



Science Show with Michael Green "The Science Guy"

CGLA Parent Newsletter

Dear Families,

The 2021-2022 school year is in full swing and moving along quite quickly, with our Fall Break ahead of us beginning October 8th -October 15th. Upon return from break, our students will complete the TN Ready Benchmark test beginning October 20th-October 22nd. It is important that your student(s) arrive on time each day, as we assess their depth of knowledge and continue to examine data to ensure continued student growth. As we continue teaching and learning, our girls are engaged in rigorous learning, all day, every day and are involved in athletics, mentoring programs, ACT prep, community activities, and after-school tutoring. We will have a school-wide Dress Uniform day on October 5th when our students wear their CGLA dress outfit. Dress uniform consists of the skirt or skort and an oxford shirt. We will take some great photos during this time to share back with families. Please look for the first quarter report cards to arrive home on October 18th.

This year again, CGLA was named one of the Hamilton County schools that earned composite score of 5 on the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment Scores (TVAAS). TVAAS is an assessment used to measure students' growth in core subject areas: literacy, math, science, social studies, and literacy/math combined. Our teachers are doing everything possible to continue the growth of our girls. We have been busy this school year with renovating spaces to include an upgrade in our air conditioning units and we now have an outdoor patio space for our students to study and take a break from classes or just enjoy lunch with their classmates.

We hope that you will get involved with our PTO this year. You will have the opportunity to sign up to join our PTO during our first Student-Led Conferences to be held on October 26th. Homeroom teachers will contact parents for sign up times for the conferences. We hope that you will join us in sponsorships, being a fan at our athletic events, volunteer opportunities and help us work hard daily to ensure that our girls reach their goals every day. Our faculty, staff, board, and administrators appreciate every one of you and we look forward to continuing our work together this school year. I encourage you to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to stay up to date with events and to find ways to get involved with the school. Go Mustangs!

--Dr. Elaine Swafford



Fab Fridays Update!

We are thrilled to partner with Girl Scouts, Girls Inc, Habitat for Humanity, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Urban League, Trio, Chattanooga Food Center, and 4H for our “Fab Fridays” this school year! During this time, CGLA students participate in enrichment activities!



Do you need internet at home?
There are many hotspot locations for
FREE

[https://www.edconnect.org/2020/06/15/
/welcome/](https://www.edconnect.org/2020/06/15/welcome/)

And utilize this for the nearest
location based on student address
[https://www.techgoeshomecha.org/ep
b.html](https://www.techgoeshomecha.org/epb.html)

***October 1-** FAFSA Frenzy

***October 5-** ACT Day for Seniors

October 5: Dress Uniform Day (All students in grades 6-11 wear Dress Uniform with skirts or skorts and white Oxford)

***October 5-** Balfour meeting with seniors

***October 7-** Mustang Mile

***October 7:** Hispanic Heritage Month Sugar Skull Competition (Submissions due to Senora Colon or Front Office)

***October 8-15-** Fall Break ends

***October 18:** TN Ready Pep Rally Winners (8th grade Pizza Party at lunch and grades 10-12 Perfect Attendance reward sodas at lunch)

***October 18:** Report cards go home

***October 19:** UTK Engineering Day

***October 20:** ACT Workshop with juniors

***October 20-22-** Benchmark Testing

***October 22:** Purple Pinkie Day (Wear purple attire)

***October 22:** MTSU visit at MTSU (juniors all day)

***October 23:** National ACT Test Date

***October 26:** Student led conferences 3:30-7pm; PSAT (all Juniors); Pre-ACT (all sophomores); Pre-ACT (8th -9th grade)

***October 28:** Book Character Dress Up Day

***October 29:** Senior Picture Day

***October 29:** Picture Retakes and Fall sports/groups



Congrats to 8th grader Morgan Matthews who submitted the most book reviews as part of the Girls Well Read challenge for the month of August! 😊

CONGRATS TO MSAT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR!		
6th Grade: Sophia Beretescky Alexis Pendergrass	7th Grade: Iareona Boyd Maliyah Neal	8th Grade: Jaimie Garcia Laila Swoope
9th Grade: Kenya Addison Ha'Rhiya Bennett	10th Grade: Sabriyah Stallion	11th Grade: Rosio Garcia Tomas Jayda Hughes
12th Grade: Abi Ayai Lakahia Havis	Vice-President Cuzziah Walker	President: Avery Love

****THANK YOU to our Workforce Mentor partners this 2021-2022 school year!****

Steam Logistics, EPB, Chattanooga Women's Leadership Institute, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Hutton, Truist Bank, and TVA

The first session began for our girls on September 9th. It is the first time that students are able to meet their mentors in person prior to the pandemic. Companies were given the option to hold their sessions in-person or virtual and most choose in-person meetings. The first meeting consisted of getting to know each other. Students learned about what the company does in the community and around the world. If students went out to worksites, they were given a tour of the company and were able to learn more about what various employees do. 10th-12th graders will continue to meet with each worksite company every Thursday once per month. Each month consists of different sessions that aid in the girls learning about life skills, career interests, and lasting relationships with mentors.

STAFF & STUDENTS OF THE MONTH (August-September)!

Middle School: Jessica McInytyre (6th grade science), Anna Nicely (8th grade math)

High School: Kelsey Fowler (High School Math), Allison Sakich (Exceptional Education)

Staff: Lorraine Byerly (Front Office), Mary Margaret Sullivan (Community Engagement)

6th: Adrielle O'Reilly, Genesis Lucas Godinez
 7th: Harper Woodrow, Raquel Navarro
 8th: Laila Swoope, Mariela Rodas
 9th: Jade Morgan, Mirrakul Ross
 10th: Tauheedah Brady, Sophia Davis
 11th: Lesly Francisco, Janeisha Wellington
 12th: Vinelba Gonzalez Larios, Arlissa Roberson

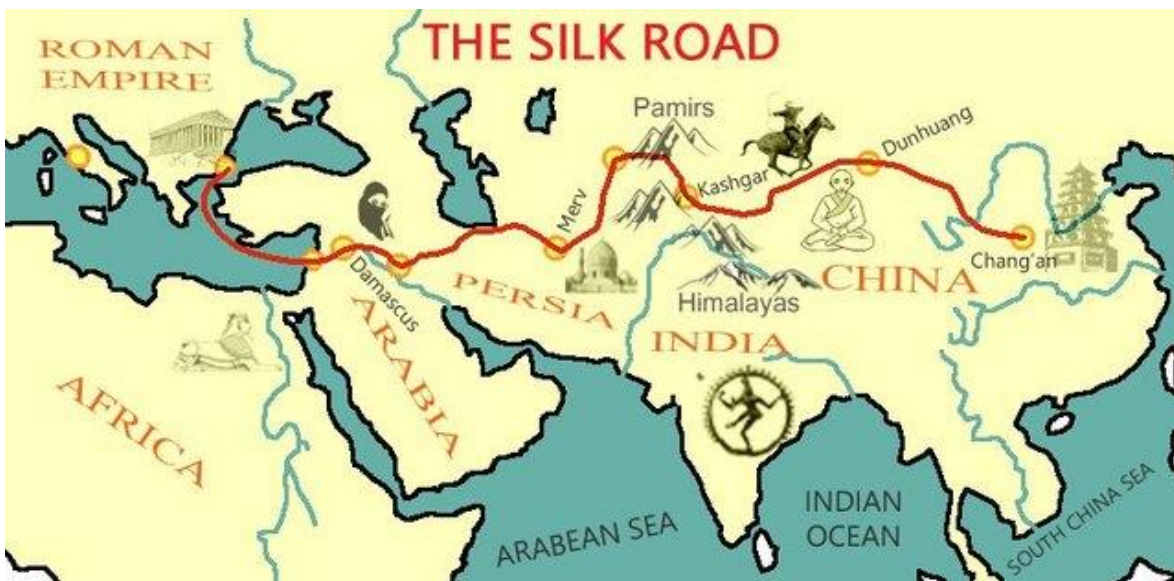
A Classroom Highlight: 7th Grade History by: Ms. Rodgers



In 7th grade social studies, students have been learning about medieval China, focusing especially on the Silk Road. The Silk Road was a network of trade routes that reached Asia, Arabia, and parts of Europe. The Silk Road was integral in the spread of Chinese inventions like gunpowder and paper money. You can also thank China for pasta and ice cream, which spread to Europe via the Silk Road!

While the Silk Road spread goods and commodities, it also spread intangible objects such as Buddhism and the Black Death. Our 7th grade students reenacted the Silk Road in late September, with each student being assigned the role of merchant, trader, or Marco Polo. Merchants initiated trade, and the traders had commodities from their home countries like ivory, silk, glass, and spices. However, some of these traders also had cards like Buddhism, Islam, and the Black Death they could use as “wild cards” and give to anyone. The traders had to trade their commodities for specific goods. The Marco Polos were partnered with traders and documented their observations of the trading process. At the end of the game, the class interviewed the traders and Marco Polos. The students were surprised to find how difficult it was to trade your way to items you want. They were also shocked to see how trading not only spread goods but also ideas and disease.

Hands-on activities such as this Silk Road reenactment are not only fun for students (and teachers too!), but they also help to solidify students’ understanding of the material by applying what they have learned to new situations. This activity served to deepen students’ understanding of the concept of cultural diffusion and the importance of Eurasian trade in the medieval world. We have many more exciting activities coming up, most notably our Japanese calligraphy lesson, where students will practice writing in Japanese to scaffold their understanding of the influence of Chinese characters on the Japanese syllabary.





What is Benchmark Testing?

(October 20-22)

Benchmark is a check-in assessment on mastery of a class subject at the end of each quarter. Please make sure your students are fully rested, computers are fully charged, and that they bring water to school. 😊

TN Ready Testing

For TN Ready resources, check out <https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/tnready/tnready-parent-resources.html>

#TCAPFamilyPortal



*For carpool traffic, please drive all the way to the stop sign in the morning so that we do not slow down the line.

*Please remember to log in to power school to check your student's grades!

TARDY TO SCHOOL

Tardiness will be handled as a disciplinary infraction. Prompt arrival is the responsibility of the student and parent. Students who are transported by parents or drive themselves and arrive late will be counted as tardy. A student is considered tardy to school if she is not present in her assigned class by 7:45 am. **Students who are tardy to school must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and report immediately to the main office for a tardy admission slip.** This tardy admission slip must be presented to the first teacher the student has that school day.

- First Tardy**
Verbal Warning when parent arrives with student to school.
- Second Tardy**
Verbal Warning and parent called by CGLA staff (truancy) to explain tardy policy.
- Third Tardy**
Parent/student/Truancy Officer – conference and one (1) day administrative detention issued to the student.
- Fourth Tardy**
Parent called by CGLA staff (truancy). Two (2) days of administrative detention issued to the student.

Want to Volunteer @ CGLA?

How to Help

- *Laminate books in the library
- *Help host a home sports event with traffic direction, supplying masks, or helping with concessions.
- *Join our PTO!
- *Email marysullivan@cglasonline.com to sign up for any of these activities!

Are you in need of a CGLA logo on a polo shirt or button down so it meets the uniform policy AND you can rep your school?! Mr. Seymore can do it! He is one of our amazing behavior specialists224 at CGLA and his number is 423-400-4557. Students can leave the shirt or jacket that needs a logo in the front office with Ms. Byerly. He should be able to get it back in just a few days and it is \$7 a shirt.



Our Vision To inspire hope in each girl, positively changing the trajectory of her life and empowering her to possess infinite choices for her future.