



New Garden  
FRIENDS SCHOOL

# Galaxy (rising 5th) Transition Meeting

Welcome!

# NGFS MISSION STATEMENT

**Guided by Quaker values,  
New Garden Friends School  
is committed to being an  
inclusive educational community  
that honors and develops  
each person's gifts.**

# MEET THE TEACHERS



**Khaira Bolden**  
she/her

3rd-6th Support  
Teacher



**Neil Swenson**  
he/his

Integrated Studies,  
Reading, Writing



**Tracey Bouchard**  
she/her

Math, Reading

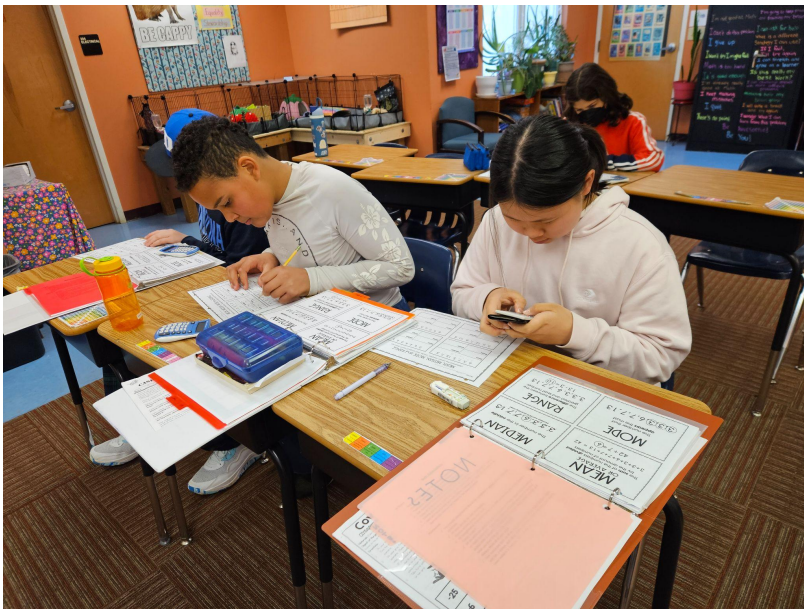
# ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL

- **Extended Care is offered from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and from 3:10-6:00 p.m.**
- **Classrooms open at 7:45.**
- **We encourage everyone to be in the classroom by 7:55 in order to be settled.**
- **Dismissal is at 3:10 in the car line.**

# BUILDING INDEPENDENCE

**In Galaxy we encourage children to develop more independence. We do this through:**

- communicating assignments and expectations to students first
- organizing materials in desks and cubbies
- managing multiple due dates for assignments
- using checklists for classroom routines



# BUILDING COMMUNITY

## We develop a caring, inclusive class community through:

- our guidelines process
- class discussions about diversity and inclusion
- cooperative games team building activities
- beginning each day with Morning Meeting

## Galaxy students have opportunities to make connections to the wider school and local community:

- Rainbow/Galaxy buddy program
- Service learning
- Admissions ambassadors



# OUR MULTI-AGE CLASS

- Math and Writing by grade level
- Reading and Integrated Studies mixed grades
- Opportunities for 6th graders to be leaders
- Get to know students as learners over the course of 2 years



# OUR SCHEDULE

## Galaxy Daily Schedule

Time	Monday - Thursday		Time	Friday
7:45-8:00	Arrival		7:45-8:00	Arrival
8:00-8:30	Morning Meeting		8:00-8:15	Morning Meeting
8:30-9:45	Resources		8:15-8:50	Meeting for Worship
9:45-10:15	Snack & Break		8:50-9:50	Writing - 5th/Math - 6th
10:15-11:15	Writing - 5th/Math - 6th		9:50-10:30	Snack & Break
11:15-12:15	Math - 5th/Writing - 6th		10:30-11:00	Flex and Wellness/Spanish
12:15-1:10	Lunch & Break		11:00-12:00	Math- 5th/Writing - 6th
1:10-2:10	Reading		12:00-12:50	Lunch & Break
2:10-3:10	Integrated Studies		12:50-1:30	Flex Learning
3:10	Dismissal		1:30-2:55	Service Learning
			3:10	Dismissal

# FRIDAYS

- Meeting for Worship
- Service Learning
- Social Curriculum



# OUR READING PROGRAM



- For sections of the year, students read self-selected books.
- Three times a year students participate in small group Literature Circle discussions.
- Students practice responding to literature using different reading strategies.
- Students receive instruction in spelling, grammar, and vocabulary, through word study groups, class mini-lessons, and individualized conferences.
- Daily homework is to read at home.



# OUR WRITING PROGRAM

- We use a process method with mini-lessons and independent work time.
- Units focus on fiction writing, personal narratives, persuasive essays, research reports, lab reports, and poetry.
- Students write pieces using Google Docs on school iPads.
- All students have a Google Drive account to work at home and school.



# OUR MATH PROGRAM

**We use Eureka Math Squared K-6, which continues to build on skills and concepts.**

- Math taught by grade level
- Mix of teacher-led instruction, independent practice, and group work
- Support from Math Specialist
- Focus on problem solving and flexible thinking
- Topics covered include:
  - long division
  - multi-digit multiplication
  - decimal concepts and operations
  - fraction concepts and operation
  - units of measurement
- Practice both at home and school



# INTEGRATED STUDIES

- Science and Social Studies themes
- Hands-on learning
- Opportunities for collaborative learning
- A/B curriculum - next year's units will be:
  - Government and Elections
  - Energy and Simple Machines
  - 1800s America



# RESOURCE CLASSES

- Music
- PE
- Art
- Wellness



# HOMEWORK

- Twenty-five minutes of Reading each night
- 1-3 Math assignments per week (maximum of 30 minutes per night)
- Long-term projects
- Study Session offered weekly on Wednesdays



# TRIPS

- Beginning of the Year Retreat
- Field Trips
- Overnight Trips



# CLUBS

- After school offerings
- Sessions typically last 5-8 weeks
- Recent offerings:
  - Ultimate Frisbee
  - Drama
  - Chess Club
  - Run Club
  - Spanish



# ATHLETICS - MIDDLE DIVISION SPORTS

- **Grades 5-7**
- **Learn basic skills and gauge interest for further participation**
- **GOALS: increase confidence, cooperation, and sportsmanship; understand and honor commitment; goal setting**
- **Athletics fee: \$55/sport (up to 3 sports, caps at \$165)**
- **Sports offered:**
  - Cross Country
  - Soccer
  - Flag Football
  - Volleyball
  - Basketball



# COMMUNICATION

## Emails

- class information, announcements, event details

## NGFS App

- event reminders (examples: arrival time for a field trip; due dates)

## Weekly Community Newsletter

- sent via email

## “Galaxy Class News” webpage

The [webpage](#) includes “Class Emails”, “Upcoming Events”, and “Class Resources” sections weekly classroom news posts.

**Email is the best way to contact us when needed.**

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