



PREP SCHOOL WEEKLY REPORT

SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20

Week 21 ~ 17 January 2020

Students: 726

3 rd = 39	6 th = 92	9 th = 97
4 th = 52	7 th = 84	10 th = 70
5 th = 57	8 th = 98	11 th = 82
		12 th = 55

Faculty/Staff: 67

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

State Champs Celebrate with Rings – The members of the Raiders Mixed Team were awarded their State Champion rings during a ceremony at Morning Formation this week. This is always a special moment for students and we are proud to recognize them for their accomplishment! Oh yes – did we mention that this is the 4th CONSECUTIVE State Championship for the Raiders Mixed Team and that the Drive for 5 is on since all members of the team will return for next season?!?!

Special Guests and Recognitions

- It was our pleasure to welcome the Honorable Floyd L. Griffin Jr. to our campus on Friday for the 141st Corps of Cadets Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony. Colonel Griffin is a native of Milledgeville and a retired U.S Army Colonel who served in the military for 23 years before returning to his hometown. He went on to serve two terms as Senator of Georgia’s 25th District and was elected as the city of Milledgeville’s first African American Mayor. Colonel Griffin gave of his time to enjoy lunch with some of our Prep School student leaders and shared his wisdom and some relevant life lessons. He delivered an inspirational speech in front of a packed crowd in the Goldstein Center for Performing Arts. We are grateful to Colonel Griffin for spending his afternoon with us and sharing such valuable insights with our students.
- We were also honored to welcome former GMC Preparatory School Cadet Julian Boddie and his wife Sharon to campus on Friday. Mr. Boddie is the first African American graduate of GMC Preparatory School. He entered GMC as a Freshman and graduated in 1971. Following graduation, Mr. Boddie went on to serve his country in the United States Navy. Upon retirement, he continued to serve others by working with the US Postal Service for 22 years. Today, he and his wife own and operate Wings of a Dove Christian Academy, a child development center.
- During Friday’s Ceremony, LTG Caldwell and COL Grant presented the Distinguished Order of the Servant Leader Award to three of our students who have given of their time in service to others. We are so proud of each of them - Danica Resha (8th) – 200 hours, Sara Johnson (8th) – 400 hours, and Tyler Crump (12th) –600 hours

Weather Watchers! 4th graders in MAJ Anna Avant’s classes have been learning all about the weather. They began their unit of study by learning about weather tools and how these tools are used in meteorology to predict the weather. All the rain we have had recently provided students with the opportunity to put their new knowledge into action! Students created their own rain

gauges to measure the precipitation that falls in our area. The gauge was constructed using two-liter bottles with the top cut off and inverted to create a funnel. Next, weights were added to provide stability to the gauge and student used rulers to mark off a measuring scale on the bottle. Our young meteorologists are now placing their gauges outside to collect the rain predicted for this weekend. Students are anxious to see what they will find when return to school on Tuesday and will add their observations to their science lab sheet. The excitement level was high as this lesson showed students that you do not have to buy weather tools- you can make your own! How FUN science is when you can see it in action?!?

Artists in Action –

- 6th and 7th grade Art students are working with MAJ Paige Barlow to take a "Journey Through Art" and learn about different art periods. After discussing the elements and principles of art, their first stop on the journey covered Romanesque and Gothic Architecture with a particular emphasis on stain glass Rose Windows. Students quickly realized all of the mathematics involved in designing a rose window. After learning how to properly use a protractor and compass, students began designing their own symmetrical rose window which will be enhanced when they add beautiful watercolors.
- Seniors have been studying pencil values and learning how to use graphite drawing pencils in a variety of ways. They completed a value packet on values scales, a value study sheet, a light source informational sheet, a lesson on how to shade rounded forms as well as forms with multiple sides, a magazine value scale, and a photo of a tennis shoe with multiple values. As part of these lessons, students cut a photo of a tennis shoe in half to draw the other half and match the values. They are now beginning a pencil value drawing of an image of their choice that has 5 or more values to express their journey.

Density Towers and Amazing Science – 5th graders in MAJ Diane Deariso's Science classes had the opportunity to see how density comes into play with liquids. They made predictions about what a container would look like when corn syrup (with red food coloring added), water (with blue food coloring added), and vegetable oil were poured into the container. After their initial drawings were complete, students were provided with the actual densities of the liquids and asked to illustrate a second picture of what they thought would and then write a description of their prediction. Finally, the liquids were poured into one container -- corn syrup went in first, vegetable oil next, and water last. SURPRISED faces were all around as students watched the water settle under the vegetable oil. The experiment was then extended as students were asked to make a prediction about how adding bleach would impact the combination. More amazement was obvious on faces as the blue slowly faded from the water while the corn syrup stayed red and the vegetable oil kept its natural yellow tint! Once again - how FUN science is when you can see it in action?!?

Life Lessons in Literature – 6th grade English classes of MAJ Vanna Ruth Stone have been learning about figurative language techniques. A special lesson was taught this week in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. Students read and listened to an excerpt from his "I Have a Dream" speech. The speech contains numerous figurative language techniques so students identified idioms, personification, similes, and metaphors throughout the speech. MAJ Stone had previously led discussions about how using figurative language can be an effective way to

convey a message and this concept was clearly conveyed when students read and listened to the delivery of Dr. King's message. The lesson was also a powerful vehicle for discussions regarding civil rights, segregation, and civil disobedience.

Ready. Set. Go. – 8th graders in MAJ Nikki Grimes' Science classes have been studying distance, time, and speed, while incorporating STEAM at the same time. In order to put their new knowledge to practice use, MAJ Grimes sponsored a series of Trash Car Races! **READY:** Students began by drawing a blue print of their test car that would be constructed only out of recyclable materials provided to them. **SET:** Next, they entered the design phase and began building their cars. **GO:** The testing phase allowed students to put their cars through three different tests -- the floor roll, the ramp run, and the water test. The water test phase required students to add water to the body (bottle) of their cars and then observe how this would affect the speed of the car. There were cars that were beautifully designed but had no speed, cars that looked like they were straight out of the trash but were successful in the tests, and everything in between. For the last time in this report - how FUN science is when you can see it in action!?!?

Looking to have a "piece" of GMC in your own yard? 6th graders in MAJ Aimee Lundy's Enrichment class have undertaken a very special project. Students explored campus to gather as many acorns as they could find from our beautiful grounds and quickly planted them with the goal to grow seedlings which can be sold to anyone looking to have their own special "piece" of GMC at home! More details to follow!!

LOOKING AHEAD...

Frozen Jr. – The Middle School Theatre Program will present *Frozen, Jr.* in The Goldstein Center for the Performing Arts Thursday thru Saturday, January 23 – 25. Over 90 middle school cast members have been hard at work since August on this magical show. Tickets can still be purchased online for all shows at www.GMCTickets.Booktix.com. Show times are 7pm Thursday through Saturday and a matinee at 2pm on Saturday. Get your tickets before the shows sell out!!

GMC Prep Auction – The 12th annual GMC Prep Auction will be held on Saturday, March 7, in the Kidd Center on the campus of GMC. Mark your calendars to join us for Casino Night - the item list continues to grow with exciting opportunities through both the silent and live auctions. We will let you know when tickets are available!