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An Upgrade in GMS Classrooms

New Televisions Replace SMART Board Technology

By Ivany Cisneros-Hernandez

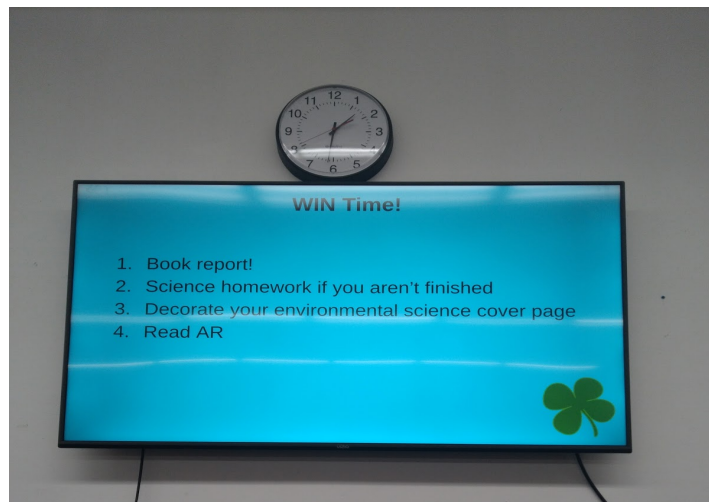
New 65 inch VIZIO TVs from Costco are being placed in every classroom throughout the district.

There are TVs being put in classrooms because they last longer and no light bulbs will have to be changed to keep the televisions functioning, unlike the requirements for SMART Boards.

Mr. Brown, GMS Principal, thinks the TVs are amazing because teachers can present information on them, as well as share information with a touch screen Chromebook.

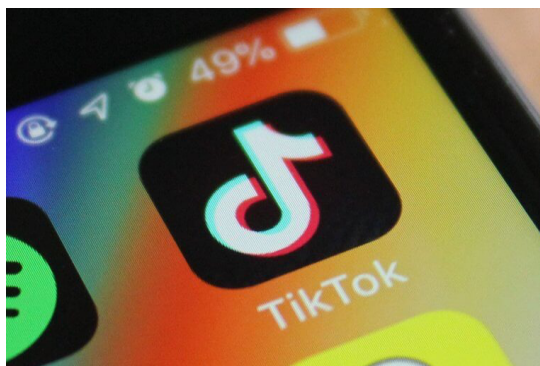
Mrs. Lindsay, future District 102 Superintendent, had the idea to put up the TVs in the rooms. Lindsay saw how other schools had televisions in their classrooms, and how successful they were because of the updated technology. Lindsay and District 102 were inspired to make the shift to TVs as well.

Brown thinks the TVs are very successful because they are brighter than the SMART Boards, so the teachers don't need to turn off the lights and students can take better notes.



NEW TELEVISIONS!- The new 65 inch VIZIO televisions are in rooms now! Pictured above is the new TV in Miss Hickey's 6th grade classroom. *Photo by Ivany Cisneros-Hernandez.*

I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream!



By Matthew Hany

The third-quarter PBIS celebration was held on March 19, 2021.

The PBIS celebration allowed students to have tech time, while they enjoyed ice cream sundaes.

Ever since Covid-19 has spread around the world, students can not do as many in-person activities as in years before, but teachers and administrators at GMS have done their best to still give students opportunities to celebrate.

AN ICE CREAM CELEBRATION- Students enjoyed tech time and ice cream treats on Friday, March 19, 2021. *Photos courtesy of Google Advanced Search, via Matthew Hany.*

Doctors Now Have a Vaccine for Covid-19

Teachers at GMS are Getting Vaccinated

By Cole Breweur

The Covid-19 virus hit over one year ago and now we have vaccines and masks.

Some of the teachers and staff at GMS have been going through the vaccination process, like Miss Hickey, 6th grade teacher at GMS, and Miss Heruth, district librarian.

Hickey said she wanted to get the vaccine as soon as it was available.

“I got the shot, so I would feel safer,” Hickey said.

Heruth said she got the vaccine so she would feel safer around family and friends, and because she hopes things can return to normal soon.

“I got the vaccine to do my part to get things back to normal. I’m ready to see student’s smiling faces again and this is the first step that I can take to getting there,” Heruth said.



GIVE IT A SHOT!- Many vaccines are being administered to fight the Coronavirus. Teachers and staff at Georgetowne Middle School, and throughout District #102, are among those being vaccinated. *Photo courtesy of Google Advanced Search, via Cole Breweur.*

Then and Now

From March 2020 to March 2021

By Carson Whitney

A lot has changed since March of 2020.

Mr. Brown, GMS principal, has experienced this professionally and personally.

Brown commented on the Covid-19 restrictions that have been put in place throughout this past year.

“I feel they are necessary and they keep the kids safe,” Brown said.

Mrs. Lehr, 7th/8th grade science teacher at GMS, commented on how this has affected her life.

“Personally, I have to stay in quarantine. Professionally, we have to do remote learning,” Lehr said.

Lehr also said the biggest difference at school is the social distance.

“We have to stay six feet apart,” Lehr said.

Approximately one year ago, on March 16, 2020, it was believed that school would close for two weeks. After that shutdown ended up lasting throughout the rest of the 2019-2020 school year, it was uncertain what this school year would look like. However, the GMS Tigers have spent the entire 2020-2021 school year back in the building, so far.

Clearly a lot has changed between March 2020 and now; we wear masks, sanitize the school more, and stay six feet apart.



A NEW CLASSROOM- Students at GMS have to sit spaced out and wear masks throughout the day. Pictured above is Miss Hickey’s 6th grade classroom. *Photo by Carson Whitney.*

Reviews on the All-in-One Oculus Quest 2

By Thaden Gould

The Oculus Quest 2 just came out for Christmas and many children and adults are buying it, including four students at GMS. These students bought and have played the Oculus Quest 2 long enough to have discovered both issues and benefits with their system. These students were asked six questions and each response reflects their own personal opinions and thoughts.

According to www.oculus.com, The Oculus Quest 2 is the most advanced all-in-one VR system yet. You can connect your VR headset to a gaming-compatible computer with an Oculus Link cable to access hundreds of PC VR games and experiences. However, a PC is not required to access the VR world with the Quest 2. Quest 2 also lets you bring your friends into the action.

Max Musgrave, 7th grade student at GMS, gave the Oculus a rating of eight out of ten and stated he did not think there would be a next model of the series. However, he did like the quality of the lenses and the fact it was not heavy for a VR headset.

“The tracing is terrible,” Musgrave said. This could be considered an understatement, considering the device was relatively cheap for VR. Musgrave had no further questions about his responses and or the console he owns.

Next up was Lucas Gosch, 7th grade student at GMS. He gave the Oculus a rating of eight as well.

“It needs to be more durable or more comfortable,” Gosch said.

The stock head strap isn't a very comfortable accessory for the Oculus; however, there is an alternative head strap you can purchase on Amazon for around \$50.

Many Oculus owners could agree with Gosch's statement that the headset is, in fact, uncomfortable while users are playing certain games.

Gosch also stated he thought the Oculus felt real, especially with certain games like Beat Saber and Rec Room. He thought those games were good workouts, and that the hand tracking *and* the controller tracing were both wonderful.

Gosch had no further questions about his responses and or the console he owns.

A.J. Carlyle, 7th grade student at GMS, gave the Oculus an overall score of eight out of ten.

Carlyle thought the graphics and frame rate were incredible for a cheap VR headset.

He was surprised at how good the visuals looked and the only thing he thought needed improvement was the controller and hand tracking. Carlyle liked the fact that players don't need a PC to use the device and that the games are cheaper than the Quest 1.

Carlyle had no further questions.

The last review was given by Jacob Courtouise, 7th grade student at GMS.

Courtouise gave the Oculus an overall rating of five out of ten and thought it would be nice to have the next model not run by Facebook, if there was ever a new model created. This is unlikely, though, since Facebook made the brand “Oculus,” and profits from the product.

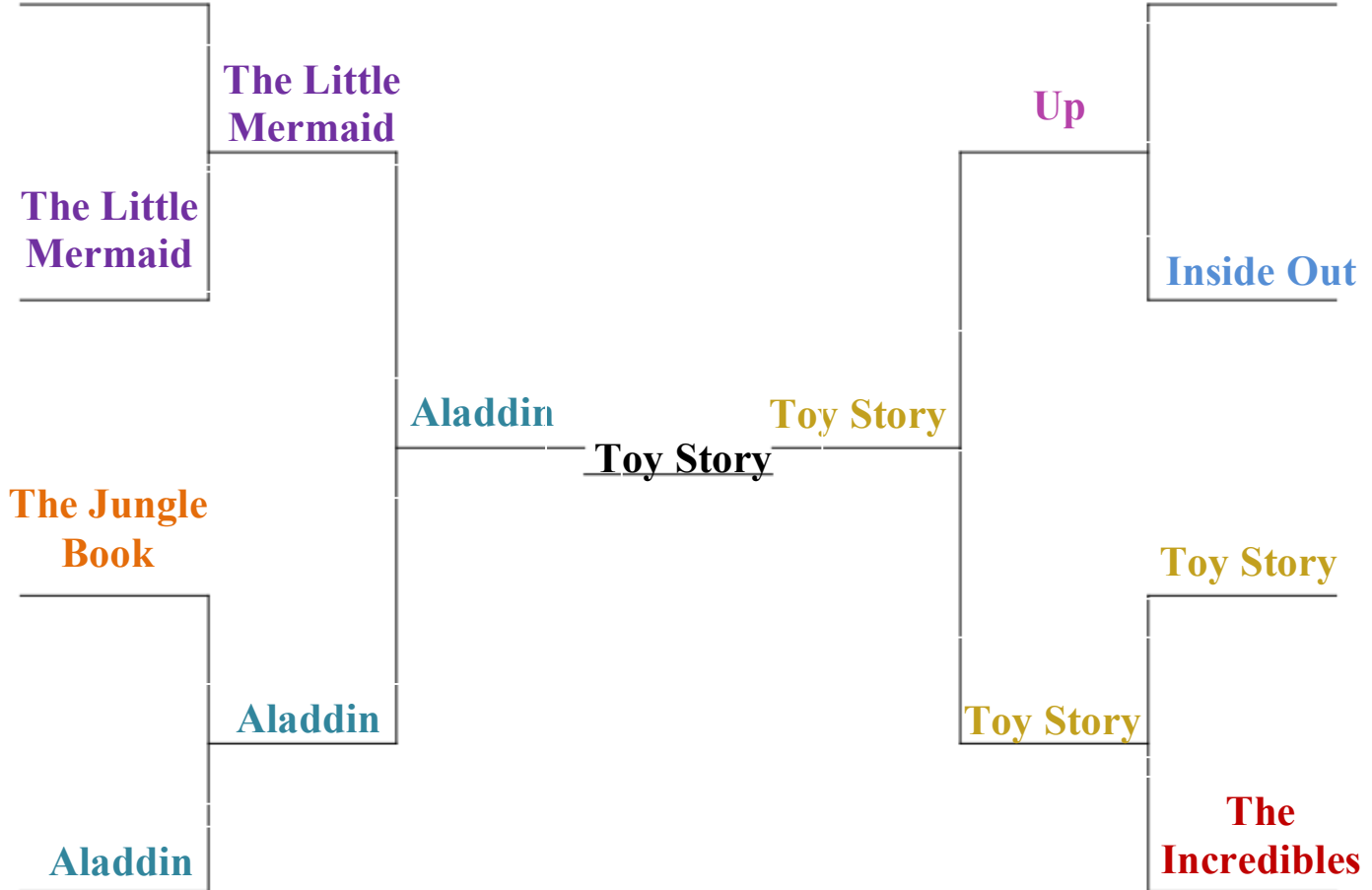
Courtouise thought the overall tracking needed to be improved, as well, and had no further questions.



A NEW ERA- This is the Oculus Quest 2, the new and improved version of the Quest 1. Quest 2 offers better tracking, better quality, and better looks to the VR world. However, there are some flaws to this device. *Photo courtesy of Google Advanced Search, via Thaden Gould.*

Movie Madness: Disney vs. Pixar

The Princess
and the Frog



This poll was conducted by *Tiger Print* reporter and Opinion Editor, Grace Opper. The results of this Disney vs. Pixar poll represent the views of the students and staff members who participated in an online Google Form prior to publication of this volume of *Tiger Print*.

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Volleyball Persists Despite Challenges Presented by Covid-19 Regulations

By Owen Sanders

Despite all of the Covid-19 restrictions, the volleyball team was still able to play a whole season this year.

Mrs. Lehr, 6th/7th grade head coach, and Miss MacDonald, 8th grade head coach, both had the same opinions on some of the most difficult aspects of this season.

“The hardest part of the season was probably the wearing of the masks,” Lehr said.

“Players and coaches had to wear masks and there was a restriction on fans,” MacDonald said.

MacDonald also said that the season was crammed into one month. This affected how many practices the team could have before games began.

“I wish we had more time to practice,” Lehr said.

Despite the shortened season and less practices being held, the games still went well.

“Our records were a little bit stronger this year, so that was exciting to see,” MacDonald said.

MacDonald was commenting on the 8th grade team’s record, which was 5-3 this season.

“The season was quick, but still went well. I am so glad we were able to play at all,” MacDonald said.

The volleyball team did a co-op with St. Joe’s for the first time this year; two 8th grade players and two 6th players represented St. Joe’s.

Both volleyball teams played eight regular season games this year. In addition, they fought through tough matches at the regional level.



SERVE IT UP!- Eighth grader, Alina Vang, serves at at home volleyball game during regular season play. *Photo courtesy of Mr. Brown.*



GETTING IN SHAPE- Pictured above is Owen Sanders, 6th grade student at GMS, doing a workout before track. *Photo by Thaden Gould.*

The Race Toward the GMS Track Season

By Grayson Garrett

Despite the Covid-19 restrictions, the track season can go on.

Runners still have to wear masks during practices and track meets.

Right now, there are 39 students on the team total: 25 girls and 14 boys, according to Miss Jackson, Girls Track Coach, and Mr. Stambaugh, Boys Track Coach.

Track practice started on March 10, 2021, but, as of publication, meets are still being scheduled.

The 2021 Basketball Season

By Alex Sargent

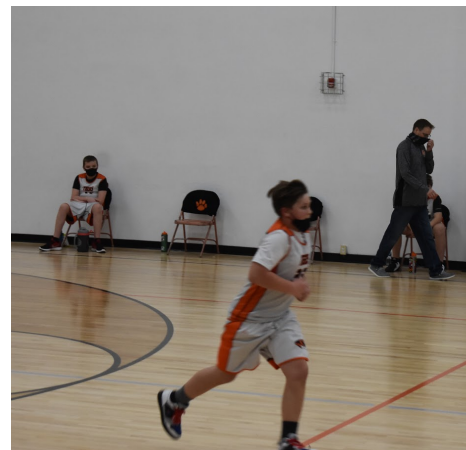
The GMS basketball team was unsure whether or not they would have a season this year, because of Covid-19 restrictions.

Fortunately, they were able to play.

John Kroll, 8th grade student at GMS, said they didn't win any games but they still had fun with their teammates.

The team had to wear masks, which was a challenge, but they still tried their best.

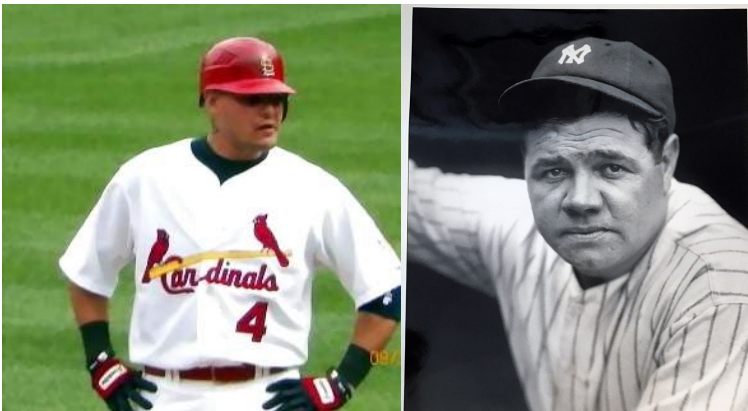
Both teams ended the season with a record of 0-5.



GO TIGERS!

One of the home games the GMS Tigers got to play this season is shown in these featured images. Photos courtesy of Mrs. Oertle and the GMS Yearbook Staff.

Spring Training is in Full Swing



PAST AND PRESENT- Spring Training is a time to see what new players can do, and remember what past players have done. Photos courtesy of Google Advanced Search, via Alex Sargent.

By Alex Sargent

MLB Spring Training has started and there is a long baseball season ahead.

All 30 teams are working to prepare for the season.

Baseball lovers are looking forward to watching their favorite players head onto the field and remembering and honoring their favorite players from their past.

The nostalgia baseball brings will allow fans to think about the greats, like the Sultan of Swat, Babe, Jack Dunn's Baby, The Caliph of Clout, The Bambino, The Great Bambino: Babe Ruth.