

# Gateway School NEWSLETTER



## From the Desk of Principal Allen

Welcome back, Wolfpack!

As we embark on this year together, I am yet again honored to have the privilege of working alongside you and your students. We remain committed to ensuring that Gateway School provides a learning environment with rich experiences that enhance the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of each and every student.

I firmly believe that schools of excellence emerge as a result of the collaborative efforts of staff, students, parents, and the community. Perhaps one of the most important resources, and the source of most of our success here at Gateway, is our dedicated and talented staff of professionals. Speaking of staff, please help me welcome a few new members to the pack:

Mrs. Teri Edwards, our new secondary Math and Science teacher; Ms. Katie Walters, who will step in as our long-term substitute as an Elementary assistant to Mrs. Dormaier; and finally, Mrs. Randi Overturf, who will serve as our shared counselor with Grand River Academy. Again, welcome to all of you! We are so glad to have you join our Gateway community!

I feel so privileged to be able to work for this wonderful Gateway community. Let's make this a successful year for all our students and staff as we embark on the journey of growing our students in a positive and challenging manner that promotes high expectations towards becoming leaders and achievers throughout their future life opportunities.

Sincerely,

Mr. Allen

## Upcoming Events:

**Sept. 2**

Labor Day  
- No School

Teacher Planning  
- No School

**Sept. 3**

**Sept. 16**

Overnight OWL  
Sessions Begin

Brew with the Crew

**Sept. 17**

**Sept. 30**

Educator Effectiveness  
- No School

End of the 1st  
Quarter

**Oct. 9**

## Current Learning Focus: Middle School and High School

*Teacher: Mr. Brown*

**Middle School** students are currently learning about historians' tools, developing an argument with a body of evidence, and conceding, qualifying, summarizing, and using literary and rhetorical terms in their core classes. In the top photograph, they are employing what they have learned in a literary analysis paper. In art (bottom photo) they are learning about expression through symbols as well as about emphasis, balance, and unity. In PE they are doing aerobic and resistance training, working on hand-eye coordination, and playing badminton. In American Government **High School** students are currently learning the history behind the Constitution of the United States; and in AP Language they are learning about logical fallacies and types of diction, as well as reading and discussing George Orwell's *1984*.



## Secondary Science Investigations

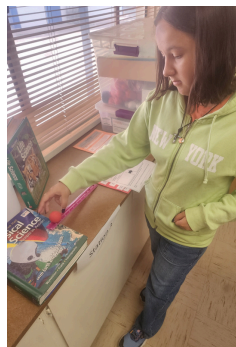
*Teacher: Mrs. Edwards*



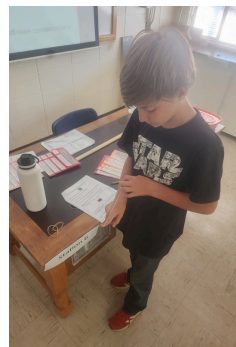
Eda using a tuning fork to investigate the transfer of mechanical energy to sound



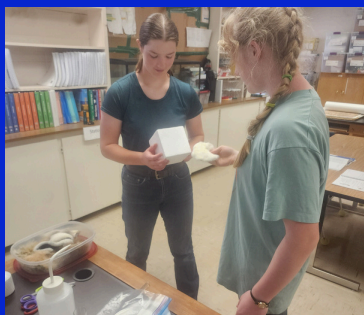
Delanie investigating the transfer of mechanical energy in breath to the mechanical energy in a pinwheel as it spins



Bella investigating the transfer of gravitational potential energy to mechanical energy



John investigating the transfer of elastic potential energy to mechanical energy



Cora and Ruby investigating net charges on insulators

**Teacher: Mrs. Dormaier**  
**Long Term Sub: Ms. Walters**



**PE Parachute Fun**  
with Teacher Aide Ruby  
Moore



**First Day of School**



Elementary

## **Foodie Friday**

Foodie Friday is about making food education fun and engaging, helping kids develop a positive relationship with healthy eating while also sparking their curiosity about different cuisines and cooking techniques.

Our students are working hard in reading, writing, and math!



If you're interested in joining the PTO, please reach out to Emily Pipes at 970-986-9058.

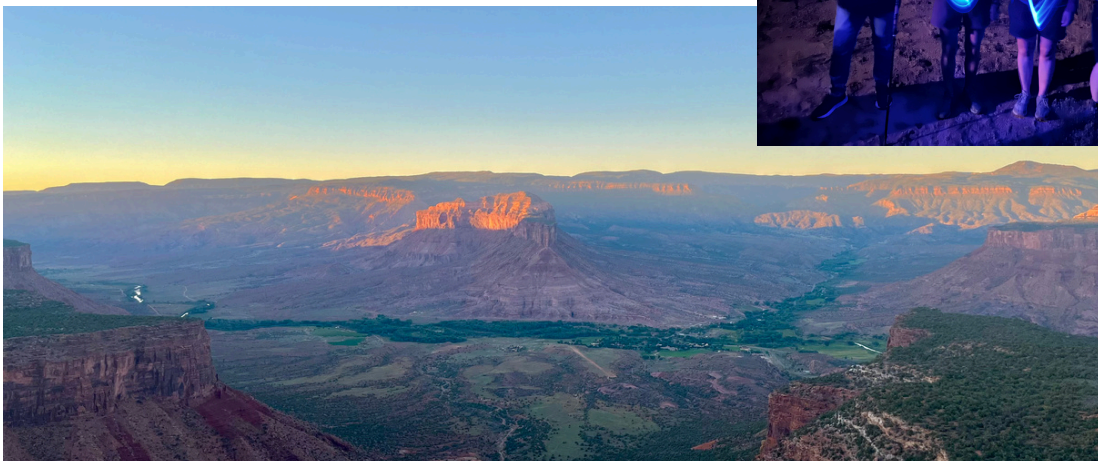
# Outdoor Wilderness Lab

Greetings from OWL,

The Outdoor Wilderness Lab is howling with excitement as we launch into the new season! We're thrilled to welcome students back to the campus and can't wait to see the incredible adventures and growth that await them this year. With our first overnight session starting on September 16th, we're gearing up for a season filled with outdoor learning, hands-on experiences, and plenty of OWLsome memories. Here's to a year of discovery, connection, and unforgettable adventures!

See you on the trail,

-The OWL Team



## Come join us for "Brew with the Crew!"

Starting September 17th, at 9:00 am we'll gather every third Tuesday of the month. Check-in at the front office, then head to the cafeteria for refreshments, good company, and great conversations.

Mark Allen, Principal | Abby Roehm, GWS Secretary & Health Assistant  
Cristina Duerock, OWL Administrative Assistant | Eli Alcorta, Facilities Generalist  
Jeannie Sanford, Bus Driver | Greg Weckenbrock, OWL Lead Teacher  
Derek Brown, Secondary ELA & Social Studies Teacher | Teri Edwards, Secondary Math & Science  
Madonna Dormaier, Elementary K-5 & SPED Teacher | Katie Walters, Elementary Teacher Sub  
Zoe DeVine, OWL Program Coordinator | Hatty Hatton, Seasonal OWL Instructor  
Delaynie Deleon, OWL Field Instructor Intern | Cora Moores, OWL Field Instructor Intern  
Ruby Moores, OWL Field Instructor Intern | Robert Frost, Chef