



Gator News April/May 2023

Important Dates

- 4/05 Take Action Family Night
- 4/12 Kindergarten Registration
- 4/17-5/03 ILEARN Testing Window
- 4/21 Midterms go Home
- 4/24-4/28 Book Fair
- 4/26 Secretary Appreciation Day
- 5/01 Out of District Apps Due
TIP Meeting
- 5/02 Teachers Appreciation Day
- 5/05 Café and Nurse Appreciation
- 5/06 Arts Alive @ BDHS
- 5/10 Vaccination Clinic 2:30-5:30
- 5/19 Field Day and Gator Bowl
- 5/22 Rain Date if needed
- 5/25 Awards Drive Through
Gr 1, 2, 5 & THRIVE
- 5/29 No School Memorial Day
- 5/30 Awards Drive Through
Gr 3, 4, 6 and Kindergarten
- 5/31 Last Day of School

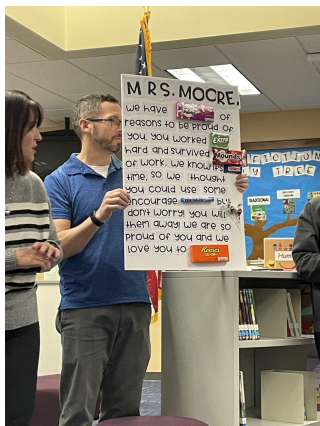
So Much #GatorGreatness

Gator Family,
 There is so much greatness permeating our school! I sincerely hope you are following us on Twitter @gcegators, to keep up with all that our staff and students are accomplishing. Our newsletter only has so much room, I can not highlight it all. One I would like to showcase is our Student Ambassadors compiling 101 Community Care Kits for individuals experiencing housing insecurities. Through the generous donations of our students, Lynhurst Baptist Church has essentials to give out in their ministry.

As we are closing in on the last nine weeks of school, please pay close attention to our calendar. Out of District and Intra District transfer requests are due by May 1st. You can get these from our Wayne Website and from our office. Kindergarten and new student registration is happening NOW. Please encourage these families to come by our office to get registered for the 2023-2024 school year.

Educationally,
 Mrs. Poindexter

Please help us congratulate the new Dr. Moore. Our very own assistant principal successfully defended her dissertation for her Ph.D. We are so very proud of her!





Book Blast

The last few weeks, we have partnered with Books Are Fun, to raise money for books. These books went directly into students' hands for their home libraries. Through this program, over **\$13,000.00 worth of books** were purchased. Our Reading Specialist, Mrs. Bosley and Mrs. Clark along with Mrs. Tucker, worked diligently to support this initiative and it has paid off with fantastic literature! **EVERY student in our building received at least one book for home!**

Author Visit- Shannon Anderson



Through Title 1 funding and the facilitation of Mrs. Malone, we welcomed author Shannon Anderson to our building. She addressed students about the writing process and how it requires a growth mindset. Our school theme this year has been **Y is for Yet**- meaning that we might not have it mastered right at this moment, but through hard-work, diligence, and the right attitude we can persevere. Our students thoroughly enjoyed her message.

Clubs

Our staff knows the benefits to extending the school day to be involved in things that students are passionate about. Staff share their love of many things and dedicate their time to giving our students these opportunities. Many times over **100 students** stay after school to participate. We thank our caregivers that make sacrifices to pick up their students! As our year winds down, so do our clubs. If your student has not been involved this year, please keep your eyes out for these types of opportunities for the 2023-2024 school year! Pictured below are our Scouts preparing their race cars for the Derby!



Third Quarter Gator Bowl

Every quarter, students that consistently exhibit the Gator G Expectations of **Give Respect, Get Responsible, and Go Safely** are rewarded with some fun activities! Here is just a sample of the fun-which also required concentration and collaboration.

