

# CGLA Parent Newsletter



Students visit Chattanooga State Community College

Dear Parents/Guardians,

THANK YOU for your participation and attendance during our October Student-Led Conferences. It was great to hear and see the excitement during the conferences. As noted earlier, parent participation really makes a difference in our school. If you missed the conference, please contact Melanie Collins immediately. Her email is [melaniecollins@cglonline.com](mailto:melaniecollins@cglonline.com).

We are preparing students daily for our end of year TN Ready Assessments in April and May. With that being said, we are continuing to push students to learn at high levels. These TN Ready exams are so much more challenging than any test that your students have taken in the past. If your student needs tutoring, it is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We provide bus transportation on all four days for those who ride the bus each day. Please see the newsletter for a calendar of these times and other events. It is very IMPORTANT that your daughter is working hard each day and that includes completing HOMEWORK assignments. When homework is not completed, the student starts out behind during that week. Help us, so that we can help your student learn. We believe that all students can and will learn at high levels at CGLA. Much of your student's success depends on you holding them accountable to complete their homework and schoolwork. Reading and writing are important elements for learning.

Again, this year we have our Food Pantry for our families. Each family can pick up food on our campus at no cost. If you need supplies, please have your student see one of our administrators and we will arrange with you.

As we approach our Thanksgiving holidays, let me thank all of you for your support. Our students are learning at higher levels and are once again enjoying expeditionary trips, clubs, college trips, job shadowing, mentoring and other events. Our faculty and staff give of themselves each day, to assure our students are achieving academically and growing maturely as young ladies. With that being said, we have much to be thankful for during this season. Again, thank you for allowing us to serve your students.

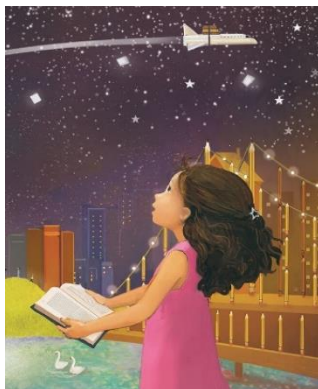
Sincerely,

Elaine Swafford, Ed.D.



Congratulations to the 8th grade- for getting to the top level for reading in September!

Congratulations to Xiomara Gomez Lopez- The top reader for the month of September!



Thank You for the success of student-led conferences. We loved seeing you all on our campus!

Need to reschedule? Email [melaniecollins@cglonline.com](mailto:melaniecollins@cglonline.com).

## IMPORTANT DATES

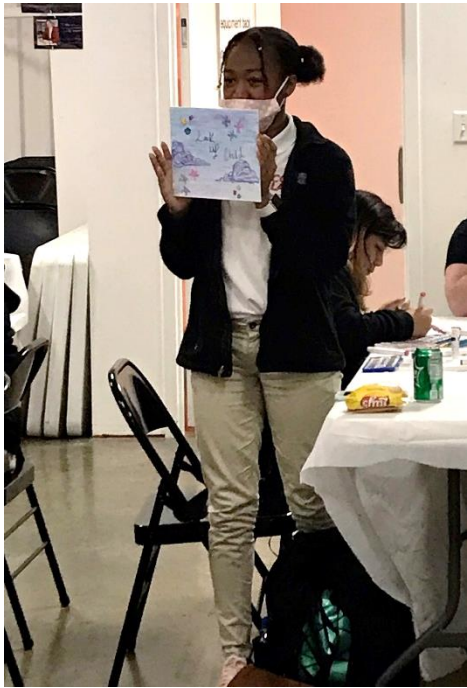
November 1	TN Promise Application Deadline
November 1	Day of the Dead - Hispanic Holiday
November 2	Chronic Absentee Meeting - 8:00 Cafeteria 4:00 Lecture Hall
November 4	Workplace Mentor - Steam Logistics, EPB
November 5	Mentor/Mentee
November 5	MTSU visit on MTSU campus (seniors all-day)
November 5	ACT Regular Registration Deadline for December
November 5	CHI MEMORIAL - 9th grade Group A
November 7	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 9	Mustang Mile (MS in AM, HS in PM)
November 10	Houston Museum Face Jug Presentation 10th and 11th students in Ms. Costello's classes - all day
November 11	Workplace Mentor – Blue Cross Blue Shield, Hutton
November 12	Community Partners (1:40 pm- 3:00 pm)
November 12	Progress Reports go home with students
November 12	Peer to Peer mentoring
November 17	CWLI Mentor session 8th grade - 12pm-2pm
November 18	Houston Museum Face Jug Presentation 10th and 11th students in Ms. Costello's classes - all day
November 19	Workplace Mentor – Truist, TVA, UNUM
November 19	Chatt State visit on Chatt State campus (9:00am-11:00am)
November 19	CHI MEMORIAL - 11th grade Group B
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Holiday

TVA visited some CGLA juniors for the Workforce Mentoring program. They taught students about electricity operation, radiation, bridge construction, and water filtering.



Also joining TVA, Women in Nuclear (WIN), assisted our students at Workforce Mentoring. WIN's vision is aimed at positioning the United States for the future of nuclear energy and technology through the advancement of women.

EPB, another Workforce Mentor partner, visited some CGLA juniors and seniors to make personal album covers based on what inspired each student. This senior courageously stood up to showcase her art and celebrate her grandmother's life and the many ways she has been impacted by her important legacy.



## A Classroom Highlight: Ms. Robinson's Chemistry Class

During the month of October, Ms. Holly Robinson's chemistry class learned about molecular geometry and polarity.



Don't worry, we will break it down....

### **What is a molecule?**

A group of atoms bonded together, representing the smallest fundamental unit of a chemical compound that can take part in a chemical reaction.

In chemistry, a **polar bond** is a type of bond between two or more dissimilar atoms, in which electrons are shared unequally.

Molecular geometry refers to the three-dimensional structure or arrangement of atoms in a molecule.

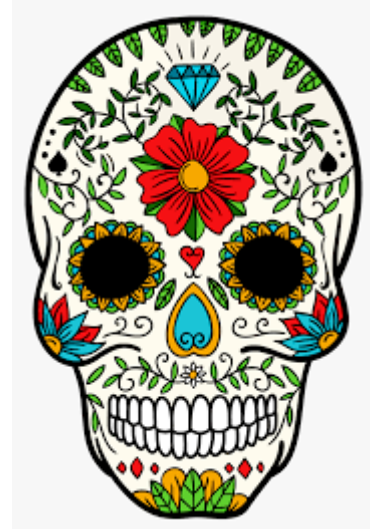
In chemistry class, CGLA students completed a rotation lab to demonstrate some effects of molecular polarity. Students mixed multiple substances to observe their interactions. Students discovered that water is very polar and isopropyl alcohol is not nearly as polar. Students also created Lewis structures to visualize the geometry and polarity of molecules.

### **Questions to ask your chemistry student...**

- ❖ Can I see your Lewis structure that you drew in class?
- ❖ What is a Lewis structure and how did you use it?
- ❖ Tell me about the difference between water's polarity and isopropyl alcohol's polarity. What was the main difference that you noticed?

# DAY OF THE DEAD

## Fun Facts.....



### 1. It's not the same as Halloween

While Halloween is celebrated Oct. 31, *Día de los Muertos* is celebrated right after, on Nov. 2. Many communities that celebrate *Día de los Muertos* also celebrate Halloween.

### 2. It originated in Mexico and Central America

*Día de los Muertos* originated in ancient Mesoamerica (Mexico and northern Central America) where indigenous groups, including Aztec, Maya and Toltec, had specific times when they commemorated their loved ones who had passed away. Certain months were dedicated to remembering the departed, based on whether the deceased was an adult or a child.

### 3. It's a celebration of life, not death

Ancient Mesoamericans believed that death was part of the journey of life. Rather than death ending life, they believed that new life came from death. This cycle is often associated with the cyclical nature of agriculture, whereby crops grow from the ground where the last crop lies buried.

### 4. The *ofrenda* is a central component

The *ofrenda* is often the most recognized symbol of *Día de los Muertos*. This temporary altar is a way for families to honor their loved ones and provide them what they need on their journey. They place down pictures of the deceased, along with items that belonged to them and objects that serve as a reminder of their lives.

### 5. Flowers, butterflies and skulls are typically used as symbols

The *cempasúchil*, a type of marigold flower native to Mexico, is often placed on *ofrendas* and around graves. With their strong scent and vibrant color the petals are used to make a path that leads the spirits from the cemetery to their families' homes.

Monarch butterflies play a role in *Día de los Muertos* because they are believed to hold the spirits of the departed. This belief stems from the fact that the first monarchs arrive in Mexico for the winter each fall on Nov. 1, which coincides with *Día de los Muertos*.

## TARDY TO SCHOOL

Tardiness will be handled as a disciplinary infraction. Prompt arrival is the responsibility of the student and parent. Students who are transported by parents or drive themselves and arrive late will be counted as tardy. A student is considered tardy to school if she is not present in her assigned class by 7:45 am. **Students who are tardy to school must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and report immediately to the main office for a tardy admission slip.** This tardy admission slip must be presented to the first teacher the student has that school day.

- First Tardy**  
Verbal Warning when parent arrives with student to school.
- Second Tardy**  
Verbal Warning and parent called by CGLA staff (truancy) to explain tardy policy.
- Third Tardy**  
Parent/student/Truancy Officer – conference and one (1) day administrative detention issued to the student.
- Fourth Tardy**  
Parent called by CGLA staff (truancy). Two (2) days of administrative detention issued to the student.



\*Tutoring is back on! **Monday-Tuesday:** Math / **Wednesday:** Homework Help and Clubs / **Thursday:** ELA, all days 3:15-5:30pm

\*Please remember to log in to power school to check your student's grades!

**Are you in need of a CGLA logo on a polo shirt or button down so it meets the uniform policy AND you can rep your school?! Mr. Seymore can do it!** He is one of our amazing behavior specialists at CGLA and his number is 423-400-4557. Students can leave the shirt or jacket that needs a logo in the front office with Ms. Byerley. He should be able to get it back in just a few days and it is \$7 a shirt.

**Want to Volunteer @ CGLA?** Email [yolandawilliams@cglasonline.com](mailto:yolandawilliams@cglasonline.com) to sign up for any of these activities!

### How to Help

\*Laminate books in the library \*Help host a home sports event with traffic direction, supplying masks, or helping with concessions. \*Join our PTO!



**Our Vision** To inspire hope in each girl, positively changing the trajectory of her life and empowering her to possess infinite choices for her future.