Good morning Gateway Guardians,

Here is our news for Tuesday, Dec. 11th

Attention to those going on the bowling trip! (pause) If you have not turned in your permission slip, you need to take it to the office immediately! (pause)

Our all school winter social is next Monday from 3:00-5:00- this is an all grade level social. There will be a DJ in the gym, Karaoke in the commons, games and more in the library. Food will be sold as well! Tickets go on sale this WEDNESDAY at lunches. It is \$4 with ASB card and \$5 without. Tickets will only be sold this WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY..... So don't forget to bring your money and buy your ticket!! (pause)

Attention all students: There are two weeks before winter break, which means you have two weeks left to find a great book to read over the break. Books over Break is back! We are asking everyone to pick a book of their choice and read it over the break. The class that has the largest percentage of students read and turn in their Books over Break ticket, wins a cocoa treat party. (pause)

The Gateway Robotics teams competed at the First Lego League Qualifying Competition last Saturday, December 8th. The teams have been working hard since September and that hard work showed in their project designs and robot game. Team Silver won the Core Values award for Inspiration and Team Blue won the Robot Design award in Programming. Both teams will be moving on to the Semi-final competition in January.(pause)

Congratulations to Kaylee Heltne for correctly identifying where Shelfie was hiding all last week, Kaylee come down to the library today to claim your prize! Kaylee's name was picked from our drawing, but you can be next for this week! Just follow Shelfie to check out her daily book recommendations and fill out the slip in the library. (pause)

If you are interested in joining BHIP – Bullying, harassment, and intimidation prevention – there will be an informational meeting for each grade level at lunch on Wednesday December 19th. 6th graders meet in room 305; 7th graders in room 401; and 8th graders in room 404. (pause)

Attention owners of lost items, your lost items are waiting to be claimed before they get donated over winter break. Please check the lost and found before its too late.

Did you know that scientific studies have proven that expressing gratitude toward others causes a chemical reaction in our brains that makes us happier? True fact: the simple act of saying *thank you* to someone not only lifts the spirits of the receiver, it also makes the giver feel happier.

During the next two weeks before Winter Break, let's all show Universal Respect with an attitude of gratitude. Challenge yourself each day to thank five people who help you in some way – whether it's a parent, a teacher, a friend, or a stranger.

Gratitude is an easy way to Guard your Character.