

Good morning, Gateway! Today is Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

_____ In February we celebrate Black History Month! This month-long observance of the history of African American and Black contributions to the United States is important to our history and establishment of our country. Black History Month was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, an African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. If you would like to help celebrate Black History Month, please email Mr. Bennett a 4-5 sentence write-up of an African American figure who has influenced our country. Your write-up could be featured during GBN this month.

_____ So far in the American Heart Challenge we have raised \$876.48; two individuals have donated over \$600 between them. 7 individuals have given in all so far. You have until Feb 28 to get in your donations. Please try your best to honor the American Heart Association with some a donation. I will be watching the home page for results. Let's go Gateway.

_____ Gateway Wrestling is starting in just a few weeks! Wrestling is the ONLY winter sport at Gateway that is truly open to EVERYONE! Boys AND girls can wrestle...6th, 7th, AND 8th graders can wrestle...and students of ALL sizes 64lbs to 215lbs can wrestle! Wrestling is NOT a cut-sport, which makes this a great opportunity to learn a NEW sport and challenge yourself! Maybe even make a new friend in the process! Our first practice is February 15th, so make sure Mrs. Trachte in the office has your sports paperwork up to date. Come find Mr. Dockter in Room B122 if you have questions!"

_____ Valentine's day is almost here! This means students can purchase candygrams for their friends! Candygrams are \$1 each and can be only paid with cash. Please bring exact cash. Candygrams will be sold in the commons before school starting at 7:50 and ending at 8:05. Sales will be held February today through February 4th. They will be delivered on February 14th to the designated person's first-period class. Spread kindness and love with a Candygram.

_____ Attention Girls Basketball Teams: It's time to pay your \$40 athletic fee. You can do this online or bring a check or cash to the Office. This must be paid before the first game next Thursday.

And remember, Gateway, to GUARD your character!