



Weekly Updates

Community Newsletter

APRIL 12, 2026

Hello GIS Community,

Welcome to this week's edition of the Weekly Updates Newsletter! We're excited to share the latest happenings and updates from our school community to keep you informed and engaged.

The Learning Behind the Moment

Discover the good things happening at our school each week, seen through an IB perspective that brings learning to life in our community.

This 4th grade field trip to the IMAX Theater and the California Museum gave students a meaningful, real-world learning experience aligned with our IB approach to inquiry-based learning. At IMAX, students watched *Adventures in Wild California*, where they learned about scientists raising and releasing bald eagle chicks and sea otters back into the wild by carefully imitating their natural behaviors. They also saw powerful examples of engineering and innovation, including the building of the Golden Gate Bridge, Walt Disney's perseverance in following his dreams, and incredible aerial stunt teams performing in the sky. Experiencing all of this on the IMAX screen helped students truly see how science, engineering, creativity, and determination come together in real life here in California.

At the California State Capitol and the California Museum, students explored the buildings and engaged in hands-on activities that allowed them to experience history and learning in a meaningful way. This experience helped students make real-world connections to what we learn in school and supported our goal of developing curious, reflective, and globally minded learners.



April is Arab American Heritage Month

As a multicultural school committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion, we take this time to recognize and celebrate the rich histories, contributions, and lived experiences of Arab American communities.

In alignment with the IB mission, we strive to develop internationally minded learners who value multiple perspectives, show respect for all cultures, and engage with the world as compassionate and informed global citizens. This celebration also reflects our GCC commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive, and affirming learning environment where every student's identity is seen, valued, and respected.

As we honor Arab American Heritage Month, we are reminded that **"Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness."**



Upcoming Events

Whole Week (Mon-Fri) - Book Fair, see flyer below for details

Monday, April 13th

- MYP Jog-a-thon, during PE classes

Tuesday, April 14th

- Field Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at **8:45 AM**. Parents are welcome.
- PYP Jog-a-thon, during PE classes
- 3rd-8th Grade Soccer Practice, 3:30-4:30 PM

Wednesday, April 15th

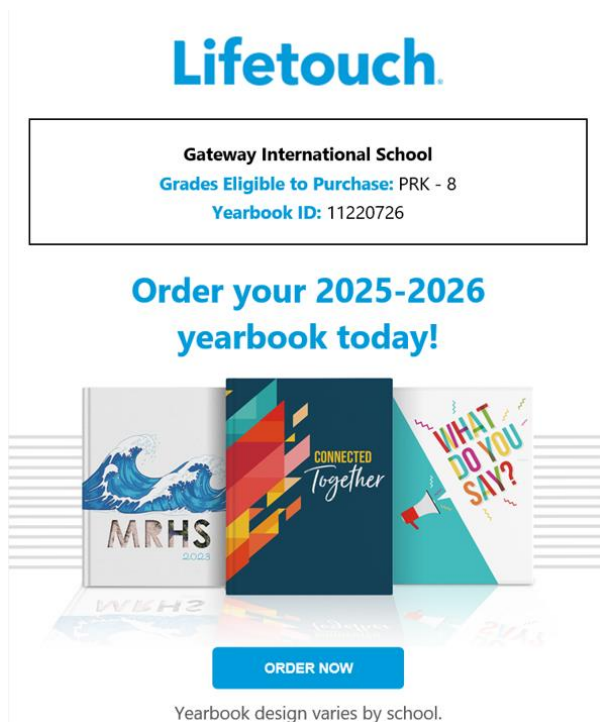
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Thursday, April 16th

- 3rd - 8th Grade Soccer Practice, 3:30-4:30 PM
- Open House, 5:30-6:00 PM
- ASP runs until **6:00 PM**. No supervision is provided after that time.

Friday, April 17th


- Snack Shack
- PYP & MYP Soccer Games (see the attached schedule for details)



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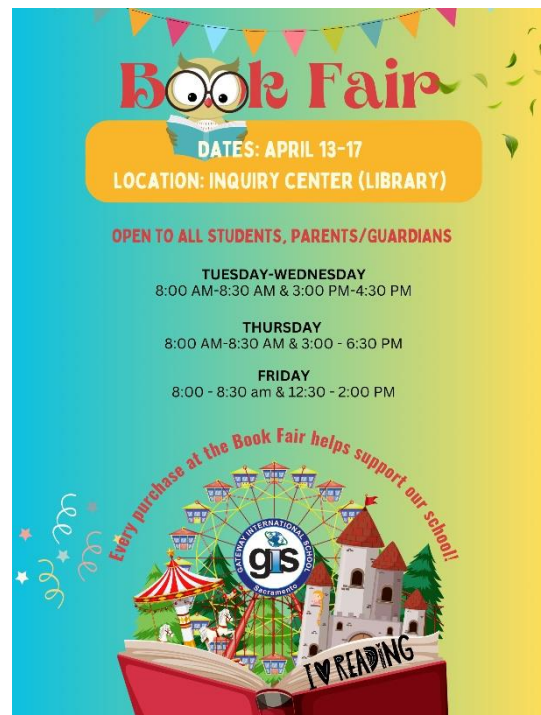
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Book Fair

DATES: APRIL 13-17
LOCATION: INQUIRY CENTER (LIBRARY)

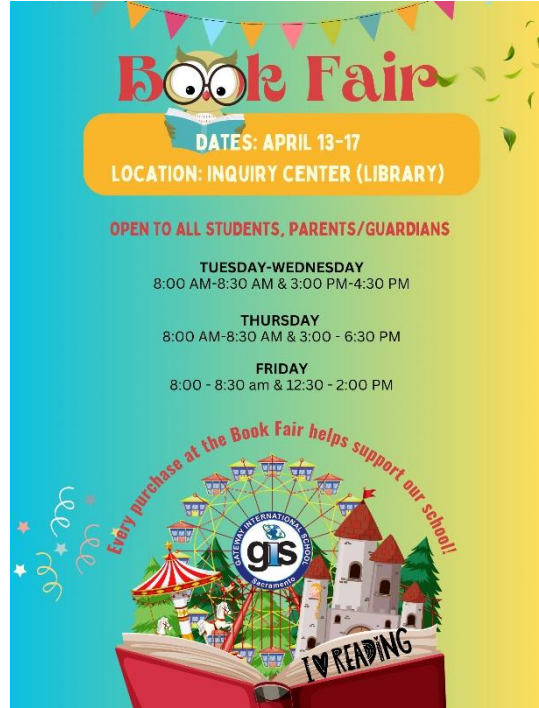
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY
8:00 AM-8:30 AM & 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

THURSDAY
8:00 AM-8:30 AM & 3:00 - 6:30 PM

FRIDAY
8:00 - 8:30 am & 12:30 - 2:00 PM

Every purchase at the Book Fair helps support our school!



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GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Jog-A-Thon starts on Monday!

Our annual Jog-A-Thon is happening next week, and we invite families to support our students and school.

Dates:

- **Monday, April 13** – MYP Students
- **Tuesday, April 14** – PYP Students

Time: During PE classes

The Jog-A-Thon is a fun school tradition that promotes healthy fitness while raising funds for our school. Students run laps on the field, and each lap contributes toward fundraising that supports sports equipment, classroom activities, and school events. This year we are partnering with **Schoolfundr**, allowing families and supporters to donate easily online.

Special Event:

On **Tuesday at 8:45 AM**, we will celebrate the official opening of our new field with a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** attended by our GCC CEO and Superintendent, **Mr. Sample**. Families are warmly invited to attend.

Thank you for supporting our students and school community!

Complete the Registration by April 13th

Gather **20 email addresses** and 5–10 cell phone numbers of adults willing to support your student (family, friends, coworkers, etc.—they can live anywhere).

**Click here to follow the directions
in the Sign-Up Instructions.**

Open House – This Thursday!

We are excited to invite our families to our **Open House on Thursday, April 16**. Please mark your calendars and join us for an evening of celebrating student learning and connecting with our school community.

Upon arrival, families will be asked to **sign in and receive a ticket for one free hot dog (one ticket per person)**. The evening will begin with everyone **gathering in the MPR for the Principal’s presentation**. After the presentation, families will be invited to explore the campus and visit classrooms.

All classrooms will be open ONLY after the presentation and give families a chance to see student learning, meet with teachers, and experience the work happening across our school.

The school will provide **free hot dogs**, and families will also have the opportunity to **purchase snow cones for \$1**.

Families are also invited to visit our **sales booth**, where you can **pre-purchase yearbooks, 8th grade caps and tassels, and the GIS Cookbook**. See the flyer for the details.

In the **IB program**, learning is strongest when schools and families work together. Open House is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate student learning, strengthen communication, and continue building our **caring and collaborative school community**.



OPEN HOUSE
APRIL 16, 2026
5:30–7:00PM

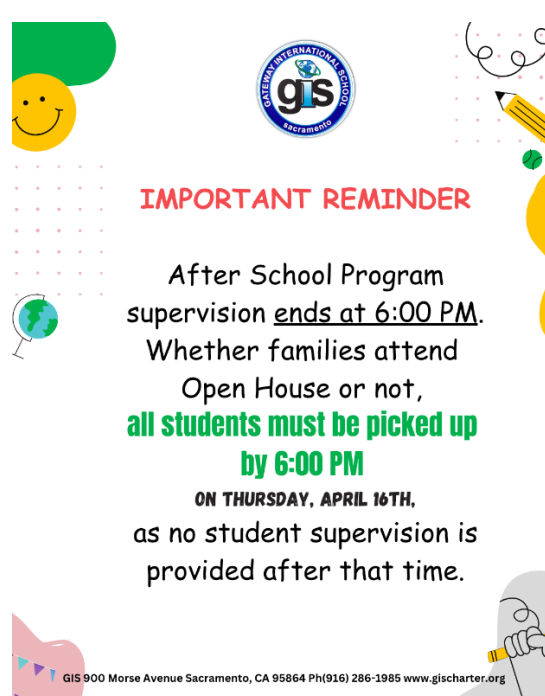
*Start in the MPR
& then Visit Classrooms*

\$1 Snow Cones
FREE Hotdogs

BOOK FAIR
PLACE - LIBRARY
TIME - UNTIL 6:30PM

SALE BOOTH
GIS Cookbook - \$10
Yearbook - \$25
8th Grade Cap & Tassel - \$10

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

After School Program supervision ends at 6:00 PM. Whether families attend Open House or not, **all students must be picked up by 6:00 PM** **ON THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH**, as no student supervision is provided after that time.

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Important Reminders

CAASPP Testing - April 20 - May 1

SSC/DELAC Meeting - May 4

Maker Fair - May 7

MYP Social - May 14

Kindergarten Promotions

Date: **Thursday, May 21st**

Location: **Church, across the street**

- **KA:** 8:45 am - 9:15 am
- **KB:** 9:30 am - 10:00 am
- **KC:** 10:15 am - 10:45 am

5th Grade Promotions

Date: **Friday, May 22nd**

Location: **Church, across the street**

- **5A & 5C:** 9:00 am - 9:45 am
- **5B:** 10:00 am - 10:30 am

8th Grade Promotion

Date: **Wednesday, May 27th**

Location: **GCC Theater 3305 James Way McClellan, CA 95652**

- **Time:** 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

CAASPP Testing – Need 100% Participation! (April 20 – May 1)

CAASPP measures how well students meet grade-level standards in English Language Arts, Math, and Science. We aim for **100% participation**, so your child's attendance and focus are essential.

Please help your child succeed by ensuring they:

- Are present and on time each day
- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat a healthy breakfast

Please avoid scheduling appointments or early dismissals during this testing period if possible.

Together, we can help every student do their best!

Launch

"Every sun has to set, but it shall rise again with a new day." — *Popular Arabic Proverb*

This proverb teaches us resilience—that no matter how hard today's "race" was, tomorrow is a fresh start to learn something new or try a different book.



Contact info

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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