

Gordon News

Friday, February 14th

Family Skating Party

On Sunday night, were you sitting on the couch doing your homework at the last second while also watching your favorite show on Netflix?

Well, while you were doing that, over two hundred and thirty people from the Gordon School were at United Skates of America, roller skating, playing games and laughing with their friends.

We interviewed some people about what they thought of it. This is some of what they said:

“I thought it was fun”

“I liked it because I got to do a new activity with my friends”

“It was fun! A bunch of my friends were there and I won a lot of tickets”

You could tell just by looking at their flushed faces and hands full of prizes that everyone had a great time.



100% reported and written by Gordon sixth graders

Sports report

Girls A Basketball

February 12

vs St. Philomena's

This was a relatively easy game for Gordon as they were winning by a lot the whole time. Gordon was just working on passing and team skills. Some people even got their first basket of the season which was a great way to end the game!

Gordon 26, St. Philomena's 10

February 13

vs. Moses Brown

This was a tough game but very close with a final difference of only a few points.

Gordon was only losing by one point by half time and was a super close game from there. Moses Brown was always winning by only a point or two. Near the end, it was 7-8 Moses Brown. They scored one more time and won.

Gordon 7, Moses Brown 10



Boys B Basketball

February 11

vs. Wheeler

Before the Boys A game the B team took on the Wheeler B team. This was the second time that they played them. The team played great.

Gordon 38, Wheeler 33

February 12

vs. St. Philomena's

This was that last game to a great season. Everyone played great, put in hard work, improved a lot, and had fun. During the game, there were some calls that were controversial. Although the game was very heated at the end, everyone had a great time.

Gordon 48, St. Philomena's 18



Spring Sports Season Starting Soon

Sign ups for lacrosse, baseball, and track and field going on now.

Sign up now if you want to join the spring 2020 sports season.

Talk to Ms. Fraza or Mr. Ray for details



Girls B Basketball

Girls B Basketball

February 13

vs. Moses Brown

A super close game with an amazing ending. One sixth grader played great defense the whole game. Near the end, Gordon was losing and another sixth grader tied it up. Then a third sixth grade scored one last point for the win.

Gordon 7, Moses Brown 6

Boys C Basketball

February 11

vs. Pennfield

This was another great game where they worked so well as a team. Again, everybody scored to make a great game! The score was not very close as Gordon was clearly a better team. One fifth grader scored an amazing ten points!

Gordon 46, Pennfield 8

Boys A Basketball

February 11

vs. Wheeler

A tight game all the way through until the end where there were ten seconds left in the game. The game was tied up as a seventh grader had the ball in the corner, and passed it to an eighth grader down low who makes the layup for the win by two.

Gordon 29, Wheeler 27

Who you are

A FROZEN STORY

Annabel, Jocie, and Zoey were having a sleepover and they were just sitting down to watch *Frozen* for the millionth time. About halfway through the movie Annabel felt a tingling sensation in her arm and noticed three snowflakes. She knew what was going to happen next. “Guys I am being pulled into the movie!” Annabel yelled. Jocie said, “There are three snowflakes on my arm! What is happeni-” she got cut off as a big flash of light and a strong gust of wind pulled them away. When they opened their eyes they realized that they were covered in snow! They were all shivering like crazy because they didn’t have any coats! They were trapped in the middle of a snowstorm! Jocie remembered that there was a hut somewhere nearby. They ran over and opened the door.

“Summer blowout!” the person at the desk said. “We have sunscreen, bathing suits...”

Zoey then stormed in with Annabel, and screamed, “Thank youuuuu! It’s WARM!” and then took in the scene. Annabel told her they were in *Frozen*, and Zoey made the mind blown symbol. Jocie came over to them, and pulled them to the corner. Annabel said, “We have to get to where Elsa is, but first, we have to ask the desk guy if Anna has come through.” Zoey said, “You guys, the boots and coat that Anna took are not at the back of the room!”

All of a sudden, the family from the sauna was dancing around them, and tried to pull them into it. Then Annabel took out her wand that she had saved from *Wonder*, and pushed them into the sauna, and pushed herself, Zoey, and Jocie out. When Jocie looked at Annabel, her eyes went wide. “You have a wand!” she said. Zoey suddenly climbed a tree and broke two sticks off. First, she threw Jocie. The second, she dipped in snow, and kept for herself. Zoey then closed her eyes and let the magic off her wand surround the three of them. When they opened their eyes, they had winter clothes on.

Then, all three of them shouted, “Let’s save some princesses!” Then they all barreled off to find Elsa.

About five minutes later, they heard horses galloping in the distance. “The soldiers are coming,” Annabel and Jocie whispered, “Hide or run faster?”

“Maybe hide?” Zoey said. “Maybe we can catch them on the way back?”

The three found a tree and, while hiding behind it, the soldiers came forward, and then backed up from where they came from. Then, the three felt one of the snowflakes on their arms fade away and a gust of wind wrap around them. Annabel’s eyes widened. “Guys,” she said, “this has happened to me but with *Wonder*, we have to do something in three tries, then we can get back!” Jocie and Zoey were super confused, but before they could say anything, Annabel said, “The time just re-started. We are ahead of the soldiers! We have a head start! Let’s run!”

About ten minutes later, they had made a lot of progress. *They were going to beat the soldiers!* Just in time, the group of three got to the ice staircase. “Run faster, we have to get to Elsa’s castle before them!” Annabel said. They ran up ahead until they found the bridge of ice that Elsa made when she was singing Let it Go! They ran up as fast as they could and made it to the top right when Elsa sang “The cold never bothered me anyway.” They ran up and opened the door. They looked around in amazement. “It’s even prettier in real life,” Zoey said. Annabel said, “Hey, Jocie, you have been quiet for a while, what do you think?” It was silent. “Jocie,” Annabel and Zoey turned around but only saw their reflections in the glass. “JOCIE!!!!!! WHERE ARE YOUUUU?” but she still didn’t answer. Just then a huge snow cloud appeared above them. “ELSA!!!!!!” they both yelled. “We really need your he-” Annabel stopped midsentence because the door flew open and Hans and the soldiers ran in and the wind wrapped them in a tight hug. Annabel knew what was happening and before she knew it the three of them were back in the middle of the storm. Annabel and Zoey yelled “Where were you!?” Jocie explained how she had found a patch of snow that looked really good to eat and she just HAD to see if it was good. While she was doing that Hans and his soldiers took her back to Arendelle. THEN she was grabbed by a gust of wind that took her back here. “The end,” Jocie said. But then Zoey said, “Uh-oh, we are too late,” just as the next-to-last

snowflake disappeared, and a gust of wind made the three girls go flying to the bottom of Elsa’s staircase! Then, as a joke, Zoey heard Annabel say, “I can’t feel my feet, I can’t feel my feet!” But Jocie noticed that Olaf was actually there!!!!!! Annabel had fallen onto Olaf!

“Okay guys, we have to make a plan,” Annabel said. “For what?” Olaf said, “to find summer?” Zoey looked like she wanted summer, but instead, she made it so Olaf felt like it was summer, even though it was not. “That should keep him busy for a while!” Zoey laughed. Jocie suddenly got an idea. They could put some magic in her to help Elsa realize what she had done, and control her powers! Annabel said, “So we are gonna sneak up to the castle, and put a spell on Elsa just as the Hans knocks her out!” The three girls smiled, and ran up the stairs. “SHHHHHH!” Zoey said. “No you shush,” Annabel said. “No, all of you shush!” Jocie whisper-yelled.

The group of three watched from a corner as Hans fought with Elsa. Elsa fell to the floor after a little while, and Annabel screamed, “NOW!”

Then the scene changed and they were in Arendelle watching Anna freeze and then Elsa unfreezing her. “Uhh guys, we are on the frozen lake and Elsa is going to unfreeze it!” Annabel said. Just after she said the they heard a giant “CRACK” as the ice split and melted away! They were floating in the deep water! Elsa spotted the three girls and threw a rope made of ice out to them. They grabbed on and were pulled up to the ship’s deck. “Thank you,” Annabel said. “Who are you? Do you live here?” Anna asked. “Um, we are just visiting. We are from... the enchanted forest across the big bridge over there,” said Zoey. “Well thank you for showing me who I really am, well maybe you could have just told me instead of casting a spell on me,” Elsa said with a smile. “What! You knew?” Jocie yelled. “The whole time,” said Anna. Then a big warm summer breeze grabbed them and pulled them back to the house. The last thing they saw was Anna slapping Hans in the face. They knew that it would not be their last adventure.

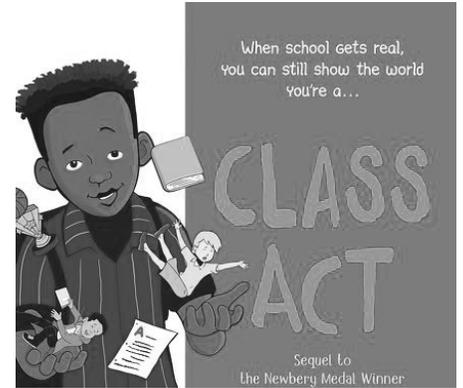
The end

Students of Color Conference 2020

On Saturday, February 8, 2020, the Middle School Students of Color Conference was held at Inly School in Scituate, Massachusetts. Students were invited through Gordon's Parents of Students of Color group to go from 7:30am to 5:00pm for a series of workshops. Ms. Flynn and Mr. Anderson were the chaperones.

The students had to get to Gordon at 7am. The bus arrived shortly after. The ninety-minute bus ride was uneventful, and everyone arrived at 8:30am for breakfast.

An assembly was held at the beginning of the Students of Color Conference, featuring Jerry Craft, author of the award-winning book "New Kid". To everyone's surprise, he revealed his sequel to New Kid, called "Class Act". He said that it was about one of the other characters in New Kid, and that they are in eighth grade now. It is expected on October 6th, 2020. The cover art was released a day later. He requested that we don't take photos, but he did release the cover art.



Hey Lower School!

What do you want to be when you grow up?

- first grade: a potter
- first grade: a book writer
- second grade: a soccer player
- second grade: an astrologist
- third grade: a soccer player
- third grade: a teacher

What has been the coolest thing you have done in school so far this year?

- first grade: subject and predicate
- first grade: book writer
- second grade: math
- second grade: recess
- third grade: multiplication
- third grade: recorder

Seventh grade novels

Every year, as part of National Novel Writing Month, the seventh graders write novels.

"It's fun," says seventh grade teacher Ms. Garfield. "It felt a little scary to let kids go and write for forty-five minutes at a time, but next year I want to add a little more structure and guidelines and have a few more writing lessons along the way to give a bit more guidance. It was just really cool."

The novels in seventh grade are something Gordon has done for five or six years. Every seventh grader enrolled by the beginning of the year finished a novel successfully. Currently, the seventh graders are either revising and editing or done.

A seventh grader, explains, "We are revising and editing, where we write letters to our readers who read our novels over winter break."

Story plotlines go from a book about orphan girls, to a book about a crime and being framed, to a book about another planet.

"It's great to get your creativity out," said another seventh grader. Novel writing is a great creativity sponge, in a way. Writing is clinically proven to be good for the mind, in fact.

"I've been waiting since like, second grade for this," says another seventh grader.

Library Stewards

Library Stewards care for the library in many different ways. Here are some tasks that they perform to keep the library in shape:

- second grade reading section analysts
- bulletin board
- making biography cards (promotes different books to read)
- book recommendations

Here are some tips for fully enjoying the library space

- Keep quiet
If others are reading you don't want to disturb them
- Share the space respectfully
Many people use the space so by taking a fair amount of space up you have left room for others to share
- Be kind
If someone is using the book or books you wanted, don't be unkind and take it. Wait until it is returned to the library, you can use it then.

Everybody has seemed to have enjoyed writing, and I have not heard anybody complain about it. Everybody finished their novels with their creativity booming.