



# PREP SCHOOL WEEKLY REPORT

## SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20

### Week 17 ~ 22 November 2019

**Students: 734**

3 <sup>rd</sup> = 40	6 <sup>th</sup> = 93	9 <sup>th</sup> = 97
4 <sup>th</sup> = 53	7 <sup>th</sup> = 87	10 <sup>th</sup> = 70
5 <sup>th</sup> = 57	8 <sup>th</sup> = 98	11 <sup>th</sup> = 84
		12 <sup>th</sup> = 55

**Faculty/Staff: 67**

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

**8368 BBQ tickets sold** – WOW!! Our annual BBQ held on Wednesday was our largest and most successful one yet with this year’s total exceeding the record set last year by 743 plates! In what can only be described as a total team effort, the GMC Family pulled together to sell tickets, plan for the day, prepare plates, and distribute the final product. We could never have had such a hugely successful BBQ without everyone in the GMC Family and many members of the community who came out and supported our BBQ!! We are so grateful to each and every person who actively worked the event and to everyone who bought tickets!!

**Meet the Bulldogs** – On Monday night, we hosted our annual “Meet the Bulldogs” program where we presented all of our 2019-20 Basketball Players and Cheerleaders. All students were escorted onto the court by parents and family members to be introduced to the crowd. Our JV and Varsity Boys Team also continued the tradition of asking a “Star Teacher/Faculty/Staff” to accompany him and his family during the introduction. The cheerleaders and teams then treated the spirited crowd to a sneak-peek into what to expect this season!

**Bulldog Buddies** – Our Bulldog Buddies program continues to provide such a special opportunity to connect our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with our Seniors. In order to share Thanksgiving traditions and recipes with each other, student are writing letters to each other. This week, our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders completed a writing project to share Thanksgiving traditions, recipes, and favorite foods with their Senior Buddy. They also drew and colored a Thanksgiving picture to share with their Buddy.

**Washington DC** – Last week, our Juniors traveled to Washington, DC to tour the city and participate in various activities. Of particular note is their participation in the National World War II Memorial’s annual Veterans Day Ceremony. During this ceremony GMC cadets led the Pledge of Allegiance, escorted WW II veterans, and remembered those who perished during the War by holding enlarged photographs of them. FOX News carried the event live and GMC was mentioned in the Tuesday, November 12, edition of the Washington Post. Four cadets - Hudson Caldwell, Madison Hartzog, Logan Mitchem, and Ethan Tolentino had the opportunity to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns on Tuesday. The week was full of great experiences and memories to last a lifetime!

**Center for Civil and Human Rights** – Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their teachers traveled to the Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta to tour and learn about the American Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s and the ongoing struggle for human rights around the world. Cadets were able to view three exhibitions: Voice to the Voiceless: Morehouse College MLK,

Jr. Collection; Rolls Down Like Water: The American Civil Rights Movement; and Spark of Conviction: The Global Human Rights Movement.

**Water Source Shortage** – Water sources and the lack of them on Earth has been the topic for our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science students (MAJ Aimee Lundy) this week. Students now realize that less than 1 percent of all the water on Earth is available for us to use and that much of the freshwater available to us is stored in groundwater. Students investigated groundwater terms such as permeable, impermeable, saturated zones, and water tables through hands on activities with sand, pebbles, and playdough. They also modeled how a well works and how pollution can impact groundwater even if the pollution is not right next door.

**Statistics in the Real World** – AP Statistics students (MAJ Alisha Rochon) enjoyed having Mr. Richard Craft, the father of 3 current GMC Prep students, as a guest presenter in class. Mr. Craft works with the North Central Health District in the Georgia Department of Public Health. His presentation was about the many ways he uses statistics in his job and the use of statistics in epidemiology. He explained how he uses surveys and interviews to gather data so that a disease outbreak's cause can be determined. He also demonstrated how statistics can be used as indicators to determine what additional training may be needed for food service workers based on the number and types of violations that are coming in from the inspection reports.

**Decorate for the Holidays** – 4<sup>th</sup> grade students (MAJ Stephanie Williams) worked to create holiday ornaments to be displayed at the Milledgeville 4-H Extension office. They were encouraged to use household items to create any type of festive ornament. Some students chose to use items from nature which they gathered from the school's recess area and others scavenged around their homes to find cool things to use. The students were very creative and every ornament was unique! Each student beamed with pride over his/her creation and enjoyed being surprised at the many different types of items that were used by classmates.

**Siege on Davenport** – Honors Physics students of MAJ Teresa Barnes completed their cumulative project on Kinematics and Projectile Motion this week. For the "Siege on Davenport," the students constructed a trebuchet. Their trebuchets were designed to launch a projectile (a boiled egg) so students could test the horizontal and vertical velocities, horizontal and vertical displacement, and flight time. Students were also able to analyze the effects of gravity on the projectile and its motion. We are happy to report that 100% of the trebuchet launchings were successful!!

**Cool Ride** - Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders had a wonderful, fun-filled day on Thursday as they traveled to The Rock Ranch for their first-ever GMC Prep field trip! From mining for gems to digging for fossils to creating earthquakes on the giant jumping pillow, it was a day to remember. Before leaving to return home, they even had the chance to go on a hayride! In addition to all of the fun activities, learning, and laughter, they were in awe of the GMC bus!

