



PREP SCHOOL WEEKLY REPORT

SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20

Week 11 ~ 11 October 2019

Students: 736

3rd = 40
4th = 52
5th = 57

6th = 94
7th = 87
8th = 99

9th = 97
10th = 71
11th = 84
12th = 55

Faculty/Staff: 67

Full Time Faculty = 54
Part Time Faculty = 4
Staff = 9

Bulldog Buddies - Too many smiles and too much laughter to describe occurred during Monday’s long-awaited Bulldog Buddy reveal! This program (now in its second year) pairs our youngest students (3rd grade) with our oldest students (Seniors) in a year-long series of special celebrations. At the first and highly-anticipated official meeting of the year, each student was finally able to meet his/her Buddy and learn more about the person behind the “All About Me” letter that served as an introduction to each participant. We anticipate many more smiles and much more laughter ahead as these students bond throughout the school year and share that bond for a lifetime.

Fire Safety - Since 1922, the National Fire Protection Association has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. Our 3rd and 4th graders joined in observing 2019’s Fire Prevention Week in some special ways. This year’s FPW campaign, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!” focuses on educating students about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe. Firefighters from Milledgeville Fire Rescue visited our campus on Wednesday and spent some time with our students. Our youngest students had the opportunity to experience the educational Smoke House where they not only learned about many safety actions, but were also able to practice them. From perfecting their “stop, drop, and roll” to checking a door’s temperature to see if it is a safe exit to learning to crawl to safety, the students learned how to protect themselves and their families. The final part of the Smoke House demo was a real treat for students as they climbed out the back window and down the ladder! As if all that was not enough excitement, our local firefighters brought a fire engine for the kids to explore from top to bottom. With all compartments and doors open, the students were able to check out all the equipment, climb on the truck, and even sit in the driver’s seat. Thank you to our Milledgeville Fire Rescue Team for “the most AWESOME school day ever!” – direct quote from a 4th grader!

Make Good Choices - Maj. Scott Deason, Baldwin County Sheriff’s Department, visited with our Freshman Focus classes (MAJ Jennifer Brown) this week. He explained to the students how important it is to make good choices in life and not get caught up in the peer pressures that teens face. He emphasized how making good choices saves lives and allows one to become a successful adult. Maj. Deason shared many stories about his life as deputy and how important it is to be a safe driver. He answered many questions about Georgia driving laws and why the laws were put in place to help keep our young drivers safe. Maj. Deason is a great friend to GMC

Prep and we appreciate him taking the time to share his advice and perspective with our 9th graders.

Dancing in Math Class - Algebra 2 students (MAJ Cathy Williams) have been studying the end behavior of all polynomial graphs and determined patterns. They concluded the topic with the “End Behavior Dance”! Equations set to music were shown on the board and the students had to mimic the shape of the graphs with their arms to determine if the end behavior approached positive infinity or negative infinity.

Equation Experts - 7th grade math students (MAJ Suzanne Brooks) reviewed for an upcoming assessment in a fun way this week. Each student was given an equation to study, solve, and become an "expert" at explaining. The students rotated around the room and swapped equations with classmates as they all helped each other understand how to solve their personal equation. This review activity gave students the opportunity to practice solving many different types of equations, review for a quiz, and interact with their classmates. As an added fun bonus, each person had to share a "unique" fact about him/herself after the problems were correctly solved.

Facing Fear - 6th grade English classes (MAJ Vanna Ruth Stone) began the "Facing Fear" unit in their Literature textbooks this week. Throughout the unit, the students will be reading short stories, articles, and poems about fear. The opening activity for their study was for each student to write about his/her biggest fear. Following the writing assignment, many students chose to share their writings with their classmates. MAJ Stone shared how respectful and supportive the students were as they listened and often found themselves relating to a classmate's fears.

Learning from History - Georgia History classes (LTC Scott Seagraves) have been studying the Intolerable Acts of the 1760s and their impact on the Colonies. To gain a better understanding of the impact, students role-played and wrote letters to a fictitious newspaper (The Savannah Gazette) detailing why they thought the Acts were unfair and what should be done in retaliation. In addition, students examined the Declaration of Independence and discussed the influence of John Locke and purpose and outcome of the Enlightenment.

Cadet Winston Bullring - On Friday morning, our elementary students were introduced to a very special friend! Cadet Winston Bullring, GMC's new mascot in training, stopped by the Prep School Annex to greet our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders as they arrived at school. Cadet Bullring will be at many GMC events around campus and wants you to stop by and say hello when you see him! You can follow his journey as our trusted mascot on his Facebook page and Instagram @gmc mascot.

Class Color Day – We are making memories as we kicked off our 2019 Homecoming Festivities with a favorite annual tradition, Class Color Day. Each grade level, 3 – 12, was assigned a color in which to dress from head to toe. Class pictures were taken for inclusion in the SY19-20 yearbook. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders even got to take their class picture on the steps of their soon-to-be new home, the renovated Jenkins Hall. At the end of the day, we all gathered on Davenport Field and joined our class colors to form a GMC rainbow. We captured the memory with a special photograph and will share with all of you next week!

Softball Sweet 16 - After concluding the regular season with a record of 25-6 and defeating Washington-Wilkes in the first round of GHSA Class A State Play, our Lady Dogs have advanced to the Sweet 16! The team will travel to Schley County next Wednesday for a best 2 of 3 series. GOOOO Lady Dogs!!

Citizens Bank Player of the Week – Congratulations to Chaze Goddard (10th) for earning honors as this week's Citizens Bank Player of the Week for his tremendous performance on both sides of the ball during last Friday's GMC versus Aquinas game. Chaze had a 94 yard kick-off return for a touchdown and 3 catches for a combined 43 additional yards. Way to go, Chaze!

Inaugural Season Success - The inaugural season of the GMC Junior Bulldogs was a resounding success! This week, the Pups played their final game of the season in Monroe, when they took on the George Walton Academy Bulldogs. Despite having three touchdowns called back, the Junior Bulldogs won by a score of 8-0 to end their season with a winning record of 4-3. Thanks to the players, cheerleaders, coaches, and parents who made this season a fun experience for all!