

# TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

Maggie McCullough // 6th Grade ELA



Ms. M deserves teacher of the month because...

"She is helpful and kind."

"She makes everyone happy."

"She is a great mentor and looks out for me on and off the field."

Fallon Price // Health Science, JTG



Mrs. Price deserves teacher of the month because...

"She is an understanding teacher."

"She is patient."

"She's like my mother. She cares for us and goes out of her way to make sure we finish what we started."

# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year and welcome back, as we step into 2024 and another exciting semester at Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy! We are gearing up for pivotal moments, including the upcoming TN Ready assessments. The clock is ticking with only three and a half months until our crucial state testing. Your support and collaboration are vital in ensuring a strong finish across all aspects of our school. In response to the assessments conducted right before the holiday break and our commitment to high levels of accountability, we will re-group our students to ensure that our teaching strategies are precisely tailored to their needs. We encourage you to take some time to discuss the outcomes of these assessments, especially the reading and math assessment, with your child. Your involvement in their educational journey is invaluable. Our journey towards these milestones will begin with the excitement of our **TN Ready Pep Rally kick-off on January 26th**. This energizing event will set the stage for what promises to be an intense period of academic focus over the next three months.

We are currently accepting applications for new students for the upcoming school year. **'Intent to Return' letters for current students** were distributed in December; please **return them no later than January 12th** to ensure your student's enrollment. If you know of families who would be a great fit for CGLA, please encourage them to apply, promptly. As you are aware, we operate on a slightly different calendar than Hamilton County Schools, so **please refer to the school days outlined in this newsletter**.

Regular attendance is vital for your child's success. We urge you to ensure your student is present every day, ready to engage in learning at high levels. The Tennessee Department of Education measures attendance as a metric, underscoring the importance of your student being present to benefit from learning opportunities. Please note the significance of punctuality. Every minute of instruction matters, and tardiness can result in missed learning opportunities. Let's work together to maintain good and timely attendance. **Dismissals after 2:30 p.m. are permitted only in documented emergencies**, accompanied by a doctor's note upon the student's return. Early dismissals disrupt crucial instructional time, hindering the reinforcement of essential skills.

Our faculty and staff are excited to collaborate with you as we continue to enhance our schools. Your involvement and support are key to our collective success. Again, we look forward to working with you for a strong finish to our 2023-2024 school year.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Elaine Swafford



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# THE MUSTANG EXPRESS



JANUARY NEWSLETTER  
2023-2024



Scan this QR code  
to access a  
calendar of CGLA's  
important events.

# MONTHLY ADVICE

**DEAR MUSTANG EXPRESS,**  
**"How can I manage my time better?"**  
 -Lost in the Mess

Dear Lost in the Mess,  
 If I were you, I would try dividing your afternoon into different parts. For example, you could plan out when you do your homework, when you take breaks, and how long the breaks are... you don't want to get worn out. That's just an example, but I hope this helps.

The Mustang Express

**DEAR MUSTANG EXPRESS,**  
**"I need help with my grades."**  
 - Imstuck

Dear Imstuck,  
 If you are having trouble with your grades, I would highly recommend going to tutoring, as it can be a very useful tool in getting caught up, reviewing, or getting help with things you don't understand. If you're already in tutoring, I would suggest using some of your time at home to study, as well as free time at school. Also, always make sure to you turn in your work! Missing assignments have a big impact on your grade.

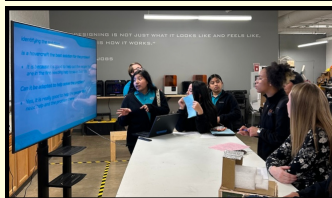
The Mustang Express

# DECEMBER RECAP

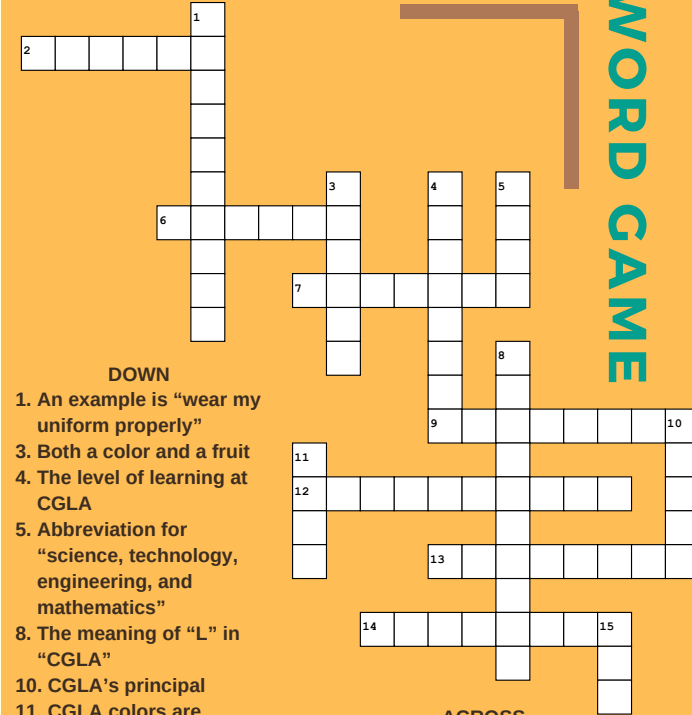
At CGLA, December is the most industrious time of the year! Benchmarks are just one highlight of December, but an important one, as every girl at CGLA is expected to reach high expectations on each benchmark. We congratulate all students who put in their all as we continue striving for excellence!

Aside from showing what they know, CGLA students were busy with events in December! STEM night, the holiday choir concert, and Holiday Fun Day, which included surprise gifts from Be The Change Initiative, are just a few to name. December was a great end to the semester, filled with rigorous learning, celebration, and lasting memories.

We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable winter break. Welcome back, Mustangs!



# A CGLA WORD GAME



- DOWN**
- An example is "wear my uniform properly"
  - Both a color and a fruit
  - The level of learning at CGLA
  - Abbreviation for "science, technology, engineering, and mathematics"
  - The meaning of "L" in "CGLA"
  - CGLA's principal
  - CGLA colors are orange and \_\_\_\_\_
  - CGLA's 1-4 grading scale

- ACROSS**
- Another word for "women" or "girls"
  - CGLA's vice principal
  - An example is Khakis and a CGLA polo
  - CGLA's CEO
  - "...provides academic \_\_\_\_\_."
  - CGLA's mascot
  - CGLA's CEO-in-training

CGLA students enjoying clubs, on Fun Friday.  
 Pictured:  
 Chess club  
 Robotics Club

