


Gate City Charter School

February News

Choose Love Awareness Month

Each week in February, Choose Love will focus on small activities from each pillar of the Choose Love formula (Courage+Gratitude+Forgiveness +CompassionInAction = Choosing Love). There is a new interactive component to the Choose Love Awareness Month ([click link here](#)). There will be daily videos which will include fun activities for students. Participants can even win Choose Love prizes. As always, CHOOSE LOVE and have a lot of fun! [Link to calendar.](#)

JANUARY'S ARTISTS OF THE MONTH



February 15th:
President's Day- SCHOOL IN SESSION

February 17th:
Re-Entry Survey due (see link below)

February 17th:
National Random Acts of Kindness Day

February 17th:
Title 1 Information Night at 7pm

February 18th: Board Meeting at 7pm

February 22nd-26th:
School Vacation



Mira Flis



Harper Archer Evans








Josie Abruzzese



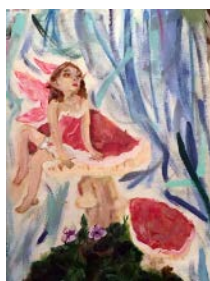
Isaac Mendes

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	1 DO YOU KNOW HOW TO BRAG? BRAG ABOUT YOURSELF IN YOUR BEAVE.	2 SHOW OFF YOUR BRAVE POWER. DRAW A PICTURE OF YOURSELF IN YOUR BEAVE.	3 TAKE A BRAVE BREAD.	4 DO YOU KNOW A SONG OR A STORY ABOUT BRAVERY?	5 DANCE DANCE DANCE! DON'T BE AFRAID TO STOMP OUT YOUR BEET MOVES.	6 BE TRUE TO YOURSELF.
7 IT TAKES COURAGE TO TRY IF YOU FAIL. TRY THE AGAIN!	8 THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING LOVE! BRAG ABOUT YOUR GRATITUDE. CHOOSE LOVE DUCK.	9 TAKE A GRATITUDE BREAK!	10 APPRECIATE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR GRATITUDE. DRAW A PICTURE WITH YOUR GRATITUDE.	11 WHY AM I GRATEFUL FOR MY GRATITUDE? DRAW A PICTURE WITH YOUR GRATITUDE.	12 WHO ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR? WHO ARE THEY SPECIAL TO YOU? DRAW A PICTURE WITH YOUR GRATITUDE.	13 LET PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE KNOW THAT YOU APPRECIATE THEM. SEND THEM LOVE AND THEIR SUPPORT.
14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! GIVE A CARD TO SOMEONE WHO MIGHT NEED IT!	15 RECOGNIZE A QUALITY IN YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR OWNSELVES. CHOOSE LOVE DUCK.	16 WANT TO KNOW HOW TO BE FRIENDLY? DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR OWNSELVES.	17 DRAW A PICTURE OF YOURSELF CUTTING THE GOOD TO KINDER AND BEET.	18 WRITE DOWN SOME THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GRATEFUL FOR YOUR FRIENDS. ADD THEM TO YOUR GRATITUDE.	19 BRAG ABOUT A FEELING ABOUT FORGIVENESS.	20 GIVE A LOVED ONE A THOUGHTFUL SURPRISE. CHOOSE LOVE DUCK.
21 ASK FOR FORGIVENESS AND FORGIVE YOURSELF.	22 GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO BE FRIENDLY. DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR OWNSELVES.	23 DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR OWNSELVES. CHOOSE LOVE DUCK.	24 GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO BE FRIENDLY. DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR OWNSELVES.	25 SHARE A QUALITY OF YOURSELVES WITH YOUR FRIENDS. CHOOSE LOVE DUCK.	26 THINK OF A QUALITY YOU WANT TO BE. DRAW A PICTURE OF YOURSELF WITH THAT QUALITY. CHOOSE LOVE DUCK.	27 DO A "TRY NOT TO LAUGH" CHALLENGE. ACT LIKE A GOOFY GOONER AND MAKE SOMEONE LAUGH.
28 MAKE SOMETHING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL. GIVE A MESSAGE OF LOVE AND GRATITUDE.						Have a lot of fun!

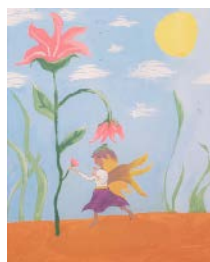
"CHOOSING LOVE HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER." - KILLY 5TH GRADE BORNALL, CT



Aaliyah-Rose Tardiff



Chloe Archambault



Madison Pisco



Jayde Tuscano



Addison Monroe

Wellness Corner from Mr. G:

1. Check your favorite snacks and foods for sugar content. Watch out for how much sugar is in your common breakfast cereal! Food is fuel. Start your day right!
2. Students can identify and even prepare their own healthy snacks. When possible, let them choose and help prepare healthy options.
3. It is important for students to stay active at home, especially during remote learning combined with the winter months. Dance and movement breaks are the perfect way to add in activity.
4. View your family as a team trying to achieve health together! Support and encourage one another. Make plans to exercise together!
5. Compare food labels. It's an easy way to make better choices.
6. Drink plenty of water. Make family water intake goals. Remind one another to drink up!

HEALTHY MOVEMENT ACTIVITY IDEA:

UP DOWN STOP GO

The leader shouts out UP, DOWN, STOP, or GO, and the players have to either jump and reach their hands up (UP), reach down and touch the floor (DOWN), freeze in place (STOP), or run in place (GO).

If a player makes a mistake they do FIVE JUMPING JACKS then continue following the leader. Having players do the OPPOSITE of what you shout is a fun way to mix it up and trick more players into doing jumping jacks!

February Break Create Challenge



STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Our own Mary Ellen Wessels shares her arts-integrated civics instruction approach on NHPR. Follow this [link](#) to listen!

Facility Re-Opening Proposed Updates

Please follow the survey link below to offer input regarding our re-entry plan. Responses requested by February 17th.

<https://forms.gle/wsvMRG5UgvMrfBzdA>

LEVEL	MODALITY	TARGET % in Building
RED	Remote Learning & No staff in the building	0%
ORANGE	Only staff allowed use of the building	10%
YELLOW	Primarily Remote Learning, 1 day a week in-person learning (ALL GRADES)	60%
GREEN	2 days per week in-person learning (ALL GRADES)	85%
BLUE	Near normal operations	99%

CRITERIA TO CONSIDER IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

*Board and taskforce recommendations and decisions take precedence

SOURCES	TYPES OF DATA
GOVERNMENT DECREES	Federal, Governor, or DHHS decrees
LOCAL DATA	County COVID positivity rate, case counts, level of community transmission etc.
RESOURCE AVAILABILITY	Staffing availability (including hiring of School Nurse), bus/ after school program availability,
FACILITY READINESS	Purchase and installation of Personal Protective Equipment, protective barrier equipment, and disinfectant/ cleaning supplies

Writer's of the Month



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