

Here is our news for Wednesday, Nov. 7th

Please make sure you put all backpacks including string backs in your locker in the morning. Students may not carry string backs to classes. The only exception is when you are bring your PE clothes to and from PE. You should not have a string back in any other class. Also, please remember that bandanas are also not allowed as they are a violation of our dress code.

Students, do you wear a smart watch to school? Smart watches fall under our electronic device and cell phone policy. If you wear a smart watch, please make sure to turn it off and place it in your locker at the beginning of the day. Thank you for helping us with this policy. This week, your teachers will remind you to put your smart watch away and we will start writing infractions next week.

Congratulations to our Gateway Reads drawing winners for the month of October, Grace Jones Grisim and Caleb Kim! Grace and Caleb, visit the library today to claim your prize! There are lots of new Gateway Reads books available in the library, be sure to visit, check one out, and fill out a slip to be entered into the next prize drawing. iTunes cards and gift bags are up for grabs!

Today is the first day of Diwali. According to National Geographic, Diwali, is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (*avali*) of clay lamps (*deepa*) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. This festival is as important to Hindus as the Christmas holiday is to Christians. Diwali celebrates the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil.

Join us in the library on Thursday and Friday mornings and during lunch this week to help celebrate Diwali and create Rangoli, colorful drawings and designs that bring good luck.

In honor of veterans, the ASB has placed an American flag in the commons. Please take a moment to write the name of a veteran from your family on a blue star and then tape it onto the flag. We will proudly display the flag at our Veterans Day assembly on Friday.

Starting Tuesday, anyone staying afterschool for an activity will need to either take the Activity Bus home or get picked up. For your safety, no one will be allowed to walk home since we are now on Daylight Savings Time. Please advise your parents.

Remember Gateway, guard your character!