

Fieldwork

On Monday, February 14th and Tuesday, February 15th, we will be continuing our fieldwork for the 2nd trimester by visiting the Columbus Zoo and participating in a high ropes course at Camp Mary Orton. New permission for the camp need to be completed and returned by Friday, February 11th. If you are interested in joining us as chaperone, please contact James Kutnow at the GEMS office or via e-mail at kutnow.1@gemsschool.org.

Have A Heart 2011

Don't miss the annual fundraiser for The Graham Family of Schools (The Graham School, The Charles School @ Ohio Dominican University, Graham Expeditionary Middle School). We promise a lively evening of great food, entertainment by students, and award presentations. Contact Emilie Cattrell at cattrell.1@gemsschool.org to purchase your tickets now!



Survival and Adventure

Our 2nd trimester expedition focus is Survival and Adventure. As a part of this learning experience, the 7th & 8th grade social studies classes developed and presented sales pitches for moving to one of the 13 colonies. Students did a wonderful job of researching their colonies, creating jingles, descriptive posters, and even dressing up in period costumes to enhance their pitch. The students presented to 6th grade students, GEMS teachers, and The Charles School staff and administration. Great job students!



Winter Formal

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

7:00PM - 9:00PM

GEMS GYMNASIUM

\$2 PER STUDENT:

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE

GEMS OFFICE

~GEMS STUDENTS ONLY~

Lunch Menus

Copies of the menu are available at the GEMS front desk as well as on the GEMS website under the "Parent" drop-down menu.

School Cancellations

If Columbus City Schools are canceled, you can expect Graham Expeditionary Middle School to be canceled as well.

Watch for notification on local TV stations for information listed as follows:

Graham Expeditionary Middle School Franklin County

NEXT YEAR

As we look to next year, we want to keep you, our families, up to date with each transition. At this point, we do not plan to be in the same space as TCS and GEMS both plan to grow. We are currently exploring with Columbus City Schools to be in one its buildings near OSU's campus. We will keep you posted with confirmations or other changes as they become available.

Upcoming Dates

February 9

Combined Enrollment Information Session with TGS & TCS
6pm @ GEMS

February 14-15

Fieldwork to Camp Mary Orton and The Columbus Zoo

February 21

NO SCHOOL - PD DAY

February 22

NO PD DAY

Due to calamity day, GEMS *will* have school!!!

February 23

Enrollment Information Session
6pm @ GEMS

February 24

GEMS Parent Group Meeting
7pm @ GEMS

February 28

Celebration of Learning
6pm at GEMS

March 3-4

Mid-Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

March 5

Have-A-Heart: A lively evening in March of food, drink, auctions, and students performances supporting all three schools.

The Griffin Student Center @ ODU

March 9

Enrollment Information Session
6pm @ GEMS

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

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LABELS FOR EDUCATION

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION AND CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS. PLEASE BRING YOURS TO THE GEMS OFFICE!



Bi-weekly e-mail updates

We will be sending out e-mails with news and announcements to parents/guardians approximately every 2 weeks. Please let us know if you are not on our e-mail list. You can sign up for the newsletter through the link on the GEMS website.



Please visit www.marketday.com or pick up an order form in the GEMS office to place an order and support the school. Market Day offers a wide variety of products including low fat, low calorie and and all-natural food options.

The next order is due in the GEMS office on February 8th and the pick-up date will be February 12th from 10:00am to 11:30am in the school gym. Please contact our chairperson, Terri Fisher (Betsy's mom) at 614.432.8910 with any questions!