

TUESDAY NOTES

7 February 2012

JUST A REMINDER THAT FRIDAY IS A FULL DAY SCHEDULE, NOT A HALF DAY. THIS WAS CHANGED ON A LATER CALENDAR AFTER THE GALA DATE HAD TO BE MOVED UP A WEEK.

GRACIOUS GATORS- Gracious Gators: Week of February 6:

Unit: Problem Solving

Topic: Making Wise Choices

This week we focus on consequences of misbehavior and working with students to consider their actions. We want them to be conscious of thinking before they act. You can help us at home by talking about the following concepts:

*Before you do something that you think might be wrong, what might happen? Who could get hurt?

*Why is it important to consider the options before you make a decision?

*Why is it hard to sometimes make the right decision?

GRACE FLOAT ANNOUNCEMENT- First, a **special thank you to John and Lucy Shackelford** for generously and safely storing the GES parade float at their farm for the past year. This has been a tremendous savings to the school, and we appreciate it! Additionally, the float is headed to ACME GLASS to prepare it to roll on Saturday. **We will have 3 opportunities for Dads' Club members to volunteer.** We will have work nights on **Tonight, Thursday and Friday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Any and all help is appreciated!

GATOR HOUSE UPDATE- **The Krewe of Gator House PARTY at ACME begins SATURDAY at 4:00 p.m.!!** Perfect weather expected on parade day! Come join the Grace Family. Tomorrow is the last day to buy Medallions! Parents, please check the backpacks on Thursday for the medallion packets. **NO MEDALLION, NO ADMITTANCE** policy at this party is for security reasons. Tell your friends they can "listen to win" to STAR 101.9 f.m. this week to win family 4 pack medallions, being given away Monday through Friday! A special thank you to all of our 2012 Krewe of Gator House Hosts and Sponsors : **Nancy & Coby Cooper, Kenda & Darren Ducote, Julie & Andrew Higginbotham, Pam & Greg Jones, Michele & Chris LaNasa, Lisa & David Longmire, Jodi & Matt Lyle, Mary-Kay & Dave Rath, Uzma & Samer Roy, Myra & Tom Tosten, Cynthia & Joe Travis, Jill & Wayne Wier, Lori & Norman Williams, Toni & Ron Baggiano-Wilson and Regina & Doug Wood!!**

ATTN. GES MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS- Grace Church is excited about the kick-off of our Jr. EYC on Sunday, February 12th from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in Kilbourne Hall. All 6th-8th Graders are invited to attend. Father Jon and Lynne Roberts and Chris and Hollis Ann Robinson.

WATER FOR LIFE-Many thanks to everyone who participated in the "Water For Life" over-nite. We raised over \$500! We're now just a couple of hundred dollars away from finishing well # 17! We will be

sending our "Box-Tops" off at the end of February. That should put us over the top! If you have any "Box-Tops" please send them to school. They really add up, but they also expire. Thank you for all your help with this project.

VALENTINE'S TREATS FOR TEACHERS- Thank you to all who have signed up to bring Valentine's treats to our wonderful teachers and staff! Each cake or batch of sweets should be turned in to the lower school conference room by 8:30am on Tuesday, February 14th. It should be nicely wrapped and labeled with the teacher's name. Lead Grade Parents, please make sure that each staff member to whom you were assigned will have a treat. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Graham at jbg@jennifergraham.me.

ST. JUDE'S MATH-A-THON- The 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders participated in the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Math-a-thon. They completed math problems and raised money for the hospital. This year, the students raised \$1,194.64. Way to go Gators!

IGLOO UPDATE- The End is in Sight! First grade thanks everyone for drinking milk and helping us build the igloo! We now have enough milk jugs to finish by the end of the week. We will post pictures on Facebook as soon as it's completed!

FUNDRAISER FOR CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK- Christiana Hayward, a Grace Episcopal School graduate and member of the congregation, was named the winner of the Miss Monroe pageant this past November! As Miss Monroe 2012, Christiana is organizing a fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network. She will be hosting a mother-daughter tea in **Kilbourne Hall on March 10th at 2pm**. Cost is \$20 for a mother-daughter pair and \$10 for each additional child with all proceeds going to the charity. All girls under the age of 14 are invited to attend. The fundraiser will focus on what it means to be a true Southern lady in this day and age. For more information or to participate please call (318) 547-3590 and leave a message if no answer.

GES SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS- Congratulations to the 6th and 8th graders for completing some very interesting science fair projects! The students with the top three projects in each category will compete in the Region III Science and Engineering Fair at ULM in March. Great job! **GES Science Fair Winners by Category:** **Overall:** 1st: The Science of the "Swish"-Ryan Jones; 2nd: In"t"ext"icated- Chika Ifediora; 3rd: Supertasters-Daniel Barraza; **Animal Science:** 1st: The Live Bait Project-Patrick Wolleson; 2nd: The Cricket Theory-William Rath; **Behavioral Science:** 1st: In"t"ext"icated-Chika Ifediora; 2nd: Success is in the Mind-Halley Travis; 3rd: Taste and See-Emma Roberts; H.M. Comprehension vs. Nonprehension-Will Wood; **Biochemistry:** 1st: The Effects of pH on Armpits-Jordan Butler; H. M.-The Power of Peppermint-Tracy Stodghill; **Chemistry:** 1st: Some Like it Hot-Lydia Weaver; 2nd: Stain, Stain Go Away-Lucy Sartor; 3rd: Shocking Water-Katherine Patrick; **Engineering: Electrical & Mechanical:** 1st: Back in Black:AC/DC; Motors-Martha Brinson; 2nd: Citrus Circuits-Taylor McCarty; **Engineering: Materials & Bioengineering:** 1st: Heron's Fountain-Tom McGee; **Energy & Transportation:** 1st: How Far Will It Fly?-Riley Dunn; 2nd: Just Air Surfing-Caleb Fisher; H.M. Catapult Technology-Craig Turner; **Environmental Science:** 1st: The Dirtiest Grape-Michael Villordon; H.M. Ecowater-Malcolm Tosten; **Medicine and Health:** 1st: Supertasters-Daniel Barraza; 2nd: A Soda A Day Makes Your Teeth Decay-Rebecca Robinson; 3rd: Whiter is Brighter-Sarah Morgan Sivils; **Microbiology:** 1st: "Ruff" Breath-Annelies Hayward; **Physics:** 1st: The Science of the "Swish"-Ryan Jones; 2nd: He Shoots...Does He

Score?-Jonathan Roy; 3rd: Spud Gun Fun-Will Emery; **Plant Sciences**: 1st: Dolly Rath. Congratulations to all participants!

GES SPIRIT WEEK- It's time for SPIRIT WEEK for the GES GATORS!!!

GES Student Council announces that next week, Feb. 6-10, will be our week to shine, Gators shine! What fun will be had by all Good Gators as they celebrate each day of classes by dressing as follows:

Wednesday: Sunday Dress Day! Dress in your nice Sunday clothes and shoes!

You can also opt to dress in uniform, BUT. . .ABSOLUTELY. . . NO JEANS!!!! NO JEANS!!!!!!!!!!!! IN CASE YOU DIDN'T GET THAT: N O J E A N S!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thursday: Celebrity Day!!! (NO INAPPROPRIATE DRESS)

Friday: Mardi Gras Day for our Mardi Gras Pep Rally!!

Be part of the Spirit Week fun and dress your best for each day!
Geaux Gators!!!!!!!

KREWE OF ZOO: The Krewe of Zoo Pep Rally is Friday, February 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sager Life Center! Great event for prospective families! Come watch the Kindergarten parade around the gym in their floats and animal costumes!

CANDYGRAMS- Valentine's Day is right around the corner, and the 8th grade is here to help you prepare for that special day! Brighten the day of all of your favorite people with a personalized CANDYGRAM delivered to their classroom on February 14th. Candygrams are \$1 each, so please complete the candygram labels with your name, recipient, recipient's homeroom teacher and grade. Extra forms will be available in the lower school office. Proceeds will help raise money for the 8th grade trip, so please make checks payable to GES Class of 2012. Orders are due February 10. Thank you!!

ATHLETICS

GRACE EPISCOPAL SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM- NOTE: Competition Team Try-outs will be immediately after practice on Wednesday, February 8, at 4:30 A **Junior Round Robin for Junior Tennis Players participating in School Tennis** will be held at the MAC on Saturday, February 4, at 8:00 a.m., and the cost for GES school players to participate is \$20, which includes lunch. The event is to provide players with practice match preparation for the upcoming Spring Tennis season. A student's level of play will be matched accordingly, but you must be able to minimally match play to participate. For more information or questions, please contact Coach McGregor at 318-512-5757.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TENNIS:

- February 8 Competition Team Try-outs immediately after practice at 4:30 at MAC
- March 3 Competition Team Practice Match & Scoring practice at 1:30 at MAC
- March 7 GES v. SFH JV at 3:30 at MAC
- March 13 GES v. River Oaks at 3:30 at MAC

- March 14 Entry deadline for School Championship Tournament
- March 21 GES v. OCS JV at 3:30 at OCS
- April 5 GES v. SFH JV at 3:30 at MAC
- April 10 GES v. JGS at 3:30 at MAC (Tentative)

GES BASEBALL-Baseball season is well underway. The Gators got off to a rocky start, losing to Sterlington and Ruston. Coach Rick Plummer stated that the two main contributing factors to those losses were that team was still trying to settle into their positions and they need to be more confident and patient in their hitting. "We have a good baseball team and can beat any team in our league if we can just focus on our jobs and not get overly anxious and swing the bat at any pitch that is thrown," stated Coach Rick.

That was proven this week on Tuesday night when the Gators beat Lee Jr. High School 7-2. Harrison Travis pitched 4 innings, facing 16 batters, averaged 13.75 pitches per inning, struck out 4 batters, only allowed 3 on base, and only a 2 runs. Patrick Wolleson was the closing pitcher, pitching 2 innings, facing 10 batters, averaged 16 pitches per inning, struck out 2 batters, only allowed 2 on base, and no runs. The fielding was as good as it gets, there was only one error the entire game. That one error occurred in the first inning and resulted in Lee's only 2 runs the entire game. The Gators were able to shut out Lee the rest of the game. Our hitting was much better this week than in the past. The team is beginning to get their timing down, but still struggle a bit when the other team changes from a fast pitcher to a slower pitcher, and vice-versa. But that will come as the season wears on. Against Lee, the Gators had 25 times at bat, 8 hits, 9 walks, and 9 strike outs. When you look at the stats it is an average day, but we hit the ball when we needed to, leaving only 3 players on base the entire game. Both Harrison Travis and Campbell Creed had 2 RBIs each in the 2nd inning with good solid hits deep into the outfield. The remaining 3 runs were scored on errors made in the field by Lee (we will take those too).

Congratulations Gators on a great win!

Team Roster:

Haynes Barr
Daniel Barraza
Brockman Brunini
Cole Cagle
Campbell Creed
Ryan Jones
Tom McGee
Jonathon Roy
Malcolm Tosten
Harrison Travis
Alexander Williams
Robert Williamson
Patrick Wolleson

UPCOMING EVENTS

February:

Mon. Feb. 6- Fri., Feb. 10 ...Spirit Week

Fri., Feb. 10...2:00 Krewe of Zoo Parade/Pep Rally

Sat., Feb. 11 ...Gator House/Janus Parade

Fri., Feb. 17...12:00 dismissal

Mon., Feb. 20 and Tues., Feb. 21...Winter Holiday

Fri., Feb. 24...Grace Gator Day

March:

Tues., March 6...ULM Science Fair

Fri., March 9...end of the 3rd 9 weeks

Thurs., March 15...4th grade Dallas trip

Thurs., March 15..8th grade pictures

Fri., March 16...Grace Gator Day/report cards/ 4th graders return

Wed., March 21, 8:45...Awards

Thurs., March 22...after school conferences

Fri., March 23..conference day/ no school

Mon. March 26-Fri., March 30...Spring Vacation