Student of the Semester

Congratulations to 8th grader Parris McCrory! Parris was selected as a Noon Optimist Club Student of the Semester. The Optimist Club honors a middle school student from each local school in the area based on teacher recommendations. Parris attended a luncheon for the Students of the Semester at the Palladium in Rome with teacher Tiffany Brown. We are proud of you Parris!

Learning about saving, budgeting, and wise credit use doesn’t have to be boring. Students played Financial Football in Economics class last week. Based on their answers to questions about smart financial decisions, their teams would gain or lose yardage. Pretty fun!

It was ASL Family Day at Zoo Atlanta last Saturday. The Georgia Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing partnered with Zoo Atlanta for the event. GSD had a table staffed by teachers Julia Scott and Rebekah Knisley. Zoo visitors could stop by the table to learn more about GSD, ASL, and deafness. One visitor who stopped by was GSD student Diego Oliver! Kingsley’s family also came to the zoo for ASL Family Day and it was great to see both families! Maybe next year you will join us at the Zoo, too!

Left: ASL II class
Right: Middle School class
Below: ASL I class

Julie Burton’s ASL classes visited the GSD Museum recently. The GSD Alumni Association created and maintains the Museum on the GSD campus. There are many wonderful pieces of GSD’s past in the museum. The students enjoyed the visit and learned a lot!
Academic Bowl Celebration

The Academic Bowl team celebrated a year’s worth of hard work with an outing to IHOP and roller skating. There was a lot of laughter, some falls, but no one gave up! Alas, Marie could not convince any of them to do the Hokey Pokey...

Upcoming Events

- 5/10 High School Fun Day (Rome Braves Education Day game)
- 5/10 & 5/11 Dorm shopping at DG
- 5/11 HS Boys dorm trip
- 5/16 High School Awards 2 pm
- 5/17 Graduation 2 pm
- 5/19 Middle School Awards 8 am
- 5/19 Elementary School Awards 10:30 am
- Thursday 5/19 Homegoing
- Friday 5/20 No school
- 5/23 Elementary Field Day (Rolater Park in CS)
- 5/24 Middle School Fun Day (Bowling in Rome)
- 5/24 Kindergarten Graduation 1:30 pm
- Wednesday 5/25 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
  Homegoing time 11:45 am

PBIS

High School earned 10 Peace Days and enjoyed ice cream last week. Yay for being respectful, responsible, and resilient!

Student Work:
Seasons wheel

Lots of beautiful spring art!

Peer tutoring. :)  
Raul tries out the skates.  
Nolan and Trell check out the Hokey Pokey.  
The team—we will miss seniors Nolan and Rusia!

Happy birthday, Allie Kate! Students had a little party to celebrate in ASL class.
**Award Days**

Each department will celebrate student achievements and progress with an Awards Day event. The Awards are low-key and usually last 30-45 minutes. Parents and families are welcome to attend! Please contact your child’s teacher or Marie Dickinson to let us know if you plan to attend.

**Award Days:**

High School: Monday 16 May at 2 pm  
Middle School: Thursday 19 May at 8 am  
Elementary School: Thursday 19 May at 8 am

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**Events 2022**

- **April 16:** ASL Day at the Atlanta History Center  
- **April 30:** ASL Day at Zoo Atlanta  
- **May 7:** DeafNation Expo  
- **May 15:** Deaf Awareness Day at Atlanta Braves  
- **June 11:** Co-ed Softball Tournament Fundraiser  
- **July 7:** GCDHH Birthday Celebration  
- **July 17-22:** Camp Juliena  
- **August 6:** ASL Night with Atlanta United  
- **September 18-24:** Follow the Sign 5K Fundraiser  
- **October 8:** Wild Adventures at Valdosta  
- **October 22:** ASL Day at Six Flags  
- **November 5:** ASL Day at the Georgia Aquarium

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**GVRA**

**GROW—Getting Ready for Opportunities in Work**

Are you interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math? Do you want to make new friends and have fun learning about STEM?

This event is for you! This is a one week camp designed for deaf and hard of hearing students with a focus on STEM.  

When: June 12 - 17, 2022  
Where: Georgia State University

At camp you will do hands-on activities, give presentations, build leadership skills and learn about empowerment while experiencing college life! REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 13 STUDENTS ONLY! Hurry and reserve your spot by signing up today!

For more information or questions, contact:  
Ericka Lipscomb-Capel at elipscomb@gcdhh.org and

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**This FREE STEM camp for high school students will be awesome but space is LIMITED!!!**
Got Skills?

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS AND LEADERSHIP CAMP

JUNE 20-27
2022

DESIGN YOUR OWN CAMP!

Choose from a variety of sports and leadership activities:
- Science
- Soccer
- Dance Building
- Volleyball

Who can attend?
Deaf and hard of hearing students who identify as a part of the LGBTQIA+ community and want to learn new skills to become an advocate for themselves and others.

Here’s what you’ll do:
- Attend workshops and activities with your peers to learn more about yourself and various identities.
- Meet with deaf people from diverse backgrounds and people from national LGBTQIA+ youth organizations.
- Learn new skills to become an advocate for yourself and others in the community.

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REGISTER NOW: www.gallaudet.edu/youth-programs

Deaf Youth Pride

EXPLORE AND EMBRACE YOUR IDENTITY!

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Immerse Into ASL

HIGH SCHOOL ASL IMMERSION CAMP

JUNE 29 – JULY 6
2022

Designed for signers who are at the beginner or intermediate level; this camp allows deaf and hard of hearing youth to immerse themselves and socialize within an American Sign Language (ASL) environment. Hearing applicants will be accepted if they sign at an intermediate level or above.

Here’s what you’ll do:
- Learn a new language or improve on your budding ASL skills with the help of instructors, camp counselors, and your peers.
- Participate in self-discovery activities designed to help you learn more about yourself.
- Join outdoor activities including a ropes course to help you develop leadership, teamwork, and self-confidence.

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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 Georgia FFA-FCLA Center

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!
Phone: 888-297-9461 | Email: campjuliena@gcdhh.org
Do you REALLY know what your kids are doing on the internet?

Our kids are constantly on their phones, laptops, iPads, etc.

Is what they’re doing safe?

Could there be hidden dangers that you as a parent need to know about?

These are important questions to ask ourselves every day of the year but especially as we head into the summer months when our kids will have much more free/unsupervised time on their hands.

Join State Schools Safety Director Elyse Ferrell for a free Parent Workshop on how you can be proactive in keeping your children safe on the internet.

Wednesday May 18th 7:00-8:00 PM via ZOOM

If you require any kind of accommodation such as an ASL or Spanish interpreter, please RSVP with Elyse at eferrell@doe.k12.ga.us by Tuesday the 17th at noon.