Middle School Matters

January 10, 2020

Monday 1/13 Day 6	Tuesday 1/14 Day 1	Wednesday 1/15 Day 2	Thursday 1/16 Day 3	Friday 1/17 Day 4
Monday 1/20 No School	Tuesday 1/21 Day 5	Wednesday 1/22 Day 6	Thursday 1/23 Day 1	Friday 1/24 Day 2

Dates to Make Note of:

Jan. 13 - Keystone Exams - 7:50AM -10:54AM
Jan. 14 - Keystone Exams - 7:50AM - 10:54AM
Jan. 14 - Spelling Bee - 2:40PM - Library
Jan. 15 - 17 - Keystone Exam Make-ups
Jan. 15 - **Patriot Pride**
Jan. 20 - School Closed - MLK Birthday Observance
Jan. 22 - Last Day of Term 2
Jan. 23 - Term 3 Begins
Jan. 23 - Science Fair
Jan. 24 - Mother-Son Bingo - 6:30 PM
Jan. 29 - FACS Trip to Joann Fabrics - 9:25AM - 11:40AM
Jan. 31 - Chili Cookoff

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ON THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION!

Owen Li: Gold Award
Patrick Li: Silver Award
Yash Pandya: Bronze Award
Ethan Zhou: Bronze Award
Angelina Wang: Certificate of Achievement

CALLING ALL SPELLERS!

If you are interested in participating in the school Spelling Bee, it will be held immediately after school in the library on Tuesday, January 14th at 2:40PM.

Please see your Language Arts teacher or Mrs. Bedell in Room 207 for additional information.

Bee anything and spell everything !

Mother-Son Bingo Night

Attention 6th, 7th and 8th grade male students. The Student Council Mother-Son BINGO night is scheduled for Friday, January 24, from 6:30PM - 8:30PM. Tickets will be sold during all lunch periods from January 13 - January 24. The cost is $8.50 per ticket. There will be prizes for all BINGO winners. Also pizza and snacks will be available. Join us for a night of fun!

Points of Interest

- **Summer Reading Book Donations:** If you would like to donate your Summer Reading Book, please give it to your ELA teacher or drop it in one of the collection boxes around the school. These books will be lent out to the students in need to use next summer. Thank you for all who have donated Summer Reading books so far!
- **Box Tops for Education has some BIG changes!** The traditional Box Tops to clip will be phased out, and digital box tops will replace them. You may still find some of those traditional Box Tops in your stores for a short while. For more information on Box Tops for Education, please visit: **https://www.boxtops4education.com/How%20To%20Earn** Thank you for continuing to support this program!
- **A Few Reminders From the Middle School:** If you will be absent or will be coming into school late, please email our attendance desk at **gvmsattendance@gvsd.org** by 9AM. If for any reason your child will be picked up early from school, please be sure to send a note with your student indicating the time of the departure so we can note our attendance records. An early dismissal email can be sent in to the attendance email as well. All notes should come to the main office upon entering school in the morning. Cell phones are not permitted in school during the school day; phones must be left in the student's locker. In addition, if you have a meeting during the school day with anyone in the building you **must** bring in a valid drivers license for admittance to the school building! If your student left something at home, we have a 'pick-up' table in front of the main office for those forgotten items. Students know to check the front table in between classes for their belongings. Thanks in advance.

Congratulations to the GVMS Quiz Bowl teams on their outstanding performance at the tournament on December 21st. The GV-A team, consisting of Ritish Kodali, Brighton Risch, Lucca Ruggieri, and Rohan Sivakumar were undefeated and won the Open division. The GV-E team, made up of 6th graders Varun Kartik, Graham Kokas, Shakti Senthil-Kumar, and Shaurya Tandon also went undefeated and won the Novice division. Coming in 3rd place was the GV-B team consisting of Auden Davis, Dean Dessender, Nikhil Kotikkalapudi, and Yash Pandya. All of the GV teams made the playoffs, with the GV-C and GV-D teams coming in 5th and 8th place. Students making the all start team for outstanding individual play and high points per game were Graham Kokas, Lucca Ruggieri, Nikhil Kotikalapudi, Ritish Kodali, Ryan Rossi, and Shreyas Sao.

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