



October Service Learning

This past Friday, our students participated in their first service learning trip for the year! We had an incredible turn out, with almost every single one of our students in attendance. High school students visited Cornelio Candelaria Organic Farm and middle school students visited Mandy's Farm. The students had the chance to not only learn about how much work goes into running and maintaining a farm, but also were able to get their hands dirty by helping pull weeds, rake, and clean up after the animals. Presenting both groups of students with the opportunity to see the inner workings of farming allowed them to better understand how important it is to take care of the Earth and the things it provides for us. It also gave them a glance at a possible future career path that they might not have considered before or even realized was an option in Albuquerque. It is so important to educate our students on natural processes like these because when we go to the grocery store, we rarely consider how much work went into caring for and harvesting the ingredients that we are purchasing. It also helps them to be more aware of what they are putting in their body and how much control they actually have over that.

October is Bully Awareness Month

Bullying is an intentional behavior that hurts, harms, or humiliates a student, either physically or emotionally, and can happen while at school, in the community, or online. Bullying is one of those things in life that people are sometimes too scared to talk about but that definitely needs to be discussed. Over 3.2 million students are victims of bullying each year. Approximately 160,000 teens skip school every day because of bullying. Approximately 17% of American students report being bullied 2 to 3 times a month or more within a school semester. Cyber bullying is another important topic that most schools gloss over. Social media is a major part of every day life, so those that bully are utilizing this medium to continue to bully others after school lets out. Students these days cannot get away from the bully, which is why awareness is so very important. The good news is that the more we educate ourselves on what bullying looks like and where it stems from, the more easily we can deal with and minimize it in our school. The GREAT Academy has zero tolerance for bullying and we do not make any excuses for students to ever treat their peers with anything less than respect.



Parent Portal

Have you had the opportunity to set up your Edgenuity Parent Portal account?

The website is learn.edgenuity.com/family. If you need the access code or just help in general, please feel free to call 505-792-0306 and our front desk staff can help you.

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.



SMS Notification System

To receive alerts from the GREAT Academy for school closures, events and other important official notices please follow the instructions below:

Just text 'GREAT' to 292929 to opt in, or you can go online to www.call-em-all.com/join/great

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 12th—Grading Period Ends.

October 19th—Parent Night

10/16—10/20 — AIP Meetings

October 28th —ACT Test

10/30-11/2—SBA Test

November 4th — ACT Registration
deadline for 12/10 ACT Test.

November 16-19 — Senior PARCC

11/22— 11/24 — Thanksgiving Break

Cold and Flu Season is upon us!

Influenza (also known as the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The flu is different from a cold. The flu usually comes on suddenly. People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms:

- Fever* or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

* It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

If you think your student has the flu, make sure to take them in to the doctor to make sure (and be sure to get a note from the doctor for documentation purposes).

Besides getting the flu vaccine every year (which we offer at TGA), you should follow various precautions. Be sure to cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing, wash your hands often with soap and water (utilize hand-sanitizer if necessary), avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu on a regular basis.

“The common mistake that bullies make is assuming that because someone is nice that he or she is weak. Those traits have nothing to do with each other. In fact, it takes considerable strength and character to be a good person.” — Mary Elizabeth Williams

Friday School!!!

If your student is still working on prior semester courses or are more than 20% behind, they will need to attend Friday school. It will run from 9:00am—1:00 pm on designated Fridays. Be sure to look over your student's weekly progress report to see if there is a note letting you and your student know they are required to come to Friday school that week. You can also check the parent portal. If you see a lot of red on your student's progress report in the portal, chances are they should be here on Friday. If you have any questions regarding Friday school, please call.

Student Action Plans (AIP) Update!

We will be starting our AIP meeting with parents/guardians starting on Monday, October 16th at 3:00. Your student's caseload manager should/will contact you via e-mail or telephone during the week of the 9th. These meetings are important to go over a plan in any or all of the three major academic target areas we will be concentrating on. The target areas include: testing scores, their progress in Edgenuity and overall attendance. The AIP process starts with a meeting that will go over the target behaviors noted, goals for each area noted, and the interventions needed to achieve those goals. Each week your student will be sent home with an their Edgenuity progress report with any notes referring to Friday school attendance. The AIP process will take place over the course of all three cycles of the MAP test. If you are unable to attend the initial meeting, the caseload managers will mail out the updated AIP for signature acknowledgement. If you have any questions please contact your caseload manager, Mr. Kump or Mrs. Matthews. They can all be reached at 505-792-0306.

Thank you!

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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