

The Crockett Review

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Mission Statement

George Crockett Academy provides a nurturing, respectful and stimulating academic environment, committed to the empowerment of responsible citizens who are critical thinkers in a global society.

Vision Statement

The entire George Crockett Academy community is committed to developing students who are self-respecting, respectful of others, and dedicated to community service. The students of GCA are taught to believe in the power of law to solve problems for justice and equal rights. The Kwanzaa principles are the foundations of our vision.

Umoja (Unity)
Kujichagulia
(Self-Determination)
Ujima (Creative Work & Responsibility)
Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)
Nia (Purpose)
Kuumba (Creativity)
Imani (Faith)

Chartered by
Northern Michigan
University



George Crockett Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, natural origin, age, disability or sex.

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 10, 2018

Dear GCA Family and Friends,

We are back! School resumed Monday and we are so excited to get the 2018 part of the school going! Let's hit the ground running.

NWEA/MAP testing began yesterday and will continue through the 26th of this month. Testing is important because it helps our educators, our students and their families see where each child is doing well and where they might need some extra help. Taking the test seriously and preparing mentally and physically is important to our students' educational experience. Here are some testing taking tips that can really help out:

- Get a good night's sleep and eat a high protein breakfast. Drink plenty of water.
- Get to school on time so you're not rushing to get organized and you have a minute to mentally prepare yourself for the test.
- Practice guided imagery, visualizations of succeeding on the test, mentally "going where the information is stored in your brain", or breathing techniques.
- Don't engage in negative talk with other students before the test, such as "I'm so nervous - I don't know if I'm ready."
- Try your best!
- These are just a few great tips for testing. For more, please see look for the Test Taking information box on the following pages.

Next Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. All of our teachers are excited to discuss and teach about his amazing life and ideals! In honor of this special day there will be no school but we will continue to talk about and learn about the fantastic Dr. King well into Black History Month, which begins February 1st.

Next Wednesday will be Family Math Night! We love including family and friends in our traditions at GCA and Math Night is one of our favorites! Come check out what the fuss is all about on the 17th from 4 to 6 p.m. in the MPR. Dinner will be served from 4 to 5 p.m. Vouchers for 1 free game per family will be available. You won't be disappointed!

Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up soon! Education of our students is a team effort, with multiple players: parents, students, administration, homeroom teachers, specials teachers, educational aides, our counselling and social work staff. Think of all of GCA team members as the "Away Team". All of the supportive Away Team members will be here to discuss and meet with you and your student(s), the "Home Team", about their educational goals. We look forward to seeing the Home Team on January 26th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Q2 report cards can be picked up from homeroom teachers. Students will be dismissed at 1 p.m. that day.

We're happy to be back and we hope to see you soon!

-The GCA Staff

Bottle Cap Drive

George Crockett Academy families, we need your help!

We are again collecting plastic bottle caps. Our goal this year is 1,100 lbs of plastic, which will be recycled into a picnic table for our school grounds.



Please bring in any caps that qualify in ASAP! The caps must be clean and made from acceptable plastic. We will post the acceptable types of caps and tops on the website, the Facebook page and at school. Please make sure to check those!

Thank you so much for your help!!

Upcoming Events

January 12th

- No school for students (staff has professional development)

January 15th

- MLK Day/no school

January 16th

- Robotic program for grades 3-8- 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.

January 17th

- Family Math Night- 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

January 19th

- Q2 ends
- 3-8 Essay Contest Deadline

January 22nd

- Q3 begins

January 24th

- PTSO meeting

January 26th

- Early dismissal for students- 1 p.m.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences and report card pick up 2 to 5 p.m.

January 27th

- First Girl Scout Meeting- 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the school

January 31st

- Live Oratorical contest

January Vision Event

The Kwanzaa principle for January is Nia, which means purpose or to make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

In honor of NIA, grades 3-8 will be participating in an Essay Contest.

The 3-5 division topic will be "When People Say my Name"

The 6-8 division topic will be "What is my Legacy"

Submission deadline is January 22, 2018

Finalists will be announced January 26, 2018

The Oratorical Assembly will be on January 31st at 2:00 p.m.

Good Luck!!

Girl Scouts

GCA is going to have it's very own
Girl Scout troop!



Girl Scouts®

Registration forms are available in the
main office.

The cost to join is \$25. Please turn money
and registration slips into your child's
homeroom teacher.

The first meeting will be on Saturday,
January 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at George Crockett Academy.

Information will be sent home to girls
in grades 3-5 today or tomorrow.

Boy's Basketball

**Middle School Boys
Basketball tryouts will
be held tomorrow,
January 11, 2018
instead of today,
the 10th.**

Tryouts will be from 4:30 to
6:00 p.m. **Students must bring
shorts and gym shoes. Students
must have a 2.0 GPA to
participate.**

Info by Teacher

K-2

Ms. Avery: Please
remember to have your
child wear boots to school
and to bring black school
shoes to change into.
Sneakers are acceptable
only on P.E. days.
In math, we are composing
and decomposing numbers.
We are also learning about
rhyming words in ELA!

3-5

Mrs. Cecil: We are
excited to be working on a
Dr. Martin Luther King
unit that explores his life
and accomplishments.
There will be homework
next week but no spelling
words. We look forward to
seeing you at conferences
on the 26th!
Ms. Mayer: Students are
beginning to work on their
Black History Month
Project. Please watch for
information to come home
soon.

6-8

Ms. Buseman: Students
are continuing to read
their novels. Please keep
reading every night!
Mrs. Dunbar: Seventh
grade students will have a
test on Inequalities on
Tuesday 1/16/2018
Eighth grade students will
have a test on
Similarities and the
Pythagorean Theorem on
Wednesday the 17th.



I have a Dream

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed:
"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."...

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they
will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a *dream* today!....

And this will be the day -- this will be the day when all of God's children
will be able to sing with new meaning:

*My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrim's pride,
From every mountainside, let freedom ring!*

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true.

And so let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire.

Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York.

Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania.

Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado.

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California.

But not only that:

Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee.

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi.

From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and
every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when *all* of God's
children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join

hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual:

*Free at last! Free at last!
Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!*

***Please be reminded that we are a uniform school. Parents we ask that you assist us by
having your child in full uniform daily. Beginning next week we will have random
uniform checks. Students found out of uniform will receive a 1 day suspension.
Please check the website for the complete uniform policy.***