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Navigating To Success
School Board
Recognition Month
January 2021



Jeff Banks – Member since 2013
Dr. Gary Harris – Member since 2005
Gabe Johnson – Member since 2019
John Jonas – Member since 2008
Scott Meyerdirk – Member since 2015
Jason Padgett – Member since 2020
Lynn Reed – Member since 2019
Steve Smith who served 2008-2020



This past year has been incredibly difficult for school districts across the country. Tough decisions had to be made over and over again because nothing ever stayed the same for very long. Our school board and administrators navigated our path like true captains. January's School Board Recognition Month gave us the chance to formally say THANK YOU!

The GISD campuses showed their appreciation by showering them with gifts from teachers and students during the January board meeting. The elementary campus put together a package that included a dinner cruise for two on Lake Texoma, a library book for them to sign and return to the library, some very special cards made by the students, and some of their favorite snacks. Mr. Lynn Reed also received a captain's hat so he will be able to steer the district in the proper direction. The middle school also collected several of their favorites to fill a bag. Inside the bag they found a gift certificate for a dinner date and a thermal cup with a message reminding them of their value (compared to a roll of toilet paper during the pandemic)... after all, a great board member and a roll of toilet paper are priceless :)

Students representing the art department at the high school came to present special works of art painted for each of the board members. Students from the floral department at GHS created underwater floral arrangements for each member. Both the paintings and the floral arrangements are fabulous! The campus also gifted each member a leather bound journal to record their journey as they navigate through the upcoming year.

You might say they cleaned up pretty well! But if that was not enough, Technology Director, Melissa Kelly, gifted each member a bar of her homemade soap. Now they really can clean up!

Our board members do not do their job for gifts, they do it for our community, our students and our staff members. The gifts were a token from the heart, and we hope each one of the board members know that we appreciate everything they do to keep our district great!



Attention Gunter ISD Faculty & Students

Flat tire ?
Dead car battery ?
Keys locked in your car ?



**CHIEF THOMAS
HAS THE TOOLS TO HELP
YOU OUT!**

If you have a flat tire, dead car battery or lock the keys in your car during school hours, have your campus administration office contact Chief Thomas and he will stop by to help you out.



Vaccinations



In every effort to keep our students and staff safe, Gunter ISD helped coordinate a vaccine clinic for Grayson County schools to vaccinate staff with

qualifying condition that put them at a higher risk with the virus.

Gunter ISD was able to have 22 staff members vaccinated on January 15th, and are hoping to be able to offer more slots as they come available to us. A huge thanks to Texoma Medical Center and Grayson County Health Department for helping make this happen for Grayson County schools.



Your little
Texan has
big dreams.



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Webinars will provide an overview of the Texas Tuition Promise Fund and information on the different types of tuition units, tuition redemption values and payment options.* In addition, the webinar will present information about scholarship opportunities available through the Texas Match the Promise Foundation.**

Sign up for one of our upcoming webinars.

If you have any questions regarding the webinars, please contact us at TuitionPromise@cpa.texas.gov.

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Voluntary Early Release Fridays – Reminder

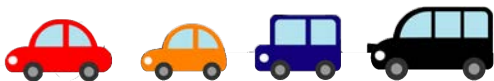
We are so happy to have our students back on our campuses this spring! Although the majority of our students are back, we do still have some students who are doing remote learning due to quarantine situations. With the teachers having to support both the in-class students and those students who are on quarantine, we will continue with our Voluntary Early Release Fridays. Buses will run mid-day at 12:45/1:00 and in the afternoon at 3:20/3:35 for students choosing to stay the full day. Thank you!

Message from the desk of ...

Heather Hale, GES Principal



We realize that our morning car line is longer than the first semester. As a result, we have shifted our morning car line route to match our afternoon route. We have seen a positive impact on eliminating traffic back-up on 289 and 121. We are asking a couple of things from you. In order to maintain safety and eliminate back-ups around the school, we are asking that you please continue to proceed in the direction you are headed after dropping off your student. Also, we are asking that you please not make u-turns in the road or at the park as this disrupts the flow of our car line. We realize that this is an inconvenience, however, the safety of our students and staff is our top priority. A reminder that our building opens at 7:10 every morning and our car line has no line between 7:10-7:30 each day. Beginning at 7:30 each day we have 9 staff members helping students open doors to help them in the building. Our first bell to dismiss students to class is at 7:40 with our tardy bell ringing at 7:45. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we continue to work through the challenges of a growing campus.



Happy Valentines's Day
February 14th

GHS will administer the ASVAB Aptitude Test on February 3rd at 8:00am. Please fill out this Google Form to reserve your spot. This aptitude test is open to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students only.

Please email jwaggoner@gunterisd.org with any questions.
<https://forms.gle/6pubKp3FYPW49Mzk8>



Wow!
February 2nd
will be our 100th day of school!

Gunter Elementary Student Leadership says....



to

Gunter Fire Department

January 22– February 26, 2021
Every Friday
Pay \$1.00 and wear your favorite hat!

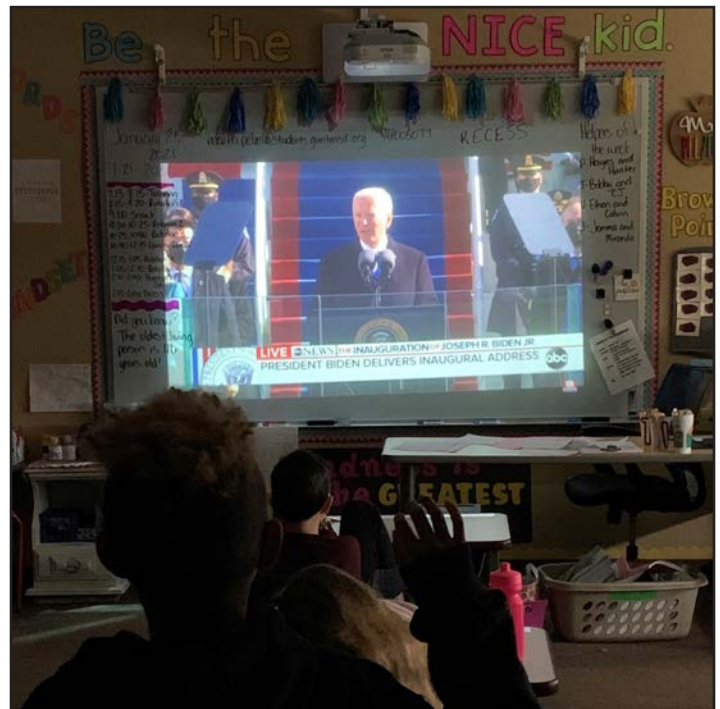


December GES Students of the Month

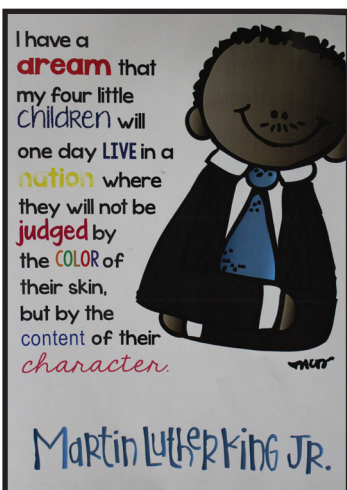
Kindergarten: Kennedy Davidson, 1st: Katy Lopez, 2nd: Tristan Beckley, 3rd: Mason Clowers, and 4th: Gustavo Maldonado!



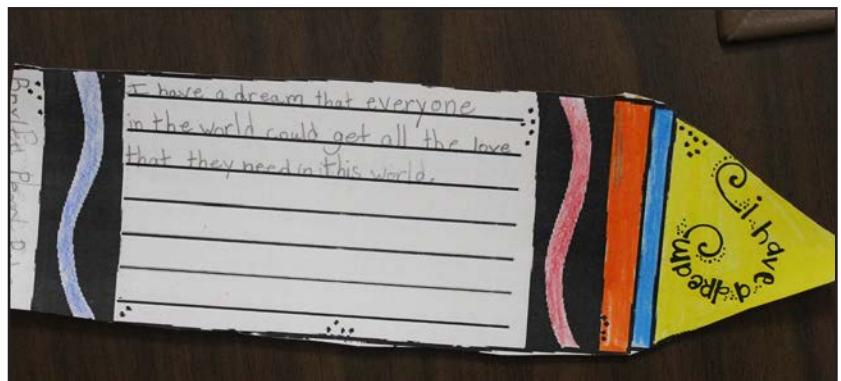
The 3rd graders wanted to show Perla, the GES custodian, some appreciation for all of her hard work. She keeps the school spotless!



Inauguration Day is a very important event in history, and Mrs. Pelzel's 3rd grade classes were able to watch the new president take the oath of office. Mrs. Pelzel screened the event first, and the students watched it the following day.



Mrs. Pelzel's 3rd graders learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. and created their own "I have a dream" statement to post on the classroom doors. All of the students had a powerful dream statement! I chose this one to display because it sums up what everyone said.



In case you can't see the words, they say, "I have a dream that everyone in the world could get all the love that they need in this world."

READERS ARE CHAMPIONS!



Pre-K
Ryder Wetzel, Arlo Powell



Kindergarten: Maximus Atyia, Ty Johnson, Blake Noah, Brayden Rice, Kael Sheridan, Kennedy Davidson, Dakota Friday, Noah Pinnon, Eliot Thiel, Briston Ulch, Reed Weltzel, Luke Douglas, Ronnie Balderas, Wyatt Scott, Reagyn Ruiz, Easton Descoteau



1st Grade: Ford Bodnyk, Faith Breeding, Reid Brown, Ridge Fletcher, Luis Mendoza, Krew Sheridan, Reid Endsley, Kyle Moore



2nd Grade: Camilla Anderson, Bentley Baker, Landon Bowen, Kase Myers, Abel Powell, Micheal Atyea, Jaxson Fuggett, Ryder Logan, Caroline Ulch, Reagan Bearnard, Harper Biros, Grant Douglas, Skylar Gibbs, Karis Gortmaker, Jaxson Hale



3rd Grade: Brynn Breeding, Hayes Henry, Mason Laten, Valeria Mendoza, Brielle Moore, Brantley Rice



4th Grade: Sydney Bodnyk, Dakota Waligura, Krissah O'Brien

AWESOME!

50 GES students read a total of **38,288** minutes during the second nine weeks of school!

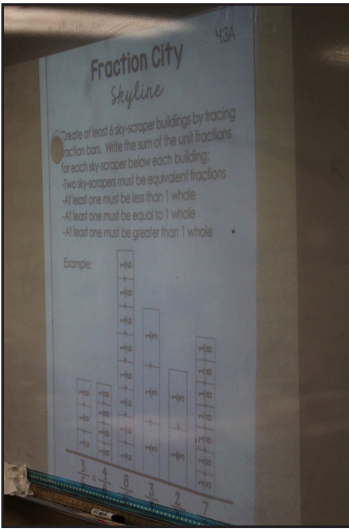


Nothing "fishy" about it! Math is FUN

Kindergarten classes used goldfish to solve addition problems. The flash card is a penguin, and they are putting fish in the belly! See? Math is fun!



Building New Skills at GES



BUILDING SKYSCRAPERS WITH MRS. GRAYARD

Using fractions to **build** skyscrapers? Yes, they did! Mrs. Grayard's class used their math skills to create some pretty impressive buildings. Can you say, "oooh.... ahhhhh"? That is a catch phrase in the classroom that the students love to say!



Mrs. Driskill's 1st grade students were using manipulatives to **build** all sorts of great things! Shhhh.... don't tell them that they are learning, we like to keep that a secret!



Mrs. Smith's pre-k students are **building** a strong body by doing some yoga! The weather was not suitable for outdoor play, so indoor recess is a little more structured than outdoor recess :)



Mrs. Wright's students are getting prepared to memorize their multiplication tables. Flash cards are always a great learning tool to **build** math skills!

Elementary and Middle School Honor Rolls - 2nd 9 Weeks

A Honor Roll:

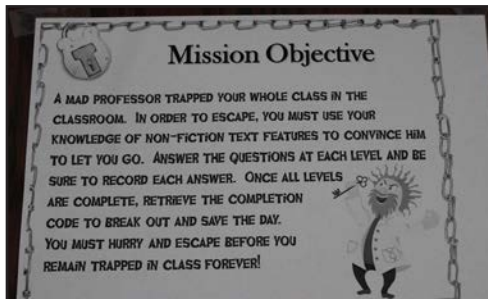
First Grade: Eli Ashton, Ford Bodnyk, Faith Breeding, Kadon Brewster, Reid Brown, Kenzie Campbell, Quin Coglietti, Reid Endsley, Bear Fieszel, Weston Fiorletta, Ridge Fletcher, Madison Gibbs, Korra Gray, Tag Harden, Parker Hough, Cami James, Dash Key, Jace Lacour, Katy Lopez, Kamden Lynch, Halston McGinness, Briella McGowan, Kyle Moore, Aroldo Porras, Cohen Robson, Julia Ruiz, Gentry Russell, Krew Sheridan, Anistyn Slawson, Reese Stinton, Sloan Stinton, Titus Thiel, Georgia Voto, Bellamy Woods; Second Grade: Julia Adami, Camilla Anderson, Michael Atyia, Daniel Avendano, Bentley Baker, Reagan Barnard, Tristan Beckley, Harper Biros, Max Booth, Landon Bowen, Emma Buckalew-Lewellen, Arabella Christian, Decklan Davis, Declan Dorsey, Grant Douglass, Diesel Eldredge, Jaxson Fugett, Skylar Gibbs, Karis Gortmaker, Julia Grzywacz, Isabella Guerrer, Jaxson Hale, Alayna Hulsey, Cade Johnson, Nash Jones, Grace Kruzie, Ryder Lacour, Kreed Lanham, Max Maldonado, Mox Martin, Logan May, Ashtin Miller, Claret Montes, Kase Myers, Tatum O'Daniel, Amelia Paben, Maddox Piaschyk, Gabriella Quillen, Gunter Reed, Joshua Robinson, Sadie Romo, Clark Smith, Camila Tavera, Jadeyn Taylor, Kallen Toney, Ava Turner, Maddox Verden, Justin Villagrana, Nathan Wallis, Carter Wright, Elise Wright, Rayleigh Wright, Arthur Wyatt, Jackson Zielinski; Third Grade: Jaxen Applewhite, Andrew Badillo, Brynn Breeding, Mason Clowers, Ethan Craig, Mason Dainauski, Nora Dainauski, Calvin Drummonds, Madison Endsley, Alia Maldonado, Mason Gibbs, Abby Hilton, Hunter Holloway, Bobby Hough, CJ James, Colt Kennemer, Mason Layton, Auggie Lee, Bo Martin, Valeria Mendoza, Estevan Mercado, Brielle Moore, Lucas Nelson, Sylvie Pace, Brantley Rice, Declan Riffe, Olivia Rigdon, Brylee Rodges, Ryder Standerfer, Chance Stovall, William Waggoner, Rylee Watson, Brittyn Wilcocks, Lawson Wylie; Fourth Grade: Catalina Almanza, Brody Barnett, Carly Barrow, Brinley Beavers, Wolfgang Bettes-Asbell, Sydney Bodnyk, Gisele Booth, Landry Bortzfield, Maddie Cisneros, Bentley Devries, Harper Dorsey, Kirstyn Dupler, Tinsley Ehret, Berkley Graham, Kinslee Gray, Raynee Hayes, Zane Highlen Prince, Ragen Jeffs, Cayden Johnson, Nolan Langley, Lizzie Leonard, Gustavo Maldonado, Brayden McGowan, Angie Mendoza, Krissah O'Brien, Tess O'Daniel, Finn Pines, Payton Richardson, Kenzie Rizzo, Isabella Seay, Lucas Swinfen, Ava Thedford, Blake Thigpen, Joshua Todd, Allison Villagrana, Dakota Waligura, Rebecca Wallis, Brooklyn Wilcocks 5th Grade: Rylee Cassidy, Caroline Damon, Rosee Davis, Jacob Endsley, Briley Esnard, Evelyn Galvan, Alyson Gann, Paxtyn Graves, Kylie Hughes, Layeton Ingram, Anna Kruzie, Madalyn Lang, Isabela Maldonado, Melanie Martinez, Austin Miller, Makenzi Nelson, Jackson Neufeld, Lauren Nichols, Will Rainer, Ryder Ruiz, Emily Saindon, Noah Saindon, Corbin Waligura, Layla Williams, Jayden Wright; 6th Grade: Julia Beltowski, Blake Boland, Brody Bracewell, Kamden Campbell, Kynlee Chalker, Coleman Cobb, Rhys Dainauski, Colt Elvington, Alexander Fenner, Atalaya Fenner, Erick Fraire, Kyla Gortmaker, Nathan Hale, Zachary Hales, Braden Hilton, Hailey Hoel, Harlee Keel, Hudson Kelly, Ethan Marks, Tristan May, Landri McDaniel, Tucker O'Daniel, Lia Parnell, Samiha Pittman, Joshua Roane, Caleb Siler, Millana Smith, Sarah Smith, Grayson Turner, Maci Verden, Samuel Waggoner, Zac Wilde; 7th Grade: Parker Aleman, Alexa Almanza, Taylor Badillo, Karlee Beavers, Sadie Buckalew-Lewellen, Antonio Castro, Delyla Dahle, Nicholas Damon, Ally Dodd, Cali Dodson, Luzcero Escalera, Micah Fisher, Parker Harris, Jonathan Jahan, Jacob Krupa, Alexis Lewis, Wilson Marks, Ava McComb, Braeden McDaniel, Gisselle Mercado, Brooklynn Neufeld, Jonas Paben, Presley Pace, Creed Rainer, Hayden Rodges, Riley Rogan, Mia Smith, Emily Todd, Dillon Wylie; 8th Grade: Caitlin Badillo, Carter Balak, Peyton Beavers, Bryce Biros, Brock Boddie, Kane Bolt, Luke Bullard, Burkleigh Coats, Presley Cobb, Hayden Farrell, Mitchell Gage, Austin Hill, Chloe Johnson, William Kanouse, Kylee Keller, Landon Langley, Jesus Mercado, Juliana Moore, Mary Nichols, Colin Peacock, Ella Pinkernell, Jorge Sanchez, Preston Tarpley, Isabela Thomas, Dylan Tokarz, Raiden Windlow, Trevor Wright, Alexa Zielinski

B Honor Roll:

First Grade: Michael Booth, Alyvia Douglas, Cristal Escalera Solis, Isabella Esparza, Titus Gage, Derick Goodwin, Micah Goodwin, Tatum Halley, Suzie Lee, Hadley Maiden, Eleanor Martin, Adelynn McComb, Emiliano Mendoza, Luis Mendoza, Bradley Murray French, Charlie Newton, Carter Ramon, Brisa Rodriguez, Tania Rodriguez, Billy Joe Stewart, Joaquin Valadez; Second Grade: Brandy Balderas, Bennett Dorsey, Emely Franco, Oliver Garza, Kaedence Kirkpatrick, Leighton Lemberg, Meredith Leonard, Ryder Logan, Nicholas Lorrusso, Hazel Martin, Adam McBride, Abel Powell, Bryson Richardson, Brian Rowland, Emily Smith, Bremerton Thiel, Caroline Ulch, Cash Weber; Third Grade: Noah Alfaraue, Selena Almendarez, Crystal Barrientos, Carson Berry, Brody Biskup, Miranda Fraire, Payden Fraire, Stella Fuller, Hayes Henry, Kynzlee Johnson, Lexi McDonald, Chloe McDonald, Aaron Mejia Gonzalez, Makenlee Millsap, Jadalyn Morin, Mckynzie Olsen, Kolston Piaschyk, Maddie Ramirez, Sabrina Ritter, Jackson Scott, Kanie Sweet, Silas Turner, Roman Yosten; Fourth Grade: Austin Anderson, Jude Coglietti, Jackson Davis, Jose Escalera, Alexia Falcon, Landon Harrington, Alexa Hays, Kohen Lanham, Phoebe Layman, Benny Pena, Cadence Ploch, Edgar Rodriguez, Rhett Roller, Lincoln Saenz, Max Zielinski 5th Grade: Makaila Brewster, Kendrew Campbell, Aiden Christian, Maliya Farrell, Vianay Fuentes, Knox Gage, Weston Goetz, Reese Hale, Jessie Heist, Brody Hicks, Addison Hinkley, Jayden Hutson, Olivia Johnson, Caleb Long, Byron Mercado, Piper Newton, Sofia Pina Lowery, Nicolas Rico, Caleb Robinson, Joel Rocha, Stone Ramage, Landry Russell, Will Schafer, Halston Standerfer, Alicesun Tidwell, Melissa Torres Del Rio, Yulissa Torres Del Rio, Alula Truelsen, Brayden Walden, Anastyn White, Seth Wilde; 6th Grade: Analeia Aleman, Jentry Backsches, Glory Ferguson, Cyleigh Floyd, Dulce Fraire, Alannah Garcia, Taylor Gaston, Grace Geisendorff, Finlee Gressett, Landon Harris, Mallory Henry, Aeris Herman, Eva James, Elijah Johnson, Jake Langley, Randall Linebaugh, Garron Lorusso, Daniel Munoz, Tatum Myers, Sullivan Newton, Lathan Pecina, Allison Perez, Ashton Pinkernell, Kail Richey, Elyson Schafer, Cecilia Tapia-Albares, Evelin Tavera, Nora Thomas, Jace Wade; 7th Grade: Brayden Biskup, Legend Bounds, Ella Brummett, Landrie Brummett, Jasmine Chavez, John Elmore, Kooper Floyd, Ajay Gawande, Justin Grayard, Dustin Heist, Trace Howard, Cooper Huntoon, Barrett Johnson, Levi Koonce, Norah Layman, Jackson Maiden, Emma Marks, Lilly Martin, Camila Mendoza, Luke Menser, Colt Nelson, Agustin Robledo, Benjamin Rodriguez-Montes, Angel Roman Hurd, Talia Scroggins, Bella Stratton, Jasmine Tapia-Alvarez, Lauren Tatum, Olivia Williams, Abigail Zarallo; 8th Grade: Keira Ashton, Rhianna Befort-Walters, Reid Brackeen, Camryn Craddock, Brynne Craven, Grace Dainauski, Jackson Decker, Paula Garcia, Brenley Gibson, Jaxon Graham, Christianna Grayard, Avery Hale, Billy Harrington, Tate Howard, Mason Jeffs, Alexander Maldonado, Juan Munoz, Braeden Nelson, Tara Nemoto, Emilee Padgett, Braden Robison, Cash Ramage, Jordan Villagrana, Luke Wilde, Karson Williams, Matthew Yosten



The GMS Spelling Bee was held on January 22nd at GMS. Mrs. Lemberg could not conduct the event in person, but was able to conduct the event from her house with the assistance of Mrs. Greene and Zoom technology. Mrs. Lemberg read each word, gave the definition and Mrs. Greene served as a judge inside the classroom listening to each student as they spelled the words. Seventeen students started with the hopes of spelling their way to the top, but there can only be one champion, and we are proud to announce that Preston Tarpley earned that honor with Levi Hite-Payne coming in as the alternate. Preston will represent Gunter Middle School at the Grayson County Spelling Bee in the next round.



ESCAPE FROM THE MAD SCIENTIST!

Students had to use clues to break away from the mad professor in Mrs. Schroeter's English class. The clues had to do with nonfiction text features, something the students had been studying. The students had 30 minutes to solve all of the clues in 6 levels or be trapped forever with that "mad professor"! Luckily they listened well in class and all were able to escape!



Sometimes you have to get LOW to capture that great shot! Mrs. Clement's photography students were introduced to this concept by playing "How Low Can You Go?" (aka as Limbo). We can't wait to see some of the shots they take from a "worms eye view".



GMS JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

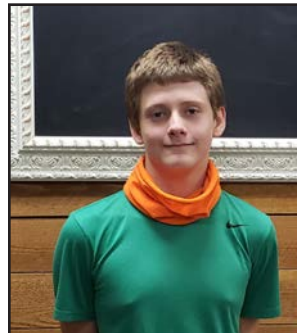
5th Grade:
Jackson Neufeld

Activities: Gymnastics
Favorite Subject: Math
Hobby: Rubic's Cube
Favorite Musician: n/a
Future Ambition: Visit Australia



7th Grade
Nathan Taylor

Activities: Wrestling
Favorite Subject: Math
Hobby: Hanging with friends
Favorite Musician: Eminem
Future Ambition: Collegiate wrestling



6th Grade:
Hailey Hoel

Activities: FFA, Volleyball
Favorite Subject: Science
Hobby: Clarinet
Favorite Musician:: Blake Shelton
Future Ambition: Attend Texas Tech



8th Grade
Presley Cobb

Activities: Volleyball (School and Club)
Favorite Subject: History
Hobby: Art
Favorite Musician: 21 Pilots
Future Ambition: Graphic Designer



New Water Bottle Filling Stations at GMS

Thanks to the Student Council's fundraising efforts, they were able to purchase a water bottle filling station. This makes it so much easier to fill a water bottle in a sanitary way. Gunter ISD matched the donation by putting an additional station at the other end of the school.



Hot Beverages!



Special thanks to Gunter Brewhouse for setting up a coffee & hot chocolate bar for the middle school teachers to enjoy on their workday. It helped them get ready for the 2nd semester!

PRECISION AND PERFORMANCE

Students working together and learning to be a team begins early and continues throughout the life of a team. These students, under the supervision of Coach Jordan Gill are learning skills that will transfer from the court to the classroom to everyday life!



GHS HONOR ROLL - 1ST SEMESTER

PRINCIPALS HONOR ROLL

9th Grade: Shelby Blansett, Ryli Bracewell, Jackson Burkholder, Berkeley Caple, Kase Carlile, Makena Fady, Alexis Gann, Parker Hoel, Adyson Hubbard, Kinley Johnson, Kendall Jolly, Cannon Lemberg, Marshall Magers, Brelee Mauldin, Shey Menkhoff, Houston Rehmet, Jackson Rue, Kendyl Sikes, Keeli Sweet, Bailey Watson; 10 Grade: Peyton Aleman, Lindsay Esnard, Viviana Galvan, Ethan James, Lexi Koonce, Reagan Long, Alexis Marks, Kendel Marks, Michael McDowell, Kamber Puebla, Miranda Putnicki, Cameron Roller, Katelynn Smith, Kiana Swinfen, Aubrey Walton; 11th Grade: Michael Caffarel, Laura Caperton, Audrey Curtis, Sarah Denton, Olivia Eft, Blakely Esnard, Bennett Fady, Malison Fisher, Hayden Fox, Hudson Graham, Kaden Keller, Nicole Leach, Cole Lemons, Sean McClure, Sophia Mendoza, Alyssa Tarpley, Greyson Toney, Jaymison Voto, Harper Williams, 12th Grade: Reagan Andres, Taylor Boddie, Jacee Childers, Landon Dahle, Reya Dawlah, Jayden Jones, Makenna Kincheloe, Bethany Martinek, Sophie Mathers, Aidan McDowell, Neelie Parker, Tate Rehmet, Jacob Seiberling, Mary Smith, Renatta Vincent

A HONOR ROLL

9th Grade: Avery Diers, Abigail Elmore, Jonah Ferguson, Collin Vest; 10th Grade: Ashton Bennett, Zachary Boland, Tiana Jeffs, Caroline Marshall, Madison Thigpen; 11th Grade: Roy George, Trey Oblas, Erin Seiberling; 12th Grade: Nash Daniel, Phoebe Fanning, Marco Lopez, Slade Parker, Sarah Putnicki

A/B HONOR ROLL

9th Grade: Aubrey Burchfield, Katherine Clemens, Luke Dodd, Jeremy Dodson, Daniel Dominguez, Gavin Dupler, Hailey Foster, Grace Fugett, Courtney George, Brooks Griggs-Bell, Brady Harris, Brayden Hinton, Taylor Latham, Carter Layton, Jace Martin, Brodee Parker, Avery Parrish, Caseyn Ploch, Hayden Standerfer, Ethan Stephens, Jacob Tackett, Colson Wood, Emelie Yosten; 10th Grade: Nolan Backschies, Leonardo Becerra, Isabella Beltowski, James Bullard, Ava Cantrell, Paige Daniel, Aubrey Duarte, Roman Garcia, Finlee Gibson, Marlee Harden, Ivy Hellman, Max Holdge, Alayna Jeffs, Connor Lenderman, Abby Marks, Dylan Marsh, Emma McMahon, Bianca Mercado, Garrett Morris, Nathan Nelson, Samantha Neufeld, Allison Padgett, Becca Patten, Cassie Pope, Emma Rider, Elizandro Rocha, Hanna Rubis, Laney Russell, Ethan Sloan, Jonathan Smith, Collier Stovall, Kailey Tokarz, Campbell Voto, Landon Waligura, Donnie Walton, Elle Whitteker, Benjamin Wilde; 11th Grade: Bella Craven, Lane Dophied, Gabriella Geisendorff, Jacob Hales, Hailie Harrison, Logan Hubbard, Sarah Jackson, Grace King, Robert Kirby, Morgan Krizek, Hunter Kruzie, Helena Martin, Kiley Meadors, Jacob Morris, Lucas O'Neal, Landon Pelfrey, Kaden Rigsby, Saul Rodriguez, Haley Rosas, Lana Saenz, Natalie Stephan, Nicholas Stephan, Erik Tapia, Tytan Taylor, Breanna Taylor, Rhiana Vincent; 12 Grade: Mathew Avendano, Juan Bernal, Samuel Erwin, Martin Garcia, Bethany Gilbreath, Peyton Graves, Kinzee Hamilton, Thomas Kanouse, Colten Lankford, Jordan Long, Emily Lopez, Ella Lotspeich, Andrea Montes, Savannah Ortega, Stephenie Pelley, Matthew Roller, Bria Savage, Pen Seiberling, Ashley Tillet, Aubrey Wendt



Garret Vogel represented Gunter FFA on January 11th at the District 3 FFA talent show hosted in Whitewright.

Garret finished a VERY close 2nd, in some VERY tough competition!

Way to go Garret!

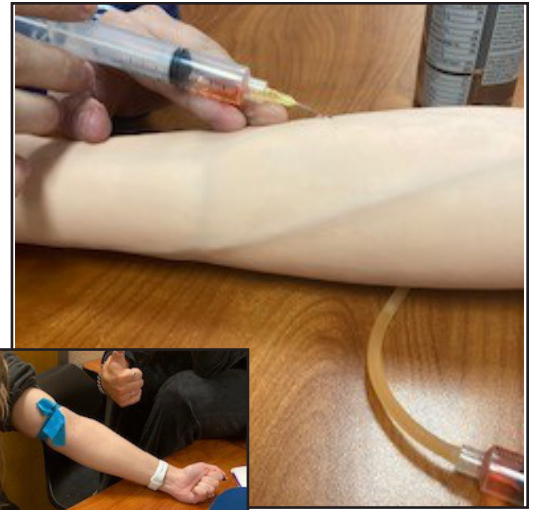


I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand

~ Confucius



Health Science students have all the fun in Mrs. Clarke's classroom! From learning to perform CPR to drawing blood, there is never a dull moment. As you can see, there is a definite difference in how to perform CPR on a baby. And, no worries, the blood draw was from a pretend arm!



Kinetic energy, or moving energy, is the energy something has because of its motion. Potential energy is the energy that comes from the position of one object relative to the position of another. Students in Mrs. Wallis' physics class used marbles and ramps to learn more about this concept. Once they had an understanding of energy in the classroom, they were tasked to build a roller coaster on their own, and film the results of the marbles making their way through the track. You have to have enough drop for the marble to make it up another spike!

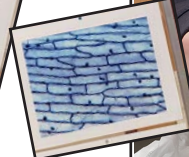
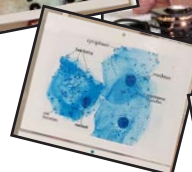


Small Things Come to Life!

Students stepped through the microscope into Mrs. McDonald's classroom where they ventured into a world of tiny cells! Students were looking at a variety of things under the glass, and sketching what they saw. Who knows? We might just have the next world renowned biologist in this classroom!



We can't wait to see what these ceramics students are creating on the pottery wheel!



ALL-STATE MUSICIANS



Penn Seiberling

* 2nd time TMEA All-State Choir Member

Penn Seiberling was chosen for this prestigious honor through a competitive process held this year across the state at District, Region, and Area levels. Penn is Tenor in the GHS Chamber Choir under the direction of Aimee Deibert. He also works with Mrs. Kulbeth as a private student.

This is Penn's second time to perform as a member of a TMEA All-State organization. Penn is the son of Robert and Becky Seiberling.



Jack Locke

* 2nd time TMEA All-State Band Member

Jack Locke was selected this year to be a participant of the ATSSB All-State Band. Jack plays the trumpet in the GHS Marching Band under the direction of Whitney Katz and Scott Kennedy. He is also part of Brenton Wolfe's private studio.

To achieve this accomplishment, Jack had to audition at both the Region and Area levels, placing in the top 2 for each audition. Out of 10,000, only 280 students are selected to perform in an All-State Band. This is Jack's second time to perform as a member of a TMEA All-State organization. Jack is the son of Johnny and Debbie Locke.



Piano Competition First in Gunter History

Jackson Rue, a 9th grader from Gunter High School, will be competing in the 2020-2021 UIL Region 25 Piano competition on February 6th. Jackson will be playing "Prelude" in C-sharp minor by Sergei Rachmaninov. He has been playing piano for 8 years under the instruction of Mrs. Laura Barnett. Jackson enjoys playing all styles of music. He has competed for years in Dallas, has played two years for the Children's Medical Center in Dallas at their Little Gifts of Hope program, he has shared his gift with local assisted living centers, and for multiple events in Gunter ISD. Jackson also runs cross country, track and sings in the choir. He will be playing a lead role as Horton in the school musical *Seussical, Jr.* this month. Jackson will be the first student in Gunter history to compete in UIL piano. Special thanks to Ms. Aimee Deibert, Head Choir Director at Gunter High School, for all of the opportunities and guidance in this process.



Seussical, Jr. - A Musical

Mark your calendars for a fun filled event in February! The Chamber Choir will be performing "Suessical, Jr." on February 19th, 20th, and the 21st. This is a fun musical that the students have been working on and are so excited to present. Hope to see you there!

Seating is limited due to COVID, so get your tickets fast!

Pricing: \$10 for adults, \$8 for children under 18, and free to children 2 or younger. Tickets may be found online at www.gunterisd.org/finearts



Here's a small sneak preview of the students during practice. You won't want to miss seeing this!



VARSITY CHEER

The varsity cheerleaders competed at the UIL State Spirit Competition on Friday, January 15 at the Fort Worth Convention Center against 61 teams from around the state. The competition consisted of three categories: band chant, crowd leading, and fight song. Our girls were in the top 20 of the preliminary round, and advanced to the finals. The top 10 from this group would then go on to compete for the state title. Our girls missed 10th place by just a tenth of a point, and finished up in 11th place.

In our book, they are #1!

Congratulations on a great competition and thank you for all of your hard work you put into your sport!



Special thanks to OurGunter for the fabulous photos from cheer competition.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

Varsity Girls

(12-0 District Record!)

12/29 52-47 (L) - Gunter vs. Dodd City
 12/30 54-42 (L) - Gunter @ Muenster
 1/8 54-44 (W) - Gunter @ Leonard
 1/12 58-52 (W) - Gunter vs. Whitewright
 1/16 63-36 (W) - Gunter vs. Blue Ridge
 1/18 46-33 (W) - Gunter vs. Howe
 1/19 58-39 (W) - Gunter @ Bells
 1/22 76-20 (W) - Gunter vs. Bonham
 1/26 36-27 (W) - Gunter vs. Pottsboro
 1/29 67-26 (W) - Gunter @ Howe

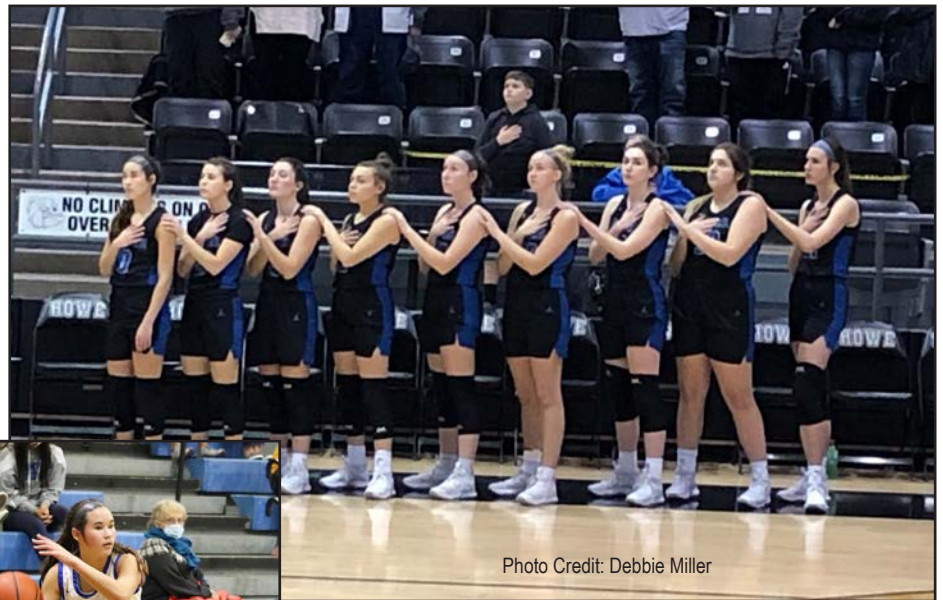


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Junior Varsity Girls

Dodd City (W)
 Muenster (L)
 Howe (W)
 Leonard (W)
 Dodd City (W)
 Muenster (L)
 Howe (W)
 Leonard (W)



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MS Girls

1/7 vs Leonard
 8B won 32-2
 7A won 55-5
 8B won 47-4

1/11 vs Pottsboro
 7A 43-3
 8A 21-23
 No B team game

1/15 vs Bonham
 8B won 24-11
 7A won 48-2
 8A won 44-14

1/22 vs Pottsboro
 B team won 22-6
 7A won 30-8
 8A won 33-19

1/28 vs Bells
 B team lost 16-19
 7A won 27-17
 8A won 27-24

Congratulations to the Junior High Girls!



7th Grade - Undefeated District Champs!



8th Grade:
 This group has only two losses in the season and have a shot on a share of the district title when the season wraps up on Thursday. Way to go!



BOYS BASKETBALL

Varsity Boys

12/29 vs Callisburg	L 42-63
1/2 vs Bonham	L 26-39
1/5 vs Howe	W 44-32
1/8 vs Leonard	L 41-49
1/12 vs Whitewright	L 41-44
1/16 vs Blue Ridge	L 34-58
1/19 vs Bells	L 41-54
1/27 vs Pottsboro	L 50-56
1/29 vs Howe	L 45-43

Junior Varsity

JV Blue

vs Callisburg	L 44-47
vs Bonham	W 38-24
vs Leonard	W 61-41
vs Whitewright	W 61-41
vs Blue Ridge	L 48-53
vs Bonham	W 42-32
vs Bells	L 53-61

JV White

vs Callisburg	W 32-29
vs Bonham	W 31-30
vs Howe	W 44-32
vs Leonard	W 21-9
vs Blue Ridge	L 21-26
vs Bonham	L 22-24
vs Bells	W 25-9



Photo Credits: Marion Cole

Boys MS Team

1/7 vs Leonard
8B 41-21 W
8A 63-17 W
7A 27-24 W
7B 29-19 W

1/11 vs Pottsboro
8B 19-18 W
8A 49-15 W
7A 13-24 L
7B 18-22 L

1/14 vs Bonham
8B 18-18 T
8A 38-27 W
7B 15-11 W
7A 32-22 W

1/16 vs Whitesboro
8B 27-3 W
8A 46-34 W
7B 11-17 L
7A 36-39 L (OT)

1/21 vs Pottsboro
8B 20-23 L
8A 45-31 W
7B 23-24 L
7A 27-39 L

1/23 vs Whitewright
8A 63-24 W
7A 33-32 W
Combo 24-12 W

1/28 vs Bells
8A 48-25 W
7A 29-15 W
Combo 22-16 W

Teacher Appreciation Night



Photo Credit: Our Gunter



Gunter Lady Tiger Softball

2021 Schedule



<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday, Jan. 30th	(S) JJ Pearce	Home	V	10:30/12:00
Tuesday, Feb. 2nd	(S) S&S Consolidated	Home	V	5:00
Saturday, Feb. 6th	(S) Anna/Farmersville	Away	V	TBA
Tuesday, Feb. 9th	(S) Celina	Away	V	5:00
Saturday, Feb. 13th	(S) Frisco Liberty/Sanger	Home	V	10:00/1:00
Tuesday, Feb. 16th	Ponder	Home	V	6:00
Friday, Feb. 19th	Van Alstyne	Away	V	6:00
Tuesday, Feb. 23rd	Melissa	Away	V	6:00
Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 25th-27th	North Texas Classic Tour.	Away	V	TBD
Tuesday, Mar. 2nd	Bonham	Away	V	6:00
Thurs.-Sat., Mar. 4th-6th	Lindsay Invitational	Away	V	TBD
Monday, March 8th	Pottsboro	Home	JV/V	11:00/1:00
Tuesday, Mar. 16th	Howe	Away	JV/V	5:00/7:00
Friday, Mar. 19th	Leonard	Away	JV/V	5:00/7:00
Tuesday, Mar. 23rd	Whitewright	Home	JV/V	5:00/7:00
Friday, Mar. 26th	Blue Ridge***	Home	V	6:00
Tuesday, Mar. 30th	Bells	Home	JV/V	5:00/7:00
Friday, April 2nd	Bonham	Home	V	6:00
Tuesday, April 6th	Pottsboro	Away	JV/V	5:00/7:00
Friday, April 9th	Howe	Home	JV/V	5:00/7:00
Monday, April 12th	Leonard*	Home	JV/V	5:00/7:00
Friday, April 16th	Whitewright	Away	JV/V	5:00/7:00
Tuesday, April 20th	Blue Ridge	Away	V	6:00
Friday, April 23rd	Bells	Away	JV/V	5:00/7:00

Playoffs

May 1st	Bi-District
May 8th	Area
May 15th	Regional Quarter Finals
May 22nd	Regional Semi-Finals
May 29th	Regional Finals
June 2nd-5th	State Tournament

Schedule may change throughout the season, be sure to check the GISD calendar for updates.

Head Coach: Leigh Vickery
 Assistant Coach: Casey Frost
 Superintendent: Dr. Jill Siler
 Athletic Director: Jake Fieszal
 High School Principal: Kensi Woods
 Assistant Athletic Director: Katie Stinton

Bold- District

*- Senior Night

(S) - Scrimmages

***- Teacher Appreciation

Gunter Tiger Baseball

Varsity Schedule

2/8	@Celina	5:00 PM
2/12	@Aubrey	4:30 PM
2/15	@Melissa	4:30 PM
2/20	@Sherman	1:00 PM
2/25-27	Gainesville Tournament	TBA
3/4-6	Aubrey Tournament	TBA
3/11-13	Windthorst Tournament	TBA
3/16	@Bonham	7:00 PM
3/19	@Gunter vs Bonham	7:00 PM
3/23	@ Pottsboro	7:00 PM
3/26	@ Gunter vs Pottsboro	7:00 PM
3/30	@ Howe	7:00 PM
4/2	@ Gunter vs Howe	7:00 PM
4/6	@ Leonard	7:00 PM
4/9	@ Gunter vs Leonard	7:00 PM
4/13	@ Gunter vs Whitewright	7:00 PM
4/16	@ Whitewright	7:00 PM
4/20	@ Gunter vs Blue Ridge	7:00 PM
4/23	@ Blue Ridge	7:00 PM
4/27	@ Bells (DH)	4:30 & 7:00 PM



Head Coach: Kerry Clement

Assistant Coaches: Deryl Hellman and Andrew Applewhite

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throughout the season, be
sure to check the GISD
calendar for updates.

Gunter Tiger Baseball

JV Schedule

2/20	@Sherman	11:00 PM
2/22	@ Gunter vs Pilot Point	6:00 PM
2/25-27	Little Elm Tournament	TBA
3/1	@ Pilot Point	6:00 PM
3/4-6	Ponder Tournament	TBA
3/11-13	Aubrey Tournament	TBA
3/16	@Bonham	4:30 PM
3/19	@Gunter vs Bonham	4:30 PM
3/23	@ Pottsboro	4:30 PM
3/26	@ Gunter vs Pottsboro	4:30 PM
3/30	@ Howe	4:30 PM
4/2	@ Gunter vs Howe	4:30 PM
4/6	@ Leonard	4:30 PM
4/9	@ Gunter vs Leonard	4:30 PM
4/13	@ Gunter vs Whitewright	4:30 PM
4/16	@ Whitewright	4:30 PM
4/20	@ Gunter vs Blue Ridge	4:30 PM
4/23	@ Blue Ridge	4:30 PM
4/27	@ Bells (DH)	6:00 PM



2021 Gunter Track Schedule



High School Boys & Girls

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Team</u>
Feb. 25 (Thursday)	Pilot Point (Run Only)*Split Meet* (Girls – 8:30am / Boys – 3:30pm)	JV/Varsity
March 4 (Thursday)	Whitesboro *4 Teams*	JV/Varsity
March 18 (Thursday)	Pottsboro	JV/Varsity
March 25 (Thursday)	Gunter *4 Teams*	JV/Varsity
March 29 (Monday)	District – Pottsboro	JV B/G
March 31 (Wednesday)	District Prelims/F.E. - Pottsboro	Varsity B/G
April 1 (Thursday)	District Finals – Pottsboro	Varsity B/G
April 15 (Thursday)	Area – ?	Varsity
April 23-24 (Fri.-Sat.)	Regional – Whitehouse	Varsity
May 7-8 (Fri.-Sat.)	State – Austin	Varsity

Middle School Boys & Girls

February 22 (Monday)	Pilot Point (Run Only)	MS B/G
March 2 (Tuesday)	Whitesboro	MS B/G
March 15 (Monday)	Pottsboro	MS B/G
March 22 (Monday)	Gunter	MS B/G
TBD	District	MS B/G

All Dates/Location Subject to change

Head Track & Field: Jeff Egger

Track Coaches: Daniel Castorena, Katelyn Gill, Jordan Gill, Justin McDaniel, Jake Parker, Tim Wylie, Tonya Watson

Athletic Trainer: Ryan Barham

Athletic Director: Jake Fieszal

HS Principal: Kensie Woods

Superintendent: Dr. Jill Siler

Asst. Athletic Director: Katie Stinton

MS Principal: Chris Dodd



Gunter Independent School District Board Briefs

Thursday, January 21, 2021

GISD Board Meeting 6:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Reed, Board Vice President. A quorum was established.

ATTENDANCE: Board members included: Gabe Johnson, Dr. Gary Harris, Scott Meyerdirk, Jason Padgett and Lynn Reed; District attendance included: Dr. Jill Siler, Kelly Teems and Brittany Floyd.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

- Students and Staff presented items prepared for the board showing their appreciation for all that they do.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Monthly Financial Report
- Communications
 - Enrollment Update

Elementary School	385
Middle School	328
High School	313
TOTAL	1026
 - COVID Update – Dr. Siler shared that after a moderate increase after the winter break, that Covid numbers are very low in the district at this time. She shared an update on the transition to all in-person instruction.
 - Future Planning Discussion – Dr. Siler shared that our last Demographic Study was in 2017 and the Board discussed doing another study next year.
 - 2021-2022 Instructional Calendar Review – Dr. Siler shared two options for the 2021-22 Calendar and the process for approving those in January. The next step is to share with our staff and parents for feedback and a vote. The final recommendation will come to the Board at the February meeting.
 - 2021 Event Discussion – Dr. Siler shared information about how the district is handling upcoming events and gathered feedback from the Board.
 - Donation Received – Dr. Siler shared that the Gunter Food Mart donated \$500 to GISD.
 - Upcoming Events/Meetings Dates were shared

BOARD MEMBER REPORT

- Board Election Calendar- There are two spots open for the 2021 election (Jeff Banks and Scott Meyerdirk). The last day to file is February 13th.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- December 14, 2020 FIRST Public Hearing Minutes and December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, December Bills, Budget Amendments, May 1, 2021 Trustee Election Order, Joint

Election Agreement with City of Gunter and Grayson County Election Service Agreement for the May 1, 2021 Election were approved.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- NO BUSINESS

6:33 pm Board went in to Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.001

8:26pm Reconvened from Closed Session.

- Land – Discussion on land available in Gunter
- Personnel –
 - The Board approved to extend Superintendent’s Contract through 2025
 - Dr. Siler shared the Personnel Update on GISD and Coop Staff that have notified that they are resigning or retiring.
- Safety – Discussion only

ADJOURNMENT: Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:27 pm

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February 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Class of 2021 deadline to order caps & gowns	4:30p HS Girls Basketball @ Gunter vs Leonard (Sr. Night) 5p Softball Scrimmage @ Gunter 5:45p HS Boys Basketball @ Gunter vs Leonard		4:30p MS Boys Basketball @ Howe	4:30p HS Girls Basketball @ Whitewright 5:45p HS Boys Basketball @ Whitewright 6p MS Band Winter Party	Softball Scrimmage @ Anna UIL Solo & Ensemble - Chamber 2p MS Boys Basketball @ Celina
	1	2 Groundhog's Day	3	4	5	6
	5p Varsity Baseball Scrimmage @ Celina	5p Softball Scrimmage @ Celina 5:45p HS Boys Basketball @ Blue Ridge 7p Mid-Winter Band Concert		4:30p MS Boys Basketball @ Bonham	4:30p Varsity Baseball Scrimmage @ Aubrey 5p HS Boys Basketball @ Gunter vs Bells (Senior Night)	10a Softball Scrimmage @ Gunter
7 Superbowl	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day 	15 President's Day School Holiday 	4:30p Varsity Baseball Scrimmage @ Melissa		6p School Board Meeting @ GHS	6p V Softball @ Van Alstyne 7p Seussical, Jr - Chamber Choir 	11a JV Baseball Scrimmage @ Sherman 1p Varsity Baseball Scrimmage @ Sherman 7p Seussical, Jr - Chamber Choir 
16 Mardi Gras	17	18	19	20		
2p Seussical, Jr - Chamber Choir 	MS Track Meet @ Pilot Point (run only) Girls Golf Tournament @ Gainesville 6p JV Baseball @ Gunter	Boys Golf Tournament @ Stone Creek in Sherman 6p Softball @ Melissa		JV Baseball Tournament @ Little Elm Varsity Baseball Tournament @ Gainesville Softball Tournament - North Texas Classic		UIL Region Solo & Ensemble Contest - Band
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Boys & Girls Golf Tournament @ The Bridges in Gunter 6p JV Baseball @ Pilot Point	MS Track Meet @ Whitesboro 6p V Softball @ Bonham	MS Pre-UIL Contest Sounds of Spring Pre-UIL Contest 7th & 8th grade 5p Wrestling Meet @ Gunter	JV/V Track Meet @ Pilot Point (Run Only) Girls 8:30/Boys 3:30 JV/V Track Meet @ Whitesboro MS Pre-UIL Concert	JV Baseball Tournament @ Ponder Varsity Baseball Tournament @ Aubrey V Softball Tournament @ Lindsay	
28	1	2	3	4	5	6