

# Griffin High School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 3/7 Credit Recovery
- ◆ 3/11 Junior Class Career Fair
- ◆ 3/14 Credit Recovery
- ◆ 3/17 PTO 5:30
- ◆ 3/21 Credit Recovery
- ◆ 3/28 Credit Recovery
- ◆ 3/24 March parent Workshop/  
Stakeholder's Meeting

## Parent Involvement Corner

Pre-teens and teens often insist they have no homework even when they do, or tell parents that they've completed their assignments at school when they haven't. If your child's grades are acceptable and you receive positive reports from their teachers, congratulations – your child is doing just fine. But if their grades reflect missing assignments, or your child's teachers tell you that they're falling behind, you need to institute some new homework practices in your household.

**Here are 3 tips to help get your teen over the homework hump:**

**Expressing Ideas in Writing-** Strong writing skills are key to your child's success in school. **Getting Started-** As the saying goes "The longest journey begins with but a single step. Encourage your child to start on homework as soon as they get home.

**Don't Ignore Problems-** If your child is having a difficult time with homework take that opportunity to reach out to your child's teacher and jump on the problems earlier to avoid a downward grade decrease effect.

<http://www.empoweringparents.com/End-the-Nightly-Struggle-over-Homework-Now.php#ixzz3BhojmRw8>

## GSCS Parent Resource Centers

Find activities, books and brochures for your student in our School and District Parent Resource Centers. The centers are designed to provide educational resources for parents to help their students succeed academically.

District Parent Resource Center  
Parent Services Center  
Room B112  
234 E. Taylor Street  
Griffin, GA 30224

To make an appointment, please contact Jessica Layfield at (770) 229-3710 ext. 363 or [jessica.layfield@gscs.org](mailto:jessica.layfield@gscs.org).

School Parent Resource Center  
Griffin High School  
Counseling Office Room 1016  
1617 West Poplar Street  
Griffin, GA 30224

To make an appointment, please contact Theresa Tolbert at (770)229-3752 ext. 121 or [Theresa.tolbert@gscs.org](mailto:Theresa.tolbert@gscs.org)

## Parent Workshop Information

Last month our fifth parent workshop of the year was held. We discussed Preparing for Standardized Tests. If you missed the workshop but would like the information presented, please contact Mrs. Tolbert at (770)229-3752 ext. 121 or [theresa.tolbert@gscs.org](mailto:theresa.tolbert@gscs.org).

Be sure to mark your calendar for this month's parent workshop. We will be discussing: Using technology from other sources to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement on 3/31/15 at 5:30 pm in the library. If you are unable to make it to the workshop, but would like the information presented or you need to request childcare and/or transportation, please contact Mrs. Tolbert at (770)229-3752 ext. 121 or [theresa.tolbert@gscs.org](mailto:theresa.tolbert@gscs.org).

## At-Home Science Experiment: Eggs in Space

Doing science experiments at home can help engage your student in science and make learning fun. Try this experiment with your student to watch density in action using ingredients already sitting in your refrigerator.

### What You Will Need:

- Fresh (tap) water
- Regular salt
- Three large clear glasses (at least 16 oz)
- 1 raw egg, taken directly out of the refrigerator, still in the shell
- Food coloring

### What To Do:

1. Create a solution of salt water by stirring 2 tablespoons of salt into 8 ounces of water in a glass. Add a few drops of food coloring.
2. Gently place the egg in the glass and notice that it floats. (If it sinks, add more salt.)
3. Fill another glass a little less than halfway with regular water. Add a few drops of a different color.
4. Move the egg from the salt water to the fresh water and watch it sink.
5. Put the egg aside and slowly pour the fresh water on top of the salt water. Tilt the glass of salt water as you pour so that the salt water and fresh water don't mix.
6. Slowly drop the egg into the glass and watch as it falls through the layer of fresh water and stops on top of the salt water.

### What Is Happening:

You are seeing density in action. Density is the amount of matter that you can pack into a certain amount of space. Things that are denser than water sink; things that are less dense float. Adding salt to water makes it denser. The egg hovers between the two layers because the egg is less dense than the salt water but more dense than the fresh water. Have you heard the riddle, "Which weighs more, a pound of feathers or a pound of bricks?" They both weigh the same, a pound! But a pound of feathers would take up more space than a pound of bricks. That's because bricks are denser than feathers.

## Check Out These Websites for Science Fun

The internet has tons of resources that you and your student can view to make science come alive. Try some of these to get you started:

- **Amazing Space**
  - This website allows students to explore the amazing world of outer space with a wide array of features. You can view incredible photographs from the Hubble telescope, learn about the different objects found in the universe and even participate in interactive games and activities designed to increase student interest.
- **Understanding Science**
  - Understanding Science focuses on being a fun, accessible and free resource that accurately relates how science works. The site provides a wealth of resources which are categorized by age level but can be searched by content or resource type. There are videos, images, charts, experiments and other resources all focused on science.
- **Sea and Sky**
  - When studying the oceans or the sky, be sure to check out this website. You will find a great deal of educational material including reference guides, pictures, activities, news and games.

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