



Don't forget our Blue Team field trip to Bangkok 54 Oriental Food Market and Food Star is Wednesday! Be sure to return your permission slip by tomorrow if you haven't already!

GVS GAZETTE

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Edition 3: Blue Team

El Salvador

We continue to be amazed by El Salvador and its impact on the global village of Arlington. We learned that a popular toy in El Salvador made with a stick, string, and cup is also a popular toy in many countries around the world. The students had the opportunity to make their own version of the toy and compete in a class competition! This week, we are looking forward to finding influences from El Salvador at a local grocery store. We are also excited to learn from the El Salvador cultural informant on Thursday.



Friendly Reminders

- This is our last week of Global Village
- Library books must be returned by this Wednesday.
- Open House is THIS Thursday, July 28th from Noon to 1:00pm.
- Students provide their own snacks every day.
- PLEASE remember that we are a NUT FREE school!

Vietnam

It's hard to believe that we are in our final week of GVS. I have enjoyed getting to know our students this summer and learning about new cultures and more about our own home, here in Arlington. This week in Vietnam we will be celebrating Tet, the Vietnamese New Year! We will learn about the traditions and superstitions associated with this lunar new year celebration and compare it to holidays that we celebrate with our families. We will also get a firsthand peek at Arlington markets that specialize in foods and products from the countries we are learning about, as well as other countries. We are all looking forward to welcoming our parents for Open House and will end the week with fun cultural activities from all of the countries being studied at GVS. Enjoy the rest of your summer and be sure to experience all of the culture in Arlington's global village!



- Please help your child remember his/her nametag every day.

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Jamaica

We learned so much in our second week of GVS. We learned about the Jamaican language called Patois (Pat-wa). Patois is an English-based language with West African influences. We learned some Jamaican proverbs and discussed how they are similar to proverbs we use here in the U.S. For example, "Sake a mout fish get ketch" literally translates to, "Because of it's big mouth, the fish got caught." Explain to your parents what lesson that proverb teaches! Last week we also learned all about the history and influences of a popular style of music that originated in Jamaica: reggae. Many cultures have influenced reggae, including West African music, European music, and American jazz & blues. In library, we heard folktales about the trickster spider Anansi, an important character in West African and Caribbean folklore. I have had a blast teaching you this summer, and I know we'll have fun this last week too. Be sure to check out Arlington's Caribbean Grill (5183 Lee Hwy) this summer to get a taste of Jamaican culture right here in Arlington!



Arlington as a Global Village

Another week of GVS has flown by! It has been a pleasure getting to know the students better this week! This week we continued to think about whether the current Arlington



County flag is a good representation of the Arlington of today. The students created their own Arlington County flags and explained why they thought their flag was a good representation of Arlington. We also learned about sports this week. We talked about sports children can play in Arlington as well as popular sports in El Salvador, Jamaica, and Vietnam. Since soccer is a popular sport in Arlington as well as El Salvador, Jamaica, and Vietnam, the students made their own soccer balls and tested them out. I was very impressed with the students' skills! During our final week, the students will design their own ideal Arlington County fair. Be sure to check out the Arlington County Fair August 17-21 at Thomas Jefferson Community Center. It's sure to be a great time!

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