Gateway’s Renovations
By Benjamin H.

Have you noticed all of the beautiful new spaces at Gateway? Read on to find out more about the renovations.

There have been changes to many areas of The Gateway School. On the Plaza Level, there are new classrooms, a new music room, Great Room, Grandstand, and some more offices. On the 5th Floor, there are new offices for Ms. Seidel and Ms. Ironside, new classrooms, a teacher workspace and more lockers. But did you know there are more renovations to be done?

I spoke with Ms. Salzman to find out about future renovation projects. Ms. Salzman told me that “there are two types of work that will go on between now and the end of March. First, between now and the Winter Holiday, we will finish the renovation. Big lights will be mounted in the Lobby ceiling, shelving and some more lockers will be installed around the school, more office and classroom furniture will arrive. We will even get a new big couch for the Lobby and we will install ‘branding’ on the Lobby wall!”

At first, I was disappointed about the removal of the 6th Floor green benches. Then I learned that there are more 5th graders this year and they all need lockers.

I’d like to give a special thanks to Ms. Salzman for meeting with me and sharing lots of information about the renovations.

Lower School students enjoying lunch in the Great Room

Ms. Salzman and I both miss the benches, but they might add some near Mrs. Lico’s office on the Plaza Level in the future.

A fun fact I learned about the Plaza Level is that the hallways will be named after important Gateway figures, such as our founders Claire Flom and Dr. Freidus, Dr. Sherwood, a Director for 25 years, and Toby Pulanco, a Gateway teacher for many years.

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Getting to Know: Ms. Klein

For the first Teacher Interview of the 2019-2020 school year, The Gateway Gazette team voted to interview Ms. Klein! Read on to learn more about her job at Gateway, and her life outside of school!

Gateway Gazette (GG): How many years have you been at Gateway?

Ms. Klein (Ms. K.): This is my third year at Gateway.

GG: How did you find out about Gateway?

Ms. K: When I was in graduate school, Ms. Ironside and Dr. Brockhausen came to my school for a job fair. I met them there and then applied to Gateway.

GG: What do you do at Gateway?

Ms. K: I am one of the teachers in Class 615. I teach reading, writing, math, and the homeroom subjects like Social Studies.

GG: Who have been your homeroom co-teachers?

Ms. K: My first year, I worked with Ms. Soled. Last year, I worked with Ms. Albinder, and this year I work with Ms. Scalcon.

GG: Why did you want to become a teacher?

Ms. K: I love working with kids and wanted to help them learn.

GG: What was your job before Gateway?

Ms. K: I worked at a school in Rye.

GG: What is your favorite subject to teach?

Ms. K: Math!

GG: What do you like best about working at Gateway?

Ms. K: I love watching the kids learn and learning from my coworkers.

GG: Where did you grow up?

Ms. K: I grew up in Westchester County.

GG: Where did you go to college?

Ms. K: I went to Penn State University.

GG: What is your favorite food?

Ms. K: Bagels!

GG: Where is your favorite place to eat lunch in NYC?

Ms. K: A deli called Faicco’s. It is in the West Village.

GG: When is your birthday?

Ms. K: My birthday is February 18th.

GG: What is your favorite color?

Ms. K: Green

GG: What is your lucky number?

Ms. K: If I had to pick...I’d say 8.

GG: What were you for Halloween this year?

Ms. K: I was a pink crayon.

GG: What is your favorite piece of clothing in your closet?

Ms. K: I love all of my sweatshirts because I love to be comfortable.

GG: Do you have any siblings?

Ms. K: Yes, I have an older sister and a younger brother.

GG: What do you do on the weekends?

Ms. K: I hang out with my family and friends and relax.
Lunch Survey
By Robby P. and Kees S.

We surveyed four Lower School classes, Class 615, 616, 618, and 619, to find out what kids think of the lunch program. We asked the following questions: 1. What is your favorite lunch? 2. Do you drink water or milk? 3. Do you like the fruit? 4. Do you think we should get dessert? 5. Should we get to flip our water bottles? and 6. Do you like the lunch program overall? As seen in the chart, more students drink water than milk. Not surprisingly, most students think that we should get dessert with our lunch. We got a variety of responses for the question “What is your favorite lunch?” The lunch with the most votes was pasta, and the lunch with the second most votes was pizza. Other lunches that were voted in were: French toast bagel, sushi, mac-and-cheese, salmon, lasagna, and chicken nuggets. Our favorite lunches are pasta (Robby) and sushi (Kees). We were surprised that 2 students didn’t think we should get dessert with our lunch! We hope students enjoyed completing our survey!

Bop-It Tournament
By Isla S. and Madelynn D.

Recently, Classes 616 and 615 had a big Bop It tournament. The 615 kids that participated were Madelynn, Elliot, Aziz, and Ilan. The 616 kids were Isla, Alexandra, Jack, Ben, and Robby. We stood in a circle to play. No one played against each other. We would try to beat Bop It and then pass it to the next player. We all clapped when someone got out. It was hard to focus when someone was talking. At the end of the tournament, there was no winner. After we beat Bop It twice, we ended the tournament. I (Isla) liked the Bop It tournament because we got to spend time with each other. My (Madelynn’s) favorite part was when we would get a new high score. Everyone was excited when we beat Bop-It.
On November 18th, 2019, Faaris A. interviewed Mr. Perez to find out about the fall sports season at Gateway!

**Faaris A. (FA):** When did Gateway’s sports program begin?

Mr. Perez: *In the 2009-2010 School year. There is a trophy to commemorate the first year of Gateway’s sports program. You can find it in the library.*

**FA:** What sports are offered at Gateway in the Fall?

Mr. Perez: *We offer co-ed soccer in the fall. In the winter, we have a girl’s 6th-8th grade basketball team, a boy’s varsity team and a boy’s junior varsity team. In the spring, we offer co-ed softball.*

**FA:** Who are the coaches?

Mr. Perez: *For soccer, Mr. Cruz and I are the coaches. Mr. Hyatt and Ms. Burkhardt are the girl’s basketball coaches. Mr. Cruz and I are the boy’s varsity coaches. Mr. Pena and Mr. Casey are the boy’s junior varsity coaches. For softball, Mr. Cruz and I are the coaches.*

**FA:** Which grades can join the sports teams?

Mr. Perez: *Middle school sports start in 6th grade.*

**FA:** How did the soccer team do this season?

Mr. Perez: *The season just ended– we won the last game! We were a very young team with 11 6th graders so the focus of this season was to improve our skills and get experience!*

**FA:** How many soccer games did you have this season?

Mr. Perez: *We had 8 games this season.*

**FA:** Who played on the soccer team?

Mr. Perez: *From the 6th grade, we had Frederick K., Ari B., Maor P., Hannah W., Sasha S., Alessandro M., Alex L., Gur P., Alejandro G., Theo D., Ryder M., Seun R., and Christopher M.. From the 7th grade, we had Benjamin U., Nicolas S., Aviv H., and Nick S. From the 8th grade, we had Nick B. and Josh B.*

**FA:** When were the games played?

Mr. Perez: *We had about 1 game per week after school.*

**FA:** Where were the games played?

Mr. Perez: *We played a lot of games in Brooklyn. Our home field is Dewitt Clinton Park.*

**FA:** When does basketball start?

Mr. Perez: *Today (November 18th) is actually the first day of basketball practice!*

**FA:** When will softball start?

Mr. Perez: *It will start when we return from spring break in April.*
Did you know that the whole Lower School took a trip to a different state? On Monday, October 7th, we traveled to High Exposure in New Jersey. We took busses to get there. At High Exposure, we were able to go rock climbing and complete many different obstacle courses. While we tried the different activities, we practiced our community leadership skills. The four community leadership skills are resilience, flexibility, cooperation, and empathy. My (Nicholas’) favorite part was the rock climbing. My (Bea’s) favorite part was when we came back from High Exposure and got to spend time with our class watching a movie. Overall, Community Leadership Day was so fun! We hope we can go back next year!

Check out some pictures from Community Leadership Day.
Have you ever wondered which months and holidays students like best? I came up with three questions: 1. What is your favorite month? 2. What is your favorite day in that month? and 3. What is your favorite holiday? Then, I distributed these questions in a survey to my classmates in Class 619. We found out that Christmas was the most liked holiday. Christmas got 8 votes, Halloween got 2 votes, and Easter got 1 vote. I was surprised that kids picked December as their favorite month. I expected kids to pick October because of Halloween. I also didn’t expect April to get so many votes. I would be interested to see how other Gateway classes would respond to this survey!

**Idiom Comic**
Illustration by Bea D.

**Idiom: Green With Envy**

**Literal Meaning:** A person has a green body!

**Figurative Meaning:** If you are “green with envy,” you really want what someone else has or want to do something that another person is doing.
Halloween in the Lower School
By Robby P.

On Thursday, October 31st, the Lower School celebrated Halloween! Everyone spent some time in the Movement Room, where there were 4 stations set up. The stations were mini-bowling, toilet paper mummies, hacky sack toss, and a ring toss. We also went trick-or-treating. We stopped at the different offices, such as Dr. Feiden’s office, Dr. Brockhausen’s office, the Admissions office, and the Front Desk with Ms. Concepcion and Ms. Garcia. Each person gave out treats like snap bracelets, sticky hands, stickers, pencils, skull pencil toppers, and plastic spider rings. In our homeroom classes, we decorated paper bags to use for trick-or-treating. Last, we each decorated our own mini pumpkin. My favorite part was probably the toilet paper mummy. Class 616 turned Ms. Buchwald into a toilet paper mummy. Next year, hopefully we will do all of these activities and maybe an extra activity for Halloween!

All About Candy
By Faaris A., Nicholas P., and Bea D.

After Halloween, we surveyed students in the oldest classes of the Lower School including classes 620, 619, 618, 616, and 615 to find out about their Halloween candy preferences. We asked the students what candy is their favorite, what candy is their least favorite, and how many pieces of candy they received. After looking at the results, here is what we found out: The most popular candies were Hershey’s and Twix, tying for 1st place with 6 votes each. Other popular votes for favorite candy were KitKats, Nerds, and MilkyWay. One candy that stood out as a surprising vote was candy canes! We were surprised by that vote since it is almost Christmas time but not Christmas yet. For least favorite candies, the candy that was voted least favorite of all was lollipops. In second place for least favorite candy were KitKats and Reeses, tying with 3 votes each. The final question we asked was how many pieces of candy the students received. Most students reported that they received about 100 pieces of candy, however, the lowest amount reported was 16 and the highest amount reported was over 1,000 pieces! Now that’s impressive! In conclusion, we found out Gateway students like many different types of candies, but Hershey’s and Twix were the overall winners!
Coming Soon: A Mystery Series  
**By Olivier K. and Benjamin H.**

Coming soon to The Gateway Gazette: a series of mystery adventures. We are working on creating our own characters, setting, problems and solutions for our own story. We are planning to feature a chapter each issue. Stay tuned!

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**The 615 Expedition: A Summary**  
**By Faaris A.**  
**Illustration By Sam E.**

Did you know that Class 615 made their own book? Well, this book is called *The 615 Expedition*. It is a story about Ms. Klein getting taken by a gorilla and our class has to find her. The class goes through many obstacles and fights to get back their teacher. This book is amazing! You can find it in room 615 if you would like to take a look!

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Congratulations to the Recipients of the LS Community Leadership Badges

- **Anna**, Class 623, **Isla**, Class 616
- **Ilan**, Class 615, **Cecily**, Class 621