

# At The Grove

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## Message From Vice Principal Manning

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Dreams of long, warm, summer nights and exciting places to visit live rent free in everyone's head. Accompanying those wonderful thoughts is a little bit of anxiety and an attempt to 'make it to the last day of school'. Finding even a hint of motivation is a struggle in the race to finish. Let the struggles you're facing today be the strength you need for tomorrow. Make the choice to conclude the year with a new-found burst of energy!

How do you do that?

- Always look for the positive in every situation.
- Turn any moment into a moment of gratitude.
- Re-channel your thoughts: You can only control how YOU handle a situation.
- Focus on what you are grateful for.

# Introducing Vice Principal Manning

By: Victoria Burgos & J'hari Jackson

Toshia Chantelle Gibson-Manning believes that it is excellent practice to always seek out the positive in every situation. She currently resides in her birthplace of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Her 'Pandemic Survival Kit' has included her one-year-old granddaughter and Candy Crush. A dedicated leader of her profession and veteran in the field of education, this is her 18th year as a facilitator of student learning in the middle school setting. Serving as a Core Literacy Curriculum Lead, Mrs. Manning is trained to provide support and a challenging curriculum for teachers with students who perform at both low and high levels.

She has successfully supported teachers in four middle schools, as a department chair, with ideas for classroom management as well as through the facilitation of district and local professional development workshops. She is an undergraduate of Winston-Salem State University, and recipient of a Masters of Arts Degree in Executive Leadership Studies from Gardner-Webb University. Mrs. Manning is elated to embark upon the next phase of her educational journey as the Assistant Principal of Lowe's Grove Magnet Middle School.



## April is National Poetry Month!

In celebration of National Poetry Month, this week's featured poet is Meera Dasgupta. She is 16 years old. Meera is the NYC Poet Laureate and the 2020 United States Youth Poet Laureate. A part of numerous advocacy groups, she hopes to continue to utilize the intersection between social justice and poetry to uplift historically underrepresented communities and to combat normative hegemonic narratives.

Please read her original poem titled "Origami Women".



## Teacher Spotlight

### Mrs. Kayed

**Question five: Do you have a favorite book and if so what is it?**

I have many fav books! The latest is Peripheral Visions, learning along the way by Mary Catherine Bateson.

**Question one: How did you get into teaching and have you always wanted to be a teacher?**

I did not always want to be a teacher, I wanted to be a lawyer! I got into teaching because I am bilingual and my principal hired me as a teacher when I was still in college.

**Question two: Why did you want to become a teacher/what motivated you to become a teacher?**

I found my purpose and a passion in helping school communities improve.

**Question three: Do you have any hobbies or any interests you do in your free time?**

Arabic Calligraphy and cooking!

**Question four: What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?**

I love seeing students blossom and evolve!

## Student of the Week

### Zachary Bennett

Zachary is always responsive, always present and always doing what he's asked. He's such a well rounded student and I appreciate his engagement this year.

**Great Job Zachary**

# Earth Day 2021

By Allison Santos Santos



Why is Earth Day so important? Well Earth Day is really important because we live in it, so we have to take care of it. If we want to make the earth a better place we don't have to throw trash in the grass, no bad in water, no plastic bottles or plastic wrap all over the place. If we want earth to be a better place, thank we can no longer throw trash on the ground and all over the trees, And no plastic bags on the ocean, lakes, rivers, and ponds. So we can recycle water bottles, throw trash in the trash can, so we can never have a bad earth. We will have a good earth, always have a good earth. Earth day was observed on April 22nd.

**Congratulations to our very own, Ms. Devon McNally. Ms. McNally has been selected as one of the Finalists for the Durham Public Schools Teacher of the Year Award.**

**We wish Ms. McNally the very best in the next phase of the process.**