

PTO NEWS

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Spotlight On...



Meagan Messuri Lower Elementary

"One thing that I love about GMA is how close you get to people. The connection with families, especially after three years."

"One day I would like to be a teacher trainer, someone who trains new Montessori teachers. I'd also like to write a book."

"My students read The Land of Stories, which is one of my favorite books. Then, several kids went and got the next book in the series from the library. Now some students are writing their own version."

"If I have a day to myself, I want to go shopping, out to eat at a Mexican restaurant, and to the park with my family."

"I've done musical theater since I was a freshman in high school."

"I want to raise my daughter with a Montessori approach."

Coming Up:

- **Mar 19:**
PTO Meeting
4:15pm, South Campus
- **Mar 19:**
School Board Meeting
6:00pm, North Campus
- **Apr 16:**
PTO Meeting
Officer Election
4:15pm, South Campus
- **Apr 26:**
Talent Show
6:00pm, Geist Community Church

Robotics Team going to World Competition

GMA's two robotics teams, TechnoBeasts and TechnoSquad, have been working hard since last fall. The students built robots that have to work together cooperatively with robots from other schools to move items on a game board. During a competition, the students work with eight different teams, and have to coordinate very quickly to develop a strategy.

After winning multiple top awards during the season, both teams competed in the state championships at Lucas Oil Stadium on March 9. This is quite an accomplishment, because out of hundreds of teams across the state, only 100 qualify for the championships.

Both TechnoBeasts and TechnoSquad made it to the final round of competition at the championships. TechnoSquad won an Amaze award, qualifying them for the world competition in late April.

TechnoBeasts and TechnoSquad: GMA is proud of your hard work! Congratulations!



TechnoSquad: Eliza Sweeney, Adrianna Terry, Isak Thorne, Caleb Lewis, Molly Kwok, Brian Beck

TechnoBeasts: Caleigh Johnson, Callum Robb, Ellen Lovold, Esther Marinho, Alicia Terry, Andy Beck

Coach: Ms. Kathy (with Ms. Abby and Mr. John)

Community Mentors: Mr. Joseph Terry and Mr. Jim McGinn

Roller Skating Party



- Made \$200 for our school
- Will be spent on a meal for staff and teachers when they work late during conferences.

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Shout-outs!



Caleb Lewis and Adrianna Terry, accepting Amaze robotics award

- Anne Tordei, for creating a spectacular Daddy-Daughter Dance and organizing the Roller Skating party.
- Jessica Shreve, for her creative vision for the Daddy-Daughter Dance.
- Kerry Davies, Melissa Reynolds, Karen Schmiegel, Kim Parker, Casi Durham, KatyAnn DiSalvo, Leslie Grey, Abby Strong, Casie Hall, and Heather Kenjorski, for helping with the Daddy-Daughter Dance.
- Ms. Natalie and Mr. Logan, for organizing the Pancake Breakfast.
- Ms. Leslie, Ms. KatyAnn, and the upper elementary students who organized the Penny Wars. You raised over \$600 to help the homeless!
- Ms. Meagan, for agreeing to lead the Talent Show. We are excited to see what you come up with!
- Mary Driskell, for sending out our communications.
- Ms. Karen, for leading the Mother/Son event.
- Michelle Hurd and Abby Strong, for their work on the teacher appreciation meals.

Daddy-Daughter Dance



PTO Needs:

- People interested in serving as PTO officers.
Contact Karen Swan (kswan@gmail.k12.in.us) for more info.
- Volunteers for:
 - The Talent Show, April 26
 - The April Teacher Appreciation Meal, date TBD
(Watch email for more info)