



# GREAT News & Views

## February Service Learning was a Success!

Our February service learning was Pennies for Patients, and the school raised more than we expected! Each caseload of students were in direct competition to bring in as much money as they could to help the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Together the school raised over \$1,300 dollars and the caseload with the most money raised was Mr. Kump's Seniors. The Seniors will have lunch at Olive Garden on March 7th as a reward for their GREAT contributions. We greatly appreciate all students, staff, parents, and extended friends and family that donated to this great cause. Thank you!



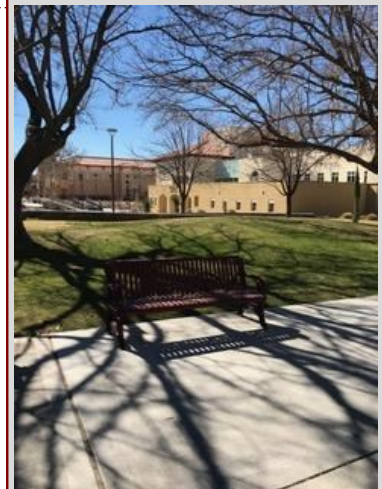
## TGA Spring Break

Please be aware that our Spring Break is April 12-14. APS Spring Break is March 20-24, ours is not. Each year, students tell their parents that our schools have the same Spring Break as APS. That is not the case. Please make sure that your child is in attendance each day. If you ever have a question about whether or not we are having school on a particular day, feel free to call us at 505-792-0306 or see our calendar on our website under admissions. Thanks for your continued support in providing your child with a GREAT education!



## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, March 9—End of Grading Period
- Tuesday, March 14th and Wednesday, March 15th—DEA will be at TGA for presentation
- Thursday, March 16—Parent Information Night
- Monday, March 20 — Report Cards Mailed
- Wednesday, April 3rd —Start of PARCC Testing
- Wednesday, April 12 through Friday, April 14—Spring Break
- Thursday, April 20—TGA 5th Annual Health Fair



*Hardman Hall on the NMSLI campus in Las Cruces, NM.*

### TARDIES LEAD TO ABSENCES!!!

- \* If your student has not checked in by 9:15a.m., they will be marked tardy.
- \* Three (3) tardies equal one (1) unexcused absence.
- \* After five (5) unexcused absences, a letter is sent home and a meeting must be set up to sign an attendance contract.
- \* IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO BE ON TIME AND READY TO WORK!

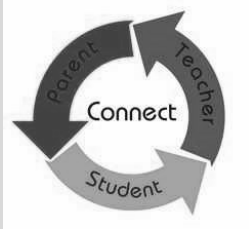
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### Edgenuity Live Support

- 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 Info Night



The next Parent Night will be hosted on Thursday, March 16th. 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](tel:292929) to 292929.

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

## Quality of Education Survey

The Quality of Education survey is mandated by state law [NMSA 22-2C-11 D.] to allow parents the opportunity to provide anonymous feedback on their child's education. The first 10 questions are the same for all schools and are set by the Public Education Department (PED). Additional questions are constructed by district school boards, schools and teachers. The results from the survey are published in the School District Report Card on the PED website ("A to Z Directory," "District Report Card").

The GREAT Academy staff prides itself in providing the best in educational opportunities to our students. We appreciate your input and ask that we receive the highest marks possible on each item. We welcome your input through this survey and in a variety of other ways. Please be aware that we hold parent meetings on a monthly basis to provide you with information about our school and things you need to support your child toward success. We also welcome information that you feel will help us to be the best at what we do.

Please be sure to fill out the survey and return it to school by Thursday, April 6th. This survey can be accessed on our web-site [www.thegreatacademy.org](http://www.thegreatacademy.org) to be printed, filled out and returned to the school. You can also fill out the survey online by going to the PED website at [ped.state.nm.us](http://ped.state.nm.us) click A-Z Directory click Quality of Education Survey click "Take a Survey" on the left create a username (not your real name) and answer the survey questions.

## Homeless Education Program

The Homeless Education program is authorized under Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC 11431 et seq.). The McKinney-Vento Act was enacted to address the numerous barriers homeless children face in obtaining a free, appropriate public education. The program was originally authorized in 1987 and, most recently, reauthorized as Title X, Part C of the Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The Act ensures educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness including the following:

- The right to immediate enrollment in school, even if lacking paperwork normally required for enrollment.
- The right to attend school in his/her school of origin (if this is requested by the parent and is feasible) or if the school in the attendance area where the family or youth is currently residing.
- The right to receive transportation to his/her school of origin, if this is requested by the parent.
- The right to services comparable to those received by household schoolmates, including transportation and supplemental educational services.
- The right to attend school along with children not experiencing homelessness. Segregation based on a student's status as homeless is strictly prohibited.
- The posting of homeless students' rights in all schools and other places around the community.

TGA McKinney-Vento Liaison – Keisha Matthews – [kmatthews@thegreatacademy.org](mailto:kmatthews@thegreatacademy.org) – 505-792-0306

*"The trouble with not having a goal is that you can spend life running up and down the field and never score". – Bill Copeland*

## Spring 2017 College Tour

A few seniors decided to give up part of their President's Day holiday weekend and head out to a few New Mexico college campuses. On Sunday, February 19th Mr. Kump and Mrs. Orton took five seniors to New Mexico State University (NMSU) and Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) over the course of two nights and two days. The group left Sunday late afternoon and stayed in Las Cruces, NM for the first night. They woke up the next morning to go tour NMSU, sit in on a class, eat in the student cafeteria, and partake in several workshops on the campus. After the long day, Mr. Kump took them to his favorite dessert place, Caliche's before heading out of town to Roswell, NM for the night (no one was abducted). The next morning they continued for an hour and half to Portales, NM where ENMU resides. The students met with financial aid, student affairs, had lunch in the campus cafeteria, and concluded with a tour of the campus and dormitories. After a long day in the surprisingly warm weather, they traveled four hours back to Albuquerque with some valuable information and possibly new decisions for their future.



The GREAT Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

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