



GROWING UP GREEN II
CHARTER SCHOOL

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PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Growing Up Green II Charter Schools: Jamaica,
NY
January General Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 14th
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: [CLICK HERE](#)

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AGENDA

1. Opening & Agenda Review
2. Approval of last month's minutes
3. Emergency Election
4. PTO Financials Treasurer Report
5. Co-Presidents' Report
6. Elementary School Rep Report
7. Middle School Rep Report
8. Old and New Business
9. School Leaders Reports
10. Open Discussion & Closing

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Emergency Election

Co-Secretary Position



PTO Financial Treasurer's Report

January, 2025

- We had a starting account balance of \$3798.57.
- Received a total of \$560.50, via donations and fundraising
- Closed November Account with \$4359.07

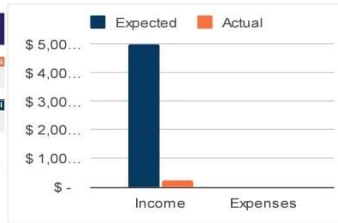


PTO Financial Treasurer's Report cont.

January, 2025

Dashboard			
		Expected	Actual
Income	\$	5,000.00	\$ 235.50
Expenses	\$	-	\$ -

Note: This tab only serves to display your fundraiser's budget. Refrain from modifying this worksheet. To update your data, edit the Income and Expenses tabs.



DoubleGood Popcorn Fundraiser

GUGII PTO	
PTO Treasurer's Report	
Completed by	Charmelle Germain
Report Date	01/03/2025
Opening Balance	
Amount	3788.57
Income Summary	
Categories	Actual Income
Sales (snacks, raffles, etc)	0
Fundraising Proceeds	235.5
Donations	325
Other Sources (If Any)	0
Expenses Summary	
Categories	Actual Expense
Event Costs	0
Supplies	0
Bank Fees	0
Others (If Any)	0
Closing Balance	4359.07
Amount	4359.07
Budget Comparison	
Significant Variances (If Any)	
Areas of Concern or Improvement	While the turnout was appreciated, the final contributions fell short of our goal. We remain deeply grateful for every donation received, no matter the size. We are currently evaluating the event to identify areas for improvement in the future. Thank you again for your ongoing support of our mission.
Notes & Comments	
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Co-President's Report



- Clothing drive link on parent square (REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE).
- Thank you to the families that donated. Donations are still being accepted.
- Thank you to the families that picked up some donations.
- School store is open.
- Use this link to shop our school store [SchoolStore - School Search](#)
- Health insurance infosession on Thursday 1/23/25.
- <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84499360369>

Elementary School Rep Report

- Will be presented by the ES rep Kathleen Leblanc



Middle School Rep Report

Presented by the MS rep Alicia Sledge



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**MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

Jamaica

Old Business

- School Store
- Clothing Drive



New Business

- Looking ahead
 - a. Bingo nights
 - b. Sip and Paint
 - c. Photo Gala's



January School Updates

K-8 School Updates



Advocacy Updates

- Charter Renewal
- Security Guard Funding



K-8 School Updates

2025 Read-a-Thon

- Jan 21 - Feb 7th
- Counting Minutes
- Goal: 1 Million Minutes!
- Raising funds for Experiences
- \$30,000
- www.gugcs.org/GUGRead-a-thon

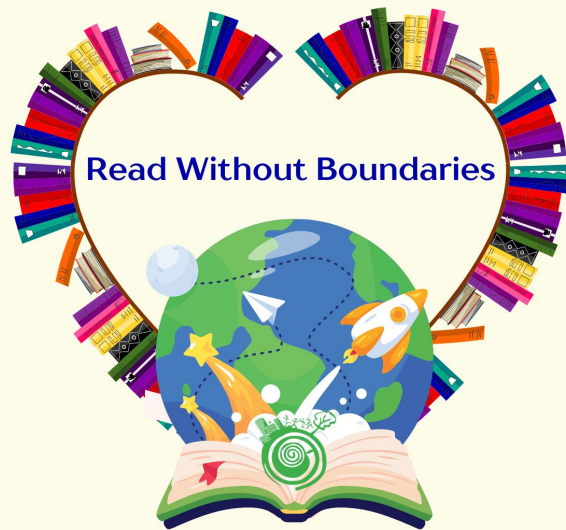
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2025 Read-a-thon!

January 21st - February 7th

Let's read together to help fund the programs that make Growing Up Green so special

More Minutes = More Experiences

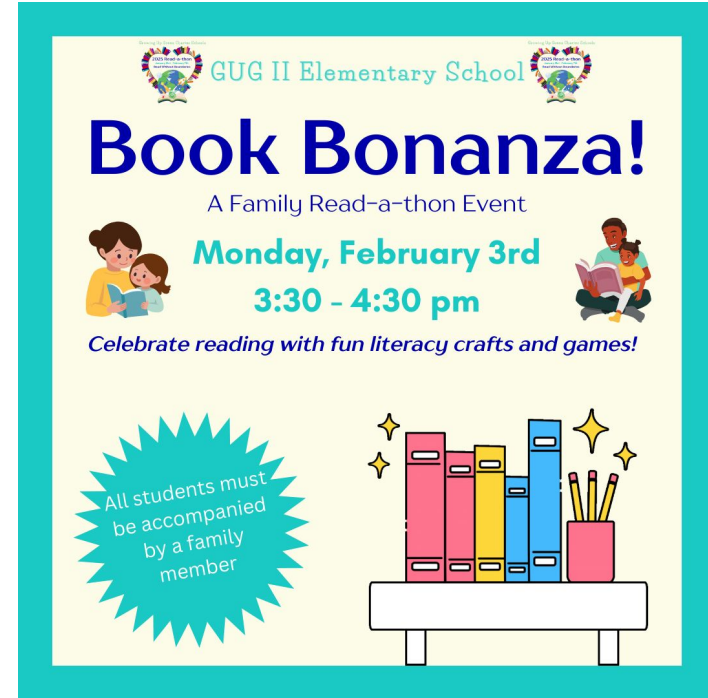


Find the magic in every page of a book
and let your imagination fly!



Elementary School Updates

- Sign up for vision screening Feb. 5th - 6th for 2nd- 4th Gr: [Sign Up](#)
- Lice checks
- F&P Testing
- Put your name in kids winter gear
- 2nd Grade going to Carnegie hall on Friday!
- Bus Bucks
- Events
 - Open gym 1/22
 - 1/23 4th grade field trip to the MS
 - 1/28 - Parent Coffee focused on preparing for Middle School
 - 2/3 from 3:30 - 4:30 - Book Bonanza Literacy Event
 - 3/12 - State Test Workshop



ATTENTION 4TH GRADE!



DO YOU WANT TO BE
THE BEST VERSION
OF YOURSELF??




JOIN GUG ELEMENTARY'S FIRST
EVER SUCCESS SKILLS GROUP!



- ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS
- TIME MANAGEMENT
- MOTIVATION
- MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES
- SETTING GOALS
- GROWTH MINDSET
- PERSEVERANCE
- DEBATING



 GUG II Elementary School

OPEN GYM

Join us at Growing Up Green II Elementary School for a free monthly sports workshop! Each session highlights a new sport, packed with fun, fitness, and skill-building.

JANUARY 22, 2025

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

MARCH 25, 2025

APRIL 10, 2025

MAY 20, 2025

GROWING UP GREEN II ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Coffee & Collaboration Breakfast

4TH GRADE "FLYING INTO FIFTH" ACTIVITIES

Join the ES Leadership Team for a special Q&A session with Ms. Vera, the Middle School Leader, to learn how we celebrate our 4th graders and prepare them for the transition to the GUG II Middle School!



Jan 28th



8-9 AM



Gym

FREE
Breakfast!



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Recent Snapshots at G2 ES






Middle School Updates


- Vision screening- Friday 1/17
- 8th Grade Ice Skating Trip tomorrow 1/15
- 7th Grade going to King Manor and NY Historical Society 1/17 and 1/24
- 5th Grade Alley Pond Park 1/24
- Green Leaders- Began training in Peer Mediation
- Student Council- Soup Kitchen and delivering food donations
- Winter Sports are up and running!
- Last Day of After school Clubs is 1/31, New clubs begin 3/1
- Progress Report #3 will be electronically shared with Families via Alma on 2/4
- Family Teacher Conferences will be held on **February 5th- Remote day for MS** students, Conferences will be student-led (with advisor support)
- 8th Grade Haircuts February 13th




G2 MS Events





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**NAVIGATING SOCIAL MEDIA
WITH YOUR 'TWEEN**

 **Wednesday, Jan 22nd**

 **6 - 7 PM**

 **Zoom Family Workshop**
Check ParentSquare for zoom link

How to support your child

Join us to discuss social media and cell phone use, and the impact on our children.
All GUG II families are welcome!

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**SENIOR SHINE
PICTURE DAY CELEBRATION**

Join us as we celebrate our amazing seniors with a complimentary haircut for picture day.

Haircuts will be provided by  **SupremeHeadCutterz**

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

2:30 - 5:30 PM

Growing Up Green II MS Jamaica
84-35 152nd Street, Jamaica, NY 11432

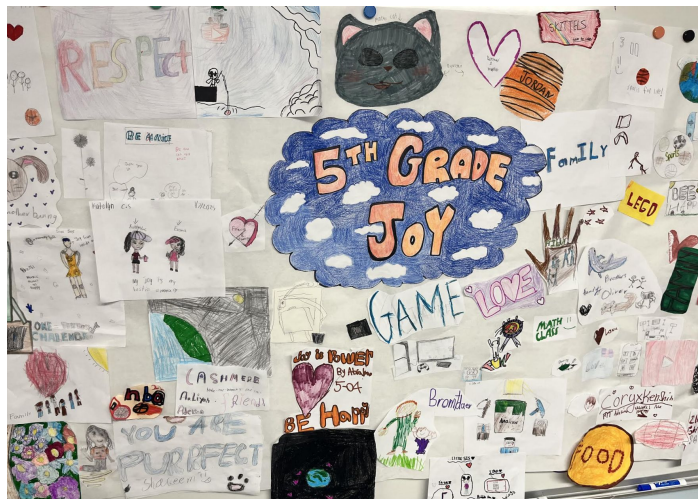
To secure your spot for a complimentary haircut and be part of this exciting day, please RSVP by Friday, February 7, 2025.
Suggested Donation: \$10.
Let's come together to celebrate and support our amazing seniors!

Scan The QR Code: 





Recent Snapshots at G2 MS



ELA at GUG MS2

School Year 2024-2025



5th Grade

Text(s)	Themes/Topics
Seedfolks	Students explore the theme of community through the book <i>Seedfolks</i> , wrestling with how prejudice and racism impact the way people treat each other and the ways in which that can influence a community.
The Breadwinner, I Am Malala, Kids of Kabul	Students explore the Taliban's influence on the Middle East through the lens of human rights in the book <i>The Breadwinner</i> , and practice narrative writing by rewriting scenes from other point of views.
Trash Vortex	Students explore how plastic pollution is choking the world's oceans, and explore a variety of solutions for reducing plastic waste and reducing the amount of plastic that ends up in the ocean.
Witnesses to Freedom, Freedom's Children, Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice, Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom, Selma, Lord, Selma	Young Heroes: Children of the Civil Rights Movement. Students study the Civil Rights Movement through the eyes of the children who experienced its hardships, victories and defeats firsthand by reading and analyzing multiple accounts of the same event.
Return to Sender	Friendship Across Boundaries. Students begin to explore the complexity of immigration and immigrant rights by reading the core text <i>Return to Sender</i> . Through the eyes of two children, <i>Return to Sender</i> highlights the challenges of life for Mexican laborers in Vermont and how stereotypes about undocumented workers are formed.

6th Grade

Text(s)	Themes/Topics
The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963	Students explore the topic of coming of age through the story of an African-American boy growing up during the civil rights era, and his family's strong bond in the face of tragedy.
The Giver	Students explore the topic of "coming of age" through the story of one boy's life in a dystopian future, and his growing understanding that the world around him is not what it appears.
Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina, Assorted Articles/Videos	Expressing Yourself: Women in the Arts. Students explore the topic of coming of age through stories about the experiences of professional female artists of color who have fought to claim their space in a world that has long excluded people who look like them.
The Outsiders	Finding Connection. Students explore the topic of coming of age through the story of a young man struggling to determine right and wrong in a world defined by violence.
Refugee, The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees	Fleeing Conflict. Students explore the topic of "coming of age" through the stories of young refugees from different time periods, all of whom face unthinkable hardships as they desperately seek safety.

7th Grade

Text(s)	Themes/Topics
Assorted Poems, Essays, and Short Stories	Students explore the different ways individuals develop a sense of belonging through a variety of voices, texts, and genres.
Uprising, Flesh & Blood So Cheap	Students explore how meaningful social change comes about through close study of the tragic Triangle Shirtwaist fire and the social history of the early 20th century.
A Raisin in the Sun	Students continue to explore what it means to belong and how race, gender, and class shape a person's identity through the story (play) of an African American family living on the south side of Chicago in the 1950s.
The House on Mango Street	Students explore the American experience through the eyes of a young Latina as she struggles to define herself in relation to her community. <i>The House on Mango Street</i> continues students' year-long study of what it means to be American, as it provides a nuanced picture of the Mexican-American experience, as well as raising questions about what it means to be young and female in America.
American Born Chinese	Students continue their year-long interrogation of the American Dream by reading the acclaimed graphic novel <i>American Born Chinese</i> . The reader follows protagonist Jin, the son of Chinese immigrants, as he navigates the standard experiences of being a young person coming of age in America, as well as the unique challenges of being Asian-American in a predominantly white community. <i>American Born Chinese</i> explores themes around identity, stereotypes, friendship, and self-acceptance.

8th Grade

Text(s)	Themes/Topics
All American Boys	The first 8th-grade unit initiates a year-long exploration of injustice and responses to oppression. In this unit, students will explore issues of racial injustice in the United States. The core text, <i>All American Boys</i> , is a novel that tells the story of two teenage boys—one white and one Black—as they tackle racism and police brutality in their community.
Night, The Diary of Anne Frank	Students explore human nature through the memoir of Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor who vividly describes the horrors he experienced.
To Kill a Mockingbird	Seeking Justice: Students explore human nature through the story of a young white girl facing the harsh realities of racial injustice in the Jim Crow south.
Persepolis	Students explore human nature through the story of a young girl coming of age during the Iranian Revolution, and the challenges she faced during this violent, turbulent time.
An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power, Assorted Texts/Articles	Students will learn about one of the most urgent issues facing the planet today: climate change. While they will undoubtedly be familiar with the basic facts of climate change, this unit aims to provide students with some of the information and analytical tools needed to engage with this complex topic. They will conclude the unit by taking action and writing a persuasive letter to their elected officials, drawing on the texts they have studied throughout the unit.

Questions?

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Open Discussions

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THANK YOU!

Next Meeting on
Tuesday, February 11th

Stay Connected!

We would like to hear from you. Send us questions,
comments and ideas below!

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