



GROWING UP GREEN II
CHARTER SCHOOL

PTO

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Growing Up Green II Charter Schools: Jamaica,
NY

February General Meeting

Wednesday, 2/11

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: [CLICK HERE](#)

AGENDA

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

2025-26 Board

Treasurer: Charmelle Germain

ES Rep: Kathleen LeBlanc

MS Rep: Alicia Sledge

Co-Secretary: Gilles Kathia Pierre (on leave)

Co-Secretary: Lindsay Rouse

Parent Volunteer Coordinator: Tonya Hardy

PTO BOARD MINUTES

December 2025 Meeting Minutes

January 2026 Meeting Minutes

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- The minutes have been shared. Does anyone have any corrections to the minutes?
- Can we have a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes as shared?
- Member #1: "Motion to approve the vote"
- Can we have someone second the motion?
- Member #2: "I second the motion."
- All those in favor of approving the vote, say 'Aye' or "Yes". "All those opposed to approving the vote, say 'Nay' or "No".
- Assembly members vote

[Link to December 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)

[Link to January 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)

PTO Financial Treasurer's Report

Charmelle Germain

GUGII PTO

PTO Treasurer's Report

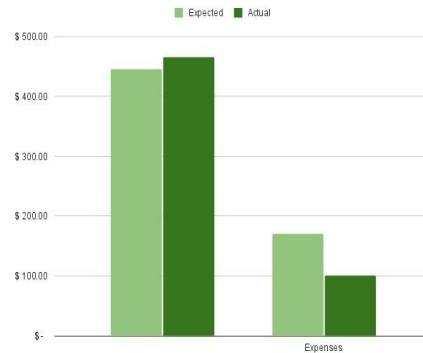
Completed by	Charmelle Germain
Report Date	02/03/2026
Opening Balance	
Amount	4354.15
Income Summary	
Categories	Actual Income
Sales (snacks, raffles, etc)	82
Fundraising Proceeds	310
Donations	
Other Sources (If Any)	
Expenses Summary	
Categories	Actual Expense
Event Costs	50.88
Supplies	
Bank Fees	
Others (If Any)	
Closing Balance	
Amount	4695.27
Budget Comparison	
Significant Variances (If Any)	Please continue to shop the featured merchants (French Toast, Crocs, etc) to earn cashback on purchases.
Areas of Concern or Improvement	
Notes & Comments	
Notes	

PTO Financial Treasurer's Report

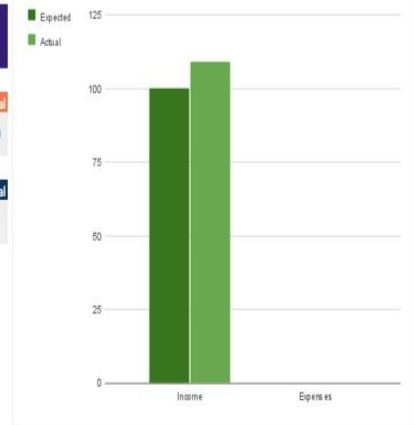
Charmelle Germain

Dashboard			
Income	Expected		Actual
	\$	445.00	\$ 464.80
Expenses	Expected		Actual
	\$	169.99	\$ 100.88

Bingo Night
Jan 23, 2026



Dashboard			
Income	Expected		Actual
	\$	100.00	\$ 109.00
Expenses	Expected		Actual
	\$	-	\$ -



Snack Table
1/13/2026

Elementary School Rep Report

Kathleen LeBlanc

- Legacy Afterschool
- Appeal to DYCD for after school funding letter campaign: [letter template](#)

Middle School Rep Report

Alicia Sledge

- YMCA After School Program - New Programs and Events
- Jamaica YMCA Partnership with Guided Futures
- Jamaica YMCA Summer Day Camp Open Registration
- Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) apply by Feb. 27, 2026

Provides career exploration opportunities and paid work experience.

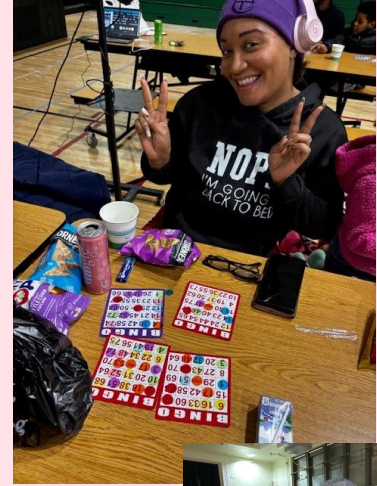
Website: <https://application.nycsyep.com>

Document Library: <https://application.nycsyep.com/DocumentLibrary>

Old Business

- Bridging the Language Gap: slides available in Spanish
- Vacancies for Co-Presidents still need to be filled. If you think you or another Parent will be a good fit, please complete :
[PTO Interest Form](#)
- Bingo Night was a time to be had. We had multiple winners in a few rounds. Even had a final showdown for the Jackpot! Thank you to everyone who came out to show support and the families that donated snacks.

Bingo Night



New Business

- Regal Movie Ticket Bundles has begun. Will continue until Friday 2/27. Show support by purchasing [here](#) or join the team with a [personalized sales page](#) for your learner(s)
- Save the date! We're competing in a 2-day Valentine's fundraising challenge on February 12–13. Every bundle sold helps us climb the leaderboard and earn bonus donations.
- Please follow on socials. Resources and Events are shared. [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

COMMUNITY OUTREACH >>>

CLOTHES FOR THE
FAMILY

**EVERY 3RD
SATURDAY**
from 11am - 2pm

SATURDAY 2/21

Remnant
BOUTIQUE

Grace Gospel Tabernacle
96-09 Springfield Blvd
Queens Village, NY 11429



EVERY
1ST THURSDAY

NOW VIRTUAL!

REGISTER
HERE!



Community Connection Presents
**BONDED
CIRCLE**
MOTHERS GROUP

"JOIN A SUPPORT GROUP FOR LOCAL MOMS TO
CONNECT, SHARE RESOURCES, AND BUILD
LASTING BONDS."

Join us Thursday, February 5th
5:30PM-7:30PM

203-12 Linden Blvd St Albans, NY 11412

OurFec.Org



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
PRESENTS

THE COLLECTIVE

INTERACTIVE TALK FOR WOMEN

WOMEN OF ALL AGES

EVERY LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

LOOKING FOR A SPACE WHERE
YOU CAN FEEL SEEN,
SUPPORTED, AND HEARD?
JOIN US!

A VIRTUAL SPACE

6:00PM-7:30PM
203-12 LINDEN BLVD
ST. ALBANS, NY



Register Here!



VISIT US FOR MORE INFORMATION OURFEC.ORG

STRETCH

Your Dollar\$

Exclusive Digital Money Saving Tips

FREE EVENT Bring your Mobile Phone, Tablet, or Laptop



Register Here

Learn & share tips, tricks & hacks for saving \$\$\$
Everyday saving methods to become financially savvy ✓

Interactive community share conversation ✓

New ways to save in this economy ✓

Thursday
12th February
6:00PM

Community Connection
203-12 Linden Blvd St. Albans, NY

347-308-7762 www.OurFec.Org Fec@Forestdaleinc.org

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Kids Summer Camp

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

FEB 14th

Event Starts 12PM - 2PM

FINDOUT ABOUT DIFFERENT PROGRAMS WHO TO SPEAK WITH & HOW TO APPLY FOR SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS

Get First Hand insights to get yourself prepared for summer because these programs fill up fast.

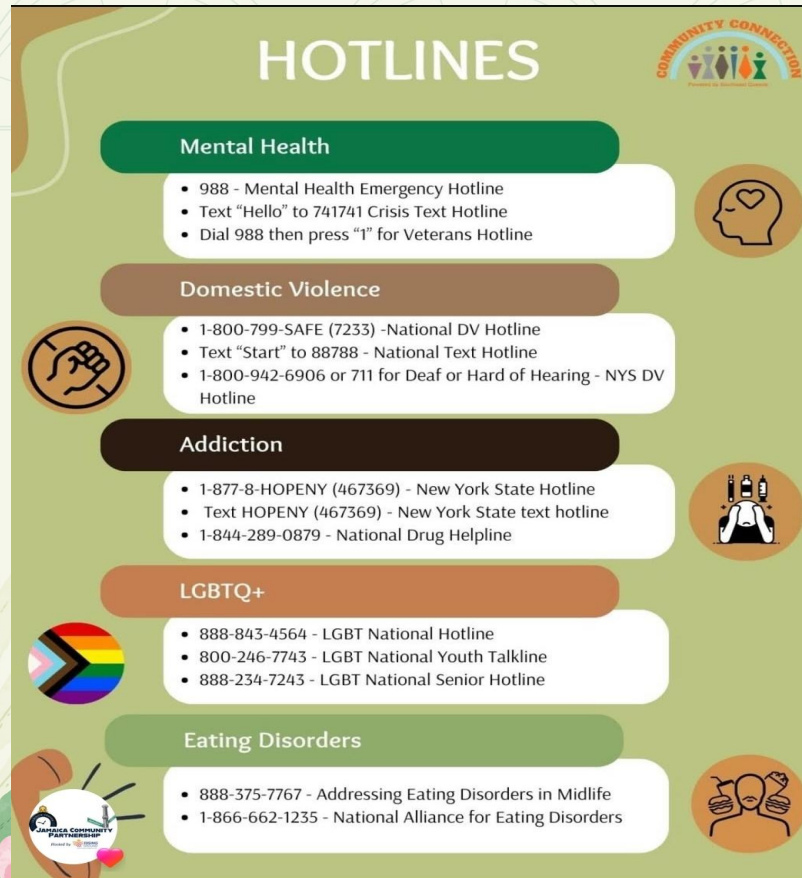
SCAN ME



Community Connection
203-12 Linden Blvd, St Albans

For More Information Contact
347-308-7762

The poster features a vibrant design with a pink and blue background. It includes a QR code labeled 'SCAN ME' and a photo of children playing. The text is bold and colorful, emphasizing the event details and the goal of providing information about summer programs.



HOTLINES

COMMUNITY CONNECTION
Providing for Tomorrow's Success

Mental Health

- 988 - Mental Health Emergency Hotline
- Text "Hello" to 741741 Crisis Text Hotline
- Dial 988 then press "1" for Veterans Hotline

Domestic Violence

- 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) - National DV Hotline
- Text "Start" to 88788 - National Text Hotline
- 1-800-942-6906 or 711 for Deaf or Hard of Hearing - NYS DV Hotline

Addiction

- 1-877-8-HOPENY (467369) - New York State Hotline
- Text HOPENY (467369) - New York State text hotline
- 1-844-289-0879 - National Drug Helpline

LGBTQ+

- 888-843-4564 - LGBT National Hotline
- 800-246-7743 - LGBT National Youth Talkline
- 888-234-7243 - LGBT National Senior Hotline

Eating Disorders

- 888-375-7767 - Addressing Eating Disorders in Midlife
- 1-866-662-1235 - National Alliance for Eating Disorders

The poster has a green background with white and brown text boxes. It features icons for each category: a head with a heart for Mental Health, a fist for Domestic Violence, a person with a bottle for Addiction, a rainbow flag for LGBTQ+, and a person with a fork and knife for Eating Disorders. The Community Connection logo is in the top right corner.



School Leaders' February School Updates



K-8 School Updates

School Closed:

- 2/16-20 Mid-winter Break

Retake Picture Day - Feb 12th

- ALL students in **UNIFORM**
- 8th grade students will also take their Cap & Gown photos (they will wear their uniform under the gown provided by the picture company)

Ramadan Accommodations

- Begins Feb 17th until March 19th
- Complete the form if your child will be observing
- *No School on Mar 20th for Eid*





K-8 School Updates: 2026 School Survey

GROWING UP GREEN CHARTER SCHOOLS



NYC DOE SCHOOL SURVEY

**YOUR VOICE
MATTERS!**

All classes and advisories
with over 90% completion will
win a dress down day and
classroom celebration



Your participation is crucial!
The survey has a direct
impact on our school rating
which compares our school to
other schools in our area and
across the city.



Deadline: March 27th

[NYSchoolSurvey.org](https://nyschoolsurvey.org)



**COMPLETE
ONLINE!**



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NYC DOE ENCUESTA ESCOLAR

**¡TU VOZ
CUENTA!**

Todas las clases y grupos de
tutoría que alcancen más del
90% de finalización ganarán un
día para vestir ropa informal y
una celebración en el aula.



¡Tu participación es crucial!
La encuesta tiene un impacto
directo en nuestra calificación
escolar, que compara nuestra
escuela con otras escuelas en
nuestra área y en toda la ciudad.



Fecha límite: 27 de marzo

[NYSchoolSurvey.org](https://nyschoolsurvey.org)

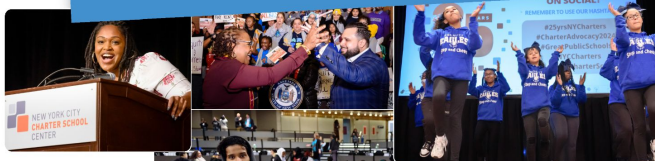
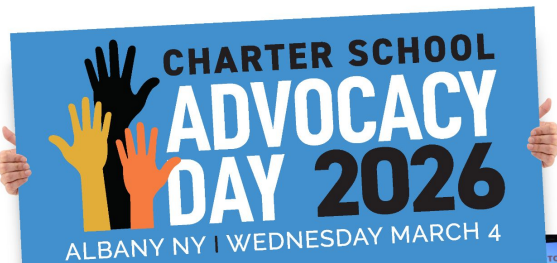


**¡COMPLETO
EN LÍNEA!**





K-8 School Updates: March 4th is Advocacy Day!



Join us as we advocate for the issues that impact your child and their charter school! Travel to New York's capitol on March 4 along with fellow charter school families and school staff to call for equal funding for all charter school students!

Elected officials need to hear from you! Your voice matters!

CHARTER SCHOOL ADVOCACY DAY WILL FEATURE SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS, STUDENT-FRIENDLY ENTERTAINMENT, AND MEETINGS WITH YOUR STATE SENATORS AND ASSEMBLYMEMBERS. TRANSPORTATION & LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

Plan for the Day

- Travel to Albany (Buses will depart near your child's school at approx. 5:30am and return by 5:30pm.)
- Program from the Stage (Speakers/ Elected Officials)
- Small Group Meetings with Elected Officials
- Lunch
- Travel Back to NYC (2:30 - 5:30 PM)



¡Únase a nosotros para defender los temas que afectan a su hijo y a su escuela chárter! Viaje a la capital del estado de Nueva York el 4 de Marzo junto con otras familias y personal de escuelas chárter para exigir igualdad de financiación para todos los estudiantes de estas escuelas.

¡Los funcionarios electos necesitan escuchar su opinión! ¡Su voz importa!

EL DÍA DE PROMOCIÓN DE LAS ESCUELAS CHÁRTER CONTARÁ CON ORADORES INVITADOS ESPECIALES, ENTRETENIMIENTO PARA ESTUDIANTES Y REUNIONES CON SUS SENADORES Y DIPUTADOS ESTATALES. SE PROPORCIONARÁ TRANSPORTE Y ALMUERZO.

Plan del día

- Viaje a Albany (Los autobuses saldrán cerca de la escuela de su hijo/a aproximadamente a las 5:30 a.m. y regresarán a las 5:30 p.m.)
- Programa desde el escenario (Oradores/Funcionarios electos)
- Reuniones en grupos reducidos con funcionarios electos
- Almuerzo
- Regreso a la ciudad de Nueva York (2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)





K-4 NYC Kids Rise Scholarship Program

FREE Scholarship Account - Activate NOW!

- <https://nyckidsrise.org/get-started/activate-account/>
- Family workshops in your language to learn how to activate the account: nyckr.org/events

You Need:

- OSIS #
- Zip Code
- DOB

NYC
KiDS
RiSETM

Joining the Save for College Program is easy!



Eligible children are
automatically enrolled
unless families choose
to opt out.

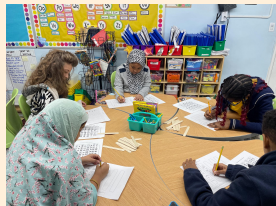


NYC
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Save for College
Program

nyckidsrise.org/eligibility



Elementary School Updates: 3rd Grade



ELA (Fishtank)

- ★ Students are preparing for the upcoming state exams by creating study and test habits with how to take notes on the scrap paper and how to answer questions.
- ★ Students are reading traditional stories and understanding the various lessons that it teaches them.

Math (SFUSD)

- ★ Students are completing their unit on area and perimeter and are beginning their unit on fractions

EdTime

- ★ Students are continuing their unit on Ancient China and learning about the different dynasties as well as learning how to write in Chinese through bamboo art in the Chinese Residency with Miss Carol and Ms. Marooney.

Sustainability/SEL

- ★ Students are understanding what it means to not be wasteful and how to create less of it through recycling and reusing
- ★ Students are learning how to self talk in order to be less distracted as well as practicing different ways to handle their emotions



Upcoming Events: Coffee & Collaboration 2/24

Step Dance Team
will perform!

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Coffee & Collaboration Breakfast
FOCUS: ASSESSMENTS & STUDENT SUPPORT

Join the Elementary School Leadership Team and Dr. Nancy Wong for an overview of GUG's assessment systems. We will also celebrate our Step Team with a special performance and share school updates. All families are welcome!



 **Feb 24th**  **8-9 AM**  **Gym**



FREE Breakfast!

Step Team!

For all things GUG: www.gugcs.org



Upcoming Events: Open Gym 2/26

GUG II Elementary School

OPEN GYM

Join us for a free monthly sports workshop!

Each session highlights a new sport, packed with fun, fitness, and skill-building.

SAVE THE DATES!

January 22nd
February 26th
March 24th
After school 3:30 - 4:30 PM

GUG II Elementary School

GIMNASIO ABIERTO

¡Únase a nosotros para un taller deportivo mensual gratis!

Cada sesión destaca un nuevo deporte, repleto de diversión, aptitud física y desarrollo de habilidades.

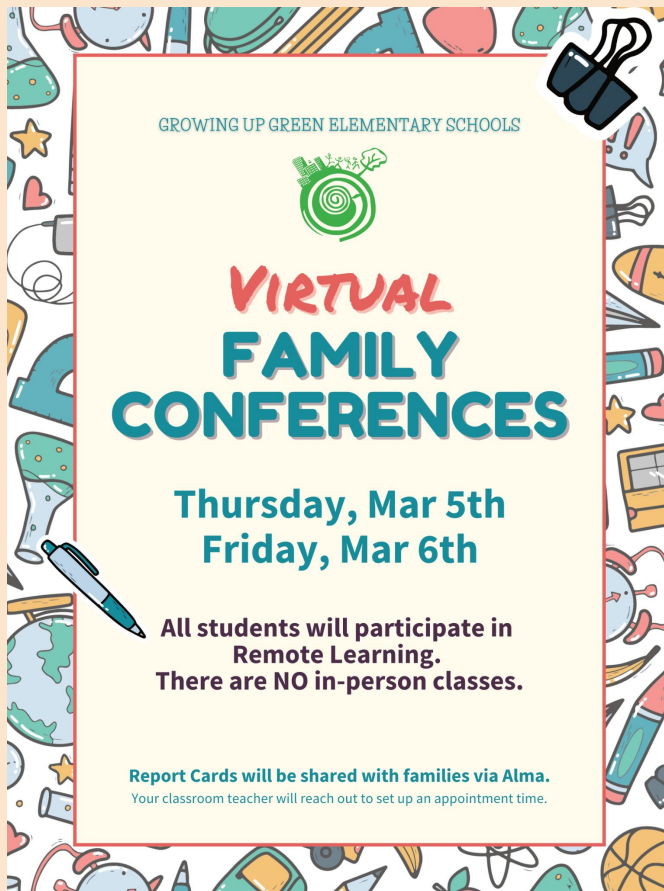
RESERVA LAS FECHAS

22 de enero
26 de febrero
24 de marzo
Después de la escuela, de 3:30 a 4:30 p. m.



Elementary School Family Conferences 3/5 & 6

Please sign up for a chromebook if your child needs one to participate in Remote Learning.



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**VIRTUAL
FAMILY
CONFERENCES**

**Thursday, Mar 5th
Friday, Mar 6th**

**All students will participate in
Remote Learning.
There are NO in-person classes.**

Report Cards will be shared with families via Alma.
Your classroom teacher will reach out to set up an appointment time.



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**CONFERENCIAS
VIRTUALES
CON LAS FAMILIAS**

**jueves 5 de marzo
viernes 6 de marzo**

**Todos los estudiantes
aprenderán desde casa.
NO hay clases presenciales.**

Las tarjetas de calificaciones se compartirán con las familias.
El maestro de su aula se comunicará con usted para programar una cita.



Elementary School State Testing Workshop: 3/11

Dr. Wong will lead this zoom workshop and share tips for supporting your student.

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charter schools
FAMILY WORKSHOP

INTRO TO STATE TESTING

And how to support your child at home

Tuesday, March 10th
6:00 PM
JOIN US ON ZOOM

All Elementary School families are invited!

Learn from our Assessment Team about how you can best support your child and help them prepare.

- What testing looks like at GUGCS
- Why we approach it differently from other schools
- What to expect on testing days
- How to prepare your child
- The importance of a good night's rest and a nutritious breakfast
- Receiving your child's scores and what they mean
- At home resources

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charter schools
TALLER FAMILIAR

INTRODUCCIÓN A LOS EXÁMENES DE ESTADO

Y cómo apoyar a su hijo en casa

martes, 10 de marzo
6:00 PM
ÚNETE A NOSOTROS EN ZOOM

¡Todas las familias de la Escuela Primaria están invitadas!

Aprenda de nuestro equipo de evaluación sobre cómo puede apoyar mejor a su hijo y ayudarlo a prepararse.

- Cómo es el examen en GUGCS
- Por qué lo abordamos de manera diferente a otras escuelas
- Qué esperar en los días de los Exámenes de Estado
- Cómo preparar a su hijo
- La importancia de una buena noche de descanso y un desayuno nutritivo
- Cómo recibir los puntajes de su hijo y lo que estos significan
- Recursos en casa



Middle School Updates - Spring Sports Tryouts



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SPRING SPORTS TRYOUTS

Hello families! Please complete the **Spring Sports Tryout Permission Slip** to register for the Spring Team tryouts. Be sure to select all the teams your child wishes to try out for. If your child is selected, the coaching staff will notify you via Parent Square by February 28, 2026

GO GOATS!



Wednesday, February 25:
Spring Outdoor Track Boys & Girls
3:30 PM-4:30 PM



Thursday, February 26:
Volleyball
3:30 PM-4:30 PM



Friday, February 27:
JV & Varsity Soccer Co-Ed
3:30 PM-4:30 PM



Thursday, March 5:
Cheerleading Tryouts
3:30 PM-4:30 PM

2026 SPRING
SPORTS TRYOUT
PERMISSION SLIP

SCAN ME



Kindness Collaboration Courage Social Justice



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PRUEBAS PARA DEPORTES DE PRIMAVERA

¡Hola familias! Por favor completen el **formulario de permiso para las pruebas de los Deportes de Primavera** para inscribir a su hijo/a en las pruebas del equipo de primavera. Asegúrense de seleccionar todos los equipos para los que su hijo/a desea hacer las pruebas. Si su hijo/a es seleccionado/a, el personal de entrenadores les notificará a través de ParentSquare antes del 28 de febrero de 2026.

GO GOATS!



Miércoles, 25 de febrero:
Atletismo en Pista Cubierta
3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Niños y Niñas



Jueves, 26 de febrero:
Voleibol
3:30 PM-4:30 PM



Viernes, 27 de febrero:
Fútbol mixto (categorías juvenil y sénior)
3:30 PM-4:30 PM



Jueves, 5 de marzo:
Pruebas de Animadoras
3:30 PM-4:30 PM

FORMULARIO DE
PERMISO PARA LAS
PRUEBAS DE DEPORTES
DE PRIMAVERA 2026

SCAN ME



Amabilidad Colaboración Coraje Justicia social



Middle School Updates



Growing Up Green Middle Schools



HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME

All About State Testing for Middle School Families

Tuesday, February 24th
6:00 PM



Join us virtually on zoom!

We invite you to our informative family workshop to discuss:

- What testing looks like at GUG
- Why we approach testing differently from other schools
- The transition to computer-based testing
- What to expect on testing days
- How to prepare your child
- The importance of a good night's rest and a nutritious breakfast
- Receiving your child's scores and what they mean



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Y CÓMO APOYAR A SU HIJA EN CASA

Todo sobre las pruebas estatales para familias de secundaria

Martes 24 de febrero
6:00 PM



Únase a nosotros virtualmente en zoom

Te invitamos a nuestro taller familiar informativo donde aprenderás:

- Cómo son las pruebas en GUG
- Por qué abordamos las pruebas de forma diferente a otras escuelas
- La transición a las pruebas por computadora
- Qué esperar en los días de prueba
- Como preparar a tu hija
- La importancia de un buen descanso nocturno y un desayuno nutritivo
- Recibir las puntuaciones de su hijo y lo que significan



Middle School Updates - BHM Spirit Week

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPIRIT WEEK

FEBRUARY
24

HBCU Day

Wear **black** and **gold** to celebrate HBCU pride and excellence

FEBRUARY
25

Black Historical Figures Day

Dress inspired by influential Black leaders from history

FEBRUARY
26

Culture and Heritage Day

Wear outfits that honor cultural heritage and traditions (no costumes)

FEBRUARY
27

Music and Art Inspiration Day

Outfits inspired by **music, art, or creative expression**



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MES DE LA HISTORIA AFROAMERICANA SEMANA DEL ESPÍRITU

24
DE FEBRERO

Día de las HBCU

Vístase de **negro** y **dorado** para celebrar el orgullo y la excelencia de la HBCU

25
DE FEBRERO

Día de las Figuras Históricas Negras

Vestido inspirado en líderes negros influyentes de la historia.

26
DE FEBRERO

Día de la Cultura y el Patrimonio

Use atuendos que honren el patrimonio cultural y las tradiciones (no disfraces)

27
DE FEBRERO

Día de la inspiración musical y artística

Atuendos inspirados en la **música, el arte o la expresión creativa.**



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Middle School Updates - BHM Showcase

 Growing Up Green II Middle School

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SHOWCASE

FRIDAY, FEB 27

DOORS OPEN AT
8:45 AM

GUG II MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

FAMILIES WELCOME!

RSVP ON
PARENTSQUARE

*Michael Jackson:
A Black Legend Who Changed the World*

Musical tributes, song, poetry, dance, student art displays focusing on Michael Jackson's influence on music, dance, fashion, and global culture.



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ESCAPARATE DE MES DE LA HISTORIA AFROAMERICANA

VIERNES, 27 DE FEB

LAS PUERTAS ABREN
A LAS 8:45 AM.

GIMNASIO DE LA GUG II MIDDLE SCHOOL

¡FAMILIAS BIENVENIDAS!

CONFIRME SU ASISTENCIA
EN PARENTSQUARE

*Michael Jackson:
Una leyenda negra que cambió el mundo*

Homenajes musicales, canciones, poesía, danza y exposiciones de arte estudiantil centradas en la influencia de Michael Jackson en la música, la danza, la moda y la cultura global.





Middle School After School Test Prep

Test prep will be offered after school starting in March for students in grades 5-8 in the following subjects:

- ELA
- Math
- Science
- Regents
 - Algebra
 - Living Environment





Middle School Important Dates

- 2/12: School Picture Retakes & 8th grade Cap and Gown Photos
- 2/16-20: No School Mid-Winter Break
- 2/24: Spring After School Clubs Begin
- 2/24: Intro to State Testing at 6pm (zoom)
- 2/24-27: BHM Spirit Week
- 2/27: Black History Month Showcase
- 3/4: Charter School Advocacy Day in Albany
- 3/16: Staff PD Day - Remote School
- 3/19: GUG Core Values Day - wear Green!
- 3/20: No School for Eid
- 3/27: MS Denim & Glow Dance





Middle School Green Sparks Cheer Team are CHAMPIONS!!!!





Middle School Basketball Teams





Middle School Field Trips

7th Grade Kings Manor



7th grade: early
American History
& the Revolutionary War



Middle School Field Trips

8th Grade MoMA

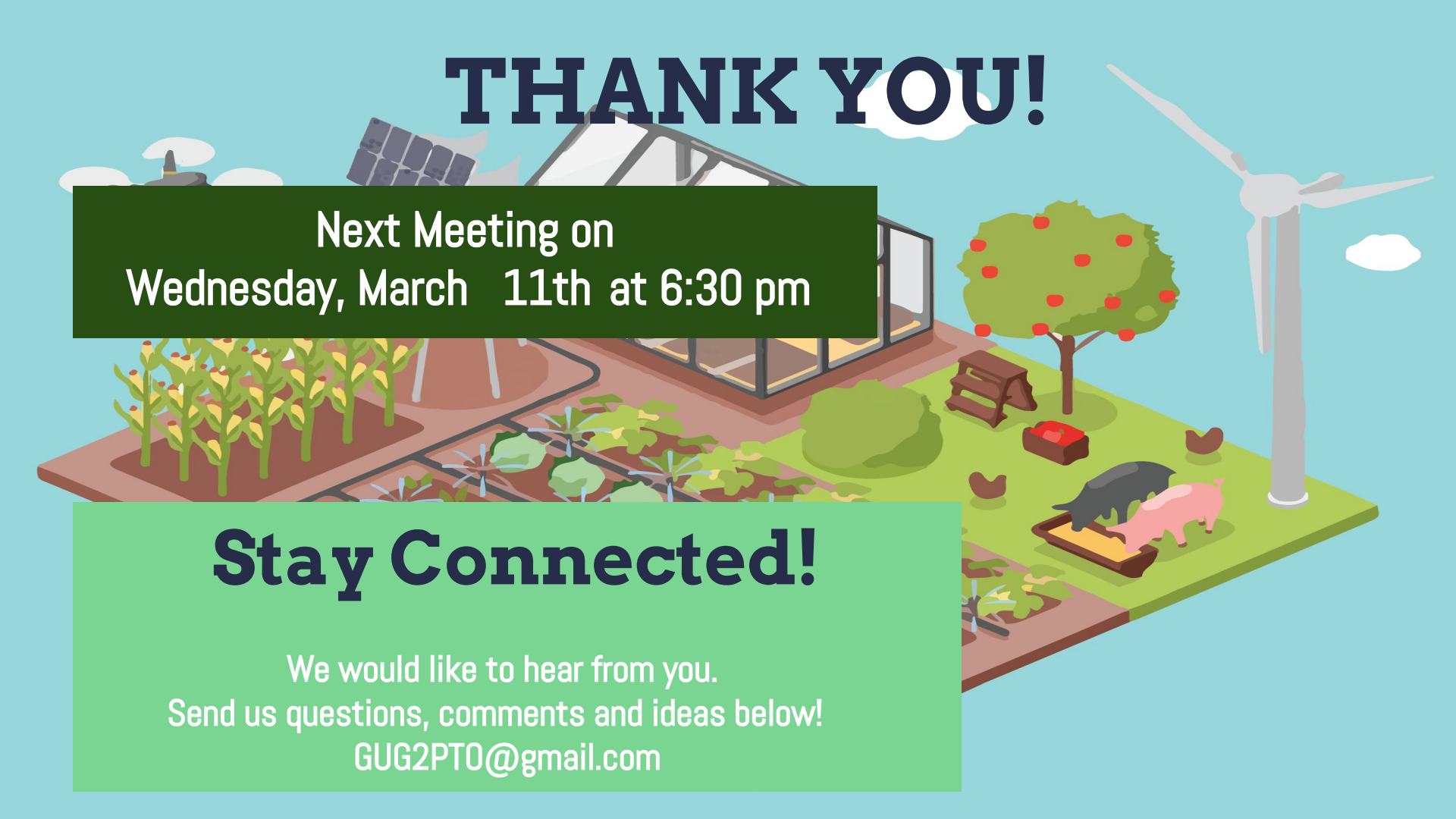


"What is Art?"



Open Discussions





THANK YOU!

Next Meeting on
Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 pm

Stay Connected!

We would like to hear from you.
Send us questions, comments and ideas below!
GUG2PT0@gmail.com