



GATES CHILI

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Paul Road Panthers use robots to *bring maps to life*



Globes and maps aren't the only tools being used for geography lessons. Students and teachers are working together to harness the power of technology for important social studies units.

An Ozobot is a golf ball-sized robot that uses sensors to follow lines that have been drawn either on a piece of paper or on a screen. Originally created as a fun way to teach kids computer programming, a team of Gates Chili teachers and instructional coaches are now leveraging Ozobots as a tool to teach third-graders the skills needed to navigate a map.

The idea all started with Paul Road teachers Brittany Porter and Dena Knight. Looking to make the traditional geography unit more engaging for their students, they went to District Library Media Coach Matt Harvey and Innovation Coach Wendy Taylor. The four collaborated and came up with some new approaches.

To kick off the unit, students were given a world map that was missing key tools such as a title, compass or legend. Using only their prior knowledge of cardinal directions and continents,

“ We began our geography unit with an inquiry-based approach,” explained Knight and Porter. “The Ozobots helped increase student engagement as we started and ended the unit with a challenge. ”

students were challenged to draw a line for the Ozobot to follow. It was designed to be hard, and it was. At first, only about 10% of students were able to complete the assignment correctly. Next, the classes collaborated on a trial-and-error approach to determine which tools would make the task easier. Then, using new maps that included the tools they chose, they completed the Ozobot activity again. The success rate went up to 40% and soared even higher as the unit progressed.

“Not only were we teaching those tools, but they were also experiencing the value of those tools,” said Harvey.

After starting at Paul Road, the Ozobot activity has been used in five classrooms, including some at Neil Armstrong Elementary School. Student engagement



was evident throughout this new learning experience as more and more students successfully applied their knowledge and skills to complete the task. And it's all thanks to two teachers who just wanted to better engage their students. For the students, learning social studies has now become synonymous with fun.

“They were pretty fun, the fact that they could track the marker line was really mind blowing,” exclaimed Emmett.

“I learned a lot of stuff while using the Ozobots,” shared Muhammed. “I learned which direction the Bot should go if traveling from South America to North America. ”

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Letter from the Superintendent



Dear Gates Chili School Community,

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the school year. Our staff and students are working hard

each day. From the smiles and conversations at arrival to the engagement in the classroom, it is evident throughout the district that we have outstanding students and phenomenal faculty and staff in Gates Chili!

You will see in the pages of this newsletter that there are great things happening in Gates Chili every day. Our district continues to build upon long-standing traditions while looking for ways to innovate and improve.

From electric school buses and state-of-the-art learning spaces, to authentic learning opportunities and

career readiness, our Spartans are making impressive strides every day.

As we embark on this second half of our school year journey, I look forward to witnessing our Spartans continue to succeed in the classrooms, fields, auditoriums, stages, pools and gymnasiums.

Please check out our upcoming events on the back cover of this publication or on our district website to see many opportunities for school and community involvement. There is always something going on in Spartan Nation. Thank you for your continued support!

Go Spartans!

Christopher J. Dailey
Superintendent of Schools



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Board of Education update

The Gates Chili Board of Education voted to appoint Catherine Coffee as its new president during the board's regular business meeting on Jan. 24.

Coffee replaced Jeffrey Pettenski, who has served as a member of the board since 2014 and as president since 2018. Pettenski stepped down from his leadership position due to new commitments in his personal and professional life. He will continue to serve as a member of the board of education.

Coffee is currently serving her second three-year term as a member of the Gates Chili Board of Education. She currently serves on the District Improvement Team (DIT), the Ad Hoc Committee, and as the Board liaison to the Education Foundation. Frank Muscato will continue to serve as the board's vice president.

Earlier in the month, the board welcomed Kathryn Davis as its newest member. Davis was selected to complete the term of Andrea Hinchey Unson, who stepped down from the board in December to spend time with family.



Catherine Coffee



Kathryn Davis

Budget Ambassadors announced!

Thank you to the following individuals who have volunteered their time to serve as Budget Ambassadors for the 2023-24 budget development process:

Karen Bubel
Scott Bubel
Joe Cario
Maureen Conley
Timna Frank-Spock
Charles Johnson
Jeffrey Knauf
Lynn Knauf
Margaret McGowan
Cherie Stuhler
Audrey Weaver

This group will provide valuable feedback during the budget development process and recommend any modifications to the Board of Education.

Leading the way in *sustainable practices!*

Gates Chili Central School District is proud to announce the addition of three more electric school buses to its fleet!

The purchase of additional electric vehicles was approved by voters in May as part of the district's routine bus replacement plan. The buses were purchased this fall in combination with several conventional diesel buses.

The new electric buses, along with the two unveiled in June 2022, will reduce carbon emissions and save the district money in fuel and maintenance costs. Each bus can go approximately 100 miles per charge, even in the cold Rochester weather. Last summer, Gates Chili became the first district in upstate New York to add electric school buses to its fleet.



Capital Project Update

The brand-new Gates Chili Professional Learning Center (GCPLC) is open for business!

The GCPLC at the Gates Chili High School is what many used to know as the high school band room and the final piece to the district's \$68 million capital project. This unique space can host small breakout-style events to large group screening-style events featuring four digital displays and two projection screens with flexible technological capabilities. With space for approximately 100 participants, the GCPLC will be a place for faculty, staff and administration to take part in training, workshops and other important learning. In addition, Board of Education meetings will be held in the GCPLC, beginning in late February.

The next capital project, which was approved by voters in February 2022, is still in the planning and design stages. Gates Chili faculty, staff and administrators have been meeting with architects and construction managers to discuss various programmatic and space needs related to the first phase of the project. Design development is nearly complete on that phase, which includes upgrades to music and technology classrooms at Gates Chili Middle School, technology and FACS classrooms at Gates Chili High School, the conversion of the Administration Building to a Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) center, and moving district offices to the high school. Once those plans are complete, the district will send them to the New York State Education Department for approval. It is anticipated that work on these items will begin in the spring or summer of 2024.



Sharing *Kindness*

Perform as many acts of kindness in one week as possible. That was the goal of The Great Kindness Challenge at Gates Chili elementary schools during Kindness Week this year.

Students thought up ways to be kind to others and then spent the week putting those ideas into action. At Brasser, Bears made bookmarks and cards for libraries, senior centers and other community groups. Paul Road Panthers highlighted different types of kindnesses with special dress-up days. Themes included “workout problems with kindness,” “save the world with kindness” and “powered by kindness.” Armstrong Stars and Disney Dragons exchanged kindness in various activities throughout the week as well.

Started by the global nonprofit Kids for Peace, The Great Kindness Challenge is a bullying prevention program that seeks to create a culture of compassion, acceptance, unity and respect. More than nine million students in 115 countries committed more than 920 million acts of kindness during last year’s challenge.



Dragons get *writing tips* from published author

Young writers at Walt Disney Elementary got some advice from a very special guest: Author Leslie C. Youngblood. Youngblood made a recent visit to the school, talking to third-, fourth- and fifth-graders about the writing process. The author, who was turned down by several publishing companies before getting a book deal, highlighted the importance of overcoming obstacles and rejection. After her presentation, she gave some one-on-one help to third-graders as they worked on panels, or segments, for the graphic novels they are writing and illustrating as part of an arts-integrated unit. Youngblood, a former creative writing professor, has written two novels intended for children between the ages of 8-12: “Love Like Sky” and “Forever This Summer.”



Register for *Kindergarten* at Gates Chili!

Download and complete a registration packet at gateschili.org/Kindergarten then send it in one of three ways:

- Email to the district registrar at nmvaldez@gateschili.org
- Drop off during the Kindergarten Registration Drop-off on Tuesday, March 14 from 4-6 p.m. at the Gates Chili Administration Building at 3 Spartan Way
- Drop off during business hours at the Gates Chili Administration Building at 3 Spartan Way

Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 1 in order to attend kindergarten during the 2023-24 school year.

UPK **lottery** applications now being accepted

Gates Chili offers a free, exploratory Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) program that teaches kindergarten readiness, early math and literacy skills. Openings will be filled through a lottery process that will take place on Wednesday, March 8. Results of the lottery and placement will be shared on March 9.

To be considered, families should complete the online application available at gateschili.org/UPK by 3 p.m. on March 6.

Children must be 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2023.

Signed, sealed and delivered by *Stars*

Friday afternoons at Neil Armstrong Elementary School have become synonymous with celebration. At 3 p.m. each Friday, fifth-grade student workers drive the Armstrong Prime cart around the school, delivering student orders of pencils, notebooks, fidget toys and more—all paid for with good behavior.

“When you go to the class, the kids get so excited. Even if it’s just like a notebook or like a folder, they’re like, ‘Oh, yeah, I finally got it! I’ve been waiting all week,’” said Noah T., who serves as one of the school store team members.

This initiative based in PBIS, or positive behavior intervention and supports, creates a school environment where everyone feels empowered and encouraged to do the right thing. Students earn “Star” bucks by showing the Spartan Way: respect, responsibility, compassion and hard work. They can use those bucks to pay for items from the store.

Teacher aide Anita Battaglia, who was once an Armstrong student herself, has supervised the school store for almost 20 years in some capacity. This year, she played a big role in revamping the store’s structure. The entire operation is a well-oiled machine where students fill

orders on Wednesdays and Thursdays and make their deliveries on Friday. Throughout the process, students are learning important lessons in time management, attention to detail and communication.

“The student workers are really in charge of this. When we go into a classroom, they announce themselves and take ownership of the process,” said Battaglia. “This initiative is also important for the students who are receiving orders. It’s recognition of the Spartan Way values they had to show in order to earn the ‘Star’ bucks to buy their items.”

Working in the school store is just one of many jobs available to students at Armstrong. The jobs range from kindergarten and staff helpers to teachers in training and even technology team. Fifth-graders who are interested in school jobs have to create a resume, apply for the job they want and even participate in an interview.

“This job gives me a little bit of work experience for later in life,” said student worker Caden J. “We have to work together as a team. Sometimes items are backordered so we have to tell them and then fill their order when the items come in.”

School store employee Joey P. shared that his job helps him work on important skills, “I have to announce who the order is for when we’re delivering, so I have to make sure they hear me, and it’s a relief when they do.”

“We shared job descriptions of all the available jobs with the students so they could see which may suit their interests or skills,” said Rebecca Scott, principal. “These early building blocks for career readiness are important as fifth-graders prepare for middle and high school.”

But for the student workers, this opportunity is more than just a job. It’s an opportunity to model behavior for younger students. Noah T and John C. shared, “Working in the store, we show the Spartan Way too. “It’s our responsibility to get the orders, get them packaged and delivered correctly. And it’s hard work. We don’t have much time in the afternoon so we have to work hard.”

“The little kids get really happy when they see us,” said Joey. P. “They might want to do the store when they get older and give other younger kids prizes and orders as well. And if they do, they’ll have to follow the Spartan Way like we do in the store and that would help them.”



Studying up to *shine* in trivia tournament

A group of sixth-graders at Gates Chili Middle School is getting their first taste at academic competition through an after-school club called Academic Challenge Bowl.

The club is centered around a Jeopardy-style trivia game. When it's game time, each team selects four players per round to compete against each other, answering questions about topics including science, music, culture and more. Competitions against other schools take place several times per year at various schools throughout our region. Students compete against three other schools with competitions lasting up to 3 1/2 hours.

To practice, these scholars make their way through a variety of toss-up and bonus questions, which are formatted in the same way as competitions. They work on verbal context clues and active listening, which can be the key to answering a question correctly.

The group's next competition is in March. Good luck, team!



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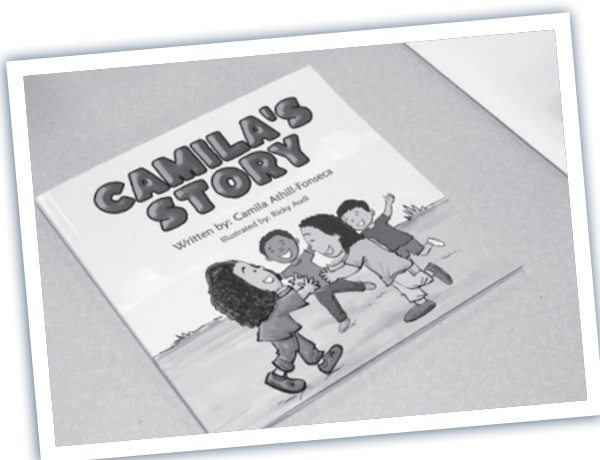
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Middle-schooler's story of resilience is *published*

A Gates Chili sixth-grader hopes to inspire other children with her newly published book, a true tale of resilience.

When faced with the difficulty of losing a newborn sibling, Camila A. turned to writing. She published her book titled "Camila's Story" and it's even available on Amazon. This winter, Camila led her English Language Arts (ELA) class in a read-aloud and discussion about the book's message.

When asked what she hopes her peers take away from her story, Camila explained, "there's good in every situation. If something bad is happening or something difficult, there's always something good in the process."



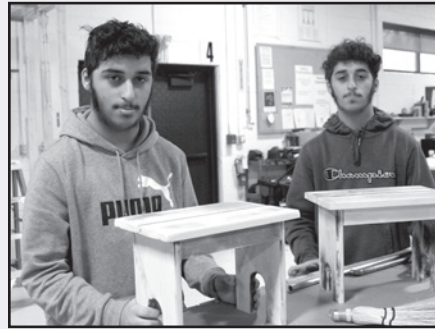
Spartan twins build futures in building and grounds maintenance

Two Gates Chili brothers are working to build successful futures through career and technical education, learning important life lessons along the way.

Twins Adam and Yousef are 10th-grade English Language Learners (ELLs) in the Building and Grounds Maintenance program at the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES WEMOCO Career and Technical Education Center. Pushed by a shared interest in construction, they joined the program at the beginning of the school year.

“They love to build. During free periods, they’ll get up and putter with something. They love working with the lathe,” said teacher Chad Grant.

While some topics of study don’t come as easily to Adam and Yousef as building, they’re learning the value of the adage “If at first you don’t succeed, try, try, try again.” Initially struggling with wiring, Grant said the twins kept at it, and after spending an entire week practicing, they figured it out.



“They would grab their stuff, go to their seats and just conquer it, and they did,” said Grant. “They’re two that I know we can push. They get frustrated, but once they get it, they’re good, and you can tell they’re proud of it. There hasn’t been anything that they can’t do if they put their minds to it.”

Adam and Yousef continue to “nail it,” maintaining an excellent average in the program. The twins are also looking to the future, saying they plan to use the skills they’re developing at WEMOCO to pursue careers in maintenance after they graduate.

Honoring Dr. King’s *legacy*

On the eve of Black History Month, a group of Spartans heard from the creator of a project that has sparked many important conversations about American slavery and its repercussions during a special event honoring the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

More than 20 Gates Chili High School students attended Expressions of King’s Legacy at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) on Jan. 31. The keynote speaker for this year’s event was Nikole Hannah-Jones, a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist and the mind behind “The 1619 Project.”

In an interview-style talk conducted by veteran Rochester journalist Janet Lomax, Hannah-Jones discussed her career and the inception of the project. She explained that she got hooked on journalism while working on her high school newspaper and writing stories about students like her. Hannah-Jones, whose father is African American and mother is white, grew up in Waterloo, Iowa and was bussed to a nearly all-white school across town as part of a school desegregation program.

“I wanted to tell stories about Black folks and inequality, to force people to grapple with what I was dealing with: the perception of race — the thing we have not wanted to confront,” she told Lomax.

Hannah-Jones credits a high school teacher with setting her on the path to becoming the journalist that she is. That teacher introduced her to “Before the Mayflower,” a 1962 book by Lerone Bennett Jr. that traces the history of Black America starting with the widely overlooked arrival of the first enslaved Africans in Colonial Virginia in 1619, which is referenced in the title of “The 1619 Project.”

To read more about this learning experience, go to gateschili.org/MLKlegacy.



The sounds of *school spirit*

For nearly 10 years, the sidelines of Gates Chili winter athletic contests have featured an important group of students who are not there as athletes: the Gates Chili High School Pep Band. This group of students is an integral part of many sporting events, helping to fill the air with music, but also school spirit.

With the guidance of high school instrumental music teacher Jeff Welch, student directors Cecelia G. and Kelsey D. run all rehearsals, coordinate all performances, conduct the pep band and decide what music to play at a specific game. With traditional songs like "Sweet Caroline" and newer fan favorites such as "All I Do Is Win," the club makes it their mission to fill the air with school spirit.

"The fact that the GC pep band is student run makes it super unique," said Cecelia. "Not many music programs give students the opportunity to run rehearsals and performances on their own. It's awesome that our directors allow us to take leadership of such a fun group and truly shows how much trust they have in their students."

Inclusion is a key driver of this club, too. All band students are welcome and there is no audition necessary. This year, the club even branched out to support more athletic teams.

"One of my favorite parts of pep band is performing at the basketball games to support the team, but I was really excited that this year the Gates Chili Pep Band had the opportunity to play at a Spartans hockey game for the first time ever," said Kelsey.

What's more, they're always willing to save a seat in the stands for former pep band members according to Welch, "We have also had students ask if they could come back and play when they find themselves in town. The answer is always yes. The band family is always welcome back home at Gates Chili!"



You can't spell *Spartans* without 'ART'



Connecting current Gates Chili students with their artistic predecessors is the subject of a unique art project at Gates Chili middle and elementary schools.

The project, aptly titled "We are Gates Chili," involves exploring artists within the GC community. Current Spartan

artists learned about former Gates Chili artists Christopher Bevans ('91), Joshua McFadden ('08) and Kelly Place ('03). Students were then asked to think about how they see themselves within their community, how they improve the community, and how or why the community is important.

At Gates Chili Middle School, students created digital art using maps and a self-portrait. Meanwhile, at the elementary level, artists are practicing techniques including tunnel books, portraits, map-making and sculpture to amplify their voices within the community through art. Some students are even creating art in a shared virtual environment using Minecraft EDU. Pieces curated for this project will be on display at a shared art show at Gates Chili Middle School on March 30.





BUILDING A CHAMPIONSHIP CULTURE: Spartans 'meet' the Big Apple

A first-of-its-kind trip to New York City created an opportunity for an impressive performance on the track and important bonding among Spartans.

Eighteen Spartans competed in the U.S. Army Officials Hall of Fame Invitational Jan. 20-21. The event was held at the New Balance Track & Field Center at The Armory, a well-known and prestigious track that has been home to high school track events for more than 100 years.

"Running at the Armory was the best experience I've had," shared senior Jannah S. "I felt like a mini-Olympian."

The student-athletes and their coaches represented Gates Chili with several impressive finishes. Senior Kyra P. took first place overall in the 1500-meter race walk and second place in the two-mile race. Meanwhile, both the boys and girls 4x200-meter teams had a great showing, with boys team members Josiah L., Jayden R., Cameron G. and Krystopher M. finishing only half a second short of beating the school record.



"It was great to see the top athletes in my own event," said junior Faith W. "By competing and watching them, I was able to learn more about the sport I love. It was a big confidence boost to be with girls I look up to."

"Some of my best memories as a high school athlete were going on trips with my teammates and coaches to compete against nationally ranked competition," said Coach Patrick Tindal. "My goal has always been to provide these same experiences for my athletes."

For the Spartans, the trip wasn't only successful from a competitive standpoint; it also provided a new experience that each of them will remember for a lifetime.

"We all came in as just athletes who were looking to participate on a team but now it's more than that. It has become a family," said senior Jayden R.

To see a full list of the team's performance at this event, go to gateschili.org/Armory2023.



Inclusivity takes center stage

A special partnership with the Special Olympics came to the home of the Spartans on Jan. 27. The annual Section V Youth Activation Summit returned in person this year at the Gates Chili Performing Arts Center (GCPAC).

This event, sponsored by Section V and Special Olympics, brought students from Gates Chili and seven other districts together to take part in student-led workshops on how best to support Unified Sports in their home districts and strategies for expanding opportunities for students with disabilities in athletics.



SAVE THE DATE



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Helping learners read, write and grow

Elementary teachers and administrators at Gates Chili are looking to science to help them grow literacy efforts in the classroom. For several months, all elementary instructional staff have been rotating through a training course called the LETRS, or Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling, Suite. The professional learning course is rooted in the science of reading.

“Literacy plays a role in so many different aspects of life. Reading sets the foundation for students’ academic success in every other area,” said K-5 Literacy Coach Jennifer Christensen, who leads the district’s implementation of literacy practices.

Christensen’s role as a coach and LETRS facilitator is to help strengthen literacy practices for all students and ensure consistent literacy instruction across all four elementary schools. That consistency comes with all staff having a common understanding of how oral language and literacy are related.

“Speaking is natural and our brain is wired to speak. Reading is not natural, so teachers have to use instructional



routes to support those connections in the brain,” explained Christensen. “They are learning how students learn to read, why they sometimes struggle, and most importantly, how to provide feedback that will support learning.”

Once teachers are equipped with that comprehensive and consistent literacy training, Christensen supports them in implementing instructional practices in the classroom and offering additional opportunities to extend their learning. Armstrong Literacy Intervention Teacher Marlene Ludlow and Brasser first-grade teacher Kelli Ryu both shared that they feel empowered and better equipped to support the varying abilities of students in their classroom.

“Whether you are a grade-level teacher, intervention teacher, ESOL teacher or another service provider, you are going to work with some students that struggle with reading,” Ludlow said. “If more people understand how to help these students, the better chance we have at helping students fill in the gaps and progress as they should.”

“It’s important for teachers to have this training so we can become more knowledgeable on foundational literacy development,” Ryu said.

As the district continues to implement and develop best practices, an important component will be providing families with the knowledge and tools to support their learners at home. Christensen explained, “it’s just as important for caregivers to understand how reading, writing and spelling develop and how to best support their student at home.”

For now, she said, that involves reading to their student, talking to them about the books they’re reading and/or working with them on words and sounds. For a look at resources and activities, go to gateschili.org/Literacy.

Staff Spotlight



Beth Larter

Library Media
Specialist

Walt Disney
Elementary School

Beth Larter developed a love for the library as a student at Gates Chili. Now a librarian at Walt Disney Elementary School, she works hard to inspire that same passion in her students.

While attending Gates Chili High School, Larter worked at the Gates Public Library, and after graduating in 2009, she went to Houghton University, where she earned a degree in communications. Pursuing a career as a librarian was something Larter always considered, but worried that she wouldn’t love the library if she worked there every day, she explored her options.

“I grew up at the library. It’s always been a part of my life, but I got a little nervous,” she said. “If something you love becomes your job, are you still going to love it?”

But Larter found her way back to the library, and eventually, Gates Chili. After college, she joined Rochester AmeriCorps and was assigned to work in the Rochester City School District doing literacy support. She also volunteered at a library. Deciding that’s where she wanted to be, Larter went to the University at Buffalo for a master’s in library and information science. Her grad school student teaching assignment landed her back at Gates Chili, where she worked under district library media coach Matt Harvey.

“I was very drawn to the idea of coming back to my own community. I felt like I have this connection to this area,” Larter said.

When a library media specialist position opened while she was student teaching, Harvey jumped on the opportunity to hire her.

“Beth is an integral part of both Walt Disney and our library department. Her dedication to students leads to innovative learning experiences which enrich the whole school,” said Harvey.

As the librarian at Walt Disney, Larter’s favorite part of the job is working with students to cultivate a dynamic place that fosters learning and embraces all. A place like she had growing up.

“I just really love creating this environment with the students. There’s a lot of ownership for them in this space,” she said. “I like being their librarian. When they say, ‘This is my librarian,’ that gives me a lot of joy to be that person for them.”

New resource for GC families

Gates Chili's new food pantry has only been open for a month but is already helping Spartan families. The food pantry, supported in partnership with Gates Chili Community Connections, is located at Gates Chili High School and will be open once a week each month. It's stocked with essential food, beverages and snacks for students and their families to enjoy at home. The food pantry also has winter coats and some clothing items.

The Gates Chili Food Pantry is open every Wednesday from 3-4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Families in need of this resource should come to Gates Chili High School and enter through door #1 (the main entrance near the bus loop). If you have questions, need assistance or would like to make an appointment, reach out to Angelina Pound at appound@gateschili.org.



Food safety *certified*

Nine Gates Chili school nutrition workers are newly recertified in food safety thanks to a national certification training program hosted in the district. ServSafe, run through the National Restaurant Association, is a 12-hour-long course that prepares participants to implement essential food safety practices.

"It's important that we have our staff trained in sanitation," said Director of School Nutrition Janice Phillips, who is also a certified trainer. "Teaching and certifying responsible food service measures is of the utmost importance to us here in Gates Chili."

At the end of the manager-level course, attendees must pass a 90-question test to ensure a common understanding of federal safety standards. Food safety certification is required for at least two members of each school kitchen team, however, Gates Chili is proud to provide this certification opportunity to all members of the school nutrition team.



GC PRIDE Award

Gates Chili CSD is proud to recognize students, staff and community members who go above and beyond on behalf of the district and its students. The GC PRIDE Award stands for and honors professionalism, respect, innovation, dedication and excellence. Congratulations to all of the recipients since late November.



Nov. 22 recipients: Kaleah B., Allie M., Niyalise O., Alexa R. and Rainna S., Paul Road students



Dec. 6 recipients: Gabriella F., Aviana L., Aundrea M. Tatiyani S. and Briella S., Disney students



Dec. 20 recipients: Marlon S. and Janiah S., GCHS students; Cherie Spoto, GCMS teacher; Mary Pat Steiner, GCMS teaching assistant



Jan. 10 recipients: Jakob E. and Emily M., GCHS students; Darrin McBride, GCHS teacher



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MARCH

2	HS Gr. 10-11 Student and Parent Night	6:30-8:30 p.m.
3	MS Talent Show	6:30 p.m.
6	MIOISM Instrumental Concert	7 p.m.
10	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students	
14	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 p.m.
14	Kindergarten Registration Drop-off Event 4-6 p.m.	
24-26	HS Musical	
28	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 p.m.
29	MIOISM Choral Concert	7 p.m.
30	MS Art Show	5:30 p.m.
31	#GCPride Day	

APRIL

3-7	Spring Recess - No School For Students and 10-Month Staff	
7	District Closed	
11	HS Academic Varsity Letter Ceremony	6:30 p.m.
14	GCEF Bingo Night	7 p.m.
18	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 p.m.
19	HS Band Spring Concert	7 p.m.
28	#GCPride Day	

MAY

2	Budget Public Hearing & Meet the Candidates Night	6 p.m.
2	Gr. 8 to 9 Transition Night	6:30 p.m.
8	HS Tri-M Recital	7 p.m.
9	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 p.m.
9	FB Spring Band and Chorus Concert	7 p.m.
10	PR Spring Band and Chorus Concert	7 p.m.
11	HS Art Show Awards	6 p.m.
11	NA Spring Band and Chorus Concert	7 p.m.
12-13	MS Synchronized Swim Show	7 p.m.
16	Annual Budget Vote and Board Election	6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
16	HS Jazz Concert	7 p.m.
17	WD Spring Band and Chorus Concert	7 p.m.
18	HS Awards Ceremony	6:30 p.m.
19	#GCPride Day	
23	Board of Education Meeting	6:30 p.m.
26-27	Memorial Day Recess - District Closed	
31	HS Spring Choral Concert	7 p.m.