



**Director's Report
Presented to the GPA Board of Directors
November 28, 2017**

6th Grade Math Enrichment Program:

Based on our initial skills assessment in math (ADAM - LGL), over 90% of our incoming 6th graders are performing below grade level in mathematics. After working with our Board's Education Committee, to address this issue early and fill in gaps in our students math knowledge, 168 students were selected to participate in our 6th grade math enrichment program. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school, small groups of students receive an additional dose of math through a small-group enrichment program. Students will be reassessed every nine weeks to monitor progress.

Parent Conferences:

From October 23rd through the 27th, we held our first round of parent conferences. At GPA we hold student-led parent conferences, where our Eagles share their test score, grades, strengths, weaknesses and areas of growth with their parents. In total, GPA was able to meet with 462 families, 35% of our total population.

Quarter 1 Finals :

October 23rd through the 27th, was a busy week at GPA. In addition to parent conferences, it was also Quarter 1 finals week. Every student in every course took a Quarter final to show what they had learned in their classes during Q1. These grade level end of quarter exams were designed by grade level department teams to provide quarterly data to show students learning around their content standards. These exams are uniform among grade level content teachers and worth 25% of the student's final grade. In addition to measuring student learning, the quarter finals also provide our students with college like experience of high stakes exams. Campus was quiet throughout the week and our students definitely rose to the occasion. In nine weeks, students will take their second round of quarter finals at the end of the semester.

Professional Development:

In addition to the professional development that we provide on campus, the following are professional development opportunities that staff have taken advantage of during first quarter:

Math Department

GPA teachers continue to benefit from San Diego Math Network-generated professional development opportunities, learning alongside math educators from across the region. The network recently shared attendance data for the trainings. The data showed GPA teachers as having high representation at network learning events.

Most recently, GPA teachers have participated in a two-day Robert Kaplinsky workshop (4 teachers), part one of the Math Transformations Series hosted by SDUSD (3 teachers), and hosted a session of the UCSD Extension course “Math Tasks for Authentic Assessment,” in which one GPA teacher is enrolled this year.

English Department

In addition to implementing our on-going ELA curriculum aligned to meet the CCSS, ELA teachers are working with the software program Achieve 3000 in all classrooms to support literacy goals. Teachers continue to learn from on-site trainings facilitated by the Achieve 3000 trainer who has visited twice this quarter to deliver model lessons and train staff. ELA teachers are incorporating small group instruction to designate learning time for our English Language learners. Instructional leader, Anne Robinson, has attended ELD trainings at the SDCOE and the CRLP (California Reading and Literature Project) to learn how best to lead ELA on the new initiatives added to ELD policy by the CDE last summer.

History Department

History team members in 7th and 8th grade, along with Ms. Robinson, attended training in October to support the new History Frameworks at SDCOE. Both teachers shared their learning with the History department back on site. Two high school history teachers, grades 10 and 11, will be headed to Los Angeles to visit the *The Museum of Tolerance* for an overnight training in December.

Science Department

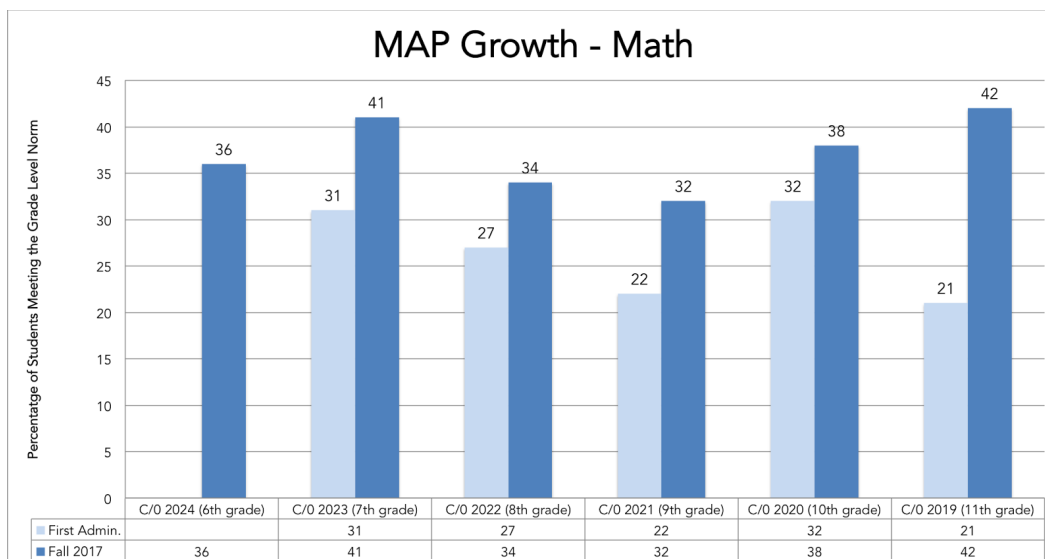
The Science Department is continuing with the implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) in grades 6-12. Science teachers have been receiving ongoing professional development around the new California Science Frameworks and using them to guide instruction in Science. Teachers have attended workshops offered by the SDCOE introducing them to the standards and teaching them to identify useful science-based phenomena that deepen understanding of science concepts. GPA is also part of the Science Leaders Network which collaborates four times throughout the year around best practices and shares resources for student engagement and assessment.

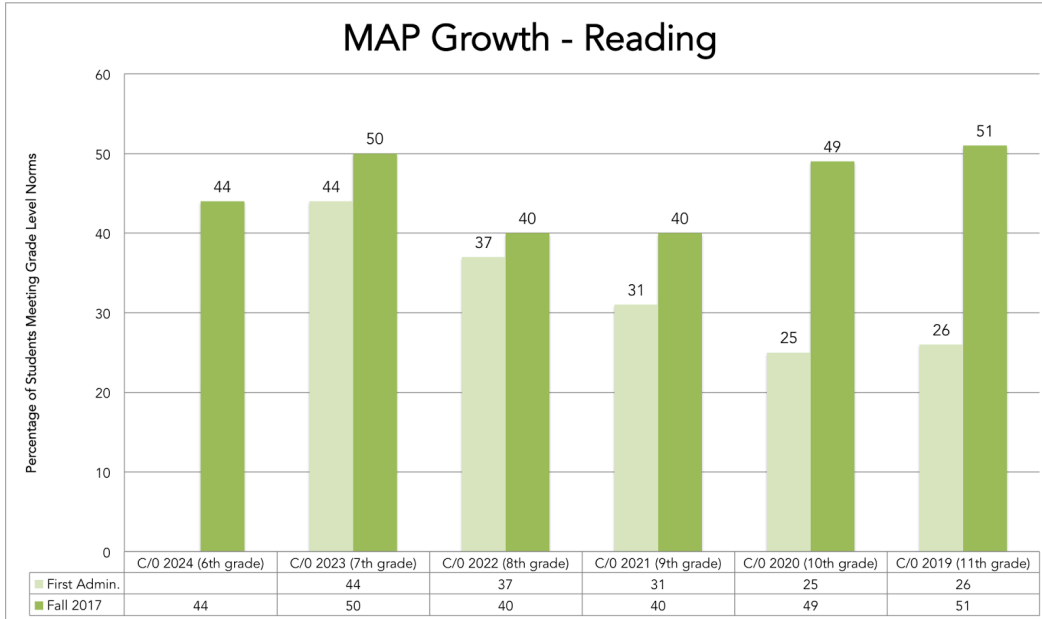
Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA)

As we continue to develop our visual and performing arts program, our teachers have had the opportunity to participate in professional development outside of GPA. Beginning in September, our team attended the first session of their 4-day professional development series through the San Diego County Office of Education. Throughout the year they will be meeting with curriculum leaders and teachers from around the county as part of the SDCOE VAPA Teacher Community of Practice. In addition, the entire team attended the Arts Empower Mega Conference. Arts Empower San Diego is a partnership between the San Diego County Office of Education and a coalition of nonprofit arts education organizations and school districts who champion arts education in San Diego schools.

MAP Assessments:

In October, GPA students in grades 6 through 11 participated in the fall administration of the NWEA MAP assessment. The MAP assessment is a norm referenced test that is used to measure students progress in reading and math. Below you can see the graphs that show the growth of each grade level over time, from their first administration until fall 2017. We are excited to see that every grade level has made growth on the MAP assessment in both ELA and Math. The next administration will take place in Spring of this year. MAP assessment in Science was introduced during this most recent administration. Data will be made available in the Spring to show comparisons among grades 6 through 11 in MAP Science.





Enrollment:

2017-18 ENROLLMENT SUMMARY	
Grade Level	Size
6	221
7	226
8	222
9	178
10	180
11	138
12	139
TOTAL	1,304

Priority Enrollment

The 2018-2019 priority enrollment period for new students interested in attending Gompers Preparatory Academy opened on October 16th.

2018-2019 PRE-ENROLLMENT WAITLIST		
Grade Level	Cap Size	Waitlisted/New Student Application Received
6	226	171
7	226	25
8	226	13
9	222	20
10	178	4
11	181	8
12	138	2
TOTAL	1,397	243

Honor Roll:

In honor of Spring 2017 semester student academic and citizenship achievements, a Middle School and High School Honor Roll donut social was held to honor 449 students.

Second Annual College Fair

Wingspan hosted the 2nd annual College Fair on Thursday, October 26th. We had 28 college admissions representatives come share their admissions process to all high school students and their families.

Parent Prep Academy

October Parent Prep Academy featured the San Diego Police Department's Safety Net program. Trainers from Safety Net explained the repercussions associated with the use of social media.

November Parent Prep Academy focused on the new GPA Grading Policy. Parents experienced a hands-on workshop led by our assistant directors. Parents were taught how to calculate grades per the GPA grading policy, as well as learned the details of the citizenship rubric. Director Riveroll closed with a didactic story about the need for good study skills in order to experience academic success.

Facilities:

Construction documents for the new athletic buildings have been approved by the Department of the State Architect (DSA). The project will go out for bid in the coming weeks and groundbreaking is anticipated to occur in early spring 2018. Construction is slated to be complete by June 2019.

Fifteen relocatable classrooms have received air conditioning this school year. In the coming weeks, GPA will embark on a project to bring air conditioning to all classrooms and offices, with completion expected by late spring/early summer.

Tenant improvements for Weaver Hall annex space (at Chollas View United Methodist Church) are almost complete. Talent Services and Athletics staff will move into the space in the coming weeks.