Congratulations to Jamie Anderson, GSD’s Teacher of the Year for 2022-2023! Jamie, who is starting her 23rd year at GSD, was selected by GSD’s staff because of her dedication to teaching and her obvious love for her students. She is currently teaching ELA (her favorite) and Science for grades 1-3. During her career, she has taught every level of elementary, from Pre-K to 5th! Jamie is very creative and has used that talent to create wonderful Fall Festivals. She was a member of the 175th Anniversary committee, chairing the Fall Festival last year and lending her decorating skills to other events. She has served as mentor to many new teachers and interns over the years. Jamie said she feels very honored to be selected TOTY, adding, “I was not expecting to be named TOTY and I hope I represent GSD well in everything I do.” Outside of work, Jamie enjoys hanging out with her family (husband Kevin, 16-year-old son Josh, and 14-year-old daughter Jaden). She loves to read and is active in her church and with its youth group. “Even though I have been teaching at GSD such a long time, I am happy to find that I still learn something new every day!” Jamie commented. “I learn from my colleagues and especially from the students all the time.”

Marie Dickinson was named Staff of the Year for 2022-2023. Marie is starting her 11th year at GSD and serves as Family & Community Engagement Coordinator and Social Studies Mentor. She also works with Federal Programs and School Improvement. Marie formerly taught both Middle and High School Social Studies. She loves coaching the GSD Academic Bowl team and mentoring new teachers. She co-chaired the 175th Anniversary Committee last year. Marie is very honored to have been chosen as SOTY and is grateful to work with so many wonderful colleagues and students.

GSD welcomes a new Tiger, Cesar, to the family! Cesar is in Pre-K and has already learned many new signs! He loves to show off how well he can fingerspell his name. We are so glad you are here, Cesar!
Be sure to keep up with everything GSD this year!
Website: www.gsdweb.org
Facebook: georgiaschoolforthedeaf
Instagram: gsdtigers
Twitter: gsdtigers
You Tube: GSD Social Media

Contact GSD Family Engagement Coordinator Marie Dickinson at mdickinson@doe.k12.ga.us or 706-331-6314 (call/text/videoapp).

Elementary students in Julie Burton’s ASL class love stories in ASL! When students are read a story, they must use receptive ASL skills. When asked to retell or answer questions, they use expressive skills. Honing these skills is essential to language development. After the story, students love make crafts related to the book. After reading Pete the Cat, students made little cats from buttons and sticks. Very cute!

Pete the Cat

You are never too young to start learning about science! The Pre-K class had fun learning about weather with Jane Grace and Cory Richardson.

Photo: Cesar and Maria learning weather signs with Jane and Cory.

Fire Drill!

Do YOU know how to escape a fire safely in your own home or workplace? You should! GSD had their first fire drill of the year last week. We will also have drills for tornados and lockdown situations throughout the year.

On the Move

Jaydon has shown a lot of improvement with his Orientation and Mobility training. He continues to practice using a white cane to travel around the school with the help of an O & M specialist. Great work, Jaydon!
Social Emotional Learning

Last year, GSD started Social Emotional Learning (SEL) sessions for all students. School Social Worker Jackie Blanchard has already started leading these important meetings this year. Jackie tailors SEL lessons to each age group and topics will include manners, coping with difficult emotions, social skills, sex ed, and much more. Last week, elementary students discussed examples of the 3 Rs (Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience), such as showing respect by not touching someone if they tell you no and using nice words with both other students and teachers.

Understanding ADA Rights

Did you know the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) helps ensure the rights of Deaf and Hard of Hearing people? One right is communication access. How many times have you taken your child to a doctor’s appointment? Too many times to count, I bet! When you make an appointment, you should tell them your child is Deaf and needs an ASL interpreter for the appointment. As children get older, this is very important, not only for clear understanding, but for learning how to advocate for themselves as an adult. It isn’t mom’s job to be the interpreter—mom needs to be mom! When your child turns 18, they need to request an interpreter for all medical appointments themselves. Need more information? Contact Marie Dickinson—she has resources to share with you.

Upcoming Events

- 8/23 & 24 Dorm shopping at Dollar General
- 8/25 Emerge HS Leadership
- 9/1 Mid-Quarter 1 (Progress Reports)
- 9/5 Labor Day—NO CLASSES!
- 9/5 Residential transportation
Saturday, October 22, 2022
Park Hours: Noon – 10PM

Ticket Package Includes:
- Park Admission
- Free Parking
- All-You-Can-Eat Lunch from 4PM – 5PM; Menu includes Pulled BBQ Chicken, Beef Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Apple Crisp, Ice Cream Cups and Coca-Cola Fountain Drinks

$47.99 Tax Inclusive

Member/Season Pass Holder meal only option available for $21.99 tax inclusive

How to Purchase Tickets

Step 1: Go to www.sixflags.com/overgeorgia

Step 2: (Computer or Tablet): Enter code DEAFDAY into the ‘Enter Promo’ box in the top right corner of the page, then click ‘Go’
(Mobile): Click the Hamburger Icon on the top left and enter code DEAFDAY in the ‘Enter Promo Code’ field at the bottom, then press ‘Go’

Step 3: Continue through the remaining prompts to purchase your ticket(s)