

Giff Hill School Newsletter

March 19, 2010



Note from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank all of the supporters of the annual Auction which was held Saturday, March 13th. It was a fantastic event with people not only giving, but giving things back to be re-auctioned. I especially want to thank Beth Jones, Molly Murrill, Lori Barlas, Nancy Schutt and their great team of volunteers. It is always rewarding to witness projects becoming a success after such hard work and dedication. I also want to thank all the volunteers who helped Saturday night--from the teaching staff to all our student helpers. Again, congratulations and well done!

Reminder: We will be doing Terra Nova Testing next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Upper Campus. We will be releasing students at 11 AM. Coral Bay parents please note: There will only be the one bus to Cruz Bay.

Congratulations to our Boys and Girls Basketball Teams and their coach, Mr. Angel, for all their hard work this season. This week our boys' team beat Antilles, and our girls' team lost a very competitive and close-scoring game.

Today you will be receiving your child's report card. Please review it with your child.

Spring Break will begin at close of school March 26th and we will return on April 6th.

It is only together that we will continue to grow and improve our school.
As always, feel free to contact me if any questions arise.

Thank you,
Mr. Ed

"We Open Minds Hearts and Doors"

Lower Campus Note

Dear Parents,

So many of our parents and staff came out last Saturday for the Auction to volunteer and support our school. Thank you all for your continued support of GHS. It was a wonderful evening with our own Ms. Val as this year's honoree. You deserve it, Ms. Val!

Report cards go home today. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

This Saturday is the Blues Festival in Coral Bay and the PTO will have a food and dessert booth. Many thanks to the parent and teacher volunteers. Hope to see you there.

The Terra Nova Standardized Tests will begin on Monday, March 22nd and continue through Wednesday, March 24th. Make sure your child has a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. The test will begin promptly at 8:30, and all classrooms doors will be closed at that time. Students who arrive late will not be permitted into the testing area. Thank you for your consideration.

Friday, March 26th is our Student of the Month Assembly. The Pre-K class will be performing, and we encourage all students to dress up as their favorite book characters.

Have a great weekend!
Ms. Beth

GHS Snapshots



The Worker Bees



Let the games begin!



THANK YOU

To everyone who helped make the auction so successful. We couldn't have done it without you.

ANNOUNCEMENT

GHS is pleased to announce that 2008 graduate, Hadiya Sewer, has been selected for the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) Program. The MMUF is one of the Andrew Mellon Foundation's premier programs and the centerpiece of the Foundation's long-term effort to increase the number of faculty of color in higher education. The program is named for former president of Morehouse College, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, an educator, statesman, and mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



The objective of MMUF is to increase the number of students of color pursuing PhDs in core fields in the arts and sciences who are committed to eradicating racial disparities and exemplify the character, integrity and purposes of Dr. Mays and Dr. King. The program is administered by campus coordinators at 42 member institutions and a consortium of 39 historically black colleges and universities within the United Negro College Fund. Fellows are selected based on academic promise, commitment to the mission of MMUF, and aspiration to pursue education in Mellon-designated fields of study. Five rising juniors are chosen on each campus every year and 25 for the UNCF consortium schools.

We congratulate Hadiya for her selection in this highly competitive fellowship program. She will attend a month-long UNCF/Mellon Summer Institute at Emory University in June. The GHS family knows well the commitment and drive of Hadiya Sewer-- she is the embodiment of the MMUF program's mission and goals. We are very proud of her achievements and know she will excel in her studies.



Auction dedication to Val Prakus, a master teacher!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 19 th	Upper & Lower Campus Report Cards go home
Friday, March 19 th 4:30 pm	Boys Basketball Game at Kean GHS v St. Peter and Paul
Saturday, March 20 th	Blues Festival
Saturday, March 20 th 11:00 am	Boys & Girls Basketball Game at Charlotte Amalie GHS v Charlotte Amalie
Monday, March 22 nd	Terra Nova testing: Upper & Lower Campuses
Friday, March 26 th	Student of the Month Assembly at Lower Campus
Friday, March 26 th 3:10 pm	Spring Break begins
Tuesday, April 6	Classes resume