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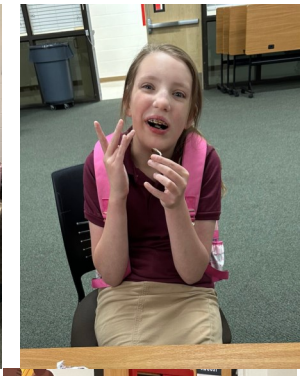
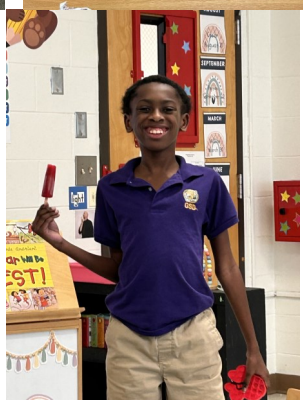
Ice Cream For All!

The school year is off to a great start, as demonstrated by the fact that all grade levels reached 10 Peace Days last week! What are Peace Days? GSD uses Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) to support students' behavioral, academic, social, and mental health. Through direct instruction and modeling, students learn how to demonstrate GSD's three key traits: Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience. Students are praised for demonstrating the three Rs, but it's always nice to get a tangible reward. Peace Days are awarded when a department does not have a student referred to the office for inappropriate behavior. When a department earns 10 Peace Days, the reward is ice cream. We are very proud that all students earned this reward to start off the year! Keep up the great work—next stop, 30 Peace Days and a special lunch!!









Photos of students enjoying ice cream





No classes on Monday, 9/2 for Labor Day holiday.

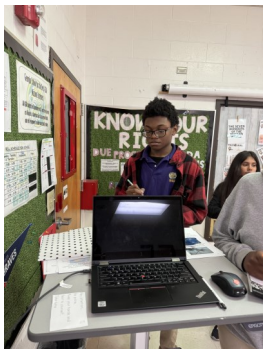
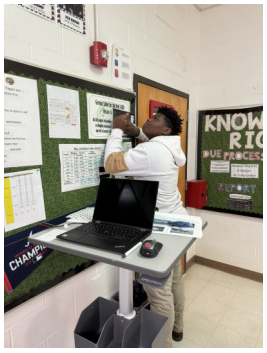
Residential transportation on Monday, 9/2.



Happy birthday, Cesar!

Literacy

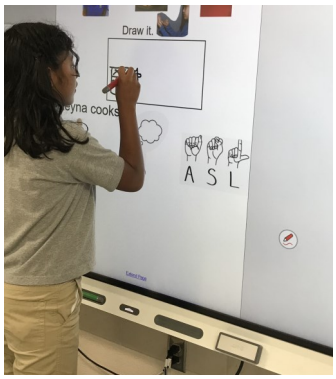
Sandy Wimpy's High School Reading RTI class looks like fun! They recently did a vocabulary scavenger hunt. They had to use clues to find a picture, write down the vocabulary word the picture represented, and then follow the next clue. This not only reinforced the vocabulary they were learning, but also the ability to think, figure out a clue, and follow directions.

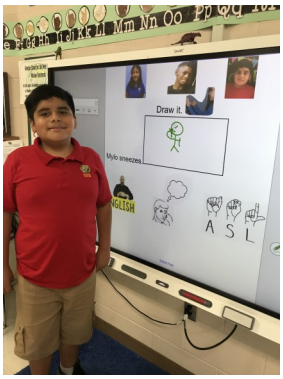



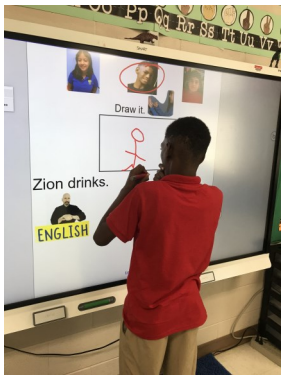



Hunting for vocabulary: Gary, Jaelyn, David, Ja'Niyah, and Diego use their brains as they search around the classroom.

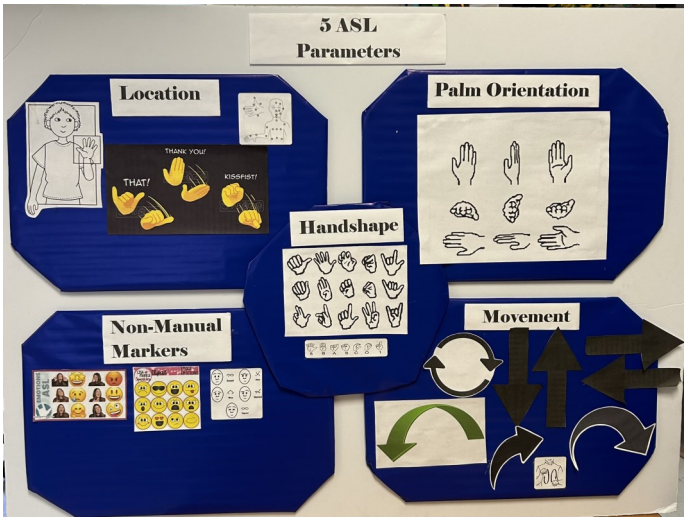
Is ASL less important than English? No! GSD teachers have been training to use new bilingual curricula that supports true bilingual learning and language development. Jamie Anderson's Elementary Reading RTI class recently practiced translating English sentences into ASL. One step in the process is drawing a picture. Reyna, Mylo, and Zion did a great job with their translations and are proud of their success!











Do YOU know the five parameters of ASL? Like all languages, ASL has structure and grammatical rules. ASL teacher Julie Burton created a thinking map that helps students remember and visualize the five parameters: handshape, location, palm orientation, movement, and non-manual markers. English shows past tense with words such as "was" or "did"; ASL uses location of the sign. English uses adjectives and adverbs to describe; ASL uses non-manual markers and movement. Interested in learning more about ASL? Visit www.gsdweb.org/asl for many FREE resources for improving your ASL!

Like wearing shirts that show your pride in ASL and bilingualism? You can get this shirt from Language Priority, which works to educate about the critical nature of language acquisition and the value of ASL! Visit www.languagepriority.com to learn more and buy shirts!

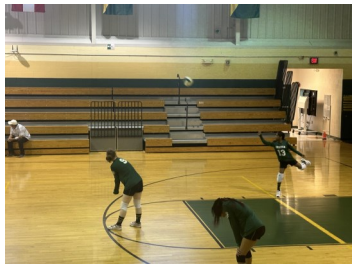


VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball season started last Thursday with a match pitting our Tigers against the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf Panthers here at home. The Panthers scratched out a win, but it was a success for the Tigers too in that they have improved SO MUCH since the start of last season. When they fell behind, they clawed their way back to a close score several times. It was great to see our girls' motivation, spirit, determination, and sportsmanship on display. It was also fun to see the team spirit in the student body, who cheered each point and waved posters spelling out T-I-G-E-R-S. Kudos to the players and their coaches for their hard work. Good luck in your next game!











Photos of team in action; Kendrilyn and Aailyah serving; greeting the opposing team pre-game; team huddle with coaches; team spirit after scoring a point.

Upcoming Events

- **9/2: Labor Day Holiday NO SCHOOL**
- **9/2: Residential transportation**
- **9/3 & 4: Dorm shopping**
- **9/6: 5th grade Fire Safety**
- **9/9: Volleyball at Armuchee, 5 pm**
- **9/10: Optimist Club Student of the Month luncheon**
- **9/11: Volleyball at AASD, 4 pm**
- **9/12: Emerge HS Leadership**
- **Sat. 9/21: Volleyball at Alabama (travel 9/20-9/22)**



LADIES VOLLEYBALL

2024

Date		VS	Location	Time
8/22/24	**Thursday**	**AASD**	**HOME**	**4:30 p.m.**
9/9/24	Monday	Armuchee JV	AHS	5:00
9/11/24	Wednesday	AASD	AASD	4:00
CANCELLED		CANCELLED		TBA
9/17/24	Tuesday	TDA, Model	TDA	5:00 / 6:00 p.m.
9/21/24	Saturday	ASD	ASD	9:00 / 12:00 CST
10/10-13/24	Thur-Sat	Mason-Dixon Tournament	ENCSD	



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