2019 Dancing with the Stars, The Good Shepherd Way

Our sixth annual “Dancing with the Stars, The Good Shepherd Way” was a night to remember! Our dancers delighted the audience with a trip through the decades with their themed choreography, dazzling costumes, and surprise props. We are so grateful for our amazing dancers who helped to raise more than $300,000 for the school and the students we serve. Special congratulations to our Mirror Ball Champions, Rupa Jolly, Gus Anderson, and their choreographer Annie Cuccia. The evening’s Fan Favorite, who truly “wow’d” the crowd, was the mother-son duo, Jennifer Collins and Christian Collins, and their choreographer, Fran Moran. We are especially grateful to our major sponsors: Hancock Whitney, Angel Wings Foundation, Gwen and Ronnie Briggs, the Cummings Family, and the New Orleans Marriott. A special thank you to Mrs. Jamie Roy and Ms. Caroline Schulin- without their hard work, organization, and leadership, Dancing with the Stars, The Good Shepherd Way would not be such a success! In the end, we know that our students are the real winners!
4th Grade Learns Effects of Erosion from Cycle Construction Civil Engineers

Civil Engineers Kevin Kernion and Nick Priola from Cycle Construction visited GSS to speak with the 4th graders about erosion on the Mississippi River levees and New Orleans city streets. Our students enjoyed this interactive presentation, as they first learned how our levees and streets are made. Next, Mr. Kernion and Mr. Priola explained how our levees contain the mighty Mississippi River and how erosion threatens the levees’ strength. Erosion also creates problems on our city streets, which eventually leads to those dreaded potholes.

The 4th graders enjoyed the hands-on activities of the presentation, and even earned their very own hard hats and vests after completing the training! Soon the students will create their own solutions to some of the erosion problems to present for their Problem Based Learning (PBL). Perhaps our 4th grade students will figure out a solution to those New Orleans city street potholes!

Stay tuned for more updates on Problem Based Learning to come. We are looking forward to continuing to share the results of each grade’s PBL project.

GSS Cafeteria Food Service Advancements

This school year, GSS has become a School Food Authority (SFA). We have partnered with the Healthy School Food Collaborative to help administer and roll out our brand new school food program. For the 2019-2020 school year, our cafeteria service was open for bid and was awarded to Pigéon Catering.

With the new plan, our GSS students receive 3 meals a day:

• Hot Breakfast
• Hot Lunch with several meal selections
• Supper- sandwich with fruit/ veggie/ snack

GSS serves 3 meals to 320 students every day! Our students are enjoying the delicious and healthy offerings of our new program, and we are happy to welcome Pigéon Catering to GSS!
3rd Grade STEM Bin Creations

Our GSS 3rd grade students had a blast as they were challenged to create and invent real world structures using their new STEM Bins. “STEM” is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in 4 specific disciplines: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. STEM Bins are containers filled with simple manipulatives which provide a hands-on foundation of engineering for elementary students. GSS students used the STEM Bin manipulatives along with “IQ Builder” and “Brainflakes,” two programs for young engineers to learn spatial reasoning. Take a look at some of the creative structures that Mrs. Lana’s 3rd grade class built. Looks like we may have some future engineers in class!

1st Grade Social Studies 3D Maps

While studying their unit on maps, GSS 1st graders in Ms. Morgan and Mrs. Rachel’s classes had the opportunity to “step into their maps.” The students were tasked to build a 3D map of their home and neighborhood, including things like trees, plants, cars, fire hydrants, street signs, and much more. Once complete, the students proudly displayed their maps in their classrooms. Each student presented a map to their classmates, telling all about their neighborhood and the fun things they do with their friends and family in their neighborhood. The students enjoyed the hands-on experience to use their creativity to sculpt their masterpiece neighborhoods. Great job, 1st graders!
SAVE THE DATES

The Good Shepherd School
18th Annual Golf Tournament
Friday, March 20, 2020
Audubon Golf Course

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Day of Online Giving

Founder’s Day Mass and Reception
April 2020
Stay tuned for more details.
We hope to see all of our supporters there!

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The Good Shepherd Nativity Mission School, Inc. seeks to help low-income, urban youth in order to realize their fullest potential as productive members of society by providing them with an extended day, year-round, quality education, integrated with personal, moral and spiritual development and continued guidance during the students’ further education.

The Judeo-Christian values which have inspired the Nativity model include a respect for the dignity and potential of each person, a responsibility to assist the poor and those in need, a strong sense of community within the one family of God, and the obligation to promote a society characterized by social justice. In this Nativity model, students are enrolled without regard to race, color, religion or ethnicity.