

George Read Middle School Newsletter

**Newsletter
Winter 2018**

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Mrs. J. Adams, School Nurse

323-2766

Ms. L. Syska Librarian, 323-2778

Ms. A. Segeda, E.D. 323-2760

Cafeteria, 323-2776

School Hours

7:15- Doors open - students report to homeroom or breakfast

7:39- All students need to be in homeroom

2:18- Dismissal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hard to believe we are just about mid-way through the school year. There have been many exciting events happening around George Read MS. Ms. Ward and her culinary students have catered various events around Delaware. The Best Buddies Program has students meeting monthly to do interactive activities. Ms. Cento and her chorus and band students performed wonderful holiday concerts for parents and families. The BPA, Science Olympiad, and Men of Valor groups have been meeting after school working on various projects. The dance and cheerleading squads have been practicing diligently for the upcoming pep rally. Our sports team are preparing well for tough competitions.

In addition, our teachers have participated in numerous professional developments to enhance the learning experience in the classrooms. Engaging in text has been the common theme throughout all classrooms. Teachers have been instructing students how to mark up text, look at key vocabulary, headings, and captions to help with comprehension.

Teachers have also been trained on instructional scaffolding skills. This is the process where teachers add needed support, to students, in the mastery of tasks. The teacher accomplishes this by building on the student's experience and knowledge. The support is lifted once the skill is mastered.

With wintertime here, be sure to check the Colonial School District Website or Facebook for school closings. Any time there is a chance our school will be closed due to weather, this is where it will be posted. You may also go to the district website to sign up for text or email alerts. The day of bad weather, please do not call the school, as we may not be here to answer your call! ☺

I will always encourage you to check our website for all information regarding GRMS. As always feel free to contact any staff member or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Holly Sage



Introducing Our Newest Staff Members

Jignasa Wedell-Behavioral Health Consultant

Nicole Rodriguez- Para Educator

Jeff Hale- Constable (See pg. 2 for more info)

Students in Jobs for Delaware Graduates and members of the basketball team had an opportunity to hear from Jyare Davis, a 15 year old 10th grader from Sanford School about his basketball journey. Jyare talked candidly with these students about his successes on and off the court. He also shared with them the challenges that have motivated him to work harder, to set higher goals, and to never back down. Students asked questions about who inspires him, how did he get from an average player to being one of the country's top high school players and about his workout regime and diet. Jyare also showed these basketball hopefuls some of his awards, an interest letter from Duke and his Team USA and Sanford School jerseys. Lastly, students described their take away from Jyare's Q&A, saying that they learned about what will separate them from the rest and to stay humble.

Important Dates

1/26-End of 2nd MP/ Pep Rally

2/8- Report Cards Mailed

2/13-Board Meeting @
McCull 7:00PM

2/15- Valentine's Dance

2/16-Staff Development
No School

2/19 – Presidents' Day
No School

3/2- End of 3rd Interim

3/13- Board Meeting @
GRMS 7:00 PM

3/15- Skating Party

3/16- Staff Development
No School

3/24-Community Health Fair
WPHS

3/27- STEAM Showcase
WPHS

3/28-District Choral Festival
McCull

3/30-Good Friday- No School

4/2- 4/6 –Spring Break
No School

Important Websites:

georgeread.colonial.k12.de.us

www.colonial.k12.de.us

<https://hac.doe.k12.de.us>

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ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

Are you looking to capture the memories of this school year forever? Then you need to order your yearbook now!

There are two ways to pre-order your 2017-2018 George Read Yearbook today!

You can order on our school website. Click on the link on the website to place your pre-order today OR you can bring in \$18.00 cash to school and pre-order through Ms. Davis or Ms. Welsh.

Last year we sold out of yearbooks, so please get your order in early to make sure you get one this school year! Yearbooks will arrive in June.

If you have any questions please see Mrs. Davis or Ms. Welsh!

20 of our 8th graders went to UD to participate in JA Career Fusion! They joined other middle school students from Colonial School District. They received specific information about the health care field to help them make informed decisions on their high school pathway and help prepare them for future employability. It was a wonderful experience for our students.



We are extremely excited to announce the addition of Jeffrey Hale to the George Read staff! Mr. Hale has years of experience working in a school environment as the School Resource Officer and youth mentor at William Penn High School. His expertise will align well with our Compassionate Schools initiative, which is a trauma-informed, collaborative-based approach we have been using with our students to support their social and emotional well-being. Throughout his experience, Mr. Hale has cultivated positive relationships with students, families and the Colonial community. We look forward to the opportunity to integrate Mr. Hale's skills and experience to further improve George Read Middle School in the areas of safety, security, and conflict resolution to continue to empower our students and staff.

