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## 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Learn About Garrison’s History

By Sailaja Duraiswamy

5th grade is doing Story of Our Schools with Ms. Social. We are learning about our school’s history. Ms. Erin and Ms. Jen are taking us around our school to learn about it.

Garrison Elementary School is named after William Lloyd Garrison, an abolitionist. Our school rests on the site where Camp Barker used to be.

We learned that Garrison Elementary School used to be a school for only white kids. Then it got transferred to becoming a school for only black students, and soon it was integrated.

5th grade is having a field trip soon to visit Charles Sumner Archives. We will have more activities later in the school year.

*Take a look on the next page for more pictures from the Story of Our Schools project!*





# Students Participate in the Story of Our Schools Project



## Garrison Community Enjoys Gift-Giving Season

By Ryan Casiley

The Garrison Elementary community could not wait until the holidays, and many of us looked forward to getting gifts for Christmas or other holidays, like Hanukkah.

What sorts of things could you get this year? Currency in your favorite video game.

Technology, like the new iPhone. You could also get toys or clothes.

We spoke with students and teachers in the run-up to the holidays. Ellis (5<sup>th</sup> grade) wanted video games, Matt (5<sup>th</sup> grade)

wanted to watch Messi play soccer in Inter Miami, and Dawit (5<sup>th</sup> grade) said he wanted new shoes. Makhi (4<sup>th</sup> grade) said he wanted an Apple pencil and Pokémon cards.

Ms. Coleman (Library Teacher) said that she wanted boots and workout clothes. Mr. H (Math Resourcer) said that he doesn't celebrate Christmas but if he had a choice, it would be for his students to be happy and healthy as we go into 2025.

Ms. Amira (5<sup>th</sup> grade After Care Teacher) said that she wanted a MacBook.

Did they get what they wanted? Ask them next time you see them!



## 3D Printing Arrives at Garrison

By Amelia Ferry

How did we get a 3D printer?

According to Ms. Coleman, DCPS Librarians had a chance last year to attend a training with the Kid Museum to learn about 3D printing, and they gave a free 3D printer if you completed the training. She knew the students would love it, so she jumped at the opportunity.

Ariela (4<sup>th</sup> grade) said that she likes the stuff it makes. Zoe (4<sup>th</sup> grade) said that it's reliable and you can customize with it. Josiah (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Karson (5<sup>th</sup> grade) liked it too. Maddox (4<sup>th</sup> grade) said that it is very creative and useful. Finally, a member of the after care staff said that it is cool and helpful to use.



*Want to see the new 3D printer? Check it out in the school library!*



## Politics with Emmie and Sailaja

By Emmie Ober and Sailaja Duraiswamy

In our last article we talked about the election, and we've noticed that since Trump won, Biden has been notably quiet and Trump has made lots of decisions.

One of the decisions Trump has made is nominating Matt Gaetz to be the attorney general, but he withdrew. Gaetz was a congressman, and now people are wondering if he can get his job back.



You might be wondering why Gaetz withdrew. The reason is because Gaetz heard that some Republican senators said they would not vote for him to officially have the job.

Because Gaetz quit, Trump has nominated Pam Bondi as the new AG. Trump must be happy about Bondi being the new attorney general because he gave her \$25,000 and then she dropped an investigation on him back when she was attorney general of the state of Florida.



Another of the decisions Trump made is that he picked Tulsi Gabbard as head of spy intelligence.

A lot of people are worried about this because she has said a lot of sympathetic things about other countries, like Russia, that could be problematic.



Another decision that Trump made is nominating Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. as the head of the Department of Health and Human Services.



According to Fox News, the Biden administration informed Congress that it will forgive \$5 billion in economic loans to Ukraine before Trump's inauguration because Trump likes Russia, and a lot of people think he will not forgive Ukraine.

Joe Biden turned 82 on November 20<sup>th</sup>, meaning he is the oldest president in United States history.

Biden's son was accused of many things, but President Biden recently issued a pardon of his son. Biden pardoned him for illegally buying a gun and tax evasion, which is avoiding paying taxes. Trump called this an abuse and miscarriage of justice.



## Holiday Politics Special

By Emmie Ober and Sailaja Duraiswamy

The White House holiday decorations were released in the run-up to the holiday season. The coolest thing we read about was the gingerbread White House, which is a mini version of the White House made of gingerbread. What was so amazing was that every little part of the gingerbread house had tiny little details.

If you want to see what we're talking about, try to visit the White House sometime near the holidays.



*The gingerbread White House!*

## All About My Harp Performance

By Skye Harrison

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, I had a harp performance at Takoma Elementary. Did you know that harp is a mixture of cello, violin, guitar, and piano?

What is a harp?

The harp is an ancient instrument that was created around 2,500 or 3,000 BCE. It's a string instrument that has peddles and pitch lifters.

I started harp because my mom introduced me to it and it sounded cool, so I tried it and now I love harp.

My harp is big. It has 48 strings, and mine isn't even that big because I'm on level 4.

The piece that I played for my performance is called Elegy.

Nobody else plays the harp except the people that I learn with.



*An example of a harp*

# CARTOONS

## Donald Trump Prepares to Return to the White House

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