



## **Principal's Quote:**

"Intelligence plus character--  
that is the goal of true  
education."

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## **Upcoming Events** by R. Strozier, LA Teacher

Sept. 21-25	FFEA School Supply Donation Drive
Sept. 21-24	PTSA Promenade Fundraiser
Sept. 22	Interims
Sept. 22	Home soccer game @ 4pm
Sept. 23	SAC/SAF Meeting @ 4:15 pm
Sept. 24	Early Release
Sept. 30	FCAT Success Night @ 6:00 pm

## **Curriculum Highlight** by A. Tyghter, Social Studies Chair/Interim 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Administrator

Written by Nancy Castellon, ESE Department Chair

### **What is Autism?**

Autism is a developmental disability that appears during the first three years of life. It's a neurological disorder that affects the functioning of the brain. Autism is more prevalent in boys than in girls. Autism impacts the areas of socialization and communication.

The biggest challenges are verbal and non-verbal communication, social interaction and leisure activities. Individuals may exhibit repeated body movements, unusual responses to people, little or no eye contact, attachments to people and resistance or even refusal to change. Routine is very important to these individuals.

### **Current Issues with Autism**

The categories for Autism Spectrum Disorder are growing fast, and the challenges are even higher. In the U.S. alone, 166 out of 500 children have been diagnosed with Autism.

There is no exact cause. However, there are several theories that are associated to this neurological disorder. These theories include: environmental factors (i.e. pesticides, hormone imbalance, infections, mercury in vaccines), and genetics.

How is Autism treated? So far, the educational approach consists of addressing behavior and communication through applied behavior analysis. Another approach includes biomedical and dietary treatment.

## **BOOK REVIEW** by D. Talamas, Reading Coach



NOVEL: **Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment**

AUTHOR: James Patterson

Glades Middle School is participating in a school-wide Read Aloud this first quarter. The novel chosen is, **Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment**. It was a #1 New York Times Bestseller for 12 straight weeks!

Six Unforgettable kids – with no families, no homes – are running for their lives. Max Ride and her best friends are products of an experiment: *they were engineered to fly*, and that's just the beginning of their amazing powers. Now they've escaped, and they need to know who made them, who's hunting them, and why they were designed to be superior to all other humans. Author, James Patterson, mixes adventure, mystery, and suspense in this must read book that will captivate readers of all ages. So, "Buckle up. This is a ride that starts fast and gets faster."

## Partnerships/PTSA News

By D. Thomas, Math Teacher & S. Campbell, ESE Teacher

### Message from PTSA:

We are busy at work with the Membership Drive and the Promenade Around the Park Fundraiser. If you have not joined PTSA, one member is \$5.00 and a family of four is \$15.00 (for the family of four you will receive a GMS Calendar Planner). The Promenade Around the Park is scheduled for Oct. 9th. Students can turn in memberships and fundraiser envelopes to their first period teachers.

**The Promenade fundraiser has been extended until Thursday, 9/24. Students have until 9/24 to turn their envelopes into their first hour teacher.**

If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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PTSA President  
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## Guidance Corner "SUCCESS TIPS"

S. Mignott, Reading Teacher & D. Sanders, Guidance Director

Our vision at GMS is "*Pioneering a Community of Excellence*"! We want all of our students to **Strive For The Best And Be The Best!** All of our teachers provide students with curriculum rich in rigor and relevance with the sole purpose of increasing student achievement and confidence in oneself. Below is a list of academic and personal tips to reinforce our vision:

- ✓ Come to class on time prepared to embark on a new learning journey with an open mind, positive attitude, and willingness to participate
- ✓ Know your teachers expectations of you and the expectations you have for yourself
- ✓ Ask questions if you are not sure of something or you simply do not understand; if you do not ask you will never know the answer
- ✓ Listen to all the directions, explanations, and advice
- ✓ Get involved in school sponsored clubs and activities

## Club News By J. Vanlandegend, Science Teacher & B. Ruyman, Social Studies Teacher

The Florida Future Educators of America is currently having a School Supply Drive for needy children and this will last until September 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have any donations, please have your child deliver their supplies to their homeroom teacher. The homeroom with the most supplies will win a prize. If you have any further questions please contact Ms. Lowe or Mr. A. Fernandez, FFEA club sponsors.



**Spotlight on Students** By B. Taylor, Language Arts Chair & C. Lindo, Math Teacher

**Thank you to the following students who turned in valuable missing items into the office:**

**Nyah Martin, Kristen Miles, and Jordyn Fitch**

**Congratulations to the following students selected for Cougar Character! This month's theme is *Cooperation*.**

**6th Grade:**

A – Madison Benitez  
B – Fridjy Dessources  
C – Armani Burnside  
D – Kali Hazera  
E – Olivia Sipe  
P - Jada McClendon

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

A – Emily Tyler  
B – Raquel Rivera  
C – Justin Oliva  
D – Michelle Montesdeoca  
E – Winnie Hu  
F - Marsha Campblin  
P - Danielle Steinlauf  
Calvin Alexander  
Michael Marazzo

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

A – Alexis Pajote  
B – Avery Jackson  
C – Katherine Diaz  
D – Lilian Garrido  
E – Brittany Abecassis  
F - Amanda Donaldson  
P - Sophia Guinazu