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## Fwd: A mission in action

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## The Little School provides an education of unsurpassed excellence and inspires delight in learning, love of God, respect of community, and fulfillment of individual potential.

The Little School's mission is at the heart of everything we do. It articulates our values, guides our curriculum, and shapes who we are as a community.

All schools have their mission statement prominently displayed on their website. But not all schools live and breathe their mission like we do. In just the past few days I have been so in awe of our sweet school's commitment to our strong mission.

**Delight in learning?** *Yes!* On Friday, a group of Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School science students visited TLS to teach 2nd-5th graders about complex chemical changes and reactions through a series of really cool, engaging experiments. The rain stopped for just long enough so the group could gather outside and watch a big explosion caused by a little Mento mint in a Coke bottle. (And I bet they could tell you why now!)

**Love of God?** *Absolutely!* Pastor Andy Chambers moved chapel outside on a beautiful Wednesday morning last week. With the warm air and gentle breeze around us, we were indeed surrounded by God! Pastor Andy helped us understand our character word of the week, endurance, which was especially poignant for the kids who were at the halfway point in their ITBS testing.

**Respect of community?** *Most certainly!* Yesterday, at the third annual TLS Grace Gate Gallop, our students jogged their little hearts out to help support those in need of medical care in our community. The TLS family will donate over \$2,000 to Grace Gate! And of equal importance, our students saw their parents committed to them and to

the worthy cause as well. We are so thankful for our incredible volunteers and supporters who came out yesterday, and who support TLS daily. (And a special thank you to Dr. Melanie Sims for coordinating this fun event!) Our students understand the joy that comes from loving and helping others, and that is a gift that will carry them throughout life.

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These are only three examples of many. I am so proud to be a part of this incredible place. I hope you are too.

My very best, Brooke

P.S. Have you seen the beautiful pictures on Facebook lately? Click here to view our latest albums chalk-full of smiling TLS faces.

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