



GREAT News & Views

Family Game Night

Next week on Thursday, January 21st, we will be holding our 3rd annual Family Game night. There will be a lot of fun games to play and food will be provided. The last two years, the students and parents had a great time and this year we plan to make it even more fun and have a larger turn out of students and their families. There are going to be games such as: Family Feud, Jeopardy, and more. So don't forget to stop by even if it is only for a little while. The fun will start at 6:00 p.m. and go till 8:00 p.m.

Report Cards

The first semester report card gives you an indication of your child's progress half way through the school year. Credits are assigned at the semester, but if there is an "I" next to the course, it means that the semester credit has not been earned because the semester course has not been completed. Keep in mind that the core courses your child is enrolled in are semester courses. The report card indicates if he/she is not on track to complete the courses by the end of the year. Students that are not completing coursework for core and elective courses in a timely fashion are in jeopardy of getting behind in credit earning, which could delay graduation. If your child is behind, please plan for him/her to attend summer intercession during the month of June. Be sure that your child is attending school regularly and coming to Friday school if he/she is behind in percentage or behind in credits. If your child is enrolled in an intervention class for reading or math, he/she should be attending regularly as this is a required course. The goal of the course is to aid your student in passing all required state tests for graduation. All students should be working 18-20 hours per week in online coursework.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, January 18 —NO SCHOOL—MLK Day
- Thursday, January 21—Family Game Night
- Friday, January 22—Regular Day of School (Dismiss at 4)
- Monday, February 15—No School—President's Day



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Edgenuity Live Support

- If you find yourself struggling, Edgenuity offers live help with a real teacher. All you have to do is click the "Student Support" button at the top of the page in your course map, or online activities. A chat window will open, and you will be asked to identify the problem you need to address. After a few moments, you will be able to engage in a live, online chat with a real teacher.
- Support is available in Math, Science and Language Arts.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

The next Parent Night will be hosted on Thursday, February 18th. These meetings are a great way to find out more information about current events in the school and your students upcoming months. Also we give away gift cards and there is food!!!

The Text System sign-up info is texting [Great](https://www.greatacademy.org/parent-portal) to 292929.

Parents don't forget the Parent Portal on Edgenuity; you can check your student's progress in real-time!

Discovery Education Assessment Student Report

The Discovery Education Benchmark Assessment Student Report summarizes your child's performance as being: Achievement Level 1 (formerly known as Beginning Steps - Red), Achievement Level 2 (formerly known as Nearing Proficiency - Yellow), Achievement Level 3 (formerly known as Proficient - Green) or Achievement Level 4 (formerly known as Advanced - Blue). This test predicts how students will perform on the PARCC assessment that will be administered in the Spring. The scores from this test are used to assist the GREAT Academy in-

structional staff in making appropriate decisions concerning your child's academic success. This assessment is given three times within the year in order to help us to meet each student's individual educational needs and as a measure of the successfulness of our curriculum and instructional strategies. This is the test that is used to determine whether a student is in need of additional interventions. All middle school students receive a "Double Dose" of both math and reading to ensure they are gaining the skills necessary to be successful in those areas.

Dual Credit Course Registration in full Swing

At The GREAT Academy, students take advantage of dual credit opportunities. These courses are directly linked to post-secondary institutions, so students can meet preliminary requirements for post-secondary degrees while still in high school. Dual credit courses are a good fit for students seeking 4-year degrees and those that are seeking a technical degree or certification. These programs increase the number of students going

to college and will improve their likelihood of success. Students will reduce the time and tuition needed to earn a post-secondary degree through technical school or two- or four-year college. Taking dual credit courses helps students to develop essential study habits and critical thinking skills needed to succeed in college. Students can earn college credit without having to pay tuition, as long as he/she is attending high school.

"Wow, that's a really good score. You must have worked really hard". – Carol Dweck



2016 School Bond Election

On Tuesday, February 2, all registered voters within the APS boundaries are eligible to vote on the Bond Election. There is \$575 million earmarked for education upgrades/equipment, technology, and enhanced life/health/safety for all teachers and students. This money is earmarked, which means there will be no tax increase from the passage of this election. Charter Schools within the APS boundaries will receive a portion of this funding to help upgrade our schools within the designated stipulations mentioned above. This would be great for The GREAT Academy because we could utilize this money for parking lot improvement, fixing a few issues with the roof, upgrading technologies, and many more necessary upgrades and improvements that can benefit the students, staff and parents. We really hope you will take some time on February 2nd to go vote and help us to continually improve TGA with the standards we hold ourselves to. If you would like more information, please come by, we will have flyers up at the front desk. Thank you!