

STRENGTH IN UNITY

6TH GRADE

*Together We
Shine Brighter!*

UNITY

- **Not that we are all the same, but that we all come together with our differences to work as one**
 - Football team
 - Human body
- **Help & support one another**
 - Encouragement
- **Share a common goal, vision, understanding**
- **Differences are stores of strength, resilience, & creativity**

GUIDANCE SPARKS UNITY

- Leadership growth
- Strengthen identity or connections
- Want to be involved
- Academics
 - Organization
 - Test preparation
 - Raise a grade
- Resolving conflicts
- Problem solving
- Managing stress or difficult feelings
- Trusted adult to talk to
- Worried for someone
- Support during loss or family crisis



GREATER THINGS

- One part of the picture
- One member of the team
- One unique voice

But together... miraculous





NOT MEASURED BY

- Our grades
- Approval (what others think)
- Our number of fans/followers/friends (praise of others)
- How similar we are
- Our achievements (what we accomplish)
- Our gains (what we have) or losses (what we don't have)
- Our giftedness (how good at this or that we are)

Everybody is a genius.



But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.

Albert Einstein.

THE TRUTH ABOUT US

- Different personalities
- Different strengths
- Different abilities
- Different purposes or roles
- Different perspectives
- Beautifully different!
- One TRUTH (reality)

I am LOVED

You are LOVED

We are called to LOVE, together

IT'S ALL ABOUT HOW WE LOVE



Not the romantic, valentine kind
of love



The way we choose to be there
for each other

LACK OF UNITY... OUR WORST SELVES

- Quiet and withdrawn
- Critical of self and others
- Doubtful (feel not good enough)
- Defensive & fearful of making a mistake
- Aggressive, frustrated, impatient



STRENGTH IN UNITY... OUR BEST SELVES

- Joyful
- Excited about work and life
- Patient
- Encouraging
- Good teammate
- Confident
- Authentic self



SEE & CREATE

We are all beautifully different and all designed to support one another

- Why are we here together? (shared purpose): unity in love (joy & empowered together)
- Envision our time (shared vision): safe to be ourselves & grow together
- Ideas for how we'll achieve this (shared thoughts): build each other up, challenge one another to be true to self & shine bright
- What is our game plan? (shared actions): offer gifts to help one another keep going



BE BUILDERS OF UNITY

- Conscious choice to turn towards oneness or divisiveness
 - Include (pass the ball)
- Honor
 - Ask & listen
- Come together
 - Share gifts to help, to lead, to support
 - Receive to grow



DID YOU KNOW...

You have the power to build up others around you

- **With kindness, genuine compliments, listening (show interest)**

You can make someone's week & even someone's life greater

- **Through your words, your friendship, your support**

You can make school more fun

- **Attitude, joy, creativity, engagement, humor**

You can influence your teachers

- **Share your ideas, with your respect, ask for what you want/need (feedback)**

Together you can change the world





LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE



STAY CONNECTED

The screenshot shows the SharePoint interface for 'studentsgeneva304.sharepoint.com/sites/gmslearn'. The top navigation bar includes 'The 304 Hub', 'Elementary Sites', 'Middle School Sites', 'High School Sites', 'Staff-Only Resources', 'Common Resources', and 'Help'. Below this is the 'GMSLearn' header with 'Home', 'GMSLearn Documents', 'Pages', and 'Site contents' links. The main content area features several resource tiles: 'Office 365' (Check Email / Outlook - Office 365), 'Check Grades / HAC Access Center', 'Web HELP DESK', 'Math Video List', 'North Library', 'GMSN Team HW Websites', 'HELP_North 2021-2022', 'South library', 'GMSS Team HW Websites', and 'HELP_South 2021-2022'. A large yellow arrow points from the 'HELP_South 2021-2022' tile towards the word cloud graphic on the right.



Keep shining bright! ~Your Counselor, Mrs. Gates

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