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## Superintendent's Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students who were honored at the board meeting for being named as the Winter Superintendent Honor Roll recipients.

These students are chosen for their hard work, helpful attitudes, and good character. They will all get to go on a field trip at the end of the year with Dr. Siler and her staff.

GHS: Kara Curtis and Austin Rue GMS: Malison Fisher and Dylan Marsh GES: Alexia Falcon and Jackson Neufeld


Three staff members were chosen for the Innovative Teacher Award this winter. Congratulations to Lindsay Harper (GES), Jeannie Schroeter (GMS) and Jeannie Clarke (GHS; not pictured). They were honored at the board meeting this month for finding new and exciting ways to teach their content. We are excited to see the changes they are bringing to their classrooms as a part of our new Strategic Plan!


## Innovative Learning Team Tours Schools

In our efforts to create an exceptional school system, Gunter ISD has adopted a Strategic Plan to develop great people to better our world. One goal that came from the plan was to create an innovative learning environment that empowers students to become creative and collaborative problem solvers. Members of the Innovative Learning committee traveled to two schools who are successfully implementing tools in their district that allow students to learn through explorative inquiry-based learning. Our goal in our travels was to gain a perspective on how to put our plan into action.

Royse City ISD has successfully implemented a 1:1 Chromebook initiative at their high school, and a 2:1 initiative at the middle and primary schools. Our group walked through several classrooms where the teachers were successfully using the technology tools to enhance their curriculum. The Gunter group was able to converse with the teachers and students to gain a perspective on what they were doing and how it influenced their learning.

Sunnyvale ISD brought alternative spaces to light during a tour of their middle school. Teachers at Sunnyvale Middle School have their own space for their classroom, but also enjoy the flexibility of literally opening up their classroom to a larger open space where the students can work together. The classroom doors open up "garage style" to a large area that has whiteboards, tables, and group seating areas. This allows the students to step outside the four walls of a classroom and collaborate with students in their class as well as the other classes.

By touring these schools, we gained an understanding of makerspaces, flexible seating, collaboration spaces, digital tools, and the importance of creativity. We will take what we learned and create a learning environment that will allow our students at GISD to follow their passions and interests through explorative inquiry-based learning and real-world applications.

Special thanks to the two districts who helped us in our venture to move forward with our Strategic Plan!



Congratulations to the Food Service Department! They were honored at the board meeting for being awarded the Texas Department of Agriculture's 2017 Best of the Bunch Award. These ladies are amazing, and we are lucky to have them at GISD!

## TIGER TEACHERS \& TCEA

Several faculty members from Gunter attended the TCEA (Texas Computer Education Association) Convention in Austin. The conference offered hundreds of workshops to choose from and provides valuable learning opportunities for educators. This group will take what they've learned back to GISD to share with others through training opportunities.



## Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Grant

Gunter Elementary has once again been awarded an Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Grant to enrich math and/or science instruction in the classroom. GES is looking into using the money to create a weather station for the students to use to monitor and learn about weather patterns. The grant of $\$ 500$ was made possible by funding from the Exxon Mobil Corporation through our local Kwik-Chek Convenience Store. This grant is part of a program that supports schools in communities that are served by Exxon Mobil sites. Exxon Mobil has a long history of providing support to schools. Kwik-Chek is happy to have the opportunity to invest in the future of their community to neighborhood schools.

## Dictionary Donation

GES 3rd graders were presented with dictionaries by Ms. Robin McCoy of The Grayson County Republican Women. A special donation was also made by Angela and Bill Magers that allowed our students to receive these great tools. The students are so excited to have their own dictionary.


Celebrating a February birthday with a book from the Birthday Book Club are: Micah Fisher, Jackson Kruzie, Bradyn Biskup, Elliot Velazquez, Cal Chaffin and Adam McBride


Mark Your $C_{\text {alendar! }}$
Tuesday, April 10th
3:45-7:00
Gunter Elementary
Pre-IX \&
Kindergarten Roundup

## Valentines Day Fun in Kindergarten!

(Right) The halls were lined with Valentine boxes in anticipation of a special delivery! Students brought a Valentine for each of their classmates and placed them one by one into the boxes. After the delivery was completed by all of the students, the class went to the cafeteria to enjoy some yummy snacks!

## 100th Day of School

(Below) February 8th marked our 100th day of school. The GES campus loves to celebrate this day by dressing up. As you can see, our kids are a little older and a lot smarter! 3rd and 4th grade celebrated by collecting cans to give to the community food pantry, how awesome is that?


## GES Students of the Month



November: Zachary Wilde, Mason Gibbs, Kylie Hughes, Lily Foster, Jasmine Tapia


January: Evelin Tavera, Landry Russell, Agustin Robledo, Zeke Castorena, Gustavo Maldonado

## Skating for a Cause

The elementary took to their wheels to help our local volunteer fire department. The students spent a week learning or "re-learning" how to roller skate. They encouraged people to sponsor each lap they skated on the designated day. If you sponsored one of our elementary students for this great cause, we say Thank You!



## Living Museum

 March 2nd | 2:30-3:15 PM GMS CafeteriaHistory comes to life this month at GMS. Don't miss your opportunity to come and listen to our 5th grade students who will dress up as historical monuments, strike a pose in the cafeteria and tell you all about the monument they represent.

March 24th<br>7-10 PM<br>GMS Cafeteria

\$10 person/\$15 couple
Refreshments served

## Seniors!

Time is running out! GIFT Scholarship Deadline March End
Apply at www.guntergift.com


Attention Juniors and Seniors
Your prom balance is due March 8th.
Also, anyone bringing a date who is not a Gunter junior or senior must purchase a ticket for them at the cost of $\$ 75$.

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College Week



Drag out those college tees and sweatshirts! College Week begins on March 19th at all three campuses. We are excited to celebrate this week by decorating our doors, talking about our alma mater, wearing college gear and encouraging students to research colleges. At the elementary campus, we are excited to be hosting a "Career Day" on March 23rd. Many parents have volunteered to come speak to our students about their career during the students PE/Music times. This would be a great week for you to talk about post secondary plans with your child at home!


Thank you to the National Honor Society for repainting Office B and making it look so good! Special thanks to Wendi Osborn and Eliza Allen for the amazing art work that is painted on the walls. Also thank you to the Kanouse family for donating some awesome furniture


## North Texas

## U.S. Service Academies Forum



High school and middle school students welcome.
Parents are encouraged to attend.
Free and open to the public.


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Three years ago, administration empowered Brad Schnitker to add programs and opportunities for our AG and FFA students. AG students miss a lot of class time during the spring. The pay-off is experiences that take learning beyond the classroom. The Grayson County Exposition, better known as 'Loy Lake' in these parts, is not just a Gunter tradition, but part of the curriculum for many students in this region. Few realize that AG is a year round opportunity that extends beyond "showing" a couple times each year and includes judging, speech, parliamentary procedure, and a number of other showcases in leadership. Gunter ISD students are now competing year round, and many of them have found a niche that keeps them engaged. They are also finding a doorway to rest of their life.

Luke Willard played football his freshman year. He was not just 'coachable' but the type of student-athlete you want to coach. He showed up, did what you told him to do with energy and enthusiasm, and seldom responded to any directive beyond a simple "yes sir". That off-season, much to the chagrin of his coaches, Luke decided to place his focus elsewhere. Many times this is the beginning of indecision and lack of direction for high school boys. But not for Luke. Luke knew what he wanted to do and where he was going, and with

Mr. Schnitker providing more pathways for students to explore a career in agriculture, Luke had opportunities a plenty. "Brad Schnitker is a huge influence in my life," Luke says. "More than judging or shows, he has provided me opportunities to be around other students and given me options for the future."

Luke entered a gooseneck trailer in the San Angelo Stock show last month and walked away as Reserve Grand Champion in the AG Mechanics competition. The trailer took countless man-hours to build and Luke estimates he has over \$6000 in it. Once Luke and his trailer finish the season's show circuit, he will hand it over to his father to use in the family business and day-to-day operations at Willard Farms. The trailer could fetch a handsome price that would cover far beyond the costs Luke has in it. Providing the trailer for dad to use is a more worthy endeavor for Luke. Jim Bob and Denise Willard raised a farm boy. Like his older brother Dillon, Luke cut his teeth on FFA activities. The Willards are a staple in the Gunter FFA community and very active in leadership in the alumni association. The Willards embody the value of the rural farm community on our great State and understand the importance of providing support and direction to the next generation of leaders in agriculture. If there is a jackpot, auction, show, or hamburger cooking on a fall Friday night, chances are the Willards are there.
"It is just what we do," Luke proclaims with a shy grin. "It is who we are."

Luke is all in on what the FFA program can provide. He has taken every elective AG course available, in addition to several business courses, to supplement his understanding of the industry. Luke also serves as a teacher aide for Mr. Schnitker and runs errands that support the needs of his classmates. It is no secret that Luke is Mr. Schnitker's right hand man. If a student needs help with a project or someone to run lead on a group undertaking in the AG shop, chances are Luke Willard is right in the middle of it. "Luke is the hardest working student I have ever had and has awesome common sense," Mr. Schnitker proclaims in his 'no I really mean it' way of stating a fact. "He (Luke) is a rare combination of work ethic, maturity, and skill."

Luke's teachers understand exactly what Mr. Schnitker is saying. "Luke Willard is one of the most respectful and hardworking seniors I've had," brags Claudia Reed his English teacher. "He is reliable and a self-starter. I have no doubt that Luke will be an asset to any company

that hires him." Campus secretary Linda Mazerolle adds, "Luke is trust-worthy and represents what you want a Gunter Tiger to be." "Luke's friendly nature allows him to get along with a wide range of people," Jill Dodd asserts. "He works hard in the classroom and brings a 'country perspective' to all we are doing."

Each of these identified traits are part of Luke's upbringing, but even more so, the virtues of a student active in FFA. Engineering instructor Cynthia Foster describes Luke as a "good ole' country boy." "Luke is polite, well-mannered, and helpful," she explains. "He works well with others." Luke has been a part of the Gunter FFA program since he was eight years old. This supplements life on a farm with one-hundred-fifty head of Angus cattle plus dogs, cats, and whatever other 'project' animals the Willards are raising.

The award-winning trailer is not the first major accomplishment for Luke in FFA. He is a leader on the Land and Livestock judging teams that reached the State level of competition in only two years of existence. Luke has his trailer in the fabrications competition at Loy Lake, in addition to showing a steer and goat. Once show season is over, he will turn his attention to graduation and preparations for heading west for college. He plans to attend Clarendon College and study agriculture. Luke's accolades will cover most of the costs in scholarships. "I plan on majoring in wildlife management," he declares. "What that leads to next...industry, forestry, game warden, ranching, we will see," Luke says with a smile.

There is an old saying that "you can take the boy out of the farm but you can't take the farm out of the boy." Luke doesn't plan to leave the "farm" and that is right where he needs to be.

## And for that reason Luke Willard is the Tiger Times student of the month for March.

## SAN ANGELO STOCK SHOW

Congratulations to the Gunter FFA members who excelled at the San Angelo Livestock Show!

- Colt Nelson - Blue Ribbon - Ag Mechanic Show
- Luke Willard - Blue Ribbon - Ag Mechanic Show
- Luke Willard - Reserve Division Winner / Awarded a new welder.
- LeAnn Fox - 9th Place Crossbred Barrow
- Cassady Craddock - Reserve Breed Champ - Duroc Barrow

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## Hard Luch Cape

Decorated in a 50's theme, the commons transformed the guests back in time for an evening of food, fun, and music! The GHS Choir performed songs from the past and present and left the audience in awe with their talent. Thirty-one incredible acts stepped out onto the stage and rocked the house! Thank you to all those who came out to support our students.


## Thank You Choir Sponsors

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The choir would like to extend a special thank you to the members of the band who volunteered their time to accompany the singers.

Acoustic Guitar: Dr. Jill Siler Keyboard: Mark Bennett Bass Guitar: Greg Snider Drums: Tristan Cochran


## UIL Region 25 Solo \& Ensemble Choir Contest

The students worked hard and raised their standards this year, and it paid off! The following students advanced to STATE competition.


Soloists
Brian Avendano, Kanon Keeler, Austin Rue, Josh Magers, Elizabeth Lodico, Laurel Mulkey, Zoe Carlile, Hannah Smith, Ashley Bruner, Keely Ward, Emily Loftis, Kara Curtis


Ensemble: Now is the Month of Maying Jacob Sieberling, Sam Erwin, Penn Sieberling, Zoey Brooks, Kara Curtis, Makenzie Perry, Elizabeth Lodico Not pictured: Sydney Wright (Alternate) and Ainslee Stovall, Karissa Pelfrey, and Julia Mazey


Ensemble: Counter Point of the Animals Hannah Smith, Ashley Bruner, Alessandra Tennyson, Aiyana Harris, Addison Mercer, Boone Self, Carlos Chavez, Jacob Reed, and Mathew Avendano


Ensemble: Counter Point of the Animals
Eliza Allen, Karissa
Pelfrey, Cassidy
Ahlmeyer, Lexie
Lenderman, Zoe
Carlile, Josh Magers (not pictured) Mack Whitteker, Cade Carruthers, and David Denton


Ensemble: Shenandoah Eliza Allen, Ana Mercado, Zoe Carlile Not pictured: Kenna Carruthers


Ensemble: Now is the Month of Maying: Brian Avevdano, Kanon Keeler, Austin Rue, Ben Crelia, Ana Mercado, Emily Loftis, Addison Mercer, Keely Ward, and Channing Clement (Not pictured: Kenna Carruthers)

## STATE Results!

All 12 Soloists received a Division 1 rating, 4 Ensembles received a Division 1 rating and 1 Ensemble received a Division 2 rating. The faculty who judged this event gave our choir top notch compliments! Great job!

## UIL Region 25 Solo \& Ensemble Band Contest

Congratulations to the following students who advanced to STATE competition.

(Above) Saxophone Trio
Fugue (from Le Tombeau de Couperin
Emily Loftis, Melanie Loftis, and Josh Pierce
(Left) Clarinet Trio
Sonata in D Major
Bria Savage, Anna Bush, and Brian Avendano

## Bridges Fire Hydrants get Facelift, Scout Earns His Wings



## Notes from the GHS Principal:

Parents,
Spring has sprung! What a busy time of the year. Before we blink the Class of 2018 will be walking across the graduation stage.

We are working to build a culture of "respect" and "responsibility". This requires all stakeholders to understand our role and perform our part.

There are several areas of focus I ask your assistance with that can help us continue \#growingchampions and most importantly keep the \#AMBUSH safe.

## Attendance

Documentation is important when your student is absent. Please email us or send a note with your student. Every physician's office sends "return to school" notes. The absence is marked UNEXCUSED when we do not receive documentation within seven days from the time of the absence. When students accrue four or more UNEXCUSED absences they are assigned Prime Time. Attendance is important not only for student learning and success but also for state funding. Simple rule of thumb: communicate when your student is absent.

## Dress Code

Our students know the expectations with regards to dress and grooming. We are assigning detentions when students come to school out of dress code. Our methodology is to treat our high school students like young adults. We are preparing them for the business world, and each place of employment has standards to adhere to.

Cell Phones
Again, we seek to treat our students like young adults. I have spoken with many campus administrators across the region. I feel our "policy" fits our culture of "respect" and "responsibility". Our teachers provide a request to put the phone away when it becomes a distraction. When students fail to comply the phone is collected for the day and we contact parents.

## Visitors to Campus

School security is an area all campuses across our Nation continue to evaluate. No one is allowed access to our students without first checking in to the front office. We are instructing our students to only enter certain doors and to never "let anyone in." At this time we are only allowing parents to have access to their students during the school day. Siblings, friends, guests are not allowed into instructional or common areas. We do not allow visitors for lunch except parents. Anyone wanting to meet with school personnel or "visit" must first obtain permission.

If you every have any questions or concerns please contact us.
We have an outstanding campus and I believe this is because all stakeholders continually seek ways for us to improve!

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## Finishing up the Season!

## Boys Basketball

## Girls Basketball

Varsity
vs S\&S 61-39 (Win)
vs Pottsboro 45-60 (Loss)
JV Blue
vs Pottsboro 21-44 (Loss)
JV White
vs Ponder 29-43 (Loss)


## Middle School

Gunter vs Callisburg 7B won 8-7
8B lost 4-6
7A won 32-5
8A won 23-16
District Tournament
7th A Team - 2nd Place
8th A Team - 4th Place

## Starting up the Season!

## Baseball| Softball

2/24 vs Brock 10-2 (Loss) 2/24 vs Boyd 6-4 (Win)


Varsity
2/15 13-1 (W) - Gunter vs. Blue Ridge
2/15 4-2 (L) - Gunter @ Melissa
2/15 4-1 (W) - Gunter vs. Paris
2/16 9-7 (L) - Gunter @ Braswell
2/17 8-6 (W) - Gunter vs. Ferris

It's been a soggy start to the season with several inches of rain falling in February!


# Lake Texoma Tournament 

February 17th
Gunter Bass Fishing Team

Congratulations on the following catches:
24th 5.11lbs Cade Whitley \& Ben Cole
32nd 4.28lbs Branden Seigl \& Benji Garrison
44th 3.36lbs Austin Gaines \& Grant Gilbert
48th 3.18lbs Kyle Watson \& Josh Rogers
57th 2.36lbs Grant McClure \& Kade McCarty


## Powerlifter Qualifies for Regionals

Congratulations to Shelby Parkman who qualified for Regionals in Powerlifting. She placed 6th out of 12 at Regionals and maxed out at 725 lbs !


Congrats to GHS Swimmer John Dalton Rowe who moved on to Regional Consolation Finals as the 13th seed in the 500 Free!

Way to go John Dalton Rowe - 13th in the Region in the 500 Free!

## Tiger Shark goes to Regionals

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In Memory of Mr. Jim Turner

"Somebody Hit Somebody" will forever be remembered at Friday night football games. Sadly, the "proprietor" of that saying has passed away.

Mr. Jim Turner loved watching the Gunter Tigers play in all of our sporting events. If you would like to honor his memory, the family has asked that your donations be made to the Gunter Tiger Fan Club. They accept PayPal, or you may email them at GunterTigerfanclub@gmail.com

## Don't forget!

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## Bad Weather Day



## Students and Faculty will not be in school.

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