

# Academy of Innovation

## May 2017 Newsletter

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### We Made It!

Summer is just a few weeks away and we've made some great progress this year! Thank you to all the families who've supported the school and our students! We wouldn't have made it without you!

### Mark Your Calendar...

- May 3 - Ms. Gail's Class - Library Field Trip
- May 5 - April Reading Celebration Lunch
- May 11 - Ms. Aimee's Class - Library Field Trip
- May 12 - Field Day @ 9:00
- May 17 - Last Auction
- May 18 - May Reader's Celebration Lunch
- May 18 - Celebration of Success - Westminster Church Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 - 7:30
- May 19 - Last Day of School!

HAPPY Mother's DAY



For our moms...

Mother's love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible. - Marion C. Garretty

WE LOVE YOU, MOMS!!!

### Celebration of Success

Thursday, May 18th, 2017  
6:00 - 7:30

Westminster Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

Come join us to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2016-2017 school year!

### May Birthdays

- May 4 - Georgia
- May 29 - Esme

### Student Art Show



May 13th, 2017 @ 6:00 - 7:30  
Mocha Moe's in Flowery Branch



Come support our students whose art will be displayed for all to see! Enjoy the show and some coffee!

# Celebrating our Students' Success



Griffin Hatcher is a success poster child for the Academy of Innovation. He is an athlete, musician and well-liked teenager who thinks of others before himself. Not only does Griffin play basketball, he is an avid Atlanta Hawks fan and can tell you statistics about current and past Atlanta professional basketball players. Griffin takes Tae Kwon Do as well and has worked hard to become a junior instructor at his gym. This multi-talented youngster is also in a rock band and can play the drums and guitar.

This sensitive, compassion adolescent is one of our most thoughtful students. When he goes to our auction events, he normally buys gifts for his siblings. This has inspired other students to Follow his lead. He is well-mannered and helps others with a big smile.

He has shown improvement in the areas of reading comprehension written expression and keyboarding. He has read 56 books this year, compared to 42 that he read last year. We've seen his sentences grow in length, complexity and clarity as well. Griffin has excellent typing skills and can currently type 45 words per minute with 90% accuracy. He is successfully using his keyboarding skills to complete his English classwork. Griffin is a student that works hard and a good friend to all.



Friday,  
May 12th  
Starting  
@ 9:00 am!



My favorite thing we have done in Science Club was getting to build a radio and making slime! I liked how they were hands-on activities, those are my favorite types of activities. - Lizzie C.

My favorite thing we have done in Science Club are the rockets that we exploded. They were fun to watch when they shot up in the air. I thought it was funny how Mr. Ross couldn't figure them out at first. - Meredith D.

## Student Quotes...

My favorite thing in Science Club is when we did the soda and Mentos experiment. The reason why is very simple; it was cool and I like what happens when you mix soda and Mentos. When you mix those two together, soda will come out the hole and create an explosion. - Ashton C.

**My favorite thing we did in Science Club was playing Robot Arena 2. We got to build our own robots and fight against each other. I liked it because it was challenging to build our own robots. - Sebi B.**

My favorite thing about Science Club was when we created chocolate. I thought it tasted good in the end. - Will H.



## Keyboarding and Coding...Progress!

In keyboarding the students learn how to type. They start off learning the home row keys and progress until they master all of the keys. In our keyboarding class we also use orange keyboard covers to help the kids memorize where the keys are. This has been a great tool in keeping kids looking at their screens and less at their keyboards while they type. We have had great results with this method. We have a student that went from 12 Words Per minute ( WPM) and a 80% accuracy, to 40 WPM and a 95% accuracy! When they have reached this level of skill they will progress to our Coding class.

During the coding class students will learn how to use HTML, Python, CSS, and many more computing languages. Most of the kids in coding are excellent at typing, but have a more challenging time in coding class. This class helps challenge their comprehension as opposed to their fine motors skills that keyboarding class demands. The website ([codecademy.com](http://codecademy.com)) we use is fun, easy, and great at explaining what the kids need to do. This class is very useful to kids that want to have a career in Technology, Computer Science, Web Development, and Game Design.

**YEARBOOKS ARE**

**ON SALE NOW!**

Get yours for  
**\$15.00! Please bring money to Ms. Gail**



## Student Quote - Washington/New York Trip

I really liked the experience of walking from place to place. I thought that the Metro and Subway systems were really interesting. It was cool to get to see what it would be like to live in Washington D.C. or New York. We were able to see the world through different view points. - Lizzie C.

I really liked visiting all of the Memorials in Washington D.C., especially the WWII and Lincoln Memorials. The Madame Tussaud's Museum was really interesting as well. The wax figures looked like they were real people! I thought that one of the figures was a real person who was taking a picture. It scared me! - Trevor P.



# May 2017



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Ms. Gail's Class - Library Field Trip, Lunch @ Atlas Pizza	4 Georgia's Birthday	5 April Readers Celebration Lunch	6
8 Strategic Planning Board Meeting 5:00 - 7:30	9	10	11 Ms. Aimee's Class Library Field Trip, Lunch @ Atlas Pizza & Last Day of Swimming and Taekwondo	12 FIELD DAY!!!! Starting @ 9:00 am	13 Art Show Mocha Moe's in Flowery Branch 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
15	16	17 Last Auction Day of the Year!	18 **May Reader's Celebration Lunch **Celebration of Success Westminster Pres. 6:00 - 7:30	19 Last Day of School EARLY RELEASE @ 12:00	20
22 Post Planning 9:00 - 3:00	23 Post Planning 9:00 - 3:00	24	25	26	27
29 Esme's Birthday	30	31			