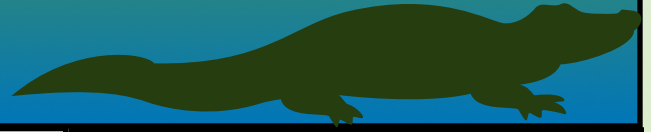


May 13, 2020

# Gator News



## Quarantine Adventures with Mr. R.!


This week's adventure leads us away from the cosmetic upgrades of Mr. R. but to an old hobby of his, fishing. Fishing has long been a staple of my leisure time that dates back to the 80's, yes folks the 80's. My earliest recollection of fishing is standing on the banks of the mighty Loyalsock Creek, in north central PA, casting away on my Zebco rod and reel catching nothing but sticks and getting hung up on the rocks. But, over time I was able to sharpen my skills, similar to what you are doing now using IXL and Odysseyware. for class, and fish many great streams, creeks, rivers, and even different parts of the Atlantic Ocean.




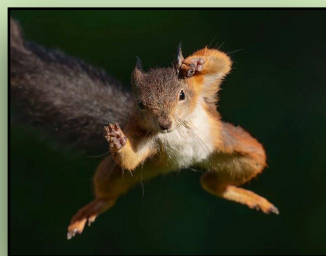
Although, I have not been consistently lucky on catching many fish this year I have had a great time introducing my children and reacquainting myself with the sport of fishing. Thus far we have fished Lake Redman, Lake Williams, Lake Marburg and Pinchot Lake.

## Important

things in this newsletter....  
From P.J. The Hood  
Squirrel....

 Unit Studies Assignment  
Info.

 Virtual Field Trip to  
Gettysburg!



## Progress Report Conferences!

### Who & How & Where

You (student) will have a brief zoom conference with your homeroom teacher and counselor. Parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### When

During your scheduled class time with your homeroom teacher on....

Monday 5/18/20 or  
Tuesday 5/19/20.

If you would prefer another time please contact me at [starr4488@gmail.com](mailto:starr4488@gmail.com) and we will schedule for a time that works.

### Why

You will be informed of your current grades and discuss which credits/grades you need to pass to the next grade. The Unit Studies assignment will be explained and you can get answers to any questions.

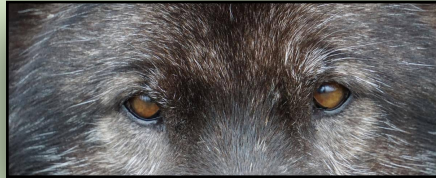
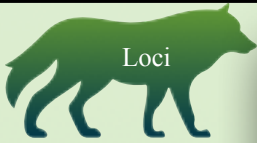
## Middle School IXL Progress!

Goodridge MS students have completed a total of....

129 Hours of work!  
13,706 Questions completed!  
Great job Gators!

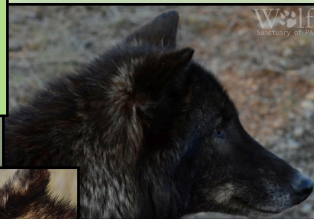
# Meet the Gator Wolves!

We are now officially the proud adoptive parents of Loci and Kaya!



## What's new with Loci?

Loci has been great and still loves to sing everyday! He continues to live with his pack-mate, Yellow Feather, and these two sweethearts get closer everyday. They love to race around their forest and play hide and seek amongst the trees!



## Meet Kaya!

Kaya is a 5 year old female wolf-dog with a heart breaking past. She and her pack-mate, Luna Mishka, have heroically overcome a lifetime of pain, fear, and cruelty from the hands of humans. When rescued, both girls were severely underweight, malnourished, neglected, horribly abused and tortured.

Upon their arrival at the sanctuary, they were able to feel soft grass and mud beneath their mighty paws for the first time, instead of a cold dirty cage. These frightened girls found themselves surrounded by happy faces, soft voices, and joyful howls from their new neighbors. Since then, Kaya and Luna rapidly adapted to a life of love, respect, and protection.

These BFF's share an unbreakable bond that cannot be broken. Now, they love to run and play together in their large forest enclosure. Kaya especially enjoys chasing chipmunks with Luna and lounging in the sun on her platform. (Read Kaya's story in next weeks newsletter.)

1st month at the sanctuary: skinny and scared.



After a year at the sanctuary, both girls are healthy, big, and happy!



R.I.P. Thor, the original Gator Wolf. His is forever in our hearts.





## **Gettysburg Virtual Field Trip**

**Sponsored by Goodridge Academy**

**Hosted by: Mrs. Fordyce, Mr. Gentile, Mr. Rechel.**

**When: Wed May 20, 2020**

**Time: 1:00 PM**

**Zoom meeting ID: 988 3196 0039**

**Password: 060744**

**Join us for a trip through the battle fields and see the monuments, climb the overlooks, see the famous Devil's Den, the castle, and stand on the very spot where Abraham Lincoln gave his Gettysburg Address! Find out about the teacher who ended up saving the high ground from being taken by the Confederates. Find out the significance of the statues with horses erected on the battle field. Hear about the makeshift hospitals and what Civil War emergency medicine looked like. Listen to the details about the ordinary people of Gettysburg and how they dealt with the battle and its aftermath.**

**We hope you will join us!**



**\*\*BONUS: Hear some of the ghost stories experienced by people in Gettysburg.**

## Taco Tuesday with Ms. Ritter!

Yesterday was Tuesday so you know what that means.....Tacos!!! My personal favorite tacos are shrimp tacos and here is the list of simple ingredients I use that you can get at Walmart or any local grocery store you prefer.

Medium-sized raw shrimp, peeled and tail removed  
Old Bay Seasoning  
Pico de Gallo (a mix of diced tomatoes, onions, garlic, cilantro)  
Shredded lettuce  
Shredded Cheese  
Sour cream  
Guacamole  
Lime juice  
Ranch  
Taco Sauce  
Soft-shelled tortillas



I love this meal because it is so easy and quick to make! Make sure your shrimp is thawed, throw it in a skillet/pan with butter and Old Bay seasoning and cook thoroughly, lay out all your fixings and toppings and enjoy your tacos! Cooking shrimp takes about 10 minutes tops on medium high heat and everything else is ready to go. Feel free to mix and match your toppings or add more things you'd like! I don't know about anyone else but I am getting super tired of making home cooked meals during quarantine and can't wait to dine in at a restaurant when this is all over but meals like this make daily cooking so much easier!

## Ms. E.'s Apple Slice Cookies

When you're bored at home and need something quick to eat, try making these tasty apple slice cookies! They're a delight to make and even more of a delight to eat!

### Ingredients:

-1 apple, cut into circular slices  
-Peanut butter (or Nutella, cookie butter, etc.)  
-Toppings (chocolate chips, crushed Oreos, nuts, etc. – get creative!)

### Directions:

-*Slice* the apple into circular slices and cut out the core in the middle.  
-*Spread* peanut butter (or any other one you like; I personally love cookie butter) on the apples  
-*Sprinkle* your desired toppings and enjoy! Feel free to mix and match toppings – a favorite of mine is dried

cranberries and chocolate chips



## WEEKLY WORKOUT

Stuck at home with nothing to do? Well you're in luck! Here's a fun exercise to help keep you active and healthy! Try

doing some squats in between your Zoom classes to help pass the time. Check out

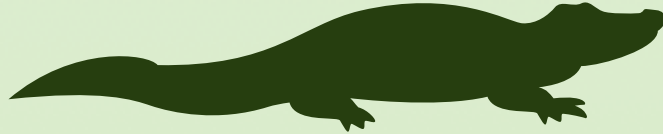
## Do You Believe in Ghosts?


If your answer was no, you might change your mind if you attend our virtual field trip to Gettysburg next week. Thousands of people have had supernatural experiences at Gettysburg over the years. This is not surprising given the number of casualties during the 3 days of battles at Gettysburg between July 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1863. At this time, the entire population of Gettysburg was only about 2400, but in these 3 days, 7058 men died, 33,264 were wounded, and 10,790 were listed as missing. In addition, 1500 horses were killed! The town and its people were totally overwhelmed! With so many dead, its not surprising that people believed some of the souls were trapped in this world and soon after, the stories of ghostly activity began. The stories of ghosts did not just involve soldiers, but also other adults and even children. One of the most famous stories is of Jeremy, a young boy of about 6 or 7 who was accidentally killed when a horse reared up and came down on top of him. Jeremy was carried to the nearby Farnsworth house by his father, where he later died. Jeremy's spirit is said to roam the Farnsworth property to this day. Guests leave toys in various rooms. It is said that Jeremy's spirit plays with the toys and frequently toys are moved from one room to another. Ask Mrs. Fordyce about her experiences with Jeremy and other ghostly entities! We hope you will join us for our virtual Gettysburg field trip!


## How to get grades/credit for Unit Studies for the 4th marking period....


### Unit Studies:

1. Health
2. Life Skills
3. Career Readiness
4. Current Events



 You may choose 1 of the 4 assignments given to complete and submit. This will give you credit for ALL of your unit studies courses for the 4th marking period.

 You have from now until the end of this school year to complete this assignment.

 You may submit your work via email to [starr4488@gmail.com](mailto:starr4488@gmail.com), or you can share a screen shot with any Goodridge teacher or staff.

### Chose 1 of the following assignments to complete....

1. Watch short YouTube clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rictoiXWkLE>  
Coronavirus: The Rippling Effect of School Closures on Students.

-After watching the clip, please reflect on how you've been dealing with this pandemic and staying on top of school work.

-How has COVID-19 changed your everyday life? Do you enjoy distance/online learning or would you rather be back in the school building? In what environment, school or home, do you feel you learn/work better? Is online learning something you could continue out for the rest of your secondary education (middle and high school) or do you miss in-person, face-to-face learning?

-Answers should be two paragraphs, each paragraph should have a minimum of 4 sentences.

2. Choose a recent CNN10 episode to watch and write about.

After watching the video, like we did in class, provide the Who, What, When, Where and How information on the topic you picked.

Next, write 2 paragraphs (3-5 sentences), providing your opinion on the topic and why it is important/relevant.

