Dear Sixth Grade Families,

This month our newsletter contains several articles of interest. As always, we have two articles written by two of our star student reporters. However, this month we have an additional article about a student in our class who shows compassion by donating her hair to the Locks of Love organization that makes wigs for youngsters who have lost their hair due to a variety of medical conditions including, alopecia areata and cancer treatments. This article is actually her letter to me describing her experience with this organization. For more information about this cause, visit the following web page: http://www.locksoflove.org/.

In addition, please note the web page update article. It is a repeated article, but has information that I want to be sure all have a chance to see. For that reason, I have decided to include that again this month.

May the Luck of the Irish be with you,

Mrs. Sarah Beh

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Reading Rhinos

Book Project of the Month:
Newbery News Book Project

Please note: most of the materials needed for this project can be found on the class web page.

This month Mrs. Coons, our school librarian, presented students with many literary works that won the Newbery Award or Honor. Students then chose a Newbery book to read and were to complete their reading of the novel over the February Break. March 8-10th students will type the final copy of their Newbery News in class and be prepared to turn it in on March 11th!

“Books may well be the only true magic”

Alice Hoffman

General Information:

- Students are given class time each day to work on reading the book and to work on the project itself.
- Students are given a complete checklist with details outlining the expectations clearly.
- A calendar with important due dates and helpful hints is provided to help students “break down” their task and manage their time.
- All materials needed to complete the book project are provided.
"On your birthday
I wish you much
pleasure & joy:
I hope all of
your wishes
come true.
May each hour
& minute
be filled with
delight.
And may your
birthday be
perfect for you!"

March
Ariana: 6th
Jake: 18th
Christian: 29th

April
Sefora: 4th
Destiny: 14th

SOLIDARY DAY
On Tuesday, March 1st the staff, faculty and students at GCMS wore purple to symbolize our stand against bullying behaviors. During our 1st period on that day every student in our school participated in an activity that reviewed the bullying survey that was issued to students earlier in the year. As a school unit, we shared these results with the students and guided them through reflective activities. These activities also sought student input on ways to improve the work we are already doing around this topic. In addition, we were able to view a short video by famous speaker, Mark Brown, who uses the Disney movie “Beauty and the Beast” to build connections with students around this topic. View his biography at: http://www.gsp.com/us/markbrown.aspx

Webpage UPDATE!!!
Many parents have reported that when asking their child about what is happening in school, the answer most commonly provided is, “nothing.” Well... we are doing a WHOLE LOT each day! So, in an effort to provide you with more “up to the week” information, I have added a “Week at a Glance” section to the homepage of our classroom website. The purpose of this is to provide you with a few quick bullets of information regarding what we will be doing in school for the coming week. It is not all inclusive, but will be available to help prompt questioning and discussion between you and your child. I hope you find it helpful!

Spartan Way Coupon
Have a parent sign on the “X” and make a comment about our newsletter and earn 3 Spartan Way Tickets!

X ________________________
Parent comment:

Very Important Pupil
Our VIP for the Month of March is Sefora Mesfun!
Congratulations, Sefora on your nomination of VIP and for being a great example of The Spartan Way!

*check out our class website to see what the class had to say about SEFORA!

Keep In Touch!
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**Flowers for Valentine’s Project Compassion**

Hi! This is STAR Reporter Cory Fischer. In the second week of February our class made heart shaped flowers in flower pots. They were Valentine’s for the patients at Westgate Nursing Home. On the Valentine, our class wrote little notes letting the patients know that we hope they get better soon and that we care for them.

**Locks of Love**

Dear Mrs. Beh.

I have heard that you want to know more about Locks of Love, right? Well, LOL is just giving hair to people of all ages that have cancer. I have joined because it is a nice thing to make wigs for children. In November, the time I went to Florida, I cut my hair as well. I cut about 11 inches of it. So far, I have made 4 wigs. I wish that a lot of kids and even adults would cut their hair as well so that we can help people that have cancer. Please try to spread the word so we can help them.

Your Student,

Lexi

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**What Did You Do Over February Break?**

Last week was February Break and many of the kids at our school did different things. So, I decided to ask people what they did over break. My survey and results are below.

What did you do last week?
- Sleep
- Take a trip
- Go to someone’s house everyday
- Stay home

I asked 5 other GCMS students the same thing. Two of the students they slept. Two other students said they took a trip. One person said that they went to someone’s house everyday. I don’t know the reason we have February Break, but it’s nice to have the week off of school. I had fun, but I’m glad I’m back at school with my teacher and my friends.

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*Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression.*

—Haim Ginott