Introducing The Gateway Gazette

What is the Gateway Gazette? This new project, a student-run newspaper, is intended to provide Gateway students with an update on the latest Gateway news. With stories on special events at Gateway, unique classes and lessons, and teacher interviews, we hope to give students in the Lower School an opportunity to share the things they find most interesting at school.

Over the last month, our news team met every Wednesday during lunch to discuss, plan, draft, and edit our articles.

Are you interested in practicing the skills you are learning in Writing class? Want to share what you love about Gateway with other students? Please let your Homeroom teacher know so they can contact Ms. Lincoln and Ms. Smith about getting involved in the Gateway Gazette!

Happy Reading!!

Halloween in the Lower School
By Phia D.

Halloween is a very fun day in the Lower School. We went trick-or-treating to get toys from Dr. Brockhausen’s office, the front desk, the business office, and admissions. Some toys we got were fake spiders, spinners, glow sticks, and mini monster toys. Although we couldn’t wear a costume, we wore fun hats. One student in the class made his own hat! My class got to watch “Room on the Broom” while eating fun and healthy snacks. I can’t wait for next year’s Halloween celebrations!
Getting to Know: Mrs. Messler

For our very first Teacher Interview, The Gateway Gazette team voted to interview Mrs. Messler, the Director of Curriculum. Read on to learn more about Mrs. Messler!

Gateway Gazette (GG): When did you start working at Gateway?

Mrs. Messler (Mrs. M): I started working at Gateway in September 2006.

GG: What was your first job at Gateway?

Mrs. M: I helped the oldest kids. I helped parents pick the next school for their kids. It’s called examinations, and I would help them pick a Middle School.

GG: What was your job before Gateway?

Mrs. M: Right before Gateway, I worked at a high school. I was a middle school and high school teacher.

GG: What do you do at Gateway?

Mrs. M: I am the Director of Curriculum. I help decide what the kids learn.

GG: So what does that mean?

Mrs. M: I tell teachers the topics to teach and how fast they should go. I also help with field trips. I help figure out what to change each year for science and social studies.

GG: Did you make any changes recently?

Mrs. M: For a lot of years, we studied ponds. We learned about who lives in ponds, what animals live around ponds, and about the pond environment. One change I made is helping the kids learn about ponds by visiting a real pond at the Harlem Meer in Central Park.

GG: Where did you go to college?

Mrs. M: I went to SUNY Plattsburgh.

GG: What was your favorite class as a student?

Mrs. M: My favorite class was art. I like to do art projects and I love to paint. I love to see what Mr. Mattias is doing in his art classes at Gateway.

Movement Class

By Lucy P.

Do you want to know why Movement is such a great period? Movement is such a great class because you can run around and play fun games. In Movement, Ms. Walton and Ms. V teach us different dances. Every Monday, my class (608) goes to the park with Ms. Walton. Movement is a great period because you can move your body and learn dance poses while listening to songs.
Sports Update
By Elliot F.

On Thursday, November 1st, our sports-writer, Elliot F. (EF), asked Mr. Perez some questions about Gateway’s sports teams. Did you know that Gateway has one soccer team, two basketball teams, and one softball team for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders?

**EF: When did Gateway start having sports teams?**
Mr. P: That’s a great question. In 2009, we had our first sports team. In the library, there’s a big trophy that lists every kid’s name that was on our 2009 soccer team.

**EF: Can you tell us how the soccer team has been doing?**
Mr. P: This season, the league that we are in is very competitive. We made it to the semi-finals, but just lost the semi-final game. It was our second year in a row making it to the semi-finals. We have 3 games left to finish out the season.

**EF: When is your next game?**
Mr. P: Our next game is next Thursday, November 8th. I believe we’re playing Stephen Gaynor.

**EF: How many kids play at one time? Do you have a lot of subs?**
Mr. P: 11 players are on the field at a time. So, with 14 kids on the team we have 3 subs. But sometimes, if kids have other after school activities, we actually don’t have any subs!

**EF: Do the players play all of the positions?**
Mr. P: I like for the kids to try a mix of positions. However, the 8th graders have the most experience, so we usually keep them at one position. It is important to have a strong defense on our team – it doesn’t matter what grade they’re in. It’s like making a puzzle fit together to figure out which position works best.

**EF: Who plays on the Gateway soccer team?**
Mr. P: We have 14 kids on the soccer team. In the 8th grade, we have Harrison V., Jamie C., Arthur T., and Theo S. For 7th grade, we have Josh B., Nick B., Ava P., Kyle R., and John T. The 6th graders on the team are Drew G., Aviv H., Nicolas S., Nick S., and Ben U.

**EF: What size field do you play on?**
Mr. P: Our home field at DeWitt Clinton Park is a full-size field – 110 yards long and 60 feet wide. However, some of the schools we play against have smaller fields that might only be half of that size.

Spilled the Beans
Illustration by Calvin S.

The literal meaning of the phrase “spill the beans”, or what the words say, is that you knocked over a can of beans.

However, the figurative, or “real” meaning of “spill the beans” is to reveal a secret or ruin a surprise—like spoiling the end of a movie!
Do you want to know all of the interesting things we did at the Harlem Meer? If you do, keep reading!

Classes 608, 615, 609, and 619 traveled to Central Park in a school bus to visit the Harlem Meer, a pond in the park. The Urban Park Rangers, Matt, Jim, and Dan, took us on a tour of the Meer. At the Meer, we did water-testing to check for pollution, and oxygen. We got to search the floor of the stream using a net to pick up living things like larva and bugs. We put our findings in a bucket to observe them.

There you have it! That is what we did at the Harlem Meer!

The Full Scoop on the Gateway Lion
By Benjamin H.

Have you ever wondered how the Gateway Lion came to be? I asked three Gateway teachers and three Gateway students why they think Gateway picked the Lion for their mascot. Then, I asked Ms. Salzman for the real answer. Read on to find out!

BH: Why did Gateway pick a lion for their mascot?

Mrs. Childers: I think Gateway picked the lion because they are strong.

Ms. Abrams: Who ever made the school liked lions and wanted a lion for a mascot.

Ms. Lincoln: I think they let students vote on an animal, and the lion was chosen.

Ms. Salzman: When Gateway moved to its building on 14th Street and 2nd Ave, one of the trustees responsible for renovating the building walked past two statues he thought the students would love. They were lions. Years later, when Gateway started a program that would become the Middle School, they needed a mascot for their sports team. The students voted, and everyone wanted to be a lion.

Harlem Meer Field Trip
By Ally A. and Elliot F.

Frogs and Toads
By Elle P.

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While my class was at the Harlem Meer, we went frog fishing. Did you know that frogs and toads are in danger? They are in danger because people are throwing things in the water. When they throw things in the water it comes together and starts to pollute their environment. The frogs and toads get really sick and they can die. You can help the frogs and toads by making sure not to throw things into the water.