

# Gate City Charter School

## December News

### Expressing Gratitude & Report Cards

We'd like to express our sincerest gratitude for those who successfully engaged in remote learning for our 1st trimester. We look forward to continuing strong in our 2nd trimester. We recognize that this is not your or our ideal style to teach or learn; however, the support you have shown for your students and our school continues to shine. We are truly grateful for each and every single one of our families!

Report cards went live on our Sycamore Education platform on Friday December 11th. We are currently not taking any requests for separately emailed report cards. Please follow the instructions given to each family in the email sent on December 11th.

If you are not receiving Gate City Charter School's emails, please reach out to our Office Administrator Lynn Rae at [rael@gccs-nh.org](mailto:rael@gccs-nh.org) to ensure your information is accurate on our mailing list.

Should you have any questions regarding report card curriculum or academic content please email Jenn Blanchette, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at [blanchettej@gccs-nh.org](mailto:blanchettej@gccs-nh.org). If you need assistance with Parent Portal access, contact Paige Duval at [duvalp@gccs-nh.org](mailto:duvalp@gccs-nh.org).

### NOVEMBER'S ARTISTS OF THE MONTH



Ascher Philbrook



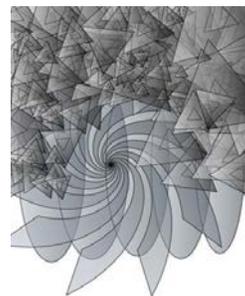
Caleb Bell



Hailey Randall



Olive Thibeault



Ari Blanchette



**December 17th:**  
Board meeting at 7pm  
(Virtually)

**December 23rd-  
January 4th:** Winter  
Break- NO SCHOOL!

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PLACE YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS ON HOLD BEFORE DEC. 18TH FOR PICK-UP ON DEC. 20TH!

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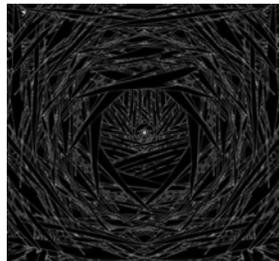
HAVE YOU FOLLOWED US ON FACEBOOK OR JOINED OUR GCCSA PTO BULLETIN PAGE? MAKE SURE YOU DO SO FOR UPDATES!

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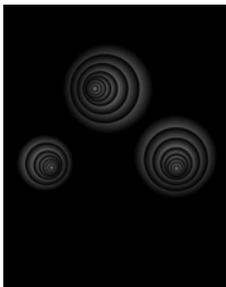
ENJOY YOUR WINTER BREAK STARTING WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 23RD



Katarina Capriotti



Kenzie McDonald



Jesse White



Nora Gautieri

## Artist of the Month

Maurits Cornelis Escher

ART FORM: POP ART & SURREALISM

INTERESTING FACTS

1. Escher did so poorly in school that he even failed his high school exams. BUT a teacher at his school recognized his talent and recommended that he study graphic art, and the rest is art history!
2. During his lifetime, Escher made 448 lithographs, woodcuts and wood engravings and over 2000 drawings and sketches. His most famous works are images that look convincing but defy logic. Some of them are 'Drawing Hands' (1948), in which two hands draw each other; 'Relativity' (1953), in which normal laws of gravity don't apply. She has several homes and storage spaces and art studios. She says that she doesn't like to live near her own art. So she is always moving.
3. After visiting castle in Spain called La Alhambra that was built in 1350, Escher was inspired by the art painted and tiled into the castle walls. The art used a form of mathematics known as *tessellation*.

## Facility Re-Opening Proposed Updates

As we continue with Remote Learning, the Taskforce meets weekly to further develop Gate City's hybrid model of education. We are currently operating in Level Orange as we monitor the local data presented by the Department of Health and Human Services in the State of NH. While our target start date of January 19th for hybrid education is GCCS's goal, it is imperative to understand that GCCS continues to monitor its criteria to ensure a safe re-opening of the school building.

LEVEL	MODALITY	TARGET % in Building
RED	Remote Learning & No staff in the building	0%
ORANGE	Only staff allowed use of the building	10%
YELLOW	Primarily Remote Learning, 1 day a week in-person learning (ALL GRADES)	60%
GREEN	2 days per week in-person learning (ALL GRADES)	85%
BLUE	Near normal operations	99%

### CRITERIA TO CONSIDER IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

\*Board and taskforce recommendations and decisions take precedence

SOURCES	TYPES OF DATA
GOVERNMENT DECREES	Federal, Governor, or DHHS decrees
LOCAL DATA	County COVID positivity rate, case counts, level of community transmission etc.
RESOURCE AVAILABILITY	Staffing availability (including hiring of School Nurse), bus/ after school program availability,
FACILITY READINESS	Purchase and installation of Personal Protective Equipment, protective barrier equipment, and disinfectant/ cleaning supplies

Tessellation is a pattern of shapes that fit together without any gaps.

4. Like great artists Da Vinci and Michelangelo, M.C. Escher was also *left handed*.
5. Many fantasy scenes and locations in Hollywood movies were inspired by Escher paintings like Relativity.

