

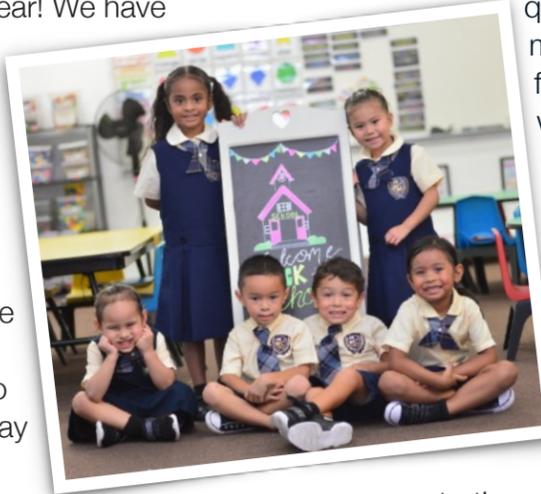
WHERE IS HEAVEN? WHO IS GOD?

Our Pre-K/Kinder class is off to a brand new start. We have all new students this year! We have been full of talkative energy, excitement, and eagerness to have fun learning. Not only is everyone new to GAA, but also new to school. Everyday is a new experience, meeting new friends and teachers, learning a new structure, and creating lasting memories.

In Matthew 19:14, it says, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these". We all have busy lives and sometimes don't allow the still, small voice of God speak to us. Especially during this transition into the beginning of the school year, let's consider our little children as the Bible teaches. The class asks questions: "Where

is Heaven?", "Who is God?", and before giving an answer, such deep questions with so many answers from different walks of life could give a plethora of responses. But for such simple questions, why so many answers? We are all on that same familiar trek to find the answers to these questions.

As readers, try asking yourself these same questions to both yourself and others, and hear what kind of responses you get. Maybe we don't ask these questions enough in our fast-paced lives. If you read the book of Matthew, it has many answers to what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. That Kingdom of Heaven needs to be right inside of our hearts. And being created in the image of God, can we restore His image in us as Christians awaiting His Second coming?



Mrs. Gizelle Lee is our Pre-K to Kindergarten class teacher for school year 2018-2019. Her goal this year is for her students to discover the love of God. She likes the Bible verse found in Psalm 127:3 "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." (KJV)

Principal's message

A sheep man in Indiana was troubled by his neighbors' dogs who were killing his sheep. Sheep men usually counter that problem with lawsuits or barbed-wire fences or even shotguns, but this man went to work on his neighbors with a better idea.

To every neighbor's child he gave a lamb or two as pets; and in due time when all his neighbors had their own small flocks they began to tie up their dogs, and that put an end to the problem.

So it goes all through the New Testament: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21.

Every day at school we have situations that may cause conflict or upset. How we deal with this as teachers and students creates the atmosphere at GAA. I pray for an atmosphere of peace, tolerance, understanding of differences, and showing honest love and caring for each other!! Let's make GAA a loving place to be where the Spirit of Jesus is everywhere and in our support of each other. This will bring a wonderful atmosphere to GAA!! A happy loving place to learn and play!

God bless you!!!

Mr. Gary Wilson
Principal



Guam Adventist Academy has an emergency response plan for fire, earthquake, active shooter, and bomb threats. The plan includes instructions how to deal with the various types of emergencies. Officers from the Guam Fire Department were present today to check GAA's readiness for a fire emergency. The drill today was successful in ensuring everyone's safety during fire emergencies.



MATH TIPS FOR PARENTS!

Instill a Love of Math

Learn how to develop a positive attitude towards math. As they grow, kids will learn that they are willing to work hard at something they love. It may just be math. Either way, remember that your child does not have to excel at math to enjoy it. "It doesn't matter if they're good, it matters whether they like it," VanHattum says. <http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/math/math-tips-for-parents/instill-a-love-of-math/>



Parents to Become Acquainted With Children—Some parents do not understand their children and are not really acquainted with them. There is often a great distance between parents and children. If the parents would enter more fully into the feelings of their children and draw out what is in their hearts, it would have a beneficial influence upon them. The father and the mother should work together in full sympathy with each other. They should make themselves companions to their children. Parents should study the best and most successful manner of winning the love and confidence of their children, that they may lead them in the right path. They should

reflect the sunshine of love upon the household. Encouragement and Commendation—Young children love companionship and can seldom enjoy themselves alone. They yearn for sympathy and tenderness. That which they enjoy they think will please mother also, and it is natural for them to go to her with their little joys and sorrows. The mother should not wound their sensitive hearts by treating with indifference matters that, though trifling to her, are of great importance to them. Her sympathy and approval are precious. An approving glance, a word of encouragement or commendation, will be like sunshine in their hearts, often making the whole day happy.

The Adventist Home, p. 190

SLIMY FRIDAY

This Friday, the pre-K and Kinder students did a special art craft today by making slime. They mixed glue, corn starch, glitter, and some solution to make slime. It got a little messy, but they had a blast!



The 12th grade English class began this school year by learning English literature. Ms. Hartline introduced the epic of Beowulf last week and the 12th graders have been studying the story since then. This week, the seniors were paired up and asked to present certain sections of the passage by illustrating what they have learned.

Each pair were creative in explaining their assigned sections in their own words and used their artistic skills to display the important aspects of each section. As the students presented to the class, each 12th grader took notes and drew what they saw on the board. One student said, "It was a great learning experience to not only listen to our peers and their translation of each section but it was very interesting to see them draw what they found important." Each student was able to learn by teaching their class about the epic of Beowulf.



Good deeds are the fruit that Christ requires us to bear: kind words, deeds of benevolence, of tender regard for the poor, the needy, the afflicted. When hearts sympathize with hearts burdened with discouragement and grief, when the hand dispenses to the needy, when the naked are clothed, the stranger made welcome to a seat in your parlor and a place in your heart, angels are coming very near, and an answering strain is responded to in heaven.

—Testimonies for the Church 2:25.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- FLEX DAY, LABOR DAY**
September 3, 2018
- CAREER EXPLORATION TESTING**
September 4, 2018
- IOWA ASSESSMENTS**
September 17, 2018
- SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY**
September 24, 2018
- WEEK OF PRAYER WITH DR. ARTHUR CHADWICK**
September 24-28, 2018
- GAA SABBATH**
September 29, 2018
- YEARBOOK PICTURE DAYS**
October 1-5, 2018
- COLUMBUS DAY (FLEX DAY)**
October 8, 2018
- PSAT/NMSQT TESTING (9TH-11TH GRADE)**
October 10, 2018
- END OF 1ST QUARTER**
October 17, 2018
- START OF 2ND QUARTER**
October 18, 2018

GAA'S MISSION is to help students:

Glorify God in their daily lives,
Achieve academic excellence with social responsibility,
Apply diligently the principles of healthful living.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO SCHOOL DAY – LABOR DAY
Parents, please be informed that the school will not be in session on Monday, September 3, 2018. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 4. Please be guided accordingly.

PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS RESUME
Lessons will begin on Tuesday. Don't forget to bring your piano books!

Participate in the "BAG YOUR SCHOOL" contest sponsored by Payless supermarkets.

WIN CASH PRIZES FOR YOUR SCHOOL
AUGUST 6 THRU SEPTEMBER 30
- HERE'S HOW -

- 1 SHOP AT PAY-LESS WITH A REUSABLE BAG
- 2 SAVE WITH A \$4 REBATE PER BAG
- 3 PICK FROM A SCHOOL BELOW

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH CONTESTS! GET CREATIVE!

2018 Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.

WEEKLY THEMES AND EVENTS:
 Week 1 Sept 1 - 8: **Make and Practice Your Plan**
 Week 2 Sept 9 - 15: **Learn Life Saving Skills**
 September 15: **National Day of Action**
 Week 3 Sept 16 - 22: **Check Your Insurance Coverage**
 Week 4 Sept 23 - 29: **Save For an Emergency**
 Sept 25 at (10 am - 2 pm): **National Preparedness Month Grand Finale at the Agana Shopping Center**

Use our Hashtags: #GuamNPM, #NatlPrep, and #PrepareNow, #FloodSmart

Deadline: Friday, September 14, 2018 at 5pm. The winning student's teacher will be notified via phone/email by Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Email Maria Romulo at marialoralyn.romulo@ghs.guam.gov for full rules and regulations. Participants are encouraged to attend the Grand Finale.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (6 WINNERS)
Poster Contest: Create an emergency preparedness word/board game, incorporating the themes of Week 1 and 2. Must be 8.5"x11", have a flat surface, and no thicker than 1/2 inch.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS (1 WINNER)
Comic Strip Contest: Incorporate the themes of Week 3 and 4 to create a short comic strip on what you would do before, during, or after a Super Typhoon. Must be on a 8.5"x14" paper or poster.

HIGH SCHOOLS (1 WINNER, MAXIMUM OF THREE PRIZES)
N to Z Video Contest: Film what you would do before, during, or after a Super Typhoon. Deadline: September 19, 2018. Winners announced September 20, 2018.

PUBLIC (1 WINNER PER WEEK, WIN UP TO TWO TIMES)
Instagram Contest: Pick a weekly theme and post by the Friday of each week. Snap, post, tag @guamhomelandsecurity, and use all four hashtags above. Enter every Friday by 8pm!

Disasters Happen PREPARE NOW LEARN HOW

For more information, visit www.ready.gov or contact the Guam Homeland Security / Office of Civil Defense. Website: www.ghs.guam.gov Office: 671-475-9600

Ready Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed.

SNAPSHOTS GALLERY



YOU'RE INVITED TO VISIT AN ADVENTIST CHURCH THIS SABBATH!

Locations and contact information are listed in www.gmmsda.org/churches or call 477-9745 (GMM Office).



When God Calls You to Serve Him

Upper Room, Windward Hills) Guam Adventist Academy holds a weekly chapel assembly every Friday. The elementary classes hold their assembly during the second period and the upper school classes hold theirs after the fourth period right before lunch. These assemblies are not only meant to cultivate the students' Christian experience but also to develop leadership, musical abilities, scripture memorization, and public speaking. During chapel assemblies, the principal presents Gold Cards to students who were caught doing something good.

It is to listen to God's voice and not neglect it. In fact, the most fascinating part of Pastor Wood's sermon was that he acted out the story by himself. He started off on the floor as Samuel was sleeping when he heard God's voice calling his name, but Samuel did not know that it was God. He then acted as Priest Eli telling Samuel to go back to bed. This happened two more times until Samuel finally realized it was the Lord's voice and decided to listen to His voice and say, "Here I am", and of course Pastor Woods acted out all of this. His method of teaching the story to the students was very effective. His dynamic performance had the whole audience engaged and listening, even the Pre-K. He ended with the thought that Samuel was just a young boy when God called him, and God knows knows your name no matter how young you are. So, listen to God's voice and answer eagerly just as Samuel did, "Here I am."

Today, the Junior class led during praise time. The song selection included dynamic and enthusiastic songs. After the song service, Ramon Leon Guerrero led in prayer, which was followed by Amaris Liu's opening prayer. Before the message was given, the senior class shared a creative rendition of the song "Because He Lives". They introduced the song with a skit about unity. GAA Bible teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Ingold, shared a message about forgiveness. She told the students two stories; one was about two brothers who did not like each other, and another one about Joseph and his brothers. The stories conveyed a powerful message about forgiveness and how God can forgive us if we ask Him to.

Proverbs 16:3 "Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established."

NO SCHOOL DAY LABOR DAY MONDAY, SEP 3