

The Crockett Review

George Crockett Academy

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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.

Dear GCA Families,

Happy warm front! This week is a little less chilly than it has been but it is still cold! Please make sure your child has a hat and mittens/gloves to help them keep warm at recess and dismissal.

Mrs. Phillips would like to thank the parents who attended Family Math Night. We encourage more parents to stay with their children during these events. Each child that was present received a free math game courtesy of Title I funds. A great time was had by all who participated and we look forward to seeing you at more upcoming events!

This week is National School of Choice Week. Share what you love about and why you chose George Crockett Academy on our Parent Survey! The surveys will be sent home today. Please send them back to school tomorrow or Friday. If you don't have a chance to complete one before Friday, no worries—they will be available to fill out at conferences! You can also check out our photos from NSCW on the website and Facebook page. All of our students who participated in the pictures got to take home a very nice fleece School of Choice scarf.

We are continuing to learn about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others who dream of making the world a better place. Starting last week, students at GCA helped that message along by making a Wish Tree. Wish Trees are interactive art sculptures that were created by the artist, Yoko Ono. Each child, grades k-8, designed a wish dove (a symbol of peace) and tied their wish to a potted tree on the third floor. Each dove has a wish for peace on written on it. Legend has it that when the wind blows through the tree, it will carry those hopes around the world and help to make those wishes come true! Come visit the art room during conferences—GCA family and friends are welcome to participate in our Wish Tree too!

We are starting to plan for our 2017-2018 school wide yearbooks. A couple things that are happening in our planning for the next couple weeks:

1. Eighth graders need to turn in their baby pictures and aspirations to Ms. Yates ASAP!
2. Students can enter the Yearbook Cover Competition by submitting original designs to Ms. Clapp by February 1st at 3:30 p.m. This is a mandatory project for 8th grade students. The designs will be voted on and the winner will become a published illustrator when we get our yearbooks in June.

The yearbooks are available to purchase starting now! The latest you can order one is March 1st and the cost is \$18. We can't wait to see what awesome artwork the kids come up with!

Don't forget that Parent/Teacher Conferences are on Friday, January 26th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you!

-The GCA Staff

Welcome Back!

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Cecil back!

You were greatly missed!



*It is the supreme art of the teacher
to awaken joy in creative
expression and knowledge.*

Albert Einstein

Upcoming Events

January 26th

- Early dismissal for students-1 p.m.
- Dress Down Fundraiser
- Parent/Teacher Conferences & 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

February 1st

- Black History Month begins
- Yearbook Cover Entries due by 3:30 p.m.

February 2nd

- Pizza kits delivered

February 7th

- Supplemental Count Day

February 13

- Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the MPR

February 14th

- Pink & Red Day
- 1:00 p.m. dismissal (professional development)

February 19th

- No school (mid-winter break)

February 21st

- PTSO meeting

February 23rd

- Q3 Progress Reports
- GCA's annual Heritage Program

Sports Section

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR 2017-2018
BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

Zayven Braxton

Jason Hardy

Amere Flood

Adam Dorsey

Stephen Knight

Jon Roberson

Terran Newsome

Jaylynn Ross

Maurice Scott

Emmitt Simpson

Armon Johnson

Titus Watson

Our first troop meeting is here!

The first troop meeting will be this Saturday, January 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Everyone will meet in the MPR then head to Mrs. Barnwell's classroom.

Didn't have a chance to register?

Not a problem! Come to the meeting on Saturday and register/pay there.

We are so excited to provide this experience for girls in grades 3-5.

Thank you Mrs. Barnwell and Mrs. Pratt-Smith for all of your hard work and dedication to making this happen!

A friendly reminder!

We are still looking for fathers and father-figures to join our Watch D.O.G.S. program. D.O.G.S. stands for Dads of Great Students! The goal of this wonderful program is to make a positive impact on our GCA community by volunteering some of your time in our lunchroom, hallways, or classrooms. Fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, and other father figures are all welcome. The volunteer opportunities are many. Our top notch admin team will let you know where you are most needed. Volunteer for one day or every day. We'd love to have you! For more information please contact our front office.

Info by Teacher

K-2	3-5	6-8
<p>Ms. Avery: Please remember to have your child in the correct uniform every day. Our floor will be having uniform checks soon! The Scholastic \$1 book order is due Monday (1/29/18) and the book is <u>If You Give a Moose a Muffin.</u></p> <p>Ms. Yelder: We will be having uniform checks in the upcoming days. Students need to be wearing black casual shoes with their uniform. Sneakers are only OK on days we have P.E. Please read with your child every night for 20 minutes and practice counting. Our goal is to count to 120!</p> <p>Second Grade: Homework packets were sent home in both second grade classes. These are due on Friday, the 26th. Students in both classes also have a spelling test on Friday.</p>	<p>Mrs. Cecil: C16 spelling words will continue through next week. There will be a test on the words February 2nd. If you are unable to attend conferences on Friday, please contact the office to schedule a meeting with me. In math, we have just begun Unit 4 which covers area and measurement. In science, we have begun a unit on life cycles</p> <p>Mrs. Steele: In social studies, we are exploring the history of the great state of Michigan. 3B students-please study for your spelling test daily!</p>	<p>Ms. Buseman: Students are continuing to read their novels. Please keep reading every night!</p> <p>Mrs. Dunbar: Both seventh and eighth grade students will be receiving a new packet on Monday, the 29th. Seventh grade will be studying proportional relationships. Eighth grade will be studying volume of cones, cylinders and spheres.</p> <p>Mr. Maki: Hello! I look forward to meeting all of you at Parent/Teacher conferences on Friday. Please return the information letter your student received in class ASAP.</p> <p>Ms. Menifee: Students are focusing on our monthly Kwanzaa principle, Nia. Nia means purpose and in honor of that we are completing community service projects.</p>

S.W.C.D

Social Work & Counseling Department

We are continuing to collect bottle caps. Keep sending them in! We've adjusted our goal so that we can make a multicolor park bench. We are so close! At the rate our community has been participating has been collecting plastic, we'll have all we need in a blink of an eye. Please contact Ms. Martin if you have any questions.



**NATIONAL
SCHOOL OF
CHOICE WEEK**



**CLASS
OF
2018**

**George Crockett
Academy
\$2.00 Dress Down
Friday
January 26, 2018**

**All proceeds go towards the
8th Grade Activities**