



March Parent Meeting

All IB parents are invited to our annual "State of IB" program March 11 at 7PM in the community room.

This meeting will include an open and honest dialog about accomplishments and successes in past years, as well as plans for next year.

Ms. Geimer will outline the goals and objectives of the IB program for the coming year, and reflect on where we are having success meeting those objectives and where there may be some gaps or obstacles.

Representatives from the Parent Board and Foundation will also review how this year went and changes necessary for the continued success of the IB Foundation and the IB Parents Association.

We hope to see many parents at this important meeting!

Attention Seniors Class of 2008

Do you have fines or fees to pay? You may pay by check until **Friday, April 4**. After that date you must pay by cash, and all payments are due by **Thursday, May 1**. Bring payment along with student ID to the Treasurer's office. See **Events Calendar (page 9)** for more important Senior events and dates.

Insights on K-12 Funding

House Speaker Romanoff, Great Education Colorado guest speakers at February Parent Meeting

IB parents experienced an enlightening February IB Parent Meeting as Speaker of the Colorado House Andrew Romanoff, along with directors from Great Education Colorado, provided sobering facts and figures on Colorado's support of public education. Topics including crumbling infrastructure, outdated classroom resources, and overcrowded classrooms provided much food for thought.

Colorado is still in the bottom 25% of states funding K-12 education. The legislature is trying to change the budget constraints that are pitting K-12 against higher education. Attendees learned how to get involved with advocacy groups such as Great Education Colorado, and were inspired by the speakers to take action and speak up to promote adequate funding and creative support of K-12 educational issues.

Our thanks to **Speaker Romanoff** and Great Education Colorado for presenting this important information to our parents and students.

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House Speaker Andrew Romanoff talks with an attendee at February's parent meeting



From the Board

Volunteer Opportunities -- Now that we are into the second semester of the school year, it is again time to begin thinking about Board positions for next year. Committed parents are what make the Association such a successful organization and strong voice for the IB program. **We need new parents to begin to take over the IB leadership.** Andrea Shea's youngest child will be graduating this year and Debi Roads' son is a junior, so we need parents to step up now for an easy transition. Let your voice be heard and join the IB parent's association. The IB student body will be 500 strong next year. While that increase brings some growing pains, there is power with numbers and we are excited to help the program continue to thrive.

Additional volunteer opportunities are coming soon. Ms. Geimer will need 30 parents to proctor exams **May 5-22**. This is a good way for parents, especially freshman and sophomore parents, to learn the IB exam process. Also in May (exact date not set) is Freshman orientation, for which we'll need 15-20 parents to ensure the evening goes smoothly and to welcome new parents.

IB Parents Association dues update -- The parent board must sound like a broken record as we repeatedly ask for dues! We are requesting a donation of \$25 from every family, but have only received dues from 85 families.

Our budget items are listed at the bottom of the page. The largest portion goes to teacher appreciation. IB parents sponsor four teacher appreciation events each school year; most, but not all, of the food is donated for these events. Individual families sponsor IB teacher appreciation events at other times during the year. We also give every IB teacher \$100 in December. We love our staff and it is difficult to find a way to show them how much we care, but this appears to be working well.

The next largest budget item is Broadcaster mailings. We continue to mail hard copies due to overwhelming demand, but this cost could be cut by emailing copies to parents who would just as soon receive issues by email. We also budget money each year toward a big-ticket item—improvements to the Auditorium's sound system. Each year for the last three years, we have set aside \$2,500 toward the total \$13,980 sound system upgrade. (Acoustics will have to be updated at a later date.) The IB parent group, Alumni, and Mr. Goldstein are dividing the bill for this worthy cause. All students use the Auditorium and we are excited to see this finally become a reality, ready for the February 27th musical. Thank you, Mr. Goldstein, Stan Cook and Jamie Kaplan, for all of your hard work.

Please email co-president Debi Roads at dardenver@aol.com or our treasurer Janice Thomas at janicekempthomas@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Checks are gladly accepted, payable to IB parents Association; mail to Janice Thomas, Treasurer, 1634 Leyden Street, Denver 80224. We will publish a list of donors in the April Broadcaster.

**Board Co-Presidents
Andrea Shea and Debi Roads**

2007/2008 Budget: \$11,000.00*

Dues Received: \$8,025.00

Current Balance: \$14,695.50

*does not include sound system payment

Expense	Budget 2007/2008
Back to school Picnic	\$400.00
Broadcaster	\$2600.00
Special activities (NHD, Speech, Model UN)	\$500
8 th Grade Welcome Fest	\$300
Freshman Orientation	\$300
Teacher Appreciation	\$3800
Scholarship (the foundation gives one too)	\$500
Meetings/Speakers	\$500 (haven't used any of this)
Teacher Quick Response	\$500
Capital Items (Auditorium)	\$5000 (saved up over 3 years)
Special Projects	\$500
CAS	\$2000 (freshman CAS trip)
Total	\$11,900

CAS Organizing Spring Activities – Volunteers Needed!

The Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) component is one of the unique requirements of the IB Program. There are several key activities slated for the spring. Please read this entire update and find a program that interests you. We need help for all activities!

For our **Seniors**, all portfolios must be in by February 29th. Volunteers will be reviewing them, making sure all required forms are signed, all essays have been completed, and the portfolios are ready. Once the portfolios are approved, peer interviews are scheduled March 11th, 12th and 13th. All seniors must participate in this process in order to receive the IB diploma. If you are interested in organizing portfolios, scheduling interviews, or even facilitating a peer interview session, please contact **Toni Latcham** (303-331-0253 or tonilatcham@gmail.com). As a part of this process, **we will award 1 or 2 George Washington CAS Service Scholarships in May**. Seniors may self-nominate, or be nominated by a teacher, peer or parent.

Any student interested in self-nomination should send an essay outlining why s/he feels s/he should be awarded the scholarship. Please send those to either **Toni Latcham** (contact info listed above) or **Gail Sigman** (303-270-0461 or gsigman@ltgc.com or gailsigman@comcast.net.)

Juniors will meet one more time on March 18th to go over the requirements of the essays and hours. Their first essay, as well as activity sheets detailing how each has completed 75 of their required 150 hours, is due on or before May 23rd. All forms are located on the IB website – look under *Student Info – CAS*. **Sophomores** will meet on April 17th at 8:00 am as a group to learn about the CAS program, its requirements, and how they can get started this summer. **If you are interested in providing or serving refreshments, please contact Gail or Toni.**

Our **Freshman** Service Day is April 23, 2008. It promises to be a day filled with fun, activity and service toward others. We will be taking the entire IB Freshman class to the City of Chennai open space for prairie dogs. The project involves planting grass plugs, pruning last year's grasses and related tasks, and learning about the value of prairie dogs. The site is located just north of Cherry Creek off Quebec. We believe the proximity to GW may also encourage visits by students after the service day to appreciate their restoration efforts. The balance of learning and providing service is paramount in this venture, making it perfectly aligned with CAS ideals.

Detailed information will be sent to freshmen and their parents. **However, we need many volunteers to make this day happen.** If you would like to volunteer to accompany the group (Denver Parks and Rec. requires 1 (one) adult per every 10 students), arrange for transportation (we will hire

private buses) or arrange for lunches for all students and volunteers, please contact **Gail Sigman** through the contact information listed above.

This is a great time to learn about and get involved in CAS. We need new parents to join the committee next year. Please plan to help with one or more of these activities as a way to be engaged. Thank you!

--CAS Co-Chairs **Toni Latcham** and **Gail Sigman**



IB SENIOR BRUNCH
APRIL 27, 2008
Save the date for this
wonderful IB tradition!

PHOTOS NEEDED

The IB Senior Brunch will be on **Sunday, April 27, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**, in the Driscoll Event Center at the University of Denver. Watch for your invitation, arriving this month, with additional details.

The planning committee is asking for a baby picture, a current picture, and an activity picture from each senior, **by March 12**. Any other photos that include groups of current seniors would also be appreciated. Digital photos may be e-mailed to Harry Newman at watneydog@comcast.net. Please submit non-digital photos to the IB office, using the envelopes recently provided to the seniors; these photos will be copied and returned to you. Please identify all your photos, whatever their format.

– Senior Brunch Co-Chair **Harry Newman**

People You Should Know

Although new to the IB program this year, Señora Wanda Rivera is in her second year of teaching Spanish at GW.



Wanda Rivera

A native speaker, **Sra. Rivera** was born and raised in Puerto Rico. At the age of 24, she moved to New Jersey with her two young daughters to attend college. Her career has taken her to Florida and now, Colorado. She describes her decision to interview at GW as a “leap of faith,” but one that she is glad to have made.

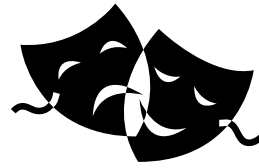
Originally, **Señora Rivera** began her fifteen-year teaching career as a special education teacher. Frustrated with the way teachers treated her brother who had learning disabilities, she set out to improve the system. Several years later she taught in an ESL program, and is now in her tenth year of teaching Spanish. Currently, she teaches IB Spanish levels I, II and IV. **Señora Rivera** enjoys teaching IB students because she can do a wide variety of activities in the classroom. “My students like to be challenged and I can push them a little,” she says.

Sra. Rivera’s expectations of her students are two-fold. She hopes that they will not only learn the language but also that, in the course of their studies, they will learn about and come to respect different cultures. As sponsor of the Latino Association, **Sra. Rivera** provides members with opportunities to embrace their own culture and explore those of others.

Away from school, Sra. Rivera maintains a busy pace. In fact, she recently completed a master’s degree in Spanish. She also keeps busy spending time with her daughters and two-and-a-half-year-old grandson, **Aslyn**. Although she misses the sunshine of Florida and outdoor activities, such as tennis and jet skiing, she enjoys reading and exercising. Traveling the world is also high on her to-do list, especially a visit to Italy.

Sra. Rivera brings optimism, enthusiasm, encouragement, and a sense of humor to the classroom each day. She advises her students to “dream big and never give up. Remember, anything is possible.” And if you’re fortunate enough to be in her class, you believe it is.

**--Caitlin Opperman
Student IB Reporter**



George Drama

Remember to check out George’s Drama website to get up-to-date info on upcoming performances: www.georgedrama.com

2007-2008 Main Stage Performances:

Show	Audition Dates	Performance Dates
<i>War of the Worlds</i> , a radio play	March 5-7, 2008	April 24-26, 2008 and May 2-3, 2008



All Aboard!

- *Costa Rica*
- *France/Spain*
- *Vienna/Prague/Budapest*

Learn more about the trips being offered this year. Representatives have been stopping by the French and Spanish classes during January giving presentations in the evenings to answer questions. For information go to www.georgeib.com and click on the travel icon. Or, to speak to someone about trip details, call:

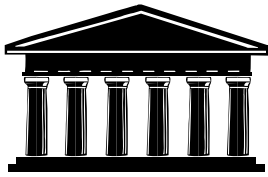
- **Rory Foster, 303-684-5557 - Costa Rica**
- **Catherine & Robert Bayne, 303-744-8810 - France/Spain**
- **Sandy Wesoky, 303-770-7022 – Prague/Vienna/Budapest**

Second section of IB Psychology Offered



Melanie Bryant

Melanie Bryant, IB HL psychology and HL senior English teacher, will offer a second section of first year IB psychology for the 2008-9 school year. As a result, more juniors will be able to take this popular course, which previously has been held to one section and controlled by lottery. Mrs. Bryant, who has taught the course for ten years, will have a huge load of testing more than 140 students. We are grateful for Mrs. Bryant’s sacrifice for our student’s benefit.



IB COLLEGE COUNSELING CORNER

COLLEGE PREP TO-DO LISTS FOR MARCH

Seniors:

1. Complete any last financial aid application requirements.
2. Look for application results between now and **April 1**.
3. Consider making “admitted student” visits, without missing school.
4. Compare financial aid packages; www.collegeboard.com (among others) has helpful tools.
5. Keep looking for private scholarships.
6. Thank Mrs. Geimer, Mr. Achbach, and teachers who helped you apply.
7. If you reach a college decision, inform Mrs. G and Mr. A – e-mail is good.
8. If you’ve decided on a public college, follow procedures for housing. Don’t delay.
9. Go to every class, every day and keep up with assignments, IAs, and exam prep.
10. Complete your CAS portfolio and interview

Juniors:

1. Attend a college app training session, March 4-6, during CSAP times. This will REALLY help you come next fall – DON’T MISS OUT!
2. Decide which teachers you will ask to write your letters of recommendation.
3. Plan your summer. Some great and free programs (e.g., Carnegie Mellon, Carleton, Clark) have March 1 application deadlines. CC and DU also have some good, free offerings. Explore. Think CAS (and get signatures). Include some college visits, perhaps.
4. Continue to research colleges and develop your realistic list of schools.
5. Continue to use Mr. Franklin to help with #3.
6. Visit colleges over Spring Break, if that fits for you, to see professors and students in action.
7. Register for standardized tests that are required at schools on your list – ACT if you need it with writing, SAT, Subject Tests. June test dates are the last ones until October.
8. Prepare for SAT/ACT, either on your own (books, practice tests) or through a program such as College Direction. You may be able to take a free practice SAT on **May 17**; see www.princetonreview.com, under “find course,” then “free events.”

9. Put the DU College Fair on your calendar, **April 6, 1-4 PM**, Ritchie Center. See www.rmacac.org for list of participating colleges.
10. Put **April 23** on your calendar for in-school, free, state-mandated ACT (without writing) testing. ANOTHER DO-NOT-MISS EVENT!

Sophomores:

1. Plan your summer! It’s a great time to accomplish CAS goals that don’t fit into your school year routine. (Remember to get your supervisor(s) to sign your CAS form!) Do something fun, something that you care about, something that will help you learn more about yourself. You might even visit a college or two.
2. See Juniors’ #9. Actually, check out the whole to-do list, just to see what’s in your future. Let yourself dream!

Freshmen:

1. Check out what the older students are doing, and start putting yourself in their shoes. It’s coming sooner than you think.
2. Make plans for your summer that involve something a little more substantial than working on your tan, your gaming skills, and/or your social life – not that those aren’t important . . .

--Linda During, College Counseling Chair

Standardized Testing Dates

Test	2007-2008 Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late (additional fee) Registration
ACT	Apr. 12	Mar. 7	Mar. 21
ACT without Writing (Jrs)	Apr. 23	N/A	N/A
SAT & Subject Tests	May 3	Apr. 1	Apr. 10
SAT & Subject Tests	June 7	May 6	May 15
ACT	June 14	May 9	May 23

Articles or photos for the *Broadcaster*?

Next deadline is March 10.

We welcome your submittals! - Editors

Director's Corner



Suzanne Geimer

Juniors and Junior Parents, mark your calendars for a mandatory meeting on April 8. These topics and others will be discussed:

- What should my Junior be doing this May?
- What can (and cannot) parents do in the college application process?
- What schedule for college application will we be following next year?

We will discuss the college process and what we expect every Junior to be doing. All Juniors should have already scheduled an appointment with Dan Franklin, our college counselor. If you have not done so, please stop by the Future Center and sign up as soon as possible. Spring break can be a great time to visit some of the colleges that you have discussed with your counselor.

All Juniors will take the ACT at GW during school on **Wednesday, April 23**. Please do not schedule any doctors' appointments for this day. Students will register for this **free** test during school. Many Juniors will also want to sign up to take the SAT in May or June.

If you missed the college information night, please be sure to get the materials from Mr. Achbach. Prep Associates offers testing preparation classes for both the SAT and the ACT. Pick up a flyer outside of Mr. Achbach's office, visit their website at www.prepassociates.com, or call them at 303.474.8072 for more information.

--Suzanne Geimer, IB Program Director

Knowledge has to be improved, challenged, and increased constantly, or it vanishes.

-- Peter Drucker

Academic Achievements

Senior Earns Perfect ACT Score

Congratulations to IB Senior **Kevin Black**, who achieved a perfect score of 36 on the ACT! A perfect score is earned by one student in over 12,000. Kevin is one of just over 300 seniors in the U.S. who took the ACT to accomplish this feat. Another way to say this is that Kevin scored **HIGHER** than 99.98% of the 1.3 million college-bound seniors in the nation. We are proud of you, Kevin!



Kevin Black

Five National Merit Finalists in Class of 2008

GWIB'S Class of 2008 has five National Merit Finalists. IB seniors **Matea Wasend, Amelia Powell, Marina Kucic, and Brent Gaisford** have qualified as Finalists in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship competition. **Brenton Weyi** has qualified in the National Achievement Scholarship competition.



Brenton Weyi, Matea Wasend, Amelia Powell, and Marina Kucic. Not pictured: Brent Gaisford

Of the 1.4 million college-bound students who take the PSAT/NMSQT in October of their junior years, about 1% achieves Finalist status. Winners of 2,500 National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships, 1,100 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarships, 4,600 college-sponsored Merit Scholarships, 700 National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarships, and 100 corporate-sponsored Achievement Scholarships will be selected from this pool between now and June.

Congratulations to Brenton, Matea, Amelia, Marina, and Brent!

DPS Launches Recycling Program

GW is among ten DPS schools participating in a pilot recycling program. The GW program was established by students **Maddie Wolberg, Joanna Foote and Jane Culkin**. In November 2007 the three held a fund raiser at the IB Parent's Association meeting and raised more than \$100 toward monthly fees for Waste Management recycling services. The students picked up and washed more than 75 purple recycling bins donated by Denver Recycles and distributed them to each classroom.

Each week a group of eight students picks up the full bins and carries them to the white recycling dumpster at the far end of the south parking lot. So far, the enthusiasm of the teachers and students has been phenomenal. Students at other schools have launched programs on their own. **Dan Meyers**, host of Colorado Public Radio's *Colorado Matters*, spoke with **Joni Rix**, environmental specialist for DPS and **Maddie Wolberg** about the pilot program. Listen to the interview at:

<http://www.kcfr.org/cgi-bin/comatters/comatters_play.aspx?play=3609&type=comatters.aspx>

--Robin Kane, IB Parent

Principal Search Underway

When Mario Williams resigned as GW's principal last summer, Assistant Principal **Steve Goldstein** agreed to serve as Interim Principal until the position was permanently filled. Mr. Goldstein has been at GW for eleven years and continues to do a wonderful job serving the students and leading the faculty, and is a candidate for the permanent principal position.

The Collaborative School Committee (CSC) has formed a Principal Selection Committee to interview candidates. GW parents were invited to apply to serve on the committee. A dozen parents submitted applications and two were chosen to represent a cross section of the student population. Committee members are:

Janice Spearman, Chair, DPS	Maryrose Kohan, Teacher/CSC
Gerald Anderson, CSC	Lynn Orman, Teacher/CSC
Sara Brunner, CSC	Rod Lopez, Teacher
Joe Williams, CSC	Greg Hessee, Teacher
Kathy Williams, CSC	Bonnie Guggenheim, Teacher
Becky Gutierrez-Moore, Parent	Candee Dolan, Admin. Rep.
Michael Johnson, Parent	Grace Michaels, Student Rep.
Steve Kapnik, Community Rep.	Kyra Trimble - Student Rep.

The Committee hopes to hold interviews at the end of February. If you have concerns or questions about the selection process, contact: **Gerald Anderson**, 303-744-2021, grcka@msn.com.

--Kendra Black, IB Parent



First-round competition held at GW for national contest

A tenth grade pre-IB student at George Washington will be chosen to represent the school at the state Poetry Out Loud competition on March 4. **Anna Wadsworth** held a first-round competition in her pre-IB English classes, selecting students to compete at the school level in this annual contest sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation.

Students competing on February 14 were **Habab Badri, Amaya Bayne, Henry Biermann, Andre Biscaye, Ryan Boyd, Jane Culkin, Madelaine Czufin, Olivia Edwards, Aerik Francis, Thomas Gardiner, Martin Leece, Luke Liechty, Lydia Loopesko, Erik Morrison, Jesus Munoz, Patricia Park, Ashley Talebi, Donte Turner, Lawson Williams, and Madeleine Winslow**. **Dr. Charlotte Talbert**, professor of drama for many years, was judge.

To take part, students memorized poems from a wide selection published in the Poetry Out Loud print anthology and online at the competition's web site. By presenting these poems aloud to their classmates, students have exemplified traits of the IB learner, acting as communicators and as risk-takers. They have learned firsthand what John Barr, president of the Poetry Foundation, has written: "The meaning of the poem, we find, lies as much in the sound of its words as in their sense."

The winner of the school competition will compete in the state competition March 4 at the Lakewood Cultural Center. Each state winner receives \$200 and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete at the National Finals April 27-29. The state winner's school receives \$500 for the purchase of poetry books. The national winner receives a \$20,000 scholarship.

Parent Volunteers Needed

The following organizations are desperately looking for parent volunteers. Please contact the organizer directly if you are able to help.

Future Center

Future Center coordinator **Raymael Blackwell** has been working hard to help our GW students apply to colleges and to apply for scholarships. The Denver Scholarship Foundation has extended its scholarship opportunities to students in all DPS high schools including GW. **Raymael** needs volunteers this semester to help students complete scholarship and community college applications.

Please contact **Kendra Black**, 303-639-5453, if you can help provide some valuable time to this worthy cause.

1 volunteer needed: Wednesday, Feb 13--9:00-12:00 to help students fill out applications to community colleges

1 volunteer needed: Wednesday, Feb 27--9:00-12:00 to help students fill out applications to community colleges

2 volunteers needed every Monday for about 1 hour

1 volunteer needed every Wednesday for about 1 hour

Student Leadership

Meryl Cohn, Student Leadership teacher, is looking for one-to-two IB parent volunteers per grade to meet with the student leadership two times per month for one hour. The Freshman and Sophomores meet 5th period and the Juniors and Seniors meet 6th period. IB students are underrepresented in this class and **Meryl** is hoping to change that. Each class needs help with fund raising for prom and after prom events—planning needs to start now for future events. Meryl can be contacted at meryl_cohn@dpsk12.org

IB Economics

Marcus Lee, IB Economics teacher, is looking for parents engaged in the following professional fields to speak to 9th grade classes this semester regarding stocks, real estate and personal finance. Marcus can be contacted at marcus_lee@dpsk1.org.

- Brokers in the real estate/mortgage field
- Accountants/CPA's
- Bankers
- Insurance Agents
- Financial Planners

**Volunteers don't always have the time;
they just have the heart.**

—Author unknown

Fundraising Campaign Update



The Friends of IB Scholars Foundation wishes to thank the IB families, alumni and friends for their generous contributions of \$16,550 to this year's fundraising campaign.

The **Ebrahimi Family Foundation** matched \$10,000 of the IB family contributions through the Ebrahimi challenge grant. We also want to thank the **Sirius Giving Fund of the Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund** for their contribution of \$500.00, and the **Sam and Kristin Hendler Philanthropic Fund of the Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore** for their contribution of \$2,000.00, which have been matched by an additional \$2,500.00 from the Ebrahimi challenge grant for new foundation donors, bringing the total from The Ebrahimi Family Foundation to \$12,500.00. There is still \$2,500.00 in the Ebrahimi challenge grant available to match contributions from new charitable foundation donors.

We have been fortunate to receive total foundation contributions of \$30,350.00, bringing the total fundraising for the IB Foundation this year to \$46,900.00. The names of those who have contributed to the Foundation this year are published in this issue of The Broadcaster (see insert page). If we have inadvertently printed the names of any donors who wished to remain anonymous, please accept our apologies for the error. If you have not received a letter acknowledging your tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation, please contact our Secretary, **Linda During**, at lmd329@juno.com.

The IB Foundation Board will be meeting in February to review grant proposals, and we will report on the grants made by the Foundation in an issue of the Broadcaster later this spring. Your contributions will make a real difference in the academic and educational excellence of the IB program this year and in the years to come.

Contributions can still be made to the Foundation this year. The Friends of IB Scholars Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and your gift can be tax-deductible. You may send your contributions to **Friends of IB Scholars Foundation, c/o Janice Thomas, Treasurer, 1634 S. Leyden Street, Denver, Colorado 80224**. Please contact me at home, 303-759-1176, at my office, 303-539-3159, or by email at James.Kaplan@publicans.com, if you have any questions about the IB Foundation, or if you have any ideas for funding or fundraising. Thank you for your continued support of the GW IB program.

--**Jamie Kaplan, President**
Friends of IB Scholars Foundation

Committee News You Can Use

Community Landscape

GW's Community Landscape Committee spent the fall months sprucing up the existing landscape, placing tree mats to prevent lawn mowers from hitting tree trunks, planting bulbs, and weeding, trimming and mulching garden beds. Future projects include:

- Planting more trees to provide cooling shade for students in the courtyard, modify the temperature inside the school, and replace dead trees
- Developing and implementing a plan to upgrade the north parking-lot entrance so that it provides an inviting introduction to the building and a comfortable place for students waiting for rides
- Maintaining (mulching, weeding, and trimming) existing trees, shrubs, grasses and perennials in the many garden spaces around the school

Your participation is welcome! Join us at our next meeting Tuesday, March 4 at 8:00 A.M. in the Community Room. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

--Lee Ann Huntington and Martha Tucker, Co-Chairs

Teacher Appreciation

This school year's final Teacher Appreciation Event will be a lunch, held in the Community Room, for staff and teachers on **Friday, March 21**. We will celebrate the end of CSAP and the upcoming Spring Break with a combination

salad bar/taco bar and desserts. Please contact Rita Gibson at rgibson57@earthlink.net, (303) 691-1682, or leave a message in the Patriot Parent Volunteer Office (720-423-8662) to volunteer for setup, the main event, or cleanup.

We request donations of \$5-10 to fund this event, and committee members will do the work of shopping and preparing the food. We know you are all busy, so we're going to try this approach. Please send your donations payable to GWHS to Rita Gibson, 1953 S. Pontiac St., Denver, CO 80224. If you'd rather bring something, please feel free to contact me. The salad bar in the fall was a great success; everyone really appreciated having a fresh and healthy meal. There are about 135 staff and teachers in the building during the day; it takes a lot to feed that many!

Thank you in advance for pitching in to make this final event a memorable one.

--Rita Gibson, Co-chair

IB Welcome Fest

Thanks to the hard work of volunteers from the IB Parent Board and many students, the IB Welcome Fest was a great success. We were able to showcase GW, the IB program, and numerous clubs and sports teams. In addition, guests were able to attend chemistry demonstrations. Turnout was fantastic and many applicants turned in their acceptances that evening. Thanks to all teachers, coaches, sponsors, and students for a job well done.

--Jennifer Ostrom, Event Coordinator



Important Dates

IB Broadcaster editors receive and report Calendar information from GWHS administration (for school-wide events) and the IB Office/IB Board of Directors Committee Chairs (for IB-specific events). The editors are unable to answer Calendar inquiries. For questions about specific events, please contact the appropriate party directly (GWHS, IB Office, or IB Committee Chair). Contact information is located on the last page. Thank you!

Date	Event	Time	Location
March 11	IB Parent Meeting	7PM	Community Room
March 15	DPS History Day District Competition		Hill Middle School
March 18	Junior CAS Q&A	3:00 pm	
March 21	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (see p. 9)		
Mar 24 – 28	Spring Break		
April 6	Spring College Fair (Jrs and interested Sophs)	1:00-4:00 pm	(new) University of Denver
April 8	Mandatory meeting, Juniors and Parents of Juniors	(see p. 6)	
April 10	Senior Class Picture	10 am	
Apr 17	Sophomore CAS Introduction Meeting	7:30 – 9:00 am	TBD
Apr 23	Freshman CAS Service Day		
April 27	IB Senior Brunch (see p. 4)	11:00-1:00 pm	University of Denver
May 1	Fees and Fines due (cash only) (see p. 1)		
May 3	Colorado History Day		(new) UC-Denver
May 10	Prom		
May 16	Senior Check-Out		
May 23	Seniors – Graduation Rehearsal	9:30 am	GW
May 25	GW Graduation Day (see p. 6)	(new) 1:00 pm	Convention Center
June 14-19	National History Day		University of Maryland

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