into the front office at GSD.

Thank you for supporting GSD PTDA!
Any questions? Please e-mail Mr. Loren Frick at lfrick@doe.12.ga.us.
YEARBOOK ORDERS

Great news, the website is LIVE for parents, students, and staff to purchase the 2019-2020 Georgia School for the Deaf Yearbook! The link for the website is below, and here is a flyer explaining how to order. Our school ID is 89114. Prices listed online.

When ordering, it will ask for grade/homeroom. For staff/community members, click “other.”

https://commpe.pictavo.com/PictavoSchool/FindSchool

Kindness is always cool!

We practice kindness at GSD. Take some time this weekend to ask your child what kind acts they did this week or what kind acts they experienced. Brainstorm ideas for being kind next week!
Get ready for a week of FUN!!!

Camp Talalah brochures and registration forms have been sent home with students. They are also available on the school website at www.gsdweb.org/summercamp.

Questions? Contact Marie at mdickinson@doe.k12.ga.us or 706.331.6314.

Register NOW to get the reduced Camp Talalah Early Bird rate of $75!!