

Good morning, today is Friday, March 2nd

March Madness is here! We took the 16 most popular books checked out this year from our library and are matching them up in head-to-head competition. The books will be put together in a Sweet 16 bracket, and you will vote on your favorite books to see which will advance in the tournament. We will see which book will be voted Gateway's favorite. Check out the slideshow presentation in the lunch room today to see which 16 books will be in the competition.

As of Thursday afternoon, Gateway has donated \$1,800 to Heifer International! Amazing job! Also, we found out that a generous donor has promised to match all of the donations made by school groups. So, every dollar you donate turns into 2 dollars. If your class purchases a llama, two llamas will be donated! We will also accept donations on Monday, in case you didn't get the chance to give this week.

Attention 6th – 8th grade girls: You are invited to come to the Inspire STEM festival for hands-on, brain-teasing science fun, exploration, and inspiration. On Saturday, March 24th, Mrs. Sowa, Mrs. Werder, and Ms. Vantuyl will be taking a group of 40 girls to U-Dub Bothell to experience interactive exhibits, workshops, and talks from former NASA astronauts. It is on a Saturday, but lunch is included! If you are interested, pick up a permission form from the front office. We only have space for 40 students and students will be chosen on a first come first serve basis, so turn in your forms to Mrs. Lambert as soon as possible. The deadline for permission forms are due by March 9.

Also, Gateway girls, grab a flier about our Girls on the Run after-school club. It is a great way to connect with a fun team of girls, make friends, and run strong. The spring season starts Monday.

A special thank you to Ms. Mayer in the lunchroom for her years of amazing service at Gateway. Today is her last day before retirement. As you buy lunch, please make sure to give her a special thank you and goodbye.

Thank you, Gateway, remember to guard your character.