



Thank a School Board Member!

January is School Board Recognition Month and Gunter ISD joined other districts across the state to thank our community volunteers for their commitment and contributions to our district.

At GISD, we LOVE our School Board! Before the board meeting on January 16th, we showered them with gifts from each campus to say thank you for their support and leadership. Special thanks to the Miller family for preparing and serving a yummy dinner. Also, a huge thank you to the senior members of the GHS football team for surprising the board members with a signed football and a STATE silver medal.

When you see any of our board members out and about, please tell them "thank you". Our school is great because of their leadership!

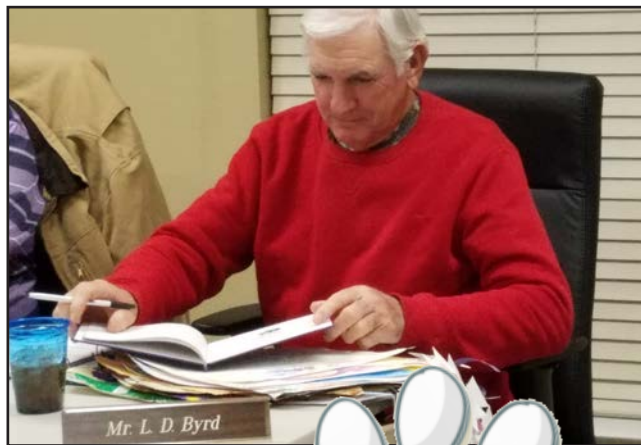


Senior football players deliver a signed football to each board member.

The Miller family serves dinner to the board members.



The board members proudly showing something they received. There were so many gifts, they couldn't hold them all!



L.D Byrd signs the book donated to the GES library in his name.



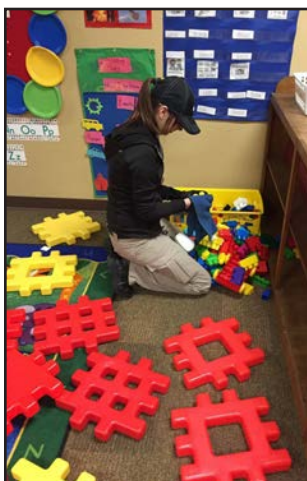


Due to widespread flu and illness, Gunter ISD chose to close the doors on Thursday, January 18th and reopened them on Wednesday, January 24th. We had 253 students absent which is 27% of our district. Out of 194 absences at GES and GMS, 141 were either confirmed flu or flu-like symptoms including a fever or confirmed strep. With that data, Dr. Siler decided it was best to close the doors and disinfect our campuses.

During the closing, all GISD facilities were deep cleaned to prevent further spread of illness. GISD contracted GermBlast, a professional company to sanitize and disinfect all buildings and buses along with deep cleaning by our full-time custodial staff. No Lego, math manipulative, potato head piece or building block went untouched!

As this flu season continues to be one of the most serious in nearly a decade, the steps that Gunter

ISD chose to take were shared all over the country. Good Morning America did a live broadcast from one of our elementary classrooms, Dr. Siler was interviewed by ABC World News and also was seen live on CNN's Headline News!



Life Lessons

<http://reggiedabbsonline.com/>

We would like to thank Reggie Dabbs for traveling to Gunter to help our students understand that “You can’t change your past, but you can change your future.” His message of “Life” helped our students understand that life is a roller coaster. Sometimes we are at the top, sometimes at the bottom, or even upside down, but no matter what, we don’t give up.

Reggie is a renowned speaker for schools around the country. He also is a motivational speaker for the NFL. He is a friend of Junior, Dylan Jantz and his family, and wanted speak to Dylan’s school before he graduated. Because of his friendship with the Jantz family, Reggie had watched our football team play and was even able to point out our #8 in the crowd of students! His message delivery along with his Soprano Sax was amazing, and our students loved it.

The challenge he left our students with was to perform a random act of kindness for 10 different people. This is great advice for everyone who reads this! If you’ve never performed this type of action, try it out; you’ll be amazed at how good you feel.



Photos by Sarah Franze



GMS STUDENT COUNCIL

Will be selling

CARNATION GRAMS

1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

You can find the sales table in the GMS foyer
before school and during Tiger Time
or available for purchase in the GMS office .
See any GMS Student Council member
or Mrs. Bon for more information.

Flowers will be delivered at GMS on Valentine’s Day

The GES PE Students
are having a

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Students will be collecting pledges
to raise money for the Gunter
Volunteer Fire Department. If you
are interested in sponsoring a
student, use the form at the end of
the newsletter or contact
Tonya Watson at
twatson@gunterisd.org

Juniors and Seniors! All prom balances must be paid in full by March 9th!

See Mrs. Ruffle for your balance.

Hard Luck Choir Cafe

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018

6 PM

Cost \$10 per person

You won't want to miss it!



CHAMPION READERS AT GES



We are proud of our GES Champion Readers! They read a combined total of 54,586 minutes!

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB



Celebrating a January birthday with a book from the Birthday Book Club are: Michelle Perez, Landry Bortzfield, Bratley Rice and Skylar Gibbs

Give the Gift of Education!



The GIFT Annual Donation Drive is now underway. GIFT, the Gunter ISD Education Foundation, provides grants to teachers and campuses in the district and educational scholarships to deserving students and teachers.

For more information about GIFT or to donate online please visit our website at www.guntergift.com

DADDY daughter DANCE

50's Theme!

February 10th

6:30 – 8:30 PM

GES Cafeteria

\$20 per daddy/daughter "couple"
\$5.00 per additional daughter

Refreshments will be served

Ticket info will be sent home
or you may print the form at the
end of this newsletter.

GES and GMS HONOR ROLLS

GES A Honor Roll

1st Grade: Austin Anderson, Brody Barnett, Brinley Beavers, Sydney Bodnyk, Landry Bortzfield, Maddie Cisneros, Jude Coglietti, Enrique Colunga, Kirstyn Dupler, Tinsley Ehret, Lily Foster, Kinslee Gray, Raynee Hayes, Zane Highlen-Prince, Cayden Johnson, Kohen Lanham, Angie Mendoza, Austin McKey, Matilda Miller, Benny Pena, Cadence Ploch, Carrson Rentz, A'Leigha Reyes, Makenzie Rizzo, Edgar Rodriguez, Fatima Rodriguez, Isabella Seay, Allison Simpson, Blake Thigpen, Dakota Waligura, Brooklyn Wilcocks; 2nd Grade: Gina Aiken, Carson Beck, Ayden Bell, Cole Bolt, Caleb Bowen, Rylee Cassidy, Janet Chavez, Aiden Christian, Jonah Colon, Charleigh Crow, Oliver Culpepper, Jacob Endsley, Knox Gage, Aly Gann, Paxtyn Graves, Reese Hale, Scarlett Helenberger, Kylie Hughes, Layeton Ingram, Anna Kruzie, Melanie Martinez, Austin Miller, Kailyn Miller, Yulianna Narciso, Makenzi Nelson, Jackson Neufeld, Will Rainer, Gregory Renstrom, Caleb Robinson, Ryder Ruiz, Landry Russell, Noah Saindon, Samuel Saenz, Will Schafer, Landry Scott, JR Scroggins, Genevieve Shanks, Yulissa Torres, Corbin Waligura, Anastyn White, Seth Wilde; 3rd Grade: Logan Barrientez, Brody Bracewell, Kynlee Chalker, Zaiden Choate, Rhys Dainauski, Grace Geisendorff, Finlee Gressett, Blake Hale, Zachary Hales, Madison Haning, Braden Hilton, Levi Hite-Payne, Gracie Jester, Kayleigh Kidd, Reid Lotspeich, Tristan May, Lia Parnell, Ashton Pinkernell, Brooks Rentz, Gabriel Saucedo, Caleb Siler, Sarah Smith, Samuel Waggoner, Zac Wilde; 4th Grade: Taylor Badillo, Karlee Beavers, Tony Castro, Ally Dodd, Justin Grayard, Emma Marks, Lilly Martin, Emily McKey, Gisselle Mercado, Colt Nelson, Brooklynn Neufeld, Reese Patterson, Creed Rainer, Hayden Rodges, Tatum Underwood, Dillon Wylie

GES A/B Honor Roll

1st Grade: Maddie Cisneros, Jose Escalera, Alexia Falcon, Isabella Jaramillo, Lizzie Leonard, Otto Parker, Rider Patterson, A'Leigha Reyes, Fatima Rodriguez, Lincoln Saenz, Brayan Silva-Diaz; 2nd Grade: Rylee Cassidy, Rosee Davis, Maliya Farrell, Weston Goetz, Blake Goodson, Addison Hinkley, Layeton Ingram, Yulianna Narciso, Eamon Nuzzi, Caleb Robinson, Joel Rocha, Landry Scott, JR Scroggins, Kaylyn Simpson, Halston Standerfer, Melissa Torres, Jayden Wright; 3rd Grade: Jentry Backschies, Liliana Carter, Zaiden Choate, Mily Fraire, Alannah Garcia, Ben Giles, Kayleigh Kidd, Michelle Perez, Keyla SilvaDiaz, Nora Thomas, Jace Wade, Devon Zazueta; 4th Grade: Legend Bounds, Sadie Buckalew, Ella Brummett, Julian Castorena, Cali Dodson, Brayden Fortune, Mackenzie Foster, Melia Gilmore, Justin Grayard, Keaton Halley, Dustin Heist, Scout Helenberger, Emily Hickman, Trace Howard, Jacob Krupa, Jackson Kruzie, Macie Mann, Lilly Martin, Jackson Mazey, Ava McComb, Camila Mendoza, Luke Menser, Gisselle Mercado, Hayden Nelson, Brooklynn Neufeld, Mauricio Porras, Talia Scroggins, Kaitlin Stephan, Agustin Robledo, Riley Rogan, Tatum Underwood, Olivia Vargas, Braxton White



GMS A Honor Roll

5th grade: Caitlin Badillo, Peyton Beavers, Bryce Biros, Brock Boddie, Kane Bolt, Luke Bullard, Burkleigh Coats, Camryn Craddock, Grace Dainauski, Hayden Farrell, Mitchell Gage, Reese Gibbs, Brenley Gibson, Garrin Goetz, Avery Hale, Tate Howard, Chloe Johnson, Madison Litz, Angel Mercado, Colin Peacock, Ella Pinkernell, Marysa Saenz, Wendy Salazar, Isabela Thomas, Dylan Tokarz, Kari Kate Watkins, Luke Wilde, Raiden Windlow; 6th Grade: Kai Altun, Shelby Blansett, Ryli Bracewell, Jackson Burkholder, Berkeley Caple, Kase Carlile, Abigail Elmore, Alexis Gann, Kathryn Jaramillo, Kinley Johnson, Kendall Jolly, Houston Rehmet, Sitlaly Rodriguez, Jackson Rue, Keeli Sweet, Bailey Watson; 7th Grade: Nick Bullard, Aubrey Duarte, Grace Fortune, Viviana Galvan, Abby Marks, Dylan Marsh, Jaden Marsh, Gray McDowell, Kamber Puebla, Miranda Putnicki, Cameron Roller, Laney Russell, Caden Severns, Kailey Tokarz, Elle Whitteker; 8th Grade: Laura Caperton, Alexakai Cardoza, Audrey Curtis, Lane Dophied, Olivia Eft, Bennett Fady, Malsion Fisher, Sarah Jackson, Jayden Jones, Nicole Leach, Cole Lemons, Kiley Meadors, Sophia Mendoza, Landon Pelfrey, Kaden Rigsby, Erin Seiberling, Rhiana Vincent, Bella Voto

GMS A/B Honor Roll

5th Grade: Easton Beck, Reid Brackeen, Ajhoni Carter, Brynne Craven, Iszabella Davis, Jackson Decker, Issac Deleon, Cristian Escalera, Tollie Ferguson, Christi Grayard, Addison Hammer, William Kanouse, J'Leigh Larra, Ayden McComb, Cesar Montes, Tara Nemoto, Keara Osborne, Kayla Rizzo, Jorge Sanchez, T.U. Underwood, Cesar Vega, Trevor Wright; 6th Grade: Zachry Brinkman, Aubrey Clark, Kat Clemens, Dante Colon, Avery Diers, Luke Dodd, Cade Dodson, Daniel Dominguez, Gavin Dupler, Makena Fady, Hailey Foster, Lucas Frank, Grace Fugett, Kylee Goodson, Brooks Griggs-Bell, Brayden Hinton, Jaxson Jester, McKenzy Jones, Brian Journagan, Carter Layton, Zachary Litz, Jace Martin, Brelee Mauldin, Jose Narciso, Brodee Parker, Avery Parrish, Reed Patterson, Caseyn Ploch, Reagan Riffe, Andy Salazar, Kendyl Sikes, Hayden Standerfer, Collin Vest, Griffin Ward, Paige Yosten, Asher Zuniga; 7th Grade: Samantha Aiken, Ashley Betancourt, Ava Cantrell, Trent Carr, Ryan Cassidy, Jose Chavez, Paige Daniel, Jade Dix, Tyler Dorris, Jose Fraire, David Garcia, Finlee Gibson, Ella Johnson, Lexi Koonce, Connor Lenderman, Rayanna Mauldin, Brody McDonald, Bianca Mercado, Samantha Neufeld, Mason Peacock, Nancy Prado, Hanna Rubis, Oscar Saenz, Caitlyn Siler, Briley Singleton, Ethan Sloan, Drew Smith, Jonathan Smith, Jack St Clair, Collier Stovall, Madison Thigpen, Campbell Voto, Ashtyn Wade, Landon Waligura, Aubrey Walton, Trey Walton, Benjamin Wilde; 8th Grade: Adelie Brackeen, Baylee Brackeen, Kenny Burkholder, Brayleigh Cardoza, Demetrius Colon, Bella Craven, Harper Culp, Sarah Denton, Edgar Fuentes, Gabi Geisendorff, Eli Godwin, Gavin Hale, Ignacio Jaramillo, Skylar Jones, Grace King, Payton Krupa, Lanie Martin, Sean McClure, Micah Nevil, Trey Oblas, Dalton Payne, Saul Rodriguez, Lana Saenz, Jake Schafer, Sofia Siciliano, Cloe Skipworth, Natalie Stephan, Erik Tapia, Greyson Toney, Cooper Wade



FINE ARTS

The GMS One Act Play shined at competition! They performed the play, "Clara on the Curtains" and came away with several things to be proud of.

Congratulations to:

- Carson Whitley and Hope Caperton who received Tech Awards
- Brayleigh Cardoza and Isabella Beltowski - All Star Cast

The performance placed 4th out of 7 plays.

Congratulations to the entire cast and crew! Brayleigh Cardoza, Malison Fisher, Kiley Meadors, Abby Green, Sofia Siciliano, Jaymison Voto, Natalie Stephan, Laura Caperton, Carson Whitley, Edgar Fuentes, Ella Johnson, Isabella Beltowski, Paige Daniel, Ashtyn Wade, Roman Garcia, David Garcia, Avery Diers, Shelby Blansett, Jackson Rue



ULM Trombone Choir Visits GHS

Thank you so much to Dr. Marks and the ULM Trombone Choir for coming by and talking with the GHS students and performing!! The kids loved it and you made a great impression.



GHS Band

Area Round Contest Results

Brian Avendano – 1st Chair - Clarinet (ADVANCES TO STATE)

Ben Crelia – 1st Alternate -Tuba

Melanie Loftis – 2nd Chair - Alto Sax

We are proud of these students! All three are outstanding performers!



GHS Area Choir Contest



Competitors included: Keely Ward, Austin Rue, Penn Seiberling, Cade Carruthers, Kanon Keeler, Zoe Carlile, Hailey Wilde, Ana Mercado, Emily Loftis, and Kara Curtis

The students made an awesome showing at the Area Competition bringing home the following results:

Kara Curtis - 1st Chair - Alto (ADVANCING TO STATE)

Austin Rue - 2nd Alternate - Tenor

Keely Ward - 1st Alternate - Soprano

Gunter goes to STATE again! All-State Choir and Band

Over 70,000 students initially enter the All-State competitive process, and only 1,780 students are selected to perform in 15 All-State ensembles (bands, orchestras, and choirs), and Gunter will send 2 students!

All-State performances will be held as part of the annual TMEA Clinic/Convention, Feb. 14–17 where over 29,000 people from Texas and around the world will attend over 280 workshops, 100 performances, and visit over 1,300 exhibit booths at this nation's largest music educators convention.

High school students selected to perform in the All-State concerts have competed through auditions to qualify at the state level. All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive. This competitive process begins throughout the state in auditions hosted by 33 TMEA Regions. Individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument or voice part. From this ranking, a select group of musicians advances from their Region to compete against musicians from other areas in eight TMEA Area competitions. The highest-ranking musicians judged at the TMEA Area competitions qualify to perform in a TMEA All-State music group. Only the top 2.5% of musicians who initially audition become All-State musicians.

KARA CURTIS - ALL STATE CHOIR

Kara Curtis, a member of the Gunter High School/Chamber Choir will perform with the Texas All-State Small School Choir. Kara is a student of Barbara Hanning and sings at school under the direction of Elizabeth Kulbeth who is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association. This is Kara's first time to perform as a member of a TMEA All-State organization. Kara is the daughter of Bill and Nicole Curtis.



BRIAN AVENDANO - ALL STATE BAND

Brian Avendano a member of the Gunter High School Band will perform with the Association of Small School Bands All-State Band. Brian is a student of Chad Smith and plays clarinet at school under the direction of Thomas Bremer who is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association. This is Brian's first time to perform as a member of a TMEA All-State organization. Brian is the son of Carlos and Lolanda Avendano.

Classroom Connections



(Above) Coach Gill's business classes ventured out to Arlington to learn about marketing, sales, hospitality and operations of a large corporation. They visited the AT&T Stadium where they were able to listen to and speak with business executives in the industry. After listening to the speakers, they were given a tour of the stadium!

(Below) **Small classes have advantages!**

Mrs. Foster's animation class is working on the Principles and Elements of Design, which are the foundation for graphics. The small class is perfect for students to work together around one desk to reinforce the concepts. This atmosphere allows our students to talk, discuss, laugh, and learn together!



GMS Spelling Bee

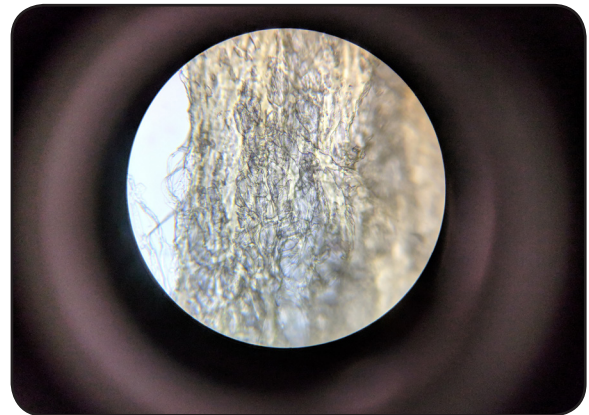
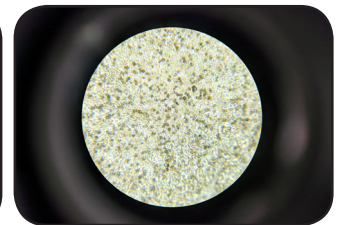
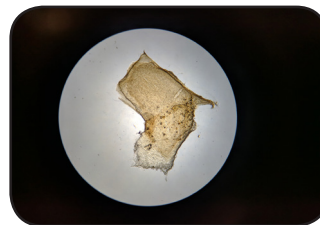
Congratulations to 6th graders, Daniel Dominguez and Shelby Blansett. Daniel placed 1st at the GMS Spelling Bee and Shelby was the runner up. They will travel to the next level of competition in Grayson County.

Special thanks to Mrs. Bullard for organizing this event and to Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Bon and Mrs. Morrison for judging.



Isolating Fungus!

Below are image captures of slides made by Mrs. Clarke's microbiology class where they isolated fungi. These photos were taken through the microscope at different levels of magnification. Maybe one of our GHS students will go on to discover the next big flu vaccine with their newfound knowledge in Medical Microbiology!



Making an IMPACT

by Chris Dodd, GHS Principal

I needed to discuss scheduling options with a tenth grader while at the same time garner a little financial advice from his father. A text. A response. A follow-up. Once the information came through that Dad was off shore attending a leadership conference, I apologized for interrupting business and inquired how I could get a hold of Ryan. "Well, actually he is here with me," Dad responded.

Lynn Reed made a decision ten years ago to take it to the next level. He sought out the best in the mortgage lending business and began making contacts and rubbing shoulders to glean insight on how to improve as a business leader and capitalize on a hot market. The answer was simple: customer service. Lynn also saw opportunity to grow as a husband, father, and community servant within the same process. A young set of eyes was watching Dad. "Ryan expressed an interest in growing as a student leader so I thought 'come hear' from some of the best leaders in business and hang out with Dad."

Two years later the senior is spending his final months as a high school student looking to make one final impact.

"As a student leader, I have seen many opportunities to enhance my leadership skills," Ryan explains. "One of these ways was by participating in multiple organizations."

Gunter High School prides itself in promoting the whole student experience. The majority of students are multi-activity and crossover into all facets of academic, athletic, fine art, and service programs. The Gunter-"way" is to "make a way" for a student that is willing to grind to do it all in their very short four years. All that is required by the student is to put in the work. Ryan Reed played multiple sports as a freshman but soon realized there was a better path to building his portfolio for the next level and growing as a young adult. Ryan is a member of the faculty appointed Student Council Advisory Team, founder and leader of the campus Interact club, and catalyst in the popular Ambush Student Section.

Ryan's goals are simple. "My long term goal is to succeed in all aspects in my life," he states. "I want to

make a good living for myself and my family, but more importantly I desire to be a person that makes an impact on the citizens of my town and my community as well."

Ryan sought out new mathematics teacher Dean Johnson as a potential faculty liaison for the Interact Club. "Ryan has great initiative and vision for helping the school and community," says Mr. Johnson. "He values community service and helps lead younger students in that same direction."

Ryan identifies his participation in the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy as a point in time when his vision for the future began to take shape. Junior students apply for a scholarship each spring that enables them to represent their high school in a week of leadership training sponsored by a local chapter of Rotary International. A committee interviews perspective students and selects one male and female student to spend a week at RYLA camp. This camp is the crème of the crop of Texas High School Seniors. The experience pushes students physically, emotionally, and mentally to dig deep into who they are and how they can enhance their gifts for the purpose of servant leadership. The camp leadership is all former RYLA camp participants. No student that attends returns the same.

"I up'd my game after attending RYLA," Ryan proclaims. "It gave me confidence to lead in my own community. That confidence was missing."

Ryan adds that he "learned to use positive reinforcement to lead, getting others involved, and leading from behind when I need to."

Upon returning from RYLA, Ryan dove head first into his opportunities in Student Council. "STUCO is very important to me because it teaches responsibility and how to manage opportunities," Ryan says. "We have



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been involved in numerous activities, and it has been nice to learn from others and how to assemble opportunities.”

Students that participate in RYLA speak to their local Rotary chapter upon their return in a way to say thank you for sponsoring their opportunity. This event led to a chance meeting with a “Rotarian” that targeted Ryan as a student that could benefit from Interact. “I wanted to start the Interact club so I could help make an impact on my school and community. After doing the clothes drive, I saw the community come together for a greater cause and it was a really special moment for me.”

People that have worked with Ryan are not surprised by his growth. “Ryan is a born leader,” asserts Gunter High School AP teacher Jill Dodd. “He always has a smile on his face, and students and teachers alike, seem to gravitate toward his sunny personality. People enjoy following someone like Ryan.”

Away from school, the fun-loving Ryan likes to work out and play video games. He loves the weight room and works hard to stay in shape. Multiple knee injuries in a span of two years cut short opportunities outside of cross-country for action on the field or court. Still the competitor, Ryan declares, “I am always down to play some NBA 2K and will take on anyone willing to step up.” Ryan’s short-term goals are to focus on making all A’s his senior year in an effort to “finish strong.” He also is committed to attending weekly Wednesday night youth group and applying for every scholarship possible.

Ryan credits his father and stepmother LeeAnn along with his older brother and two younger sisters for being the type of family that supports one another in every venture. However, the most influential person in his life is his mother Amy Bready. “She has loved me and supported me since day one and I will always be grateful for everything she sacrificed to take care of me.”

Twelve hours removed from the State Final at AT&T Stadium Ryan, pulls his SUV up to the Gunter High School front doors. His grandfather Ralph Reed follows behind in his pickup with trailer in tow. A blustery north wind accompanied by sleet pelt the windows of the now desolate school officially shut down for winter break. Ryan has one more obligation to fulfill just three days before Christmas. Boxes upon boxes and garbage sacks of donated clothing stored in a semi-used classroom must be loaded up, resorted, and delivered to a shelter in Sherman. One by one Ryan, his grandfather, and the author of this story drag the articles now ripping through bags out to the cold in an attempt to pile them into every nook and cranny afforded them. Ryan’s smile never fades despite the mountains of work ahead of him this cold December day. “If I can just get this to our garage I can re-sort it and load it back up,” he processes his game plan out-loud. The project was a school-wide effort but on this day, Ryan bears sole responsibility in seeing it to completion.

After the last item is squeezed into the passenger side of Ryan’s vehicle and the door slams shut, he shakes a hand and with a smile says “Merry Christmas...see you in a couple weeks.” Ryan’s focus is on people he does not know and will probably never meet. An opportunity for impact is there for the taking. He is going to make the most of it.

And for that reason Ryan Reed is our first Tiger Times Student of the Month for the 2018 calendar year.



HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Principal Honor Roll

9th Grade: Mathew Avendano, Jacee Childers, Reya Dawlah, Makenna Kincheloe, Cobi Koonce, Sarah Putnicki, Tate Rehmet, Mary Smith, Hailey Wilde; 10th Grade: Ashley Bruner, Tristan Cochran, Kara Curtis, Jacquelyn Galvan, William Marshall, Tristan Meadors, Laurel Mulkey, Keely Ward, Gabriel Wells; 11th Grade: Brian Avendano, Taylor Howard, Alyssa Jarrell, Emily Loftis, Melanie Loftis, Marloes Majoor, Ana Mercado, Lauren Nobles, Karissa Pelfrey, Austin Rue, Elizabeth Schroeter, Kaylee Smith, Madison Varns; 12th Grade: Eliza Allen, Sarah Franze, Camryn MacDonald, Victoria Medrano, Addison Mercer, Victor Prado

A Honor Roll

9th Grade: Ella Lotspeich, Sophie Mathers, Matthew Roller, Bria Savage; 10th Grade: David Denton, Colton Mercer, Angelica Pelley, Summer Ritter; 11th Grade: Abigail Gilbreath

AB Honor Roll

9th Grade: Hunter Beck, Juan Bernal, Taylor Boddie, Mitchell Brewer, Joseph Cooper, Nash Daniel, Samuel Erwin, Phoebe Fanning, Bethany Gilbreath, Peyton Graves, Nyah Ingram, Colten Lankford, Jack Locke, Marco Lopez, Bethany Martinek, John McDowell, Cindy Montes, Yoselyn Montes, Savannah Ortega, Neelie Parker, Slade Parker, Jacob Parrish, Stephanie Pelley, Jailyn Porter, Ruben Reyes, Lakin Satre, Jacob Seiberling, Robert Seiberling, Ashley Tillett, Renetta Vincet, Garrett Vogel, Benjamin Wilcocks, Brandon Wilcocks; 10th Grade: Cassidy Ahlmeyer, William Blansett, Brooks Caple, Brianna Carr, Michael Clarke, Cassady Craddock, Harrison Fox, Anthony Garcia, Skye Hawk, Makentry Hinkle, Kolton Hinton, Colby Hurd, Elizabeth Lodico, Peyton Lowe, Joshua Magers, Schuyler Marshall, Harlie Martin, Ryan Morrison, Jake Osburn, Trey Phillips, Randall Reed, Erin Robertson, Abigail Rosas, Seth

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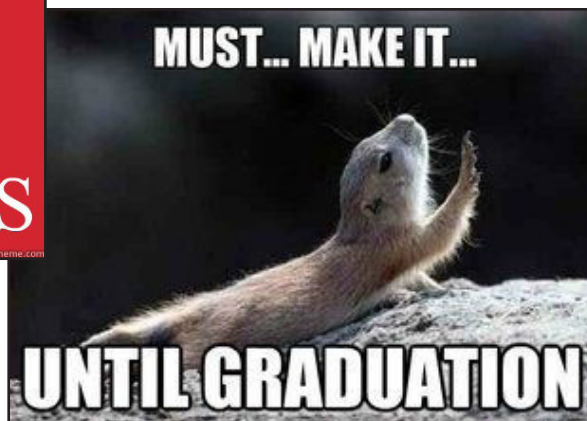


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FALL SPORT BANQUET

The fall sport banquet gives the coaches a chance to say thank you to all of the athletes who outperformed themselves in their sport. Each athlete was introduced by their coach and stories were shared that brought back memories from the season. We are proud of all the fall athletes! Special thanks to the Gunter Tiger Fan Club for hosting such a memorable event.



Photos by Marion Cole

Carl Padilla released his 3A D2 All State Team, and we have several Gunter Tigers on the list! CONGRATULATIONS!

Coach of the Year – Jake Fieszel

Defensive Co-MVPs – Zach Lowe LB, Braiden Clopton DB

1st Team OL – Adrian Martinez

1st Team WR – Dylan Jantz

1st Team DL – Colton Schmitz

1st Team DB – Braiden Clopton

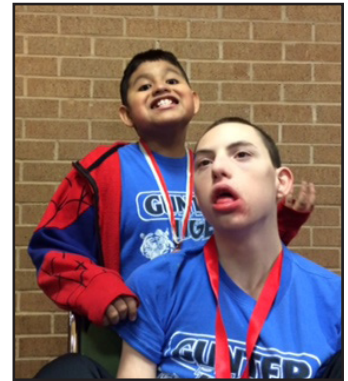
**FALL 2017...
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WRAP!**

SPRING 2018 SPORTS



The Gunter Middle School Special Olympics Athletes competed in the Sherman ISD Basketball Individual Skills competition at Austin College on January 17th and placed as follows:

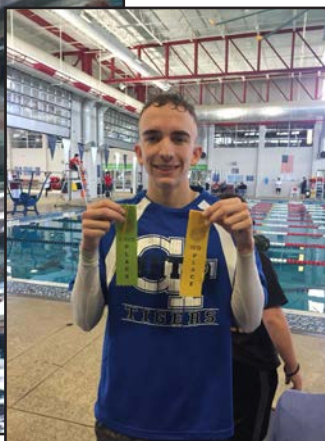
Ethan Almazan-Bronze Medal
 Cole Reynolds-Silver Medal
 Jenna Hemphill-Gold Medal
 Leydi Rodriguez-Gold Medal
 Charlie Mesita-Gold Medal



The Gunter Cheerleaders competed at the 3A UIL State Spirit Competition in Fort Worth this past month! Although they didn't make the finals, we are proud of them! They've done an awesome job this year cheering on our teams.



TIGER SHARK



Congrats to GHS Swimming Regional Qualifier, John Dalton Rowe!

Placements:

5th Place in the 500

7th place in the 100

Boys Basketball

Varsity

1/30 vs Pilot Point
1/26 vs Whitesboro 44-46 (Loss)
1/23 vs Callisburg 58-30 (Win)
1/19 vs Ponder 54-74 (Loss)
1/16 vs S&S 77-39 (Win)
1/12 vs Howe 53-66 (Loss)
1/10 vs Pottsboro 38-64 (Loss)
1/5 vs Pilot Point 48-74 (Loss)
1/3 vs Whitesboro 48-54 (Loss)

Tournament Play

Allen Tournament

vs Wills Point 56-67 (Loss)
vs Mabank 62-64 (Loss)
vs Grandview 48-70 (Loss)
vs Allen JV 50-75 (Loss)

JV Blue

1/30 vs Pilot Point 32-34 (Loss)
1/26 vs Whitesboro 39-48 (Loss)
1/16 vs S&S 51-21 (Win)
1/13 Celina Tournament
vs Howe 41-27 (Win)
vs Liberty Christian 47-49 (Loss)
1/12 vs Howe 39-32 (Win)
1/9 vs Pottsboro 23-39 (Loss)
1/5 vs Pilot Point 29-50 (Loss)
1/2 vs Whitesboro 22-31 (Loss)

JV White

1/30 vs Pilot Point 36-39 (Loss)
1/26 vs Whitesboro 29-35 (Loss)
1/9 vs Pottsboro (41-23) Win
1/2 vs Whitesboro 27-48 (Loss)

Junior High Boys

8th Grade A Van Alstyne Tournament

Loss vs Commerce 63-18
Loss vs Whitewright 34-26
Loss vs Farmersville in overtime 35-31

Jan 11th vs Whitesboro

8th B loss 27-18

8th A loss 45-30

Jan. 25 vs Pottsboro

8th B loss 36-52



Photos courtesy of Marion Cole



Senior Night Honorees

Congratulations to Tyler Scott and Logan Nelson for being honored on Senior Night.

Girls Basketball

Varsity

Gunter 44 - Pilot Point 43
 Gunter 32 - Pottsboro 49
 Gunter 23 - Howe 65
 Gunter 47 - S&S 38
 Gunter 35 - Ponder 58
 Gunter 31 - Callisburg 41
 Gunter 30 - Whitesboro 59
 Gunter 37 - Pilot Point 33

JV

JV Gunter 18 - Pottsboro 35
 JV Gunter 14 - Howe 46



Junior High Girls Basketball

Gunter vs Pottsboro
 7B 6-22 - (Loss)
 8B 9-23 - (Loss)
 7A 19-28 - (Loss)
 8A 13-35 - (Loss)

Gunter vs Whitesboro
 7B 17- 6 - (Win)
 8B 9- 2 - (Win)
 7A 29-11 - (Win)
 8A 25-12 - (Win)

Van Alstyne Tournament

7th A - 3rd Place
 vs Van Alstyne 25-42 (Loss)
 vs Sherman Piner 48-5 (Win)
 vs PCA 25-9 (Win)
 8th A - 2nd Place
 vs VA 21-12 (Win)
 vs Sherman Piner 17-25 (Loss)
 vs Blue Ridge 15-47 (Loss)



Senior Night Honoree
 Congratulations:
 Addison Mercer

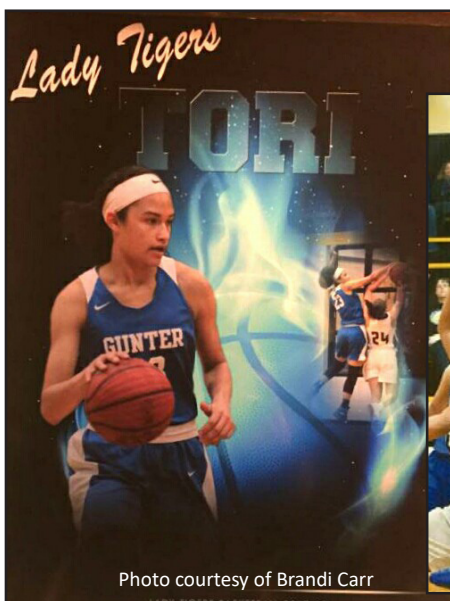


Photo courtesy of Brandi Carr



TORI GITTENS - 1000PTS

On December 1st, Tori Gittens, junior guard at Gunter High School surpassed the 1000 point milestone during the first half of game 3 (vs Melissa) in the Pottsboro Tournament. As a result, she was selected to the All-Tournament team in this tourney.

Due to a lot of hard work during preseason, Tori is now averaging 25.6 points per game with a personal best of 36 points, as well as a two double-doubles. Tori was also selected to the Madill Tournament for the third consecutive year. Congratulations, Tori!



Softball

2018

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
January	29 Van Alstyne Scrimmage	Home	5:00
February	2 Anna Scrimmage	Anna	4:00
	10 Celina/Sherman Scrimmage	Celina	10:00
	12 Tom Bean	Tom Bean	V5:00/JV6:45
	15 Melissa Tournament	Melissa	TBA
	16 Denton Braswell	Denton	5:00/6:45
	17 Melissa Tournament	Melissa	TBA
	20 Whitewright	Home	5:00/6:45
	23 Howe	Home	5:00/6:45
	27 Ector	Ector	6:00
March	1-3 Van Alstyne Tournament	VA/Anna	TBA
	6 S&S	S&S	5:00/6:45
	9 Ponder	Home	5:00/6:45
	12 Whitesboro	Home	5:00/6:45
	13 Callisburg	Callisburg	5:00/6:45
	20 Pilot Point	Pilot Point	5:00/6:45
	23 Pottsboro	Home	5:00/6:45
	27 BYE		
	29 S&S	Home	5:00/6:45
April	3 Ponder	Ponder	5:00/6:45
	6 Callisburg	Home	5:00/6:45
	10 Whitesboro	Whitesboro	5:00/6:45
	13 Pilot Point	Home	5:00/6:45
	17 Pottsboro	Pottsboro	5:00/6:45

Head Coach: Reeca Huntsman

Assistant Coach: Tim Hardy

Athletic Director: Jake Fiesel

Principal: Chris Dodd

Assistant Superintendent: Kelly Teems

Superintendent: Dr. Jill Siler

COMPETE

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GUNTER HIGH SCHOOL

2018 BASEBALL COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	VARSITY	JV BLUE	JV White
Monday	2/5	++ vs Celina @ Gunter 5:00		
Friday	2/9	++ vs Aubrey @ Gunter 4:30		
Saturday	2/10	++ Alumni Game @ Gunter 12:00		
Monday	2/12	++ @ Sanger 4:30		
Saturday	2/17	++ @ Paris Chisum 12/2:00	@ Paris Chisum 10:00	
	2/19			vs Melissa @ Gunter 6:00
Thur-Sat	2/22-24	Celina Tourn	Little Elm Tourn	
Monday	2/26			vs Aubrey @ Gunter 6:30
Thur-Sat	3/1-3	Gunter Tourn	Little Elm Tourn	
	3/5			vs Celina @ Gunter 6:30
Tuesday	3/6	@ S&S 7:30	@ S&S 5:00	
Thur-Sat	3/8-10	Windthorst Tourn	Gunter/Celina Tourn @ Gunter	
Monday	3/12			@ Tom Bean 10 & 12:00
Tuesday	3/13	* @ Callisburg 7:30	@ Callisburg 5:00	
Wednesday	3/14	* vs Whitesboro @ Gunter 12:30	vs Whitesboro @ Gunter 10:00	
Monday	3/19			@ Howe 6:30
Tuesday	3/20	* @ Pilot Point 7:30	@ Pilot Point 5:00	
Friday	3/23	* vs Pottsboro @ Gunter 7:30	vs Pottsboro @ Gunter 5:00	
Monday	3/26			vs Bells @ Gunter 6:00
Tuesday	3/27	* vs Mineral Wells @ Bowie 5:00		
Friday	3/30	* vs S&S @ Gunter 7:30	vs S&S @ Gunter 5:00	
Monday	4/2			vs Bonham @ Gunter 6:00
Tuesday	4/3	* @ Ponder 7:30	@ Ponder 5:00	
	4/6		@ Bonham 5:00	vs Callisburg @ Gunter 5:00
Friday	4/6	* vs Callisburg @ Gunter 7:30		
	4/9			@ Aubrey 6:30
Tuesday	4/10		@ Whitesboro 5:00	
Friday	4/13	* vs Pilot Point @ Gunter 7:30	vs Pilot Point @ Gunter 5:00	
	4/16			@ Bells 6:00
Tuesday	4/17	@ Pottsboro 7:30	@ Pottsboro 5:00	
Friday	4/20	Vs Howe-- TBA	vs Howe TBA	
	4/23			@ Celina 6:30
Tuesday	4/24	* vs Ponder @ Gunter 7:30	vs Ponder @ Gunter 5:00	

*District

++ Scrimmage

Head Coach: Kerry Clement

Assistant Coaches: Daniel Castorena & Mark Pelzel





2018 Gunter Track



DATE

MEET

TEAMS

February 26 (Monday)

Farmersville

JH Boys/Girls

March 1 (Thursday)

Farmersville

HS Boys/Girls

March 5 (Monday)

Pottsboro

JH Boys

March 6 (Tuesday)

Whitesboro

JH Girls

March 8 (Thursday)

Whitesboro

HS Boys/Girls

March 19/20

March 22 (Thursday)

Pottsboro

HS Boys/Girls

March 26 (Monday)

S&S

JH Boys/Girls

March 29 (Thursday)

S&S

HS Boys/Girls

April 2 (Monday)

JH District @ Pottsboro

JH Boys

April 3 (Tuesday)

JH District @ Ponder

JH Girls

April 11-12 (Wed.-Thurs.)

HS District @ Pottsboro

HS Boys/Girls

April 19 (Thursday)

Area @

HS Boys/Girls

April 27-28 (Fri.-Sat.)

Regionals @ Whitehouse

HS Boys/Girls

May 10-12 (Thurs.-Sat.)

State Meet @ Austin

HS Boys/Girls

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Gunter Independent School District Board Briefs

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

GISD Board Recognition Dinner 6:00pm

The School Board and Administrators enjoyed a wonderful dinner in honor of School Board Appreciation month prepared by the Miller family.

GISD Regular Board Meeting 6:30pm

The Regular meeting was called to order by Dr. Gary Harris, Board President. A quorum was established. Pledge was led by Dr. Gary Harris and invocation given by John Jonas.

ATTENDANCE: Board members included: Jeff Banks, L.D. Byrd, Dr. Gary Harris, John Jonas, Scott Meyerdirk and Steve Smith; District attendance included: Dr. Jill Siler, Kelly Teems, Chris Dodd, Kim Patterson, Dara Arrington and Matt Cooper.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Board Recognition – Dr. Siler and Board Principals presented to the Board words and gifts of thanks from each campus.
- A full Financial Report was given.
- Communications
 - Enrollment Update
 - Elementary School 370
 - Middle School 268
 - High School 294
 - TOTAL 932
 - Dr. Siler also shared concerns with widespread illness and flu confirmations with the board and discussed possible options.
 - Calendar Update – Dr. Siler shared the two draft calendars developed with the District Advisory Team for 2018-19. A survey has been sent to both staff and the community and a final recommendation will come to the board at the February 20th meeting. All of the calendar information can be found online at www.gunterisd.org/calendars
 - Upcoming Events / Meeting Dates
 - January 24th, Called Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ Admin
 - February 20th, Recognition/Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ HS
 - March 8th, Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ Admin

- April 9th, GIFT Reception, 6:30pm @ HS
- April 16th, Recognition/Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ HS
- April 28th, FFA Auction, @ HS
- May 1st, Band Banquet, 6:00pm @ HS
- May 7th, Academic Banquet, 6:00pm @ HS
- May 8th, FFA Banquet, 6:00pm @ HS
- May 14th, Spring Athletic Banquet, 6:00pm @ HS
- May 17th, Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ Admin
- May 20th, Baccalaureate, 6:00pm @ FBC
- May 25th, Graduation, 7:00pm @ TBD
- June 18th, Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ Admin

- Board Member Report
 - Election Calendar was shared with the Board. There are two places open for the May 5th ballot (At-Large positions currently held by Jeff Banks and Scott Meyerdirk). Candidate packets are available online or at GISD Admin. All election information can be found online at www.gunterisd.org/board or at the GISD Administration Office.
 - Superintendent Evaluation process was shared for Board Workshop on January 24th.

CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS: - Board Approved

- Minutes – December 19, 2017 TAPR Hearing & Regular Meeting
- Billing – Previous Month Bills
- Donation – Was received for the GHS Band program
- Order May 5, 2018 School Board Election
- Joint Election with the City of Gunter for the May 5, 2018 Election

REGULAR BUSINESS

- 7:51pm Board went in to Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.001

8:25pm Reconvened from Closed Session. No action.

ADJOURNMENT: Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25pm

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Thank you to Lynn Reed with Benchmark Mortgage for providing lunch at the January Staff Development! It was a great way to start the spring semester.



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February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					9:30a Balfour-- Orders due for Cap & Gown 4:30p HS Basketball @ Pottsboro-- JVG,JVB,VG&VB 4p Softball Scrimmage @ Anna MS Boys Basketball District Tourn @ Callisburg	5p HS Choir- UIL Solo & Ensemble MS Girls Basketball District Tourn @ Ponder
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	4:30p MS Girls Basketball @ Callisburg 5p V Baseball Scrimmage @ Gunter vs Celina	HS Choir- State Solo & Ensemble 4:30p HS Basketball @ Gunter vs Howe-- JVG,JVB,VG&VB			4:30p V Baseball Scrimmage @ Gunter vs Aubrey 5p HS Boys Basketball @ S&S	Band - UIL Solo and Ensemble 10a Celina/Sherman SB Scrimmage @ Celina Bass Fishing Tourn @ Lake Ray Hubbard 12:00 PM Alumni Baseball Game 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Daddy Daughter Dance
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	4:30 PM V Baseball Scrimmage @ Sanger 5p V Softball @ Tom Bean 6:45p JV SB @ Tom Bean	5:00 PM HS Boys Basketball @ Gunter vs Ponder		Softball Tournament @ Melissa	Progress Report --Gain Only-- Friday, Feb 23 5p V Softball @ Denton vs Denton Braswell 6:45p JV Softball @ Denton vs Denton Braswell	12:00 PM V Baseball Scrimmage @ Paris Chisum (DH)) Softball Tournament @ Melissa
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
President's Day	Bad Weather Day No School	6p Board Meeting/ Recognition @ HS 5p V Softball @ Home vs Whitewright 6:45p JV Softball @ Home vs Whitewright			5p V Softball @ Home vs Howe 6:45p JV Softball @ Home vs Howe	6p Hard Luck Choir Cafe'
				V Baseball Tourn @ Celina		
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
	JH Boys/Girls Track Meet @ Farmersville	5p V Softball @ Ector 6:45p JV Softball @ Ector		HS Boys & Girls Track at Farmersville		
				Softball Tourn @ Van Alstyne/Anna		

DADDY *daughter* DANCE

February 10, 2018
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Gunter Elementary
50's Theme
Refreshments Served



DAD'S NAME		DAUGHTER'S NAME	
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TEACHER'S NAME :

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	LINE TOTAL
	Daddy/Daughter	\$20	
	Additional Daughters	\$5	
	DVD	\$20	

Subtotal	
Total	

Make checks payable to GHS Student Council
Please return by February 8th
Thank you!

Pre-K-K

Gunter Elementary is proud to present WALK-A-THON 2018. This is a fundraising activity to help raise money for the Gunter Volunteer Fire Rescue. Our campus goal is to raise 3,000.00.

How to participate:

During their unit in P. E. each child will be given a form and asked to get pledges for how many times they can WALK around the gym. Tuesday, February 6th will be A day and Wednesday, February 7th will be B day for the WALK-A-THON. Students can also ask for a one-time donation. This year we are having a competition between grade levels. The grade level that raises the most money will get a Popcorn/movie day during P. E. and Music. This will help in meeting our school goal. The students will walk around the gym a given number of minutes. Then, they will collect the money from the pledges based on how many laps they walk. The student will walk for about 30 minutes. They should get between 30 to 50 laps. All forms and money will be due by, Friday, February 16, 2018.

USE THE FORM BELOW TO TAKE PLEDGES:

Student Name: _____

[illegible]

1ST-4TH

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