

Good morning, Gateway! Welcome to the Gateway Broadcast News (GBN). Monday, October 14, 2024.

_____ Today, Gateway joins people across the country in celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day. This day honors the histories, cultures, and contributions of Indigenous peoples who were the first inhabitants of the Americas. Indigenous peoples, also known as Native Americans, First Nations, or Alaska Natives, are the original inhabitants of North America. There are over 570 recognized Indigenous tribes in the United States, each with its own language, culture, and traditions.

Today is a day to reflect on their rich heritage, to acknowledge the challenges they've faced, and to celebrate their resilience and contributions to society. Today is a day to honor Indigenous communities by recognizing their place in history and the ongoing impact they have on society. Today is a day to show respect for Indigenous cultures by learning about the traditions and values that are important to different tribes.

_____ Every step you take today brings you closer to one major goal: middle school graduation! Stay focused on your studies, keep your head up, and remember—graduating is the first big step towards your future. You've got this!

_____ Calling all dessert lovers! 🥞 Today's sweet treat is churros! These crispy, cinnamon-sugar coated pastries are a popular dessert in Spain and Latin America. They're often served with chocolate sauce for dipping—yum! Whether you like them soft or crispy, churros are a fun and tasty way to enjoy Hispanic culture. 🍷 Try one if you ever get the chance—you won't regret it! 😊

_____ We're creating a special Ofrenda, which is a display, to honor loved ones for Día de los Muertos, celebrated on November 1st and 2nd. This tradition remembers family and pets who have passed away, and other cultures, like Italians, Japanese, and people from India, have similar celebrations, like Diwali, also on November 1st this year!

Here is How to Participate:

Bring a photo of a family member or pet you want to honor (make sure it's a copy, as we won't be able to return them). Drop off your photo at the counseling office by October 30th.

_____ It's important to know the difference between bullying and saying something mean. Bullying is when someone repeatedly hurts, threatens, or harasses another person on purpose, creating a pattern of harm or intimidation. On the other hand, saying something mean is a hurtful comment or action, but it might happen only once or twice. While it's still not okay to say something mean, the key difference is that bullying is about repeated behavior designed to cause harm or control another person. If you ever feel like you're being bullied, or if you see bullying happening, speak up! Fill out a "Something Happened"

form or talk to a trusted adult so we can work together to keep our school safe and respectful for everyone.

_____ Calling all yearbook covers. Tomorrow afternoon is the deadline to turn in your cover to Mrs. Stoskopf for the yearbook cover contest. All entries will be in the display case by the counseling office – good luck!

_____ Study Club meets today after school in the Library. Students should plan to stay until 4 pm. Please remember to sign up for the activity bus during lunch if you need a ride home.

_____ Fiber Arts Club meets today after school in Mrs. Almquist's room B122. All levels of experience are welcome!

_____ 7th & 8th grade students: If you would like to try out for Soccer, Boys Basketball, or Girls Volleyball, sign up now on FinalForms and be sure you have a current sports physical uploaded. These are all cut sports, so it's very important to complete your registration before the first day of tryouts.

_____ Today we have a home Softball game versus Olympic View, and the athletes will be dismissed at the regular time. Show up if you can for the 3:45 game and support our team. Go GUARDIANS!

Remember, Students, to be kind and respectful – it's the GATEWay!