

THE ROOST REPORTER

The Newsletter of Record for Sixth Grade

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Collaboration and Crew



It seems that students at GCCS do more things together than they do independently, but developing skills that promote listening, inclusion, and facilitation are a vital part of living in 21st century society. Our school has always believed that diversity makes us stronger – diversity in backgrounds, ideas, and beliefs – and that the work it requires to build empathy, understanding, and collaboration is worth the investment of time. Our Advisory work around identity is providing students an opportunity to celebrate uniqueness while also finding common ground with peers. We all have a role to play in creating a collaborative culture and community, whether at GCCS, in the city of Rochester, or across America.

Mix It Up at Lunch Day A Hit!

With sixth-graders tapped to be leaders and facilitators, GCCS joined hundreds of schools around the country in Mix It Up at Lunch Day this week. On Wednesday, kids from each classroom ate lunch together and got to hear what's happening in our seven different grade levels. We began the conversation grounded in our school's character traits and shared how we were being guardians of a particular trait in our classroom. Students then shared about their exhibitions, field studies and the conversations took their natural course and kids talked about recess, music, favorite foods and games. We received many compliments about how well 6th graders did as table leaders and kids are looking forward to trying this again.



Simon Says...

- ✓ **Grocery Run** – Volunteers still needed to help with the water table for the East Ave Grocery Run, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, from 7:30 – 9:45 a.m. Email teachers if you are in!
- ✓ **DEAR Letters** – students have had LOTS of time in class to work on these but they most likely will need to be finished as part of home learning. Check in with your 6th grader about this task. It's not the kind of thing you can crank out in 20 minutes!
- ✓ **Book Orders**– November Scholastic orders are due Nov. 7th. If any books are being ordered as gifts for students, give us a head's up so we can hold them for you!
- ✓ **Remember!** – Sixth grade is hosting the Family Association Potluck Friday, December 14th!

Chickens Ahoy!



One of our favorite 6th grade activities made its debut this week – the chicken chuck. We greet each other with our class mascot, Simon (his twin, Garfunkel, will make an appearance later). The lack of carpet this year makes it tricky, but the kids figured it out and we will work on accuracy in our aim as the year moves on. Other sixth-grade traditions coming soon include our conversation around service, Passage and of course, Four Cities. We will announce destinations on Wednesday, October 31st (trick of treat, indeed!).

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