

The GPMS BuzzFeed

What's the Buzz?

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Students Nominate SGA Representatives

By: Emily Sabovich

The Student Government Association, also known as SGA, is a student-led organization that strives to be the voice of the school's student body, raise student body morale, engagement, and school spirit through planning events and activities for students. Gwynn Park Middle School students recently voted for the student representatives who they would like to represent them and their interests. President Maya Gudderra shared that building student morale, engagement and school spirit are already on the agenda. "We have planned events like food and toy drives and a Polar Express Day in December." Gudderra also shared that what she is most excited about in her role as president is having the chance to work with other SGA members to plan events for students. The SGA is currently hosting a school wide Spirit Week.

CALENDAR

November Upcoming Events

11 Nov. **VETERANS DAY**
THE GPMS BUZZFEED STAFF SALUTES ALL VETERANS!

21-22 Nov.
2 HR EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS

23-25 Nov. **HOLIDAY**
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Celebrate Native American Heritage Month 2022! For more information visit <https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/>

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Do not judge your neighbor until you walk two moons in his moccasins.
NATIVE AMERICAN PROVERB (CHEYENNE)
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School News



Student Government Association elected and appointed members from left to right: Mayte Ochoa, Madison Pippins, Kairee Vinson, Saniya Barnes, Maya Gudderra, Chloe Akondeng, Lesly Michacarojas and Oluwabusol Akinsanya.



Ms. Johnson's class created posters in recognition of Bullying Prevention Month which is recognized in October.

GPMS Quarter 1 Star Students

Keep up the great work!



Congratulations Star Students! From left to right: sixth grader: Jaslyne Diaz Rodas, seventh grader: Nevik Perry and eighth graders: Emily Sabovich and Chinonyelum Anya

GPMS Observes Bullying Prevention Month

By: News Staff

Bullying is a term that many young kids and teenagers are familiar with as many have experienced some form of it, but school districts across the country, including Prince George's County Public Schools, are working to create safer and more inclusive learning environments for students. The county celebrated Unity Day on October 19, 2022. Staff and students at Gwynn Park Middle School (GPMS) wore orange in honor of Bullying Prevention Month and participated in a variety of activities that addressed ways to bring awareness to bullying as well as ways to prevent it from causing serious problems for kids and teenagers. Professional school counselors also visited classrooms to share information about bullying. Ms. Crowder, one of the professional school counselors at GPMS stated that bullying usually occurs when someone wants to exert power over another, usually due to personal insecurities. She said she encourages students not to internalize how they are treated by a bully but to understand that the act of bullying reflects more on the bully than it does on the person being bullied. Crowder added, "If someone is dealing with a bully, stand up to the bully, do your best to appear confident and inform a trusted adult."



Do you need support?
Contact someone in your "Circle of Trust"

- Principal: Dr. Belton
- Assistant Principals: Mrs. Daniels, Ms. Randall, Ms. Dodson
- Professional School Counselors: Ms. Crowder, Mr. Gilmore
- Peer Mediator: Mr. Hall
- Security: Mr. Watson
- GPMS Teachers and School Staff



LET'S BUZZ IN QUARTER 2
YELLOW JACKETS!

QUARTER 2 STARTED:
NOVEMBER 7TH

QUARTER 2 ENDS:
JANUARY 24TH

Girls and Boys Basketball Teams Announced

By: Khyri Brown

Basketball season has officially started and after a record number of student athletes competed for a spot on the Gwynn Park Middle School (GPMS) girls and boys basketball teams, the coaches have solidified the players for both teams. Mr. Brown and Mr. Washington are returning as coaches for the girls and Mr. Hall and Mr. Baldwin are coaching the boys. "We have a sound group of boys who definitely have discipline, for the most part," Coach Hall stated. Coach Brown feels that he has a strong group of players as well. "The team of ladies we have are talented and show great potential." In preparation for their games, the teams have been working on drills, form shooting, free throws, full court layups and jumpshots. They also play scrimmage games against each other in preparation for their competitive game schedule. The boys' goal is to chase #2 which stands for championship #2. Last year, they won the championship and went undefeated. Now both teams and coaches are ready to have a great season. The girls and boys played their first game against Marshall on November 16, 2022. The girls won 25-2 and the boys won 58-33. Both teams play CMIT-S next on November 28, 2022, and it is also an away game for the teams. The GPMS athletic department sponsors 3 sports: softball, basketball and soccer. Softball season ended earlier this fall, basketball season ends in mid December and soccer begins in the spring.

National News

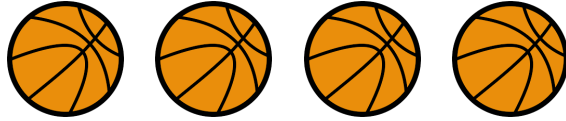
American Voters Cast Their Votes

By: News Staff

As Gwynn Park Middle School students cast and celebrated the wins of their elected Student Government Association representatives, American voters were preparing to do the same. On November 8, 2022, schools closed in the DC area as voters filled voting sites to cast their votes for political leaders. Wes Moore, a democrat, won the governor's race for Maryland becoming the first black governor in Maryland's history. Moore's running mate also made history as the nation's first South Asian woman to be elected state lieutenant governor. Miller, who emigrated from India as a child, recently tweeted, "Ever since I came to this country, I've never stopped being excited for the promise of America. I want to make sure that promise is available to everyone." Overall, 50 democrats and 49 republicans were elected to the Senate and 208 democrats and 218 republicans were elected to the House of Representatives.

Sports & Entertainment

2022 GPMS Basketball Schedule



Wed 11/16/22	Gwynn Park @ Marshall	6:00 pm	Girls (first)
Mon 11/28/22	Gwynn Park @ CMIT-S	6:00 pm	Boys (first)
Wed 11/30/22	BYE	6:00 pm	Girls (first)
Mon 12/05/22	Gwynn Park @ Hanson	6:00 pm	Boys (first)
Wed 12/07/22	Gwynn Park vs. Decatur	6:00 pm	Girls (first)
Mon 12/12/22	Gwynn Park @ Gourdine	6:00 pm	Boys (first)
Wed 12/14/22	Gwynn Park vs. Maya	6:00 pm	Girls (first)
Mon 12/19/22	Gwynn Park vs Imagine (Morningside)	6:00 pm	Boys (first)
Wed 12/21/22	Gwynn Park vs Oxon Hill	6:00 pm	Girls (first)

Home games in BOLD

HIGHLIGHTS



Ms. Kellibrew and her art students created a Hispanic Heritage Month display for the cafeteria.



Ms. Smack, Spanish teacher, and her student, Annaliese Morrison, pose in orange for Bullying Prevention Month.



Mrs. Williams' sixth grade students measuring and recording data on one of their science investigations. Below: Spirit Week participants and winners for Dynamic Duo, Trio and Character Day.



Wakanda Forever

By: Daniel Kendall



The movie *Black Panther* released on February 18, 2018. It is about a secret civilization in Africa called Wakanda. This civilization does not interact with other parts of the world, but they have many things to offer as they have the best technology in the world. The thing that is so special about this civilization is their black panther ritual, resemblance and the energy source for mostly everything known: vibranium. Vibranium is a very powerful source of energy; it powers their whole civilization and is one of the most powerful metals in the Marvel universe. The black panther resemblance is also their whole identity; it means a lot to them which is why they do whatever it takes to protect the metal. In Wakanda, when you become a king, they give you the powers of the black panther, as viewers witnessed when T'Challa, played by the late Chadwick Boseman, became king after his father T'Chaka died in an explosion. In the new movie, *Wakanda Forever*, the people of Wakanda are forced to survive in the absence of their beloved King T'Challa. Other bad organizations realize this and try to invade Wakanda with the assumption that there is no offspring to fill the throne. *Wakanda Forever* has proved to be a box office success with moviegoers. The movie has made over \$330 million globally.

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