

GMS Weekly Update

December 4-8

Principal Points

I'm truly trying not to think about tonight's football game, but I would be lying if I told you that I'm not continually thinking of how the game is going to play out tonight. No, it's not because "Tis the season of Friday early dismissal's." However, I do believe that most of us are greatly appreciative of these days. I believe that it's just the coach in me. Once a coach, always a coach!

Ever since the 6th grade I knew that I wanted to become a coach! It wasn't because of the fact that I excelled in sports or even simply being able to wear a jersey of some sort for my school. I wanted to become a coach because there was "ONE" man who made an impact in my life on a daily basis. I knew that every day when I showed up for PE, there would stand Coach Theriot at the door waiting to greet me with a smile and hug. Furthermore, every single day before leaving the gym he would say, "Men, don't ever forget that no matter what happens in your day, Coach T loves you!" Then followed up with, "There's nothing better than being a Bobcat!" You see for most students that would make them smile due to hearing something positive as we left class. However, for myself, it was more than kind words or motivation to do good in our day. You see, Coach T was that "ONE" person that was missing in my life before 6th grade. Coach T was simply "ONE" man, but he played a variety of roles that would go well beyond the classroom walls or playing fields. I truly believed everything that Coach T told me due to the amount of attention, care, and love that he would give his students. He never knew that I woke up each morning with the hopes of arriving to school early just to sit in a cafeteria while he was doing his morning duty. He also didn't know that I told my mother that practiced ended 20 minutes later, so that I could walk over to watch the start of Varsity Football practice. It only took "ONE" teacher/coach to totally change my trajectory of where I would go in school and later in my life as a husband and father.

I only have "ONE" point in why I'm sharing this story with you all today. It's because it only takes:

"ONE" word

"ONE" phrase

"ONE" good deed

"ONE" smiling face

"ONE" small gesture

"ONE" act of kindness

"ONE" moment in your day

To make an everlasting and positive impact on "ONE" of your students lives.

I firmly believe that each "ONE" of you can be that significant adult at school who has the ability's to change a student's life and redirect their path, and I hope you all commit to being that significant adult for each "ONE" of the students who you serve.

"There is nothing better than being a Brave!"



This Week's Events

Monday, December 4th

- Math Interim Assessments

Tuesday, December 5th

- Math Interim Assessments

Wednesday, December 6th

- Math Interim Assessments
- Progress Reports Issued
- Timbercreek Fun Day (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
- Blue Santa (Begins immediately after school)

Thursday, December 7th

- Lady Braves @ Little Cypress (Basketball)
- Braves vs Little Cypress (Basketball)

Friday, December 8th

- Lady Braves Basketball Tournament (Away)
- Braves Basketball Tournament (Saturday @ Home)
- Early Release TBD

Things To Remember

- Lesson Plans should be completed by 7:45 a.m. Monday morning.
- All classroom doors are to remain locked at all times.
- Grades need to be entered weekly.
- Remember to be at your assigned duty station.
- Tutorials begin everyday at 7:45 a.m.
- Promote Kindness, Acceptance & Respect to all at GMS!
- There is nothing better than being a Brave!

Faculty Shoutout

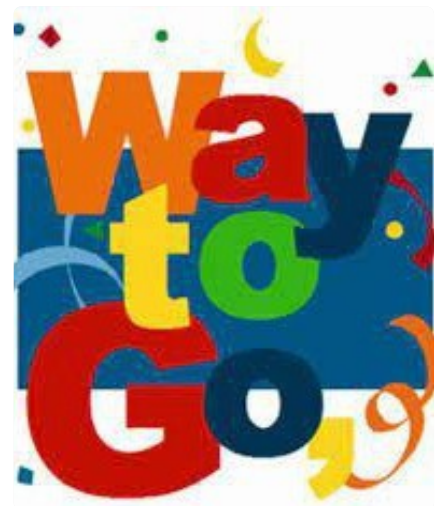
Matti Scroggs

Matti Scroggs has had one of the most interesting, nerve-racking and impressive starts to beginning a career as an educator that I can recall. It's not often that a teacher is asked to change teaching assignments on two days notice before the 1st day of school. Oh yeah, I forgot to mention that I asked her to get Dyslexia certified the week before school as well. All of this coming her way before ever stepping foot in the classroom as a lead teacher. As you can imagine she did what any first year teacher would do...she asked if she could have a minute because this was a lot! Lol. Since that day all she has done is excel in her new roles as a 7th grade RLA/Dyslexia teacher.

Matti, we love that you have gone above and beyond for all of your students, including many of them with extremely high needs. You don't give up on the difficult students, but instead you're quick to try a new method or approach. It's evident to all of us at GMS that you care deeply for all students and want each of them to experience success. Thank you for being their biggest cheerleader!



Matti Scroggs



12/2- Traci Cates

12/3- Tammy Swindall



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