

# THE DISCOVERY

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## GMS Summer Bridge: More Than Just Summer Fun

GMS got a head start on the “distance learning curve” during its 2020 Summer Bridge program for incoming freshmen, which took place completely online for three weeks, from June 29 to July 17.

Thirty-five incoming GMS freshmen “Zoomed” their way into ninth grade, and our project-based media program, by participating in the bridge program (which is called a “bridge” because it serves to transition middle schoolers into high school). With the help of eight current and former GMS students, Linked Learning, and a number of guest speakers and teachers, Summer Bridge Coordinator Coleen Bondy transformed GMS’s normal in-person bridge program into an engaging, fun, and educational online program.

“We were worried that it would be hard to substitute Zoom for our normal field trips and hands-on media activities, but we actually came up with a program that we all looked forward to attending each day,” Bondy said. “When it was over, several students said they were sad to see it end. That’s how we knew it was a success.” Students played ice

## UPCOMING:

### PHBAO Parent / Teacher Conferences

**MONDAY, SEP 14 FROM 12:30 TO 2:15PM**

### Reminder

**EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE NO CLASSES ON MONDAYS, BE SURE TO LOG INTO SCHOLOGY FOR NOTICES, INFO, AND ATTENDANCE**

### Financial Aid

**SENIOR FINANCIAL AID NIGHT WILL BE ON THURSDAY, SEP 24 FROM 5-6PM**

### Unassigned Day

**THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, SEP 28**

**\*\*\* For anyone who would like to join the GMS Remind  
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breakers and games to get to know one another, learned new media, technology, film and interviewing skills, dressed up for the daily themes, were treated to a student panel featuring a number of staff and industry professionals, very involved current and former Cleveland students, and created eight great films, in groups, focusing on community heroes.

GMS ninth grader John Paul Ballen, who attended Summer Bridge, gave the overall experience two enthusiastic thumbs up and said "The GMS Summer Bridge was a wonderful experience. I was able to learn about things I never would have known. It's a great magnet!"

## *Increasing Diversity in Hollywood Series*

Kimberly McCullough was our guest speaker for a Master Class on August 31st. McCullough started as a child actress/dancer in Hollywood and for the last seven years has been directing television series such as *One Day At A Time*, *THE BOLD TYPE* and *High School Musical*. She talked about her show biz story, how to create a career in Hollywood, the importance of being an artist, and writing about your own story.

McCullough also answered many student questions, including one about how she managed to not only have a successful career but also a family. She stated that her family and 3-year old child are "my rock" and were very understanding of the time commitment. She went on to say that "For women, realizing that it is possible to have both a Hollywood job and a family - is huge."



Director Kimberly McCullough on Zoom

Another question for McCullough was about why is it important to have diversity in Hollywood? We talked a lot about how the speakers this semester will be encouraging people of all colors, ethnic backgrounds, and gender identifications to follow their dreams. She led a great discussion on the topic of diversity in Hollywood and stated that "greater diversity in writers and directors means greater diversity in stories, so people can see their lives on the screens, and understand others' lives."

A big thank you to Kimberly for sharing her experiences and words of wisdom and encouragement. And another big thank you to Becca Tesarfreund (VP of current programming at NBC Universal, CHS Media alumni, and GMS Advisory Board member) for coordinating the Zoom meeting. Our next Master Class is coming up soon and will include Summer-Joy "SJ" Main Muñoz, an award-winning director, writer, and producer whose films have screened in over 200 festivals worldwide. Contact Ms. Seubert for details. We will also be having many more Master Classes this year with very talented industry professionals so stay tuned for more!

## *Attendance Matters*

For absences, a parent/guardian needs to email the attendance office within 10 days. The email has to come from the parent/guardian's email address on file. Students Last Name A to L email Kathleen.Albania@lausd.net, for Students Last Name M to Z email Michael.Mier@lausd.net. The link has a lot more details:  
[https://www.clevelandhs.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=37984&type=d&pR...](https://www.clevelandhs.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=37984&type=d&pR...)

## *Meal Applications*

Remember, Cleveland asks every family to complete a meal application for your son or daughter. If you have a paper application, you can complete it and mail it back to the District, or you can complete an online application. You only need to complete one application if you have children in elementary, middle or high school. To complete an online application click on the link listed below or on CHS website. This is very important to Cleveland students because the school receives federal funds for every application that qualifies for free or reduced meals. Thanks you! <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>

## *Student Accounts for Books*

Our school librarian, Ms. Fonseca, has created individual accounts for students to access MackinVia. With their individual accounts, students can check out books to read using the MackinVia app on their devices. To access their accounts, students will use the following information:

School/Library: Cleveland Charter High School, Reseda, CAUsername: School ID Number [the letter in the ID—M, F, or X—must be capitalized]Password: School ID Number [the letter in the ID—M, F, or X—must be capitalized]

If students don't remember their school ID number, Ms. Fonseca can help them with that. All they have to do is fill out the form below, and she will send them their school ID [this link also works for lost PINs].

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrDqrgkdrvbFbqmkOLTsISuobTILm73l80Whveb4Bixu8wA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrDqrgkdrvbFbqmkOLTsISuobTILm73l80Whveb4Bixu8wA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## *Award-Winning Author*

The Junior Library Guild will be hosting a webcast with Jason Reynolds, the award-winning author of *All-American Boys* and *Long Way Down* and co-author of *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15 at 10 AM. If you or anyone you know would like to attend this event, please use the link below to register. Keep reading! To view the update, click the link below:

<https://lms.lausd.net/school/2158146936/update/3031113857>