

GEMS Principals' Report – Flora Hurteau, PreK-4 • Frank Calano 5-8 2009-2010 School Year

GOALS	September 2009 – JUNE 2010
<p><u>Goal #1</u> Expanding Communications and Building Community Relationships</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved building requests are being posted on the GEMS website calendar and includes details of time, location, contact person • Participation in adult activities has increased since the calendar has been included on our website • Two of the three community childcare centers who are collaborating with our preschool outreach program (supported by the VCPC grant) have applied for their 3 STARS from the DOE-this will enable GEMS to collect ADM money for their preschool students • The Community Relations/Georgia Recreation Committees will be hosting a senior luncheon at GEMS in December • A Building Blocks workshop to develop instructional skills for early literacy development is being held two evenings in November for all FWSU paraprofessionals and community child care providers, free of charge • Santa's Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the PTA, held on December 5th, was a great success • The GEMS Community Relations Committee and Georgia Recreation Committee Senior Luncheon was held on December 10th - Forty senior citizens attended- Elementary School students sang, played the hand chimes and made ornaments for the seniors- Middle School students served the meals- Ellen Hsieh made centerpieces- Ray at Georgia Market donated a ham for a drawing • Elementary School Holiday Programs were held throughout December • Middle School Band Concert was held December 17th • The GEMS office and business staff adopted a Georgia family and purchased Christmas gifts for the children • The GEMS guidance department organized gift giving to eighteen needy Georgia families with area businesses, Georgia churches, private donations, classrooms and the PTA donating gifts • The GEMS staff continues to donate money to the Georgia Food Shelf each pay day-To date \$507.02 has been collected • Our building is being used in the evenings for the following adult programs: Volleyball; basketball; Jazzercise; Zumba • Student programs: Young Rembrandts • The Community Relations Committee met on March 3rd to review the Senior Citizen Luncheon and record changes for next year and to plan the Fall Fest • The Winter Carnival was held on March 13th and was a great success • The Community Relations Committee met on March 3rd to review the Senior Citizen Luncheon and record changes for next year and to plan the Fall Fest • A group of parents organized and orchestrated the publishing of a preschool book with drawings and writing from Georgia preschool children. This includes work from children who attend our PK program and those who do not. The title of the book is <i>Discover the Ways We Learn</i> • Elementary School teachers have completed parent teacher conferences and Middle School conferences will be

	<p>held the weeks of April 5-9 and 12-16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Georgia Memorial Parade was held on May 22nd. The GEMS band decorated a float and performed. The band won 3rd place for their float. The GEMS Girls' Soccer Team participated in the parade with their float and won 4th place • The GEMS Preschool held a Safari Night for students and parents on May 27th, the event was well attended
<p><u>Goal #2</u> Make Curriculum and Instruction a Priority</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FWSU Vertical Teams met on Sept. 15 • Vertical Team work focuses on the questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do we want students to learn? How will we know when they learn it? What will we do when they do not learn it? What will we do if they already know it? • Each Vertical Team has developed their Mission Statement to further guide their work. • On September 29th and October 2nd, Vertical Team Leaders participated in training to further develop their leadership skills – this was also an opportunity to reflect on the challenges and successes of the teams • NECAP assessments will be administered October 6-15. These are summative assessments for grades 3-8 in the areas of Math, Reading and Writing • FWSU Vertical Teams met on October 13th • Lauralee Baral and Karen Garrett are providing after school math workshops for paraprofessionals to develop the skills for teaching early mathematics concepts • FWSU Vertical Team Leaders and principals attended training on change and coaching- The day was very worthwhile and there will be follow-up sessions • January 18th inservice is being planned by the Vertical Team Leaders and FWSU Director of Curriculum and Instruction- This day will be a continuation of our curriculum work- Some Vertical Teams will have outside facilitators working with their group • Vertical Teams continue to meet monthly and are making steady progress with establishing goals for student learning • Science NECAP tests will be administered in May. Results from this assessment will provide us with data for curriculum work • The FWSU Literacy Committee met to investigate student monitoring assessment options • The FWSU and GEMS Action Plan are complete and Board approval is needed
<p><u>Goal #3</u> Ensure All Students Have Access to an Increased Variety of Sports and Co-curricular Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The middle school co-curricular activities have been expanded to include: bowling, flag football, mountain biking, jewelry making, babysitting course, art club, pick-up basketball, volleyball • 7th and 8th grade baseball and softball teams have started practicing and will continue until June 9th

<p>Goal #4 Ensure Appropriate and Effective Use of Technology by All Students and Staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology hardware from the Summer 2009 Tech Institute is being installed in classrooms • Teachers are using training from the institute to use technology to support student learning in their classrooms • Tech Institute participants have completed and shared their projects with colleagues • The Technology Committee has developed a Technology Use Agreement for staff – each employee has reviewed and signed the agreement • Sylvia Gagne conducted a mobile lab training for all staff – before a staff member can sign out the mobile lab they must have completed the training • Thursday after school technology workshops, offered by our GEMS technology department, continue to be held for all staff • The Summer Tech Institute registration is full. In order to accommodate non-classroom teachers an alternate institute will be provided to meet their specific • Dayle Payne and Eric Hadd are co-leaders of an after school technology club for students in grades 5-8 • The middle school is looking to move ahead with 1:1 computing • Over the summer the bandwidth will be expanded • The Summer Tech Institute roster is full and this year the institute will be held at BFA
<p>Goal #5 Continue to Focus on the Development of the Whole Child (Personal Well-being)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tooth Tutor is coming to GEMS to work with students around dental health – children who have not visited the dentist in the past year are instructed in proper tooth care and the tutor will assist their parents in accessing affordable dental care for their children • The middle school held the first Recognition Assembly for the school year • The GEMS Mentor Luncheon was held December 18th - Students and their mentors had lunch together and an opportunity to visit and play games • The Step into the Future program for 7th & 8th grade students will begin in January • The ski program will begin in January-students who choose to participate will ski 4 times throughout the winter • During the month of March students are attending dental health assemblies that teach good oral hygiene • Grades 5-8 attended an assembly on good nutrition habits • There was a presentation to grades 7 & 8 on the effects of smokeless tobacco • VCHIP will be conducting an oral health screening and survey of children in grades 1-3. This will provide the state with data on the dental health of children and information for future programs
<p>Goal #6 Connect Students with Global and Local Issues (Caring for the World)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PTA and selected Middle School AG's are collecting warm clothing to redistribute/offer to local families who are in need • The Alternative Education Program students conducted a food drive and picked carrots at a local garden to provide for needy Georgia families • The Alternative Education Program made and sold holiday cards and used the proceeds to buy gifts for needy Georgia families • AG community service events include but are not limited to: collecting for the Ronald McDonald House; Franklin County Humane Society; Clothing drive for local needs • Grades 3&4 brought in soup for the food shelf to have "souper" holidays • A third grade classroom adopted a family for Christmas and purchased toys, clothes and food for dinner • A second grade classroom collected food for Christmas dinner for a family

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students collected \$1000 in change to help the victims of the Haiti earthquake • Staff donated another \$54 to the Georgia Food Shelf last payday • The Georgia School staff played middle school students in basketball as a fundraiser for the St. Jude's Children's Research Center - \$350 was donated • GEMS had the opportunity to display the map of Asia which is circulating across school districts. The map is 31' x 41'. Students have been exploring the map and participating in activities. This was also open to the public on the evening of March 29th • There was an elementary school Memorial Day Assembly on May 28th - students were in charge of all speakers and facilitated the assembly
<p>Goal #7 Protect and Preserve the Community Investment in the School Facilities and Property</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Middle School AG planted bulbs at the entrance to our building • Over the February break the maintenance crew replaced tile in the A building hallway and painted the lower floor of C building. In addition, entryway carpeting was installed on the ramp between lower B and A buildings • Stan Putnam, long time employee and keeper of our grounds is retiring at the end of this school year
<p>Goal #8 Balance the Needs of the Students with the Community's Ability to Pay (Monitor Finance and Budget)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank and Flora will be consulting the Action Plan and Strategic Plan throughout the budgeting process to ensure that our budget and goals for GEMS are aligned • With the resignation of one of the GEMS preschool teachers the program will be restructured to have two full time teachers rather than three part time teachers. This will be a cost savings and allow greater continuity in the program • Thank you to the Georgia Staff for accepting a pay freeze, the Georgia School Board for working with administration to put forth a fiscally responsible budget, and to the Georgia Community for supporting our budget

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