



PREP SCHOOL WEEKLY REPORT

SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20

Week 8 ~ 20 September 2019

Students: 739

3 rd = 40	6 th = 94	9 th = 97
4 th = 52	7 th = 87	10 th = 71
5 th = 57	8 th = 100	11 th = 86
		12 th = 55

Faculty/Staff: 67

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

Pinwheels for Peace - Pinwheels for Peace IMAGINE...”Whirled Peace” -- In today’s world, peace needs to become more than just a word. For the third year in a row our students took part in this International art and literacy project by “planting” pinwheels with messages of peace at Georgia Military College on the west lawn between the Sibley Cone Library and the Old Capital Building. Pinwheels for Peace is an art installation project began in 2005 by two Art teachers in Florida as a way for students to express their feelings about what’s going on in the world and in their lives. GMC Prep Art Students created pinwheels of all shapes and sizes and wrote their thoughts about what brings them, our families, our friends, our community, and our world peace. On the other side, they chose to draw, paint, collage, etc. to visually express their feelings. We loved the sight – the spinning of the pinwheels in the wind will spread thoughts and feelings about peace throughout the country and the world!

Celebrating Constitution Week – Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders had the opportunity to celebrate Constitution Week in a special way! On Wednesday, they were invited to a ceremony hosted by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Students prepared for the ceremony by talking about the United States Constitution in their Social Studies classes and learned even more at the ceremony. The ceremony included the reading of the Preamble along with the presentation of the Colors and a musket firing demonstration by a group dressed in period costume – all compliments of our local Sons of the American Revolution Chapter. After the ceremony, our students transitioned to the Legislative Chamber where they “signed” the Constitution just like our Founding Fathers did and enjoyed some cake to celebrate the day!

Eagle Scout - Congratulations to Hudson Caldwell (11th) for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in Scouts of America requires numerous steps, goals, and accomplishments. For his Eagle Scout Project, Hudson recruited several friends to volunteer for the project of resurfacing the boat dock at the GMC Lake Lot and collected donations to fund the project. We are so proud of Hudson for this momentous accomplishment!

Youth Leadership Baldwin – Youth Leadership Baldwin is an outstanding program designed for high school juniors who want to develop their leadership skills, broaden their network and make an impact in their community. The purpose of YLB is to teach leadership skills, increase students’ social and professional networks, and create community awareness to have a better understanding of community resources. We are so proud of our Juniors who were selected to participate, along with students from other local high schools, in YLB - Morgan Davis, Shelby Duke, Stella Glover, Will Mayo, Mason Seymour, Belle Warren, and Justin Wallace.

Chick –fil-A Leader Academy Kickoff - Our Chick-fil-A Leader Academy held its 6th annual Kickoff Event on Monday, September 16. Mr. Curt Flournoy, Owner-Operator of CFA Milledgeville and sponsor of our Academy, provided lunch and spoke with students about his experience in becoming an Owner Operator. The focus of CFA Leadership is servant leadership and the Kickoff focused on what that idea means and how it can and is implemented in the lives of ordinary people who become extraordinary by focusing on the needs of others. This year's class has already contributed to the lives of some of Baldwin County's youngest students by sponsoring a petting zoo for the back to school activity at the Baldwin County Early Learning Center. CFA Leader Academy is already planning to impact the community in December with "Do Good December" and will end their year with an "Impact Project" aimed at addressing some issue in our community through service. The question often is asked, "Why Chick-fil-A Leader Academy and not Leadership Academy?" The answer is quite simple, "Because leadership is about the process...leader is about the person."

"Cookie Fundraiser" – 7th grade math students (MAJ Suzanne Brooks) completed a "cookie task" to review how to add/subtract positive and negative rational numbers. Students were assigned a school (there were 4 different schools in the task and each made a different number of sales) and given a "sales record". They then had to determine if their school made a profit or lost money on the cookie fundraiser. During this task, students learned how to use their calculators to "make numbers negative", and about profits and losses. Students used decimals and fractions to complete the task. At the end, they made suggestions as to how their school could have achieved better profits.

Budding Meteorologists – Our 3rd grade science curriculum (MAJ Sara Gray) includes a focus on different career paths in science. After reading about what meteorologists "do" and learning more about some of the tools they use for their jobs, 3rd graders welcomed Mr. Austin Chaney, a member of 13WMAZ's Weather Team. Mr. Chaney talked to students about his path to earn an Atmospheric Science/ Meteorology degree from the University of Georgia and the process of becoming a Certified Broadcast Meteorologist by the American Meteorological Society. During his interactive and informative presentation, he spoke with our students about the different types of severe weather and the safety procedures for each. He also explained how meteorologists can serve the community during severe weather by providing critical information to all of us. Our 3rd graders truly enjoyed this time and the bonus of being featured on 13WMAZ's Midday show on Thursday!

Triangle Pileup – Honors PreCalculus students (MAJ Alisha Rochon) were given a picture of right triangles that were piled in a way such that all shared a side with one or two other triangles. For some triangles, the length of one or more sides or the measure of one or more angles was given. The challenge was for students to use their prior knowledge of Trigonometry and Geometry to figure out the length of all the missing sides. The side lengths and angle measures of each triangle affected the length of the next one in the pile so students began with the triangle on the bottom and worked their way up. Attention to detail and precise calculations were the key to arriving at the correct answers to untangle the pile and arrive at the correct answer for the final triangle in the stack!

Focus on Culture – 10th Grade English students (MAJ Logan Cook) concluded their unit over the theme of “Culture” this week by presenting projects to their classmates. Throughout this unit, students chose to read one of three novels - *A Long Way Gone*, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, or *Salt to the Sea* - each of which is about a different culture around the world. In pairs, students researched various cultural aspects from their chosen novel and learned more about aspects such as language, food, religion, hobbies, and education. As a way to demonstrate their knowledge, students created a “mini-museum” within the classroom and displayed different items that they had brought in to represent the cultural aspects they had researched. Students walked around and viewed other group’s project and each group explained their project to the class.

Beware of Alcohol and Drugs - 9th graders (MAJ Jennifer Brown) are completing the Alcohol and Drugs Awareness Program. Today they completed three stations using the Fatal Vision goggles. The goggles allowed the students to experience the effects of alcohol or other impaired drugs. It gives them a safe way to learn the important lesson that alcohol greatly impairs a person’s balance, vision, reaction time, and judgement. The stations they completed included dodgeball, kickball, throwing a football, and walking an irregularly taped line while picking up various items.