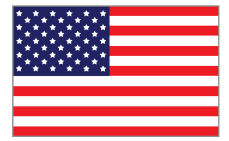


The GATEKeeper



IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/17/19: GPAC Meeting
- 10/25/19: Harvest Festival
- 10/28/19-11/1/19: Parent Conference Week
- 10/33/19: No School
- 11/1/19: 25% AR goal day
- 11/3/19: Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11/8/19: 25% AR Reward Day
- 11/11/19: No School Veterans Day
- 11/25/19-11/29/19: Thanksgiving Break
- 12/10/19: History Day Posters and Process Papers are Due (4th and 5th grade)

Sept-Oct 2019

A newsletter for GATE students, their teachers and families.

“Unity & Freedom”, by David Zou

On September 11th, something horrific happened, having a huge impact on the nation. On September 11th, or 9/11, four hijacked planes flew into the Twin Towers in Manhattan, New York, the Pentagon in Washington DC, and an empty field in Pennsylvania. The biggest loss of life occurred at the Twin Towers, which was engulfed in flames, and then resulted in collapse. This horrible act was executed by a terrorist group, known as Al-Qaeda. This disaster helped improve security at airfields. Back then, the only security was a metal detector. Nowadays, you can't even bring a large bottle of shampoo, and when you go through the security check, you must take off your shoes.

Despite the tremendous loss and ultimate sadness, the country found unity, which allowed the US to work together against terrorism. Although the history of our country has been moving toward inclusion this singular event made us embrace each other as Americans regardless of our cultural background. Barton reflects a diverse population and a true melting pot. Some people think the unity of post 9/11 is gone but not at Clara Barton. Here are some quotes from students about unity and freedom: 3rd grade Mackenzie Marshall said, “I like it because everybody gets to do what they want.” 3rd grade Abigail Gim said, “I feel good about it because some countries do not have [unity].” 3rd grade Caleb Montilla said, “I feel like it's good because some countries do not have [freedom].” 4th grade Caitlin Buensuceso said, “I feel like people can work together to do anything.” Allowing boys AND girls to speak freely and get an education is one of the great things about freedom.

5th grade David O'Brien said that “We can accomplish anything if we are united,” after a few seconds of consideration. 5th grade Danni Brasher said, “I feel like it's vital and everyone should do what they want. 6th grade Jonathan Chen said, “I think that it's good.” 6th grade

**“Creativity Takes
Courage”**

-Henri Matisse

Derek Zhang said that “[Freedom] and [unity] are good things that everyone should have.” 6th grade Erin Liao said, “Now that we are free, we can do anything.”

As a few of the people who were interviewed said, some countries do not have this unity and freedom that we have. These are privileges and should not be taken for granted. We shouldn’t be thinking that freedom and unity is available in other countries, because not all of them have these elements. Recently, Clara Barton held a Color Run. This Color Run is an example of how diverse our school is. No matter what your race is, what your culture is, gender, or which country you came from you still get a free and quality education, (but you get the best at Barton!! Not that we are competitive or anything). And at the end of the day we all ended up green, blue, and purple anyway.



Above: The Twin Towers before 9/11/01.
Below: The 4th annual GATE Color Run, Blaze Pizza Fundraiser Night and Baskin Robbins Back to School!





The Color Run!

9/7/19

GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

3rd Grade K. Williams

"We recently finished learning how to access Google Suites, creating an All About Me page on App. Seesae.me, and Art Stars this month, where we drew an Ocean Biome scene with a Trumpeter Fish. What we are doing in class is science-biomes around the world, language-animal adaptations and how they survive, and in math, finishing up place value to add and subtract. We are looking forward to, owl pellet dissection, STEAM day, expert projects, and learning our multiplication facts.

-Mrs. K. Williams

4th Grade J. Garcia

"Fourth grade is off to a roaring start! We have taken a virtual California road trip to gain an understanding of the many climates, terrains, and adventures to be found in our state. In Science, we've studied animal adaptations and are designing a 'newly-found' species. Art stars led us through a beautiful quail and California Poppy project. We've completed 2 novel studies and are starting Island of the Blue Dolphins. It's all things California in the Fourth grade."

-Mrs. Garcia

5th Grade C. Ogden

"Fifth Grade is looking forward to a great year of learning and working together. We have completed a science unit on matter and are beginning to learn about the early explorers to the Americas. Some research questions for our Genius Hour projects are: How does the firepower in rockets last a long time? Why don't scientists use plasma to launch rockets? How does heat affect changes in certain materials? And how can you make a hover board? Can't wait to see everyone's presentations!"

-Mrs. Ogden

6th Grade C. Leonard

"The school year is underway! We are excited to have music and art instruction this year that helps us keep the A in STEAM! We can't wait to build instruments and make some sweet music with our classmates!"

-Mrs. Leonard

RESOURCES

California Associated for the Gifted

<https://cagifted.org/>

Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted

www.SENGifted.org

CA Department of Education, GATE resources

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/s/p/gt/re/>

National History Day- CA

<https://www.nhdca.org/>

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4TH ANNUAL GATE COLOR RUN

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2019

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