

Gifft Hill School Newsletter

February 26, 2010



Note from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that February is over and March begins next week. March will be a very busy month for us all at Gifft Hill School.

A group from Middle States Accreditation team will be making a follow up visit on March 8th. The school community has been working diligently in preparation for this visit. Also this month you will be receiving your contract renewals for the 2010-2011 school years. You will note some differences so please follow all time lines, especially those dealing with Financial Aid.

For planning purposes the entire school will be taking their Terra Nova's the week of March 22-26th.

Also the annual Auction will be held March 13th please take this opportunity to support the school community at this important event for the school.

Good Luck to our Quiz Bowl team, Afrika, Pablo, Trichelle, and Michael and their coach Mr. Jim, in their competition this Sunday.

We have a guest speaker, Gertrude Kabataalemwa from Uganda, visiting us on Tuesday, Mar. 2nd. To get more information please visit the following site: www.neepuganda.org

All Business office questions regarding issues such as payments, billing etc. should go to Ms. Elsa in the Business office. The Business Office hours are from 8am to 1pm.

Reminders: Please have your child keep all electronic devices at home. They do become a distraction to the learning community. Students are not allowed to use cell phones or I-pods in any place other than school office. First offense: item is taken to office and students lose the item for the day. Second offense: a parent must come to the school to pick up the phone.

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

Thank You
Mr. Ed

"We Open Minds Hearts and Doors"

Lower Campus Note

Dear Parents,

Joe Brown the author who visited us last month sent copies of all his books for our library. He also sent some wonderful group photographs of our students which we will put in the yearbook.

David Knight has also donated 15 copies of the new book on St. John from the St. John Historical Society to both the upper and lower campuses. He is also doing a slide presentation in the Great Room on Friday March 5th at 2pm for our students on St. John. We thank him for his generous contributions.

Tuesday, March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Day. Lori Dudkin will be making "Green Eggs and Ham for lunch!"

Our Primary Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, March 5th in the Great Room at 9am. Please come and support our young spellers from second and third grades.

The Mad Hot Ballroom Dancing folks were here this week to begin planning for next year's fifth grade participation in the program. They will be sending us a video of our current fifth graders dancing events sometime this Spring.

Karen Ovcina gave all teachers from preschool through eighth grade lovely bound blank writing books for our students. All students are working on a writing project which will culminate with an afternoon tea with our young authors presenting their work in April.

Have a great weekend!
Ms. Beth

GHS Snapshots



Girls' Basketball team before game at Charlotte Amalie



Science Experiments in Mr. Jim's Class



Pottery Made During the Mini Units.



THE WEEK AHEAD

AUCTION NEWS:

"The 24th Annual Giff Hill School Auction will be held on 3/13/2010 at the Westin Resort St. John.

To preview and bid on auction packages, please go to

www.biddingforgood.com/giffhillschool

(and tell your friends and family about the online auction as well!).

Items and packages will continue to be added up until the live auction on 3/13. We need **LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS** for the day and evening of the event! Please see Beth or Molly if you would like to help!"

Yearbook Notice

We will be sending out information and sample pages on the 2009-2010 Yearbook. Be on the lookout for order forms.

Saturday, Feb 27th	8 Tuff Miles
Sunday, Feb 28 th 1:00pm	Science Bowl for High Schools Wyndham Hotel (Sugar Bay) St. Thomas
Tuesday, March 2 nd	Guest Speaker: Gertrude Kabataalemwa from Uganda; Lower Campus at 9:00 am; Upper Campus at 10:15. Times are approximate
Tuesday, March 2 nd	Dr. Seuss's birthday and <u>Read Across America Day</u>
Thursday, March 4 th	PTO Meeting – Great Room
Friday, March 5 th at 9:00 am	Primary Spelling Bee – Great Room
Friday, March 5 th at 2:00pm	St. John Historical Society slide presentation by David Knight - Great Room
Monday, March 8 th	Follow up visit from Middle States
Saturday, March 20 th	Blues Festival
March 22 nd – 26 th	Terra Nova Testing: Upper & Lower Campuses