



2019

Parent Newsletter

January

Important Dates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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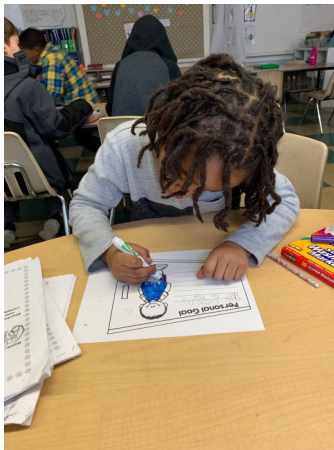
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Front Office Hours: 8:00am-4:45pm

K In reading, Kindergarten has begun learning CVC words and tapping them out. In math, we are comparing length, using the words, longer than, taller than and shorter than. We are becoming meteorologists in modules and learning all about weather! We will have a real life meteorologist visit our classes at the end of the month! We have also begun a new club during crew! We are all proud members of the Shoe Tying Club! As your child becomes a shoe-tying expert they will earn a special badge!

1st In math, we are learning when to count by tens and when to count by ones. In skills block, we are reading and spelling words with Magic e that make long vowel sounds. We continue Unit 2 in our Modules, by reading informational books about the sun, moon and stars. We are doing Research, Explore and Imagine Labs to learn more about the sun, moon, and stars. Check out our class website for more information: tinyurl.com/1stgradegems.

2nd Classes Turquoise and Tanzanite are launching their Expedition this month! Students will be learning about butterflies! In math, we are deepening our understanding of what place value means and how to easily add and subtract 10s and 100s. We are still teaching social skills and the importance of reading. We are starting mid-year assessments and are using them to help our students grow where they need it.



3rd It's been a great 2019 so far! We've started the second unit in our study of frogs where we are learning about frogs as amphibians, answering the question "Why do polliwogs wiggle?" and writing informational paragraphs about our findings. We're super excited about our zoo visit and looking forward to all the things we're going to learn there. In math, we're deepening our understanding of multiplication and applying the distributive and commutative property. MAP testing is the week of January 28th to show what we have learned so far this year. Looking forward to a great rest of January!

4th Is in the middle of studying animal defense mechanisms. Each fourth grader is in the process of becoming an expert on a specific animal by gathering research and taking notes. We will soon be working on an informative paragraph and eventually a "choose your own adventure" narrative. We are looking forward to our fieldwork at the Columbus Zoo this Thursday!

We need your help with Have a Heart!

We are in need of silent auction items! We are looking for a variety of items (gift cards, gift baskets, jewelry, clothing, art work, etc.). Please contact Jennifer Waddell at waddell.1@thecharlesschool.org or 614-643-5068 with donations or questions. Thank you for your support!

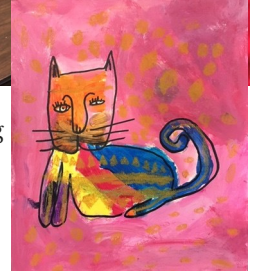
Attention Parents/Guardians

Attending school daily is critical to student success. Ohio's new House Bill 410 law requires a preventative approach to excessive student absences. An Attendance Team has been established to work with our students and families to help improve daily attendance. Note * - Missing as few as 2 days per month is considered chronically absent! We want to see your student in school every day!

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Art: January has been an exciting month in art! Kindergarteners are learning about the culture and art of Ancient Egypt as they create their own Egyptian-inspired necklaces. First graders are working on robot portraits as they learn how to draw the body using simple shapes. In second grade, students learned about Laurel Burch's animal paintings and created some of their own, emphasizing shape. Lastly, third graders have been reviewing color mixing; which they are using in their color wheel eye paintings.



Music: In fourth grade this month we are continuing to learn about recorders and we are going to start playing through songs on them! In third grade we are using musical instruments, specifically boomwhackers, this month to write and perform our own music. We are working towards performing a song in class on boomwhackers as well. In first grade we are also using boomwhackers to play our own songs and perform songs that use the solfege we have been learning this year. In kindergarten we are adding to our knowledge of solfege to start to learn about writing songs with rhythms and different notes!

P.E.: Second graders are finishing our dance unit. Through dance students have developed creative movements, and improved body concepts, special awareness, and motor control, all while having a blast! Students learned dances from different countries and cultures, including dances from Mexico and Denmark. Ask your student to teach you a dance the class learned, or do your own dance together!



Guidance: This month in classroom guidance students are learning about conflict resolution. Students will be learning what conflict resolution looks like, sounds like, and feels like. Students will be learning important strategies to solve a conflict: being calm, listening to one another, and using I statements. Upcoming classroom guidance: February students will be learning about safety. They will be learning and discussing who their trusted adults are, how to stay safe if a stranger approaches them. And students will be learning the importance of cyber safety.

Enrollment Information Sessions!

Please be sure to spread the word to friends and neighbors about our upcoming enrollment information sessions. If you know of students who might be interested in attending The Graham School, The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University, or GEMS, please let them know about our upcoming enrollment information sessions.

Wednesdays at 6:00pm

January 30

February 13

February 27

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The Graham School

The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University

GEMS

For more information please visit the school's websites

www.thegrahamschool.org

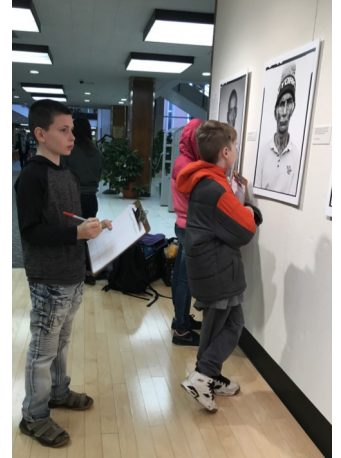
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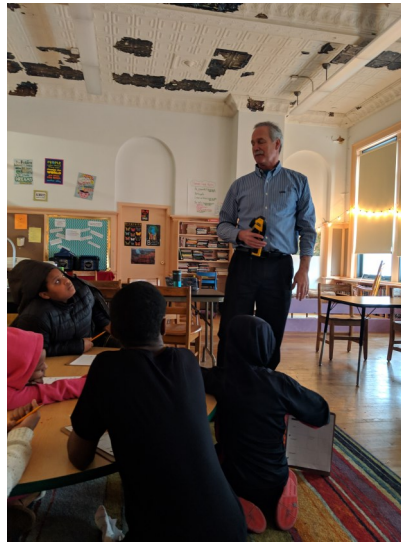
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To kick off our trimester 2 expedition, 5th grade traveled to Ohio Wesleyan University to see the exhibit Stateless by Tariq Tarey and study the stories of refugees. While there, we learned what it means to be a refugee.



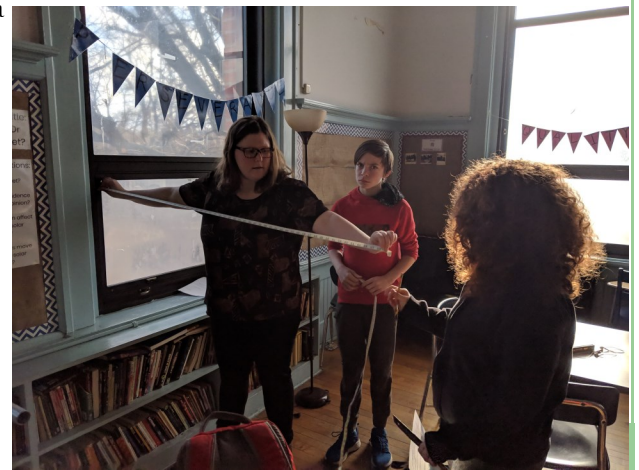
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6th grade students took a tour of the building with engineer, Mark Farrell. During the tour, students learned how energy is used at GEMS especially in regards to heating and cooling the building.



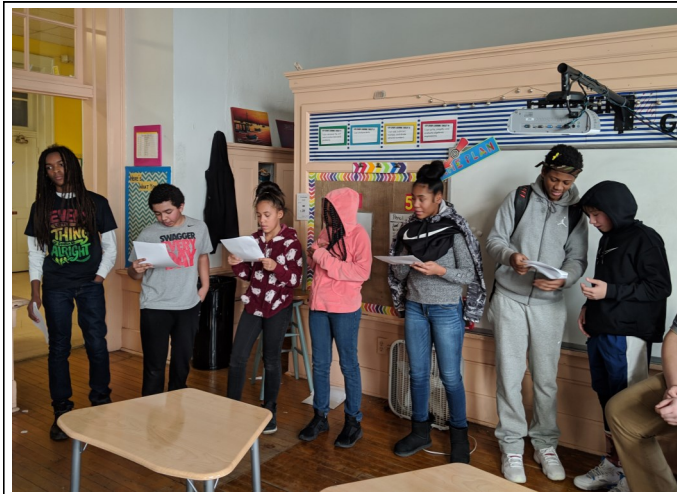
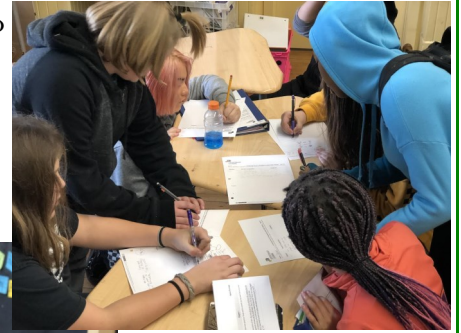
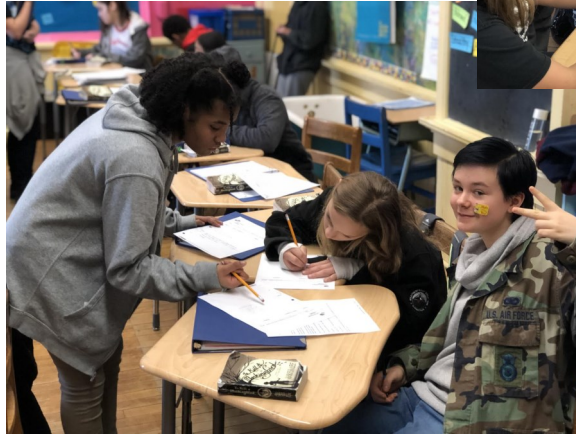
7th

In math class, 7th grade students took measurements to make a scale drawing of our classroom.



8th

8th graders have been working hard using writing and speaking protocols to analyze their expedition novel, *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.



Mrs Malachowsky and Mrs Muller's crews worked together to lead a successful community meeting within our crews.

Please join The Graham Family of Schools for

Have a Heart

Saturday, March, 2019 - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

at Peace Hall, Ohio Dominican University

Featuring educational speaker Steven Levy

Invitations will be mailed in January. We hope you can attend!

Please contact Jennifer Waddell, waddell.1@thecharlesschool.org or 614-643-5068 with any questions.

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

Give Kids A Smile Day

Saturday, February 2, 2019
Call 614-688-3763 for an appointment

FREE dental exams, cleanings, extractions, fillings, and crowns for kids in need.

This event is FREE for children under 18 years of age. No fees will be charged for this visit!

Each child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who will remain with the child throughout the event.

Schedule an appointment: Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis by calling 614-688-3763 starting January 14th.

Driving and Parking: Complimentary parking (with vouchers) will be provided for each participant at the 12th Avenue garage located at 340 W. 12th Ave., Columbus, OH 43210.

Questions: Email gkas@osu.edu or call 614-688-3763.

This event is offered as part of the national Give Kids A Smile™ (GKAS) program sponsored by the American Dental Association.



ADA Foundation

College Access Night

January 30 - 6:00-7:30pm at TCS@ODU

The Graham Family of Schools is hosting our annual College Access Night on January 30th from 6:00PM - 7:30PM at The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University (1270 Brentnell Avenue, Columbus, OH 43219). Families and students are invited to come learn about participating in the College Credit Plus (CCP) program next year and talk to representatives from some of Central Ohio's CCP Programs. In addition to learning about opportunities for students to earn college credit free of charge while in grades 7 - 12 through CCP, there will be sessions on Ohio Dominican's Early College Program at TCS@ODU (grades 11 - 13), as well as other college access information. There will be refreshments and raffle/door prizes, so don't miss this important session on college opportunities for your student! We hope to see you there!

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

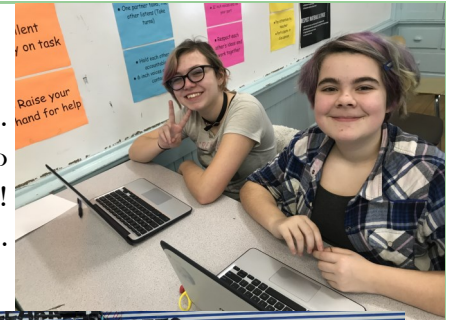


Thank you!

Due to the generosity of the GEMS community, GEMS was able to donate 57 sets of pajamas to kids in foster care in Columbus!

GEMS First Mathlympics Was A Success!

It was a fun-filled day on Friday, December 21 as GEMS hosted their first Mathlympics. Students participated in origami folding, "Math-ketball", logic puzzles and other games to determine the winning crew. Thanks to the parents who helped make this event possible! The winning crews for each grade level were: 5th Grade - Mr. Piteo's Crew, 6th Grade - Ms. Eppler's Crew, 7th Grade - Ms. Vaughan's Crew, 8th Grade - Ms. Baginski's Crew.



Help GEMS Raise Money!

When you shop at Kroger, Giant Eagle, and/or Amazon you can help GEMS raise money!

Kroger - GEMS has a New School Number! Must Re-Enroll!

Go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com or call 1-800-837-4483 to enroll in the program. If you enrolled last year you must re-enroll each year to help GEMS. Add GEMS to your card. You can search for GEMS by name or use our school code: FD086 (**New school number! Must re-enroll to help GEMS!**). Shop! Every time you shop and use your Kroger Rewards Card GEMS gets rebates. Kroger totals those rebates and sends GEMS a check.

Giant Eagle

Go to: www.gianteagle.com/about/apples-for-students to sign up online or by calling 1-800-474-4777. Add GEMS to your card. Our school ID number is 5512. Shop! Every time you use your Giant Eagle Advantage Card GEMS earns money.

You shop. Amazon gives to GEMS!

When you make a purchase on Amazon Smile they will now donate 0.5% of your total purchase to GEMS.

Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-4350069> to get started!