

Good morning, Gateway! Today is Thursday, February 3, 2022.

_____ **First Lawyer:** [John Mercer Langston](#) was the first Black man to become a lawyer when he passed the bar in [Ohio](#) in 1854. When he was elected to the post of Town Clerk for Brownhelm, Ohio, in 1855 Langston became one of the first African Americans ever elected to public office in America. John Mercer Langston was also the great-uncle of [Langston Hughes](#), famed poet of the [Harlem Renaissance](#).

_____ Hey Gateway, remember to get some donations and complete the American Heart challenge. Our goal is \$2000 and we are almost halfway there. I know this school is great at fundraising and cares about others in our community and the country. These donations go to a great cause so any amount will help those with heart issues. Thanks again to those who have already donated. Ms. Bus.

_____ This Friday is Neon Day- Breakout your bright colors!

_____ 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!

_____ The Girls Basketball Teams have their first home game today versus Brier Terrace Middle School. Show up and root for your team. Go Guardians!

_____ Basketball players, please report to the Office if you have not been tested today.

_____ Tomorrow is the last day to email your short story to Mrs. Stoskopf for the yearbook. Remember, your story can be on any school appropriate topic and needs to be under 400 words. We've already had a few amazing stories turned in and we're looking forward to reading more!

_____ 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 through tomorrow, February 4th. They will be delivered on February 14th to the designated person's first-period class. Spread kindness and love with a Candygram.

And remember, Gateway, to GUARD your character!