



PREP SCHOOL WEEKLY REPORT

SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20

Week 15 ~ 8 November 2019

Students: 734

3rd = 40

4th = 53

5th = 57

6th = 93

7th = 87

8th = 98

9th = 97

10th = 70

11th = 84

12th = 55

Faculty/Staff: 67

Full Time Faculty = 54

Part Time Faculty = 4

Staff = 9

Officially Moved In - In a parade led by LTG Caldwell, COL Grant, and LTC Leben our 150 elementary students walked into their beautiful new home in Jenkins Hall on Monday! They were warmly greeted by each classroom's theme and décor and were excited to see all of the new elements mixed with the historic ones! We could not be prouder of our new home for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders!!

Our students shared the following when asked about their favorite parts of Jenkins Hall --

- I like that all the rooms more colorful and bright.
- I like that there is a water fountain in all of my classrooms.
- I love the interior and exterior.
- My favorite part of the new classrooms are the creaky floors.
- I love everything- it is all clean and new!

3rd in the Nation—Red Mixed Raider Team – We are extremely proud to congratulate our Raider Mixed Red Team for placing 3rd overall at Nationals last weekend! This outstanding accomplishment included placing in the top four in 4 of the 5 events which led to the 3rd place ranking out of 27 teams from as far away as Hawaii! We are also proud of our Male Team for placing 10th out of the 32 competing teams. Special thanks to our Raider Coaches - Todd Van Dine and Emily Boylan! The future is bright for the GMC Prep Raider Program as this year's group included only 2 Seniors!!

National Ultimate Raiders – Hudson Caldwell (11th) and DeAsia Stephens (11th) represented our male and female Raiders in fine fashion in the National Ultimate Raider Competition! Out of the 40 top Female Raiders, DeAsia Stephens placed 2nd in the Nation! Out of the 50 top Male Raiders, Hudson Caldwell placed 2nd in the Nation!! This competition is truly grueling as it is held the morning after the team competition and involves running 2 miles with a heavy ruck sack and negotiating water and other man-made obstacles. Quite an accomplishment for these 2!

Racing Fast to the Finish Line – Our Male and Female Cross Country Teams finished strong at the State Cross Country Meet!! The boys finished 7th out of 16 teams and the girls finished 3rd out of 15 teams to earn a spot on the podium and receive a trophy. Jada Warren (11th) placed 8th and made the podium; she has also been named to the first Georgia Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association All-State Team. The Girls 3rd Place Finish is their best finish in six years!! Congratulations to both of our Cross Country Teams and their coaches, Debbie Barsby and Rob Sherwood!!

State Runner Up--We are so proud of the cast and crew of *Mamma Mia* for their outstanding performance (standing ovation by the crowd) at the State Competition at Crisp County Middle School where they earned the State Runner Up title!! Madison Sloan and Isaiah Wilson were recognized as part of the GHSA State All Star Cast for their fantastic performances. We are proud of all the work the students put in this year to make *Mamma Mia* such a fabulous show and, as always, we are so thankful to have Mark Weaver and Jenny Morris as the co-directors for our One Act Show!!

JALA - The GMC Prep Junior American Legion Auxiliary Chapter held their Officer Installation and Rededication and New Member Induction Ceremony in the Bulldog Café in the Prep School Annex on Thursday evening. The ceremony was led by Post Commander John Griffin and Mrs. Carrol Griffin, President of Morris-Little ALA Unit 6, along with their new sponsor, MAJ Stephanie Roberts. Nine new officers were installed and nineteen new members were inducted. The GMC JALAs are now twenty-six students strong and are hoping to recruit more girls throughout the year.

Game Skills Sharpen Math Skills - 7th grade math students (MAJ Suzanne Brooks) have spent time reviewing and practicing their "solving" skills by playing games! Students have played "Inequality Connect Four" and "Equation Yahtzee!" They are completing their unit "Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities" where they expanded their understanding of "like terms" and how to use inverse operations to solve equations and inequalities. Next students move on to "proportional relationships".

“Stay Gold” – 8th Grade Language Arts Students (MAJ Susan Jannakos) are reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. While reading this novel of friendship and belonging, they are working on figurative language, numerous literary devices, vocabulary, and stereotypes. Students are completing comprehension and discussion questions and acting as if they were the news reporter on the scene of the major plot twists and rising action.

Day of the Dead – Students in 6th Grade Social Studies (MAJ Riner) finished their study on Mexico by completing essays, posters, and power points on the Day of the Dead observance. This project opened their eyes to the different types of celebrations found in other cultures. Their next areas of study will be Central America and the Caribbean.

3rd Grade ROCKS! – 3rd graders are investing rocks as part of their current Science unit in MAJ Gray’s classroom. Throughout the week, they classified rocks based on their hardness, texture, and luster. To end the week, they went outside to crack open geodes and were amazed that a simple uninteresting rock can contain a beautiful cluster of crystals. Each student had a blast using the hammer to crack open the geode and split off a section for his/her very own rock collection! Next up...making rock candy!!