

GCA High School Newsletter 2015-2016



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Highlight: Cool GCA Clubs



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Inspirational Quotes

I'M NOT
TELLING YOU
IT'S GOING TO
BE EASY. I'M
TELLING YOU
IT'S GOING TO
BE WORTH IT.

Art Williams

"Poetry is when an emotion
has found its thought
and the thought
has found words."

— Robert Frost



to be human is
to be broken and
broken is its own
kind of beautiful,

r.m. drake

A POET IS,
BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE,
A PERSON WHO IS
PASSIONATELY
IN LOVE WITH
LANGUAGE.

W.H. AUDEN

PLAY IN
THE DIRT.

Because life is too
short to always have
clean fingernails.

"MAYBE THERE'S ONLY
A DARK ROAD UP AHEAD.
BUT YOU *still* HAVE TO
BELIEVE AND KEEPING GOING.
BELIEVE THAT THE STARS
WILL LIGHT YOUR PATH,
EVEN A LITTLE BIT. COME ON...
LET'S *go on* A JOURNEY!"

Love me or hate me,
both are in my favor...
If you love me, I'll
always be in your
heart...If you hate me,
I'll always be in your
mind.

William Shakespeare

Let it find you.

SERENDIPITY

the effect by which one
accidentally stumbles upon
something truly wonderful,
especially while looking for
something entirely unrelated.

People want to
hear songs with
the words they're
afraid to say.

Artsy Spotlight



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First Date By Aleeah M. 4/5/16

Jokes of the Month



Whipping Up Something Good

Cheesy Casserole

Ingredients:

- 3 cups uncooked rice
- 3 pounds of ground turkey
- 8 oz of Velveeta cheese
- 12 oz pack Broccoli, frozen.
- 12 oz Cauliflower
- 2 Cylinder pans
- Tsp Cumin
- 1 tsp Seasoning Salt
- 1 tsp Chili-powder
- 1 tsp Pepper

Preheat Oven: 350 degrees

Ground the ground turkey. Add to the ground turkey some seasoning salt, pepper, chili powder, and cumin to preferred taste. Stir-fry the broccoli and the cauliflower until cooked. Cook the rice according to package. When everything is done, cut up the Velveeta cheese into cubes and mix it in well with everything you've cooked so far. Tip: Place a few cubes of the Velveeta cheese onto the bottom of the cylinder pans. Then layer on the mixed up ingredients into the pan. Carefully mix everything in the pans until the Velveeta is incorporated evenly in the pan, then smooth in the ingredients. Then place the pans into the oven and wait until the cheese melts in with the ingredients, this will approximately take about 15 to 20 mins.

Then serve! :D

Peace& Love,
Aleeah M J



Poetry Corner

Prickled Needlework

Little Red Rose petals
Fall dying to the Ground.
A Haunting Scream comes,
So loud; it floods the Town.
Lonesome footsteps echo,
Making you want to Let Go.
Walking away now slowly,
It keeps kicking you down to the ground.
Lost thoughts flow now, quickly.
Haunting with Mellow Notes
Breath breathes heavily; Pushing through raggedly
Calling down from the Heavens
Mossing on like the Heavens
Dancing along to A Opposite Song. A Opposite Beat, A Opposite Tongue.
By Candlelight, the light flickers on and off.
Brief seconds tic by, of fine stillness then sudden shock: Just starting to take the Flame Out.
Scary are these Moments.
They are Brief, but so Deep
So I Wonder and I Wish
If only we were Puffs of Smoke, a Cloud of Mist;
With nothing making us Worry, Hurt, or feel Pain.
Any yet this is a Crow's Handiwork;
A Prickled-hand Needlework.
We feel just so much: and so is it just a Human Thing?

The Wealth of the River by Olivia V. 4/7/16

Three young boys sat on a log.
They listened to the river thrash and splash.
They'd be here on this log every morning under the Nebraska fog.
Here deep within the earth lay a secret worth more than cash.

No one knew of the treasures the river bed held.
It was a mystery why no man ventured past the timothy field.
The boys never withheld their excitement which others repelled.
The dark tall forest was a shield no man wished to see revealed.

The river was rich with life, active with adventure, and prepared with protection.
The boys soaked themselves in the serenity of the wise river bed.
The river held no imperfection for after leaving the boys knew their direction.
Many words they shared, some of bread and some that could not be unsaid.

The river so vast it spanned hundreds of miles in knowledge.
Across the Atlantic men fought wars to possess the wealth the river bed held.
While the river taught the boys lessons the local college did not dare acknowledge.
In the country's state capital men in fancy suits yelled to be propelled.

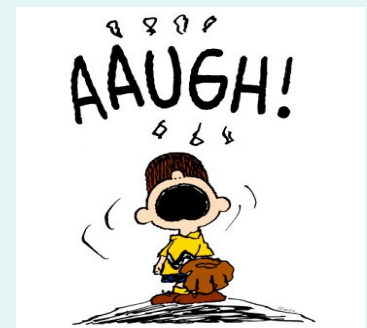
These men did not seem to understand the purity.
Many a miles and many a years were lost in gaining the peace, our river held.
During travels they looked for security, but couldn't find it among all the obscurity.
However, these three young boys knew the river and in return they excelled.

EOC Studying Tips

The time for GCA Spring testing has arrived, but don't worry Newsletter has some stress relieving tips to help put your mind at ease.

1. A grade does not define your intellectual worth. So don't worry if you don't get the highest grade.
2. Put this test into perspective, it's just a test. Yes you should study and try your best, but don't take every waking minute to learn the material. You have friends and family who need attention too.
3. Go outdoors if you need a break from studying. Breathe in the fresh air.
4. Study with friends. They are learning the same material as you, and it could be a good method to studying.
5. Take a deep breathe and say to yourself out loud it will be okay. I can do this. I am a very smart and confident pupil.

"Finals are approaching us, and those " storm clouds" look quite intimidating. But you've grown since the beginning. You'll see your rainbow soon."



Lesson 7: How to Pull Off A Prank.

Alois Peranks always pranked Ciel Thru, especially on April Fools. For nine years straight, Alois left a gift for Ciel on that special day; it was practically tradition. Ciel always had his nose in the books, so setting up a little surprise didn't take too much effort. This year shouldn't be any different. Spicing up the food and sneaking in spiders were dear favorites of his, but Alois felt that this particular day should be different. After all, it was the ten-year anniversary of mercilessly annoying his best friend. What better way to celebrate it than using a confetti cannon?

Alois snuck behind his dear friend, deciding to start the day off with a simple jumpscare. Alois sprung from behind Ciel, screeching his name, "CIEL!" Although it had been ten years of constant pranks, even the simplest jumpscare was able to startle Ciel. Ciel groaned as Alois began to laugh at his reaction.

"Hello, Alois." Ciel soon recovered, settling himself back down onto his reading chair and going back to his book. After having his laughing fit, Alois sat himself down next to his friend, ready for the long mischievous day ahead of him.

"You're as happy as always!" Alois laughed. Abruptly, he began to yank Ciel's sleeve. "C'mon, I need help with something. Do you mind lending a hand?"

Ciel sat firm on the bench, slowly lowering his book. "Is it a prank for another helpless soul?" Before Alois replied with some sly answer, Ciel shoved him off. "Let's get this over with."

Satisfied, Alois grabbed Ciel and began to drag him away "I knew you couldn't say 'no'!" He exclaimed cheerfully. "You weren't doing anything important, were you? I mean, you were just reading a book."

Ciel sighed and slipped his book into his backpack. "I was done anyway. I was just making sure I did everything correctly..."

"For school? Really? You need to do more stuff."

"Yeah, for school..." Ciel muttered.

Upon walking out of the building they were in, Alois had expected the cannon to be outside and ready to fire. However, to his surprise, there was no cannon to be seen. Alois's jaw immediately dropped.

"Is something wrong, Alois?" Ciel inquired.

Alois hesitated. "Um..."

Ciel rolled his eyes. "You know what? I'm ditching you." Ciel rashly shoved his backpack towards Alois. Although Alois successfully caught the two-ton bag, he began shifting uneasily forwards and backwards, restlessly attempting to balance himself. Ciel then flicked Alois's forehead and sent Alois falling down a deep construction ditch.

"H-Hey! What is this?!" Alois yelled.

Ciel smirked and held up his book, *Pranking 101 for Dummies*. "Happy April Fool's, Alois."

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Would you like to join Student Council? This school club can be challenging, but rewarding. Email us with a brief description of your interest, and a group of our council members will be contacting you further with information for semester two enrollment. If you have questions you would like answered, a team of highly professional members will answer you directly via email. Our council email is gca.askthecouncil@gmail.com

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To my members: Thank you for attending our meetings. I appreciate your submissions. You are each indivual writers, and I am honored to work alongside you all.

Olivia Varallo and Aleeah Muhammad bringing you a newsletter that makes you laugh, smile, and learn.