



# Whoooo's News?.....



# Owl News!

December, 2017

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## FROM JANE'S DESK



This has been a very busy first semester for Gretchen Everhart School! So many wonderful and exciting things have happened! The staff have worked hard with all students to help them achieve the skills they need. We continue to place a great deal of emphasis on literacy which is the key to all learning. Please help us by reading with your child for a few minutes every day...it is a great way to share time together and help your child continue to learn. We also have a monthly homework calendar each month that is sent home that lists an activity for each day of the month that you can do with your child at home to help reinforce the learning at school. We hope you find this monthly homework calendar helpful. Don't forget to do your homework and let the teacher know that you are working on the activities each day! Parent and family involvement is a key to your child's progress at school. Please

stay in touch with your child's teacher and get involved in as many ways that you can to help the school and our efforts.

We are really concentrating on Wellness and Healthy Eating as a school. We encourage everyone when sending in "treats" for classrooms that you think about providing healthy snacks such as fruit and whole grain bars with limited sugar.

We had a group from Buck Lake Elementary School perform their annual performance for our students which was a real treat. To end the year all of our students were fortunate to receive gifts from Santa Claus thanks to the warmth and generosity of our friends and partners at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Talwar Grotto, and the Elks. We also had a Tow Truck Parade at our school on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>!

Our Everhart Excellence Foundation Board has been very involved in helping the school this fall. They are helping to provide a Parents Day Out for our families and the children with a partnership with the Hang Tough Foundation. It is nice to have a Foundation where major contributions can be received to support the work of the school. We are very excited about the upcoming development of Owl Landing in the front of the school. It will be a wonderful outside area for our students designed for their special needs. We hope to have it open and available to our families and neighbors during non-school hours. Come see the plans in the front office! Let teachers, Jane, or Foundation Board members know about your ideas for other needs for the school.

As we begin the New Year we will be closely monitoring the attendance of our students. We want students to be in school each and every day from 9:00 – 3:00 so they can benefit from the instruction we are able to provide. If students miss school, are late or leave early, we aren't able to provide the specialized instruction they need and deserve. We ask that parents provide a written excuse for the times students are not in school due to illness or appointments. If students miss three or more days they need an excuse from the doctor for those absences to be considered excused. Feel free to contact Lori Thompson if you have questions regarding attendance.

We continue to be thankful for all that we have been able to accomplish with our students this fall. The staff joins me in wishing all students and families an EXCEPTIONAL OWLIDAY! Enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to the New Year and all it has in store! Students return to school on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.



# DEPARTMENT NEWS

## POST-SECONDARY

Post-secondary has had some big changes! As many of you know, we have moved classrooms! We have welcomed a new student and we hope everyone is settling in well to their new spaces.

Last month we celebrated Thanksgiving with LOTS of visitors to our building. The students really enjoyed planning, shopping, cooking, and decorating for everyone!

This month we will be working on another fundraiser during the tow truck parade. We will be baking and selling cookies and hot chocolate. We hope this will be a success and will become an annual event!

We are beginning our garden, better late than never! Thank goodness we live in Florida and have some flexibility with planting dates.

Post-Secondary News from Mrs. Harrison's Class: What an exciting nine weeks we had! We worked in our classroom, in the many places around our school, and in our community! We worked hard in the Everhart Owl-Mart! We worked at improving our work and literacy skills. After our Thanksgiving Break, we worked on moving our classroom! Wow!!!



## HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Nee's class has worked very hard this last 9 weeks. The students learned about Veteran's Day and even wrote letters to Airman that are stations in Afghanistan for the holidays. The class worked very hard to organize their ideas, write their letter, and then proofread it for a final copy. We were all very excited to put them in the mail to brighten the airmen's holidays. We have also learned about traditions and what different families do for holidays during the year. We look forward to coming back to school in 2018 and hope that everyone has a great break with their friends and families!

Kiser's Korner

Time flies when you're having fun! This 9 weeks have taken our class flying across to the continent of Africa to the country of Egypt where we are learning how writing was first scribed in stone. Students got to experience first hand carving as it was done back in ancient Egypt.

Science this 9 weeks was exploring the forces of motion, friction and speed. Students participated in experiments using incline planes, sand paper and matchbox cars to experience these forces first hand.

Literacy was a hoot as we read about the Lion King and the many adventures of Simba. Our literacy focus next nine weeks will be Disney's Peter Pan.

With the holidays just around the corner I want to take this opportunity to wish all my students and their families a wonderful holiday season and I will see you all next year.

## JUNIOR HIGH

Ms. Vicky Droze's class is very appreciative of the parents who donated fruit for teachers to enjoy during their faculty meeting. Thank you Ms. Lanh, Mr. Shann, Ms. Finecey, Ms. Dempsey, Ms. McKnight, and Mr. Rodriguez.

Students in Ms. Droze's class have been working on listening and following directions while on CBI. After participating in music therapy at Elder Care on alternating Wednesdays, everyone who made good choices earns 1.00 and walks to Publix to buy a snack. The listening doesn't end once the snack is purchased, however! The students need to be especially mindful of traffic while walking through the parking lot on the way to *and from* Publix. If the student makes good choices all the way back to school, then he can eat his special snack during lunch. Everyone is pretty motivated to be safe, respectful, and responsible as long as there are Oreos waiting.

## DEPARTMENT NEWS (CONT.)

### JUNIOR HIGH (Cont.)

#### Brennan's Bunch news

We can't believe that the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks is almost behind us! We have been very busy this 9 weeks. We learned all about motion and how things move related to sports, which we LOVE! We also got to identify the parts of a pumpkin on paper and then got to see the real thing...Breyden and Omar were not excited about scooping out pumpkin guts!! Then, we took a trip back in time in our Unique unit to the 1930's and learned about concepts like the Dust Bowl, the Great Depression and the New Deal. Terrie and Alan couldn't believe that people didn't have cell phones or ipads back then. We also were excited to pick out 2 dishes to make for our building's Thanksgiving feast...Claire and Tyson helped pick out the ingredients on our CBI trip to make homemade mac and cheese and pumpkin pie and everyone agreed that they LOVED it... Terrie even made up a song about the pie! Last week, we practiced the skill called "one up" while we went holiday shopping for our family and had to figure out what the next whole dollar amount was to pay the cashier for our gifts...the entire class was very excited to be shopping for their family and we certainly hope that everyone enjoys their gifts. We want to wish all of you the happiest of holiday seasons and a wonderful New Year!

### ELEMENTARY

This past 9 weeks in Mrs. Delaney's class has been a blast. We continued our Disney theme and learned about a few new Disney Characters. We also decided to go as Snow White, the 7 Dwarfs, and the Evil Queen for our Fall Holiday party. These past few weeks we have started studying how countries around the world celebrate different Holidays. We have really enjoyed see how other children live! We hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Break. See you in 2018!



### PRE-K

Ms. Chris is so glad to be back and I am really enjoying each of the students in the class. A BIG SHOUT OUT to Ms. Melissa for holding down the fort while I was recuperating from surgery and thanks to Ms. Gina and Ms. Katie for teaching and working with each child.

These past 9 weeks, our classrooms worked on several themes. The first was all about friendship and being helpers to each other. Then we learned about community helpers and how important they are to things that we do and receive every day. The last unit for the 9 weeks taught us about the 4 seasons. While reading stories and singing songs about all of the subjects in the units, we all continue to work on our pre-kindergarten skills. Everyone is writing their name on some level and we are all learning letters of the alphabet as well as the letter sounds. Number recognition and counting are also worked on daily.

During our helping hands unit, our school SRO, Deputy Keller came and talked to all of the pre-k students

about all of the things a police officer does to help people. We even got to go outside

and see the lights on the car and hear the siren!



## Partners for Excellence

Our Everhart Business Partners are at it again! We are very fortunate to have some of the best Partners for Excellence in Leon County. This fall has been no exception. Between monetary donations, in kind services and goods, countless hours of volunteer service, support, love and care, Everhart is truly blessed. We thank all of our Partners for their ongoing and continuous support of our school!

Tallahassee Elks, Lodge 937  
Tallahassee Lions Club  
Bruster's Real Ice Cream  
Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
Gretchen Everhart Excellence Foundation  
Pilot Club of Tallahassee, Inc.  
Able Trust Florida Youth Leadership Forum  
TalWar Grotto  
Gulf Winds  
Tow Truck, Inc.  
American Sewing Guild  
First Baptist Church  
Capital City Bank  
Books-A-Million  
Brass Tap  
Red Elephant Pizza and Grill - Midtown  
Awards 4U  
FSU Best Buddies  
Tallahassee Mortgage Bankers Association  
Synergy Energy  
Penny Herman  
To all of our Partners we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## *Angels Amongst Us...*



There are definitely Angels Amongst Us here at Everhart and the first one is our Partner for Excellence, Good Shepherd Catholic Church. For many years the parishioners of Good Shepherd Church have included our school in their Christmas Angel Program. Our students have been the lucky recipients of very thoughtful and caring gifts. This year was no different and we were blessed again with Good Shepherd parishioners including us in their Christmas Angel Program. Each student received an awesome gift to open and all students were very excited and joyous!

Another Angel Amongst us every Holiday Season was the Elks Lodge of Tallahassee. The Elks provided us with Santa, Mrs. Claus and their Elves to help distribute the Angel Gifts. They too have been providing this for our students for years. They come out very early in the morning to set up and then spend the whole morning making sure every student gets their gift from Santa.

We also have wonderful elves in the people from Talwar Grotto who spent a Saturday wrapping all of the gifts that Santa brought to all of the students here at Everhart.



The Elks Club and Good Shepherd Catholic Church have brought our students much holiday cheer. We thank them all for their continued support to our school and students.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Our CLAY athletes have finished up bowling and flag football skills and we've moved right into basketball! We have a great basketball team, led by Coach Kevin and they have shown some great team skills, both on and off the court. We have played 2 games so far and look forward to playing more teams after the break. Our skills teams, led by Coach Debbie and Coach Linda, haven't had a competition yet, but they've been working on mastering skills such as catching a pass, throwing a pass and shooting. We will be competing against other schools after the break as well. Coach Kevin and Coach Laurie are so proud of all of our CLAY athletes and want to say "Keep up the good work"!!



## CHEERLEADERS

The Gretchen Everhart cheerleaders travelled to Orlando for the Fall Classic over Veteran's Day weekend! The team did a great job and brought home a gold medal for their performance! Everyone worked very hard and was very proud of the medal they received. The team spend the weekend building bonds and enjoying time at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports. We look forward to the New Year where we will be able to cheer on the basketball skills teams! As always GO OWLS!



**FROM THE CLINIC**  
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and Leslie Montanez SHA

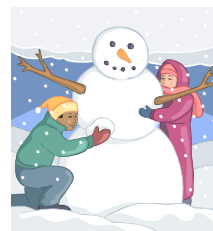


Happy Holiday Season to everyone! We would like to remind families about some important tasks that your clinic staff does for our students at Gretchen Everhart School.

Your clinic staff:

- educates staff about Blood Borne Pathogens, medications, diastat administration, seizures
- helps teach students about self-care;
- manages accidents, clean wounds, apply bandages;
- refers parents of students/staff to their doctor to rule out ear infections, rashes, strep throat; pink eye, pneumonia, etc;
- helps parents sign up for free/reduced lunch, health insurance, dentists;
- provides vision and hearing screening;
- keep students and staff healthy;
- maintains confidentiality;
- gives hugs;
- knows how to get gum out of hair and blood out of clothes;
- advocates for students and families;
- performs individualized assessments of students;
- works with teachers, parents, students and health care providers to create individualized health care plans;
- provides safe and effective provision of prescribed treatments and medications;
- are health professionals with a specialty in the care of children;
- supports students with chronic health conditions;
- supports health education;
- supports and follows state laws that regulate school nurse practice;
- love to get student drawings to put up in the clinic;
- participates in crisis planning and school safety;
- maintains a cumulative health record on all students'
- knows all about tummy aches and what they are really about;
- share age appropriate health related information;
- can visit the class to read a story or teach hand washing.

We love being your clinic staff! Happy Holidays!





# Music Notes

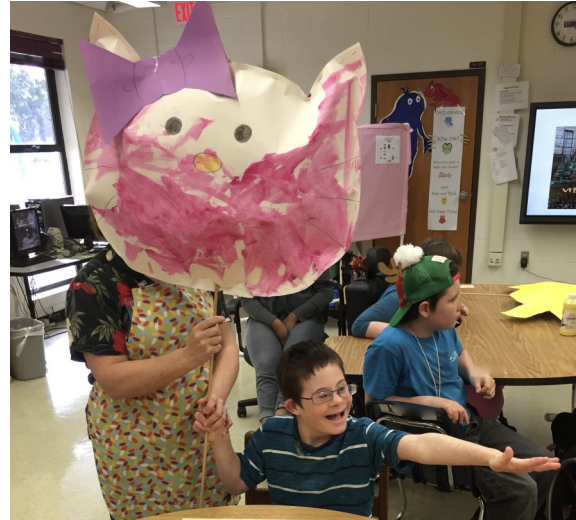
By  
Brenda Rice



On December 7, 2017, The Gretchen Everhart Performing Arts Ensemble and the WAVE Chorus proudly presented a choral concert "Sing in the Holidays". Justin D and Samar Z did an outstanding job conducting and leading the audience in holiday sing-a-longs. One of the highlights of the evening was a performance of "Winter Wonderland" performed by Madison Kronheim (French horn), music therapy intern, Jenna Grazzini (voice) and Erica Fernandez (flute), music therapy practicum students from FSU. This outstanding selection was arranged by Madison. Beautiful solos were performed by WAVE chorus members, expressive signers dazzled the audience and many joyous singers enhanced our holiday concert making this a fabulous program. What a way to start the holiday season! We are so proud of these talented young musicians.

The Community Arts Transition Class (CAT) has continued to have fun exploring the arts in our community. We traveled to the Florida Museum of History downtown and learned a lot about the state in which we live. This is always a very enjoyable trip for our group. We also had the opportunity to attend *The Cat in the Hat at FSU*. *The students had such a good time! We ALL loved our day at the theatre.*

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to some of our students who are graduating in December. To Barrett D., Terrell W., Samar Z, we wish you the best in your future endeavors. Keep your love of music and the arts alive in your heart always. We'll miss you but we know that the best is yet to come!



Group by Group has had another fun 9 weeks. Our themes included Monsters in Movies, Colonial America, National Parks, Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, and Holiday Characters. Thanks to Vicky, Christy, Elaine, Lois, and Judy for all their help with props, costumes, and back-grounds. Be sure to check out all the fun at <http://groupbygroup.wordpress.com>



## “What’s Happening”

### School Activities News

The Gretchen Everhart Awards Ceremony was held on October 25, 2017, 1:30pm in the school auditorium. Principal **Jane Floyd Bullen** and Assistant Principal **LaToya Enzor** were on hand to present certificates and awards. The following students were recognized for their outstanding achievements.

**SUPERSTAR AWARDS-** Demi C., Angel V-T., Shaun B., Timothy Logan B., Brennan H., Serita J., Rhenavia K., Zoey N., Dean P., Edward S., Terrie Y., Jesse B., Isreal C., Kennay M., Devin M., Jordan S., Justin D., Jamalle H., Terrell W., An’Frenee Y., Samar Z.

**OWLRIFIC AWARDS:** Terrie Y. Nominated by Junior High Teachers , Isreal C. Nominated by High School Teachers , Tyler K. Nominated by Post-Secondary , Javon P. Nominated by Special Area Teacher

Special thanks to **Marilyn Soble** from **Brusters Real Ice Cream** for providing the delicious ice cream treats and to **Chick-fil-A** and **Nuberri Frozen Yogurt**. Bravo to the students in **Zellanye Hutchins’ Class** for preparing the treat bags for all award recipients!



The **Taiwan Performing Arts Ensemble** arrived at Everhart on October 11<sup>th</sup> after a long and tiring plane ride. Their high energy, fast paced show captured the attention of all who were honored to be part of this awesome experience. We’ll look forward to when they return to the USA again in about 3 years.

The **Buck Lake Chorus** and **Orff Ensemble** visited Everhart on December 1, 2017 and presented a show, which was a **Tribute to American Pioneers**. The costumes, dancing and wonderful Orff Ensemble selections made this show very exciting. We also had the privilege to hear the **Buck Lake String Ensemble**. They played several selections. Bravo to music teacher, Barbara Hartfield and her very talented students. Great Performance!



However you spend your holidays.....  
We wish you the warmest thoughts and  
Best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season  
And a very happy New Year





# Winter Holidays

**December 16-January 2**

**Have a safe and happy  
Holiday!**



**Upcoming Events:**

January 24, 2018 - Snow Day


February 6, 2018- The FSU Opera presents "Little Red Riding Hood"

TBA- Leon High School Steel Drum Band

If you know of a performing group or artist who would like to come and perform for our students, please contact Brenda Rice, [riceb@leonschools.net](mailto:riceb@leonschools.net).

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