

# The Monthly Mustang

November 2015



## West Gate K-8

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## Student Showcase



On Saturday October 24th, Bianca Wesley an 8th grader from West Gate K8 was invited by the Mayor's office to attend the Building Homes For Heroes event to sing the National Anthem. At the event, the organization presented a home to one of our local war veterans, Army Specialist Hugo Gonzalez who was injured in line of duty in Iraq several years ago. On Saturday, Hugo, his wife and three young daughters were presented with a beautiful home as a homecoming ceremony

took place on his behalf. It was an honor and privilege for Briana to be invited and take part in this heartfelt ceremony along with members of the Mayor's office, CEO's and other community stakeholders.

## Upcoming Meetings & Important Dates

11/16 PTO Meeting @ 9:30 in the Elementary Science Lab

11/3 SAC Meeting @ 9:45 in the Elementary Science Lab

## Mustang Trivia

Who issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation on third October 1863 and officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving?

*The first 3 students to answer this correctly to Mrs. Keough at the front desk will win a prize.*

## Reminder!

Please DO NOT drop any students off before 9:00 AM and please pick up your student by 4:15.

## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

11/5

Middle School Soccer Tryouts 4:00

11/9-17

Comprehensive #2

11/10

Veteran's Day Celebration

11/11

Veteran's Day-No School

11/19

Elementary Honor Roll (see back for info)

11/20

Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program @ 10

11/23

Middle School Honor Roll @ 9:45

11/25

Early Release Day

11/26-11/27

Thanksgiving Break

12/2

Picture Retakes

12/7-12/11

Holiday Shop

12/10

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day

## Fundraisers & Activities

11/20

Jersey Day \$1.00

## Fieldtrips

11/4

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Brevard Zoo

11/10

4<sup>th</sup> Grade to St Augustine

11/20-Grades 6-8

STE@M Rap Battle Fieldtrip @ 10:30

STE@M Rap Battle Performance @ 7:00

All at the Sunrise Theater

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Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade @ 9:45

4<sup>th</sup> Grade @ 10:30

5<sup>th</sup> Grade @ 3:00

Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Grades 6-8

### **Bands for Success (Grades 6-8)**

Bands for Success is a program that embodies the whole student, academically and behaviorally. Based on a study at Johns Hopkins University, 64% of students who repeated a grade in elementary school and 63% of students who failed in middle school did not graduate. 85% of students who failed two or more courses and lack of promotion to the next grade did not graduate. The transition from middle school to high school can be difficult for students. Some do not understand the high expectations and impact their freshman year can have on their success; therefore, we at West Gate have decided to begin educating and promoting these expectations in middle school.



Beginning the second quarter, 6-8 grade students at West Gate K-8 will participate in Bands for Success. At the end of the second quarter in January, students will be eligible to earn a highly on track or on track band based on their second quarter data. In order to qualify for an on track band, students must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA, 90% attendance rate (unexcused and excused), and no more than 1 level one referral. Students who achieve all of these things and have a 3.5 GPA or higher will qualify for a highly on track band. These bands will allow the students to participate in school wide PBIS events. In addition, students will have special privileges from time to time to recognize their hard work.

The program has been presented to the faculty, students and SAC. We are currently working with establishing business and community partners for the program. Students who would not have qualified for a band during the first quarter will meet with a staff member to discuss their current status and what area(s) they would need to improve on for the second quarter. Students will be taught to calculate their GPA so that they are able to track their status. We also plan to incorporate parent nights to share the information with them and to help ensure all students are successful. We believe that ALL students are capable of success and will graduate on time with their peers.

### **Student Achievement Parent Tips and Resources**



<http://www.floridastudents.org>

Are you looking for resources and tutorials to support your child academically? Check out FloridaStudents.org, your source for Florida Standards Student Tutorials and Resources.

This site is new and inside you will find resources located from all over the web to support your child's learning in language arts, mathematics, science, and civics.

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