The Gator Bite

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A Message from the Principal, Mr. Jones



Wishing all our Gateway families a happy, healthy, and wonderful Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, and gratitude.

As we welcome November, I want to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful things that make Gateway School such a special place. I am grateful for our dedicated staff, supportive families, and amazing students who make each day meaningful. This Thanksgiving season, let's celebrate the kindness, growth, and accomplishments of our Gateway Gators!

With gratitude,
Mr. Jones

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 11/3 - Election Day - 1 pm dismissal
Thursday 11/5 & Friday 11/6 - No School *(Teacher's Convention)*
Monday 11/9 - Basketball Intramurals
Thursday 11/12 - Hot Lunch
Thursday 11/19 - Thanksgiving Feast
Friday 11/20 - Pizza Day
Monday 11/23 - Staff In-Service 1pm dismissal for students
Tuesday 11/24 - Parent Conferences 1 pm dismissal
Wednesday 11/25 - Gateway To Greatness Assembly
(Unlock Gratitude) 1 pm dismissal
Thursday 11/26 - Friday 11/27 - No School *(Thanksgiving)*



Community Resource

Cleveland Clinic "Autism Therapies"
Link: https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/articles/autism-therapies

People with autism may need additional support in executive functioning, socializing, daily living, and learning. This article explores the different therapies available and how they help address specific challenges, as well as what parents can do to implement these therapies at home. Occupational & physical therapy, speech-language therapy, ABA structure, and counseling are all resources offered at The Gateway School. Take a look at some recommendations for at-home implementation.



Gateway To Success

NOVEMBER: UNLOCK GRATITUDE

Our Student of the Month theme for November is "Unlock Gratitude." At school, we are looking for our students to practice gratitude by using their voices, AAC devices, or gestures to thank teachers and classmates, as well as showing care for shared classroom spaces. At home, parents can help encourage this theme by creating daily routines—like sharing one thing you're thankful for during dinner or bedtime, or helping your child make a simple thank-you card for someone who helped them.

Specials

Art

In Art we have made African Masks in Painted Paper, Wild Watercolor Hair, and Fractured Pumpkin Drawings. Starting the year off great in Art!

Adaptive Phys. Ed.

Our Gateway Gators made some incredible memories playing soccer at the Alpha School last month. We are looking forward to playing basketball with our awesome teammates on November 9th!

Music

A round of applause! Our Gateway performers did a phenomenal job in this year's fall show. We are so proud of everyone for their hard work!

Related Services

SPEECH, OT, PT, COUNSELING

Our Related Services Department has been enjoying a variety of fun, fall themed activities with our students. We have been exploring seasonal sights, textures and tastes while building important skills. These experiences provide opportunities to develop communication, social interaction and motor skills in meaningful and engaging ways.

November Challenge

Practice greetings, turn-taking, and conversation during family meals and gatherings.



Staff Member Spotlight

Ernesto Salinas

It is our privilege to shine the inaugural Staff Member Spotlight on Mr. Ernesto Salinas!

A valued member of the Gateway community for nearly three years, Mr. Ernesto is a true classroom asset for his ability to connect with both students and staff alike throughout our school.

Outside of Gateway, Mr. Ernesto likes to travel the world with his wife. If you see him, say hello and ask him where he has been!

LEARNING HIGHLIGHT: ROOM 110

As the leaves change and the air turns crisp, fall brings new opportunities for growth, discovery, and learning. Our classrooms are filled with exciting activities that encourage curiosity, creativity, and exploration. Here are some of the fun fall activities we participated in October as we learned, made memories, and celebrated all the wonderful ways our students grow each day!

5th - Soccer Intramurals
6th - Trip to Decker Farm
5th - 9th Respect Week
13th - Exploring the community, trip to Brunswick Burgers
28th Gateway Greatness Assembly -unlocking kindness
29th - Fall Show
30th - Trunk or Treat

ADL - Tuesdays & Thursdays - implementing fresh fall finds into the kitchen and creating delicious new recipes. Our theme is pumpkins - think ORANGE!

