

# FEBRUARY - MARCH 2015 NEWS

GASKILL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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- A/B Day Calendar
- Menus
- Year Book Order Form
- ELA/Math Interest Form

## FROM THE DESK OF MR. BRADLEY, PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Believe it or not, we have less than 100 days left until the end of the school year. I have emphasized to our faculty that each student is a work in progress and we are helping them to reach their potential.

I have stressed to our faculty and staff the importance of doing our best and utilizing the time to do everything we can instructionally to help Gaskill students be successful.

As we begin the new year, I will meet with all students to stress the importance of staying focused, academics, working hard and doing their best as we move closer to the end of the school year.

Parents, I need your help as we begin the second half of the school year to emphasize to your son or daughter the importance of attending school, working hard, doing homework and doing their very best everyday!

Please help us to help your children be successful in every way possible.

Our character traits are **Integrity** for February (African-American History Month) and **Perseverance** (Diligence) for March (Women’s History Month).

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on **Wednesday, February 25, 2015**. Conference information and request sheets have been mailed home.

Any parents interested in joining our Parent Group, please mark your calendars for upcoming meetings on February 23rd and March 16th at 6:30PM. I hope to see you.

In closing, I applaud you for doing a great job as parents—juggling work, home and raising your families. Our Gaskill students demonstrate good character traits everyday due to your commitment!

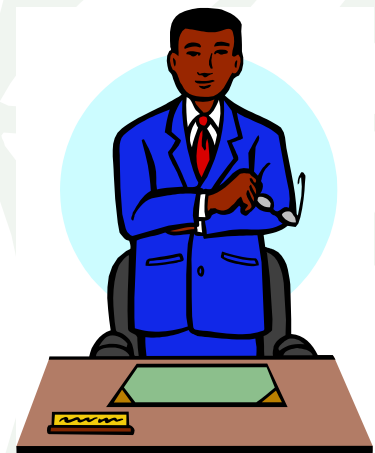
Best regards,

Mr. Robert Bradley, Jr., Principal

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Please use the link from the front of the District Webpage (Parent Portal is Here). The link is <https://nfschools.powerschool.com/public/home.html>



# SOME REMINDERS!!

- SCHOOL BEGINS AT 7:30 A.M. Make sure your child arrives on time.
- SCHOOL ENDS AT 2:30 P.M. Buses are on the Forest Ave. side so pick up your child in front or on Independence.
- DO NOT BRING IN FAST FOODS FOR LUNCHES. SCHOOL RULE IS HEALTHY MEALS.
- GIVE YOUR CHILD MESSAGES BEFORE SCHOOL. HAVE A SECRET PLACE FOR THE HOUSE KEY OR LOCATION TO GO IF YOU ARE NOT HOME.
- VISIT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL!



**You e-mail me and I will e-mail you!**

**WE ARE ON THE WEB!  
NFSCHOOLS.NET**

## GASKILL PARENT GROUP

*Happy New Year!*

*Welcome back for 2015 at Gaskill Prep! Our next Parent Group meetings will be held Monday, **February 23rd** and **March 16th** @ 6:30 p.m. Come out and join us in making plans for events for our children.*

*Fundraisers In Progress or Upcoming:*

*Pizza Sales & Bake Sales*

*End of Year Activities*

*Hope you see you at our next meeting. We need your input and want your assistance with school activities.*

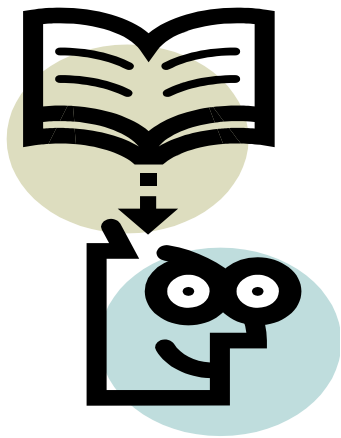
Parent Group Officers

Elvis Nunez, President

Tina Bailor, Vice President

Becky Hedgepeth, Secretary

Doug Collins, Treasurer



## FROM THE DESK OF MRS. ENGLANDER—CLUSTER 8—2

News from the Desk of Mrs. Englander

My foundations classes will be reading Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai.

This unit is aligned to the *Common Core*, and you can find all 564 pages of materials at this web address!

<https://www.engageny.org/sites/default/files/resource/attachments/8mi.pdf>

My CAP classes will be reading A Midsummer's Night's Dream by William Shakespeare.

This unit is aligned to the *Common Core*, and you can find all 760 pages of materials at this web address!

<https://www.engageny.org/resource/grade-8-ela-module-2b-unit-2>

Please ask your children about their school supply situation! Many of the pens and pencils purchased in September are LONG GONE, and many students are coming to class needing to borrow a pen or pencil.

Thanks SO MUCH for all of your help at home! Let's get your babies to ninth grade together!

## FROM THE DESK OF MR. FROMMERT—CLUSTER 8—2

Grade 8 math students will be working on working with radicals and integer exponents, along with investigating patterns of association and bivariate data.

Algebra students will be working on Unit 3 Exponential and Quadratic Relationships. The State Education Department announced that 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra students are now exempt from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade IMA. Look for further info on what your children will do during these 3 days of testing, but it will not be days off. 😞

As always, please feel free to contact me regarding your children, either by phone (278-5820) or by email ([dfrommert@nfschools.net](mailto:dfrommert@nfschools.net)).

### Washington, D.C. info

Spots are still available for the trip!

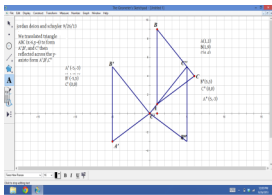
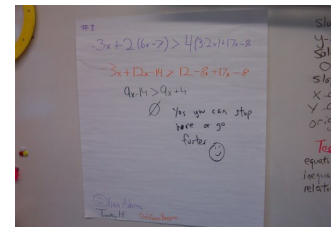
Please remember that in order for your child to remain eligible for the trip, they cannot be suspended from school any day of the school year, and cannot be failing more than 2 courses. Also keep April 30<sup>th</sup> in your calendar marked for our MANDATORY parent/child meeting at 5:30pm. You must be present with your child to stay eligible for the May 13-15<sup>th</sup> trip. As always, please feel free to contact me regarding your children, either by phone (278-5820) or by email ([dfrommert@nfschools.net](mailto:dfrommert@nfschools.net)).

April 30<sup>th</sup>: 5:30pm mandatory parent/child meeting (GPS auditorium)

May 12<sup>th</sup>: 7:30am – 9am luggage check

May 13-15<sup>th</sup>: trip

Are you smarter than your 8<sup>th</sup> grader? Here is some work that has been completed? Any ideas how is it was done? Ask your children about it!



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## FROM THE COUNSELING CORNER—MRS. MECCA & MR. ZAFUTO

From the Counseling Corner.....

Greetings and Happy New Year from the Student Service Center. Can you believe we are half way through the academic year? The 20-week report cards have arrived home. How did your child do? Is he or she passing all their academic subjects? The counselors will once again meet individually with any child who is failing one or more subjects. If your child needs some extra academic help, check out the Liberty

Partnership Program ~ ASP 1st period and after school Monday through Thursday, right here at Gaskill. Sometimes, that little extra one on one help is all that is needed to be successful. Check it out.

The counselors will assist the administration in the PRIDE Celebration. PRIDE is our version of BINGO. We invite all the students who have achieved high honors, honors, commendable achievement and perfect attendance to partake

in this fun filled event. Both the students and the teachers really enjoy this celebration.

Just a reminder that the counselors are here to help your child have a successful educational journey through the prep. school years. If there is anything we can do to assist you or your child, please do not hesitate to call us at 278-5820.

Until next time....  
Mrs. A. Mecca & Mr. S. Zafuto Counselors

## ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

- ◆ If your child is absent, please call the GPS attendance line at 286-4200 to report the absence.
- ◆ If your child is absent, an automated telephone call will go out mid-morning. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Main Office at 278-5820.
- ◆ When your child returns to school, a written excuse with the date(s) and reason for the absence is required.
- ◆ Thank you for your continuing support.

## Gaskill Prep Band News

### Gaskill Prep Band News

Congratulations to all of the Gaskill Prep Band members for an excellent performance at the Winter Concert. After a lot of hard work, the band truly displayed their talent. I'm proud of every student for performing to the best of their ability!! I am very excited about the Spring Concert and look forward to performing more challenging pieces of music. Parents, thank you for encouraging your child to practice. Remember, practice 20 minutes every day!!! The overall success of the band depends on each student putting in their best effort.

Congratulations to **Arianna Morales** for making the Junior High All-County band for Bassoon!!!

Mrs. Bordeleau

### Upcoming Events

May 19 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Spring Concert
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	8am-7pm	Darien Lake Music Festival and Competition (more



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES



- We are now into the 2nd half of the school year. Please remember to replenish your child's school supplies as needed. Pencils, pens, loose leaf paper, tissues are a few of the supplies that are used daily in school.

## SOME TIPS ABOUT HOW NOT TO BE LATE TO SCHOOL!

With the Winter weather coming, here are some good tips on how to get to school on time:

- Prepare the clothes you want to wear the night before and have them laid out.
- Go to bed EARLIER!
- Do not sleep with the TV, radio, etc. playing. This will interrupt your good sleep!
- Set your alarm clock to get up 15 minutes earlier.

Have a friend call to make sure you are up on time.

**Put your clock where you have to get out of bed to turn it off.**



## FROM THE NURSE:



New York State requires physicals for all students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade as well as any student that was a new enter from another school district. A doctor's physical done after 9/1/2013 is acceptable. Please send a copy into the clinic. School physicals will begin in February and are done by the district Nurse Practitioner. If you do not want your child to receive a school physical, please call the school nurse with a doctor's appointment date.



There are dates set for spring sport physicals. If your child plans to participate in a spring sport, they need to stop into the clinic and sign up for an appointment ASAP.



For their safety and well being, children who are ill in school should be seen in the clinic. We need to determine the extent of their illness or if they will need to be referred to a doctor. If your child calls or texts you that they are sick and need to go home, please ask them to go to the nurse and we will call you from the clinic. If they are not seen in the clinic, they will need to be signed out through the main office.



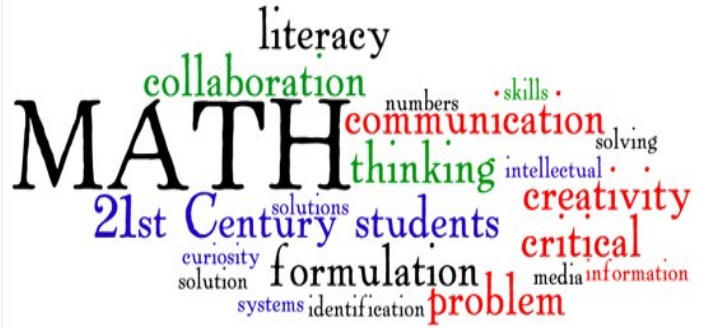
New York State requires screening for vision, hearing and scoliosis be done on all 7<sup>th</sup> graders and scoliosis be checked on all 8<sup>th</sup> graders. If you receive a referral, please have your child seen by their doctor for follow up and return the referral to the school nurse.

The goal in the Health Office is to try to ensure the safety and well being of your child when in school. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

**Phone: 278-5826**

**Fax: 278-5829**





## ELA and MATH PARENT NIGHT

Are you interested in learning more about ELA and Math???

We would like to know how many parents are interested in attending an ELA and Math Parent Night. The purpose is to help parents understand some strategies to help your son or daughter be successful in ELA and Math.

**Parent Night Date - February 23, 2015**

**6:30 P.M.—7:30 P.M.**

**New York State Testing Dates:**

**ELA—April 14, 15 and 16, 2015**

**Math—April 22, 23 and 24, 2015**

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Please return to Gaskill’s Main Office by February 11, 2015.

I would attend an ELA and Math Parent Night at Gaskill Prep.

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Parent/Guardian Name

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Student Name