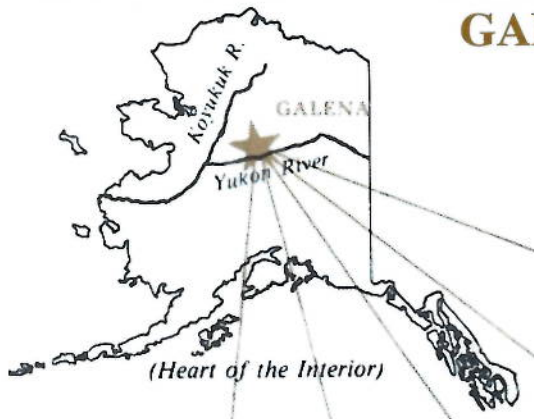


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March 19, 2019

Dear GCSD Families and Community Members:

March, named for the Roman god of war ... Mars, is the official start of spring – that stirring time of year when hibernating animals awake (and for some of us parents ... our children as well) and we Alaskans begin to feel the sun's warm kisses.

During the end of February and early March, GCSD students had the privilege of engaging in the statewide Academic Decathlon and Battle of the Book competitions. Our Academic Decathlon teams performed extremely well. IDEA Team I took 2th place overall (for large schools) and IDEA Team II took 5th place overall. Our 18 IDEA competitors earned 10 gold medals, two silver medals, and 16 bronze medals. Our SHS/GILA Team took 3rd place in Super Quiz (for medium schools), all the while facing a scoring deficit because of having fewer competitors than other schools. Our district Battle of the Book teams also performed well at the Alaska State competition.

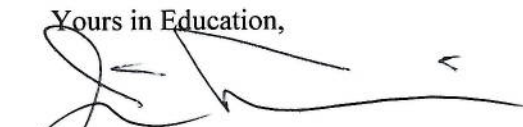
- GCSD's IDEA high school team was final runners up.
- GCSD's IDEA middle school team took 4th place.
- GCSD's IDEA 5th/6th grade team were State Champions.
- GCSD's IDEA 3rd/4th grade team was final runners up.

While proud of our students' accomplishments in the Academic Decathlon and Battle of the Book competitions, Team Galena also celebrates each GCSD student's individual growth and academic achievement thus far this 2018-19 school year.

March is also a busy month for our IDEA and GILA programs as each program prepares for our spring and summer advertising and enrollment campaigns. Recognized statewide as an innovative district, GCSD continues improving enrollment and advertising campaigns targeting cutting-edge social media platforms, especially Google and Facebook. We intend to provide prospective families more focused content regarding GCSD's educational opportunities to help them choose the most appropriate GCSD program to meet their student's needs.

In closing, GCSD delights to serve all of our new and returning families and students. Please contact me at the phone number above or the email address below if you would like to discuss any aspect of this letter in greater detail, or if you would like more information on any district initiative.

Yours in Education,



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