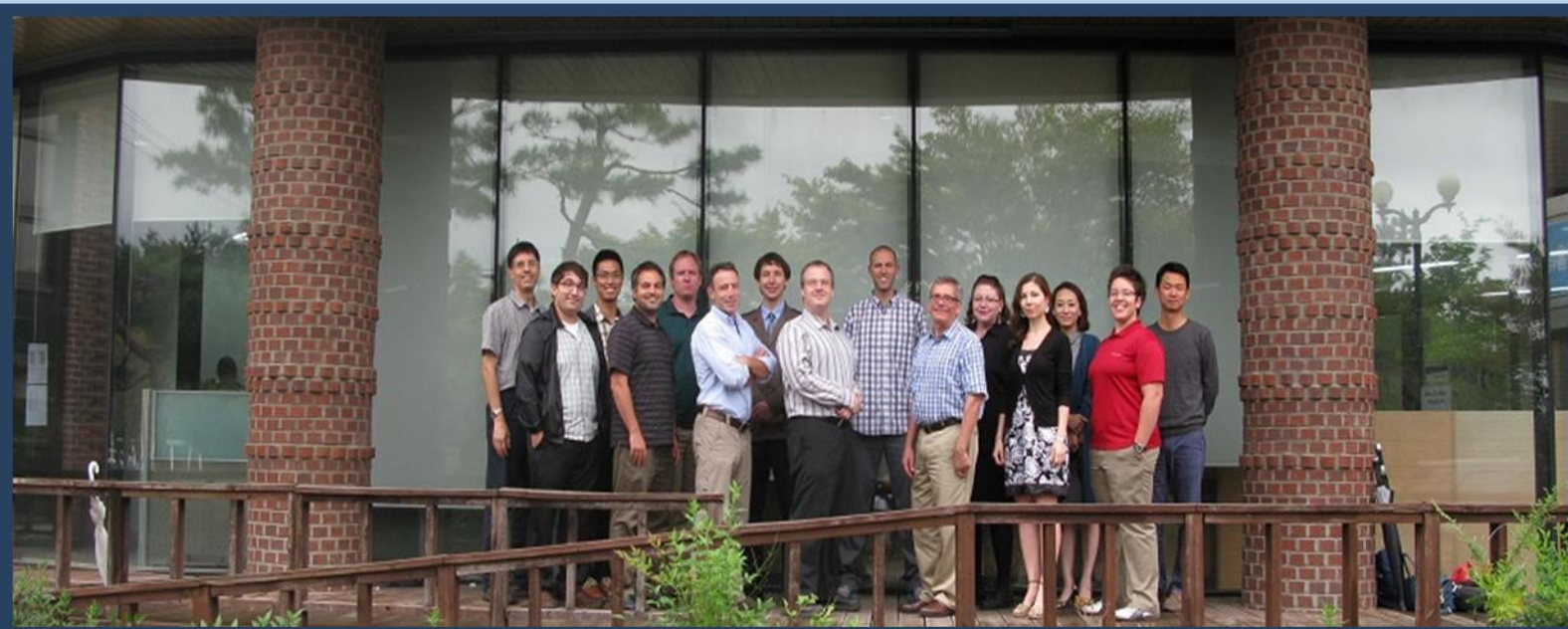


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Computer Class A



Welcome to the New Semester!

By: Aaron Snowberger

Welcome to the new semester at GPA! I hope everyone had a great vacation! For those that don't know me, my name is Aaron and I'm the Technology teacher here.

This semester at GPA, I have a few new goals for the students who are joining my Computer A and Computer B classes. However, due to some scheduling conflicts, I will only be able to teach Computer B for this semester.

That being said, I wanted to give you a preview of what kinds of things to expect in 2014 from the Computer classes.

In Computer A, I teach Microsoft Office classes like MS Publisher, which is the same software they use to make the GPA Yearbook every year. In order to give students a little more practice with the program, I wanted to start a regular Student Newsletter. Well, now you're holding the *very first copy!* Look for another Newsletter at the beginning of next semester and more regular updates from then on.

In Computer B, I teach website programming. The reason for this is that HTML, CSS, and JavaScript are the easiest and most foundational computer programming languages in the world and they

power **billions** of websites.

These three languages also form the foundation for web applications and smart phone applications—so if you want to make smartphone games, learning HTML, CSS, and JavaScript is essential.

In Computer B, an emphasis is placed on creating personal websites, and the Final Project is creating a **REAL LIVE** computer game that *you can actually play!*

Hope to see you in Computer classes next time!



Being the NEW student

By: Chaehee Han

I have been in this school for 5 days and I'm having fun. The school teachers are funny, and my friends help me a lot.

When I first came in I was really afraid and nervous. I didn't know what to say, and I didn't know what to do. I missed my old school.

But my friends helped me with translation and the school activities and guided me where to go. It's a really big school.

First, I had a problem in computer class. I'm not good at computers. I just know how to turn on and turn off the computer. So I was scared, really scared. But again, my friends helped me I'm really thankful for them.

Second I had a problem with Chinese. I didn't know any Chinese. I learned it in my old school but I

didn't like the Chinese teacher so slept in that class. Now I regret it.

But, I had fun at lunch time. I didn't like my old school lunch. This school has much better food.



Interview with Mr. Yu

By: Daewook Lim

In this semester, many new teachers came to GPA. I'll introduce the new math teacher Mr. Yu. I've asked him several question to get to know who he is.

1. **Where are you from?**
I'm from Canada.
2. **How old are you?**
I'm 24 years old.
3. **How did you come to GPA?**
Mr. Heldenbrand hired me as a teacher.
4. **What's your favorite sport?**
Volleyball.



The new soccer team arrives!



By: Sinae Park

There is a new soccer coach this year! The new coach is English teacher Mr. Fuller.

Mr. Fuller will be coaching the girl's soccer team this year. There were not that many girls who were enthusiastic about joining soccer at first, but due to Mr. Fuller's enthusiastic and fun coaching, some girls changed their minds and joined soccer. I interviewed Mr. Fuller about his thoughts on the soccer team and the goals he had in mind for this year.

Q1. What are the main goals for this year's soccer team?

A. The main goal is to have fun and learn new rules and skills in soccer. I also hope we can win at least one game, but if we don't that's fine.

Q2. What do you think about the team winning this year?

A. I don't think that winning is important, just that we try our best and have fun.

Q3. What are some new drills that we are going to learn?

A. We are going to learn basic foundational soccer skills like passing, dribbling, kicking, and so on.

Q4. If there was anything you would like to say to the team, what would it be?

A. First, I am thankful to everyone that signed up. I know soccer is not the easiest sport, and I appreciate the effort everyone is putting in. I hope we have a good time over the next few weeks! Thank you again!

The girls soccer team will be competing against other international schools much better than their own, but they will try to do their best.



GPA sports

By: Youna Kim

There are several sport activities in GPA. Every year, students practice hard and participate in the competitions. There are soccer, basketball and volleyball.

For soccer, it is not only for the boys. Girls also can join the soccer team. There are both boys' soccer and girls' soccer teams. Every student can join the soccer team even if they have never played soccer before. This soccer team's two main goals are 'Try our best' and 'Have fun'. They will participate to two competitions this semester.

Basketball is only for middle school students. In this activity, the students can learn the basic rules and skills of the game of basketball. Then students will have a competition with other schools' players in March.



In volleyball, students can learn the skills that they need for the game which are jumping, cardiovascular endurance, and agility. Also, students will do fitness. Then, they will compete against other schools' players.



GPA's Drop Everything And Read PROJECT



By: Daniel Kang

The meaning of D.E.A.R. is "Drop Everything And Read."

So, in the 6th period we get 20 minutes to read a book - any book, but it has to be English.

It is supposed to increase the PSAT scores for people who have bad scores.

In my opinion, it is not going to help at all because many students use the time to sleep or do homework. It feels like going home 20 min late and doing nothing.

I'm going ask one of my friends what does he think about this project. Do you like this project? What do other students do?

Yearbook Club in GPA

By: Umji

In GPA, students are making their yearbook for the school during the Yearbook activity. A yearbook is a book that contains informations about the GPA school, school events and school's achievements. It also has pictures and names of the students and teachers who work at the school.

At GPA, the yearbook is published every year. After the school day is over, the students who are in Yearbook go to Mr. Thompson's classroom. Mr. Thompson is a teacher who teaches



history to students, but he is also helping students make the yearbook.

Students freely decide a page to work on. For example, some students choose to introduce other activities and students who attend the school with their pictures. They also publish words from the principal in the yearbook with his picture.

Many students register for Yearbook every semester and enjoy

the activity. Most of the pictures in the yearbook are taken by students themselves. Any student, especially one who enjoys photography and design, can register if he or she wants.

If you are interested in joining the Yearbook activity, you can register with the registration sheets at the beginning of the semester.

