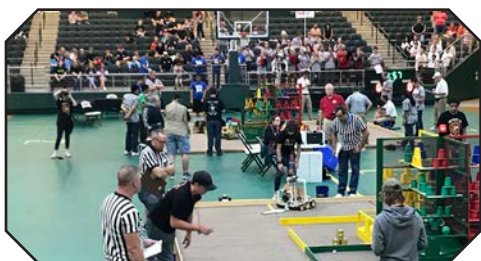


## *Twas the Sunday after STATE and in every Gunter house...*

by Chris Dodd, GHS Principal



Reflections on the first half of the 2017-18 school year. The Tiger Times Student of the Month will resume in January.



Twenty four hours removed from the state title game, I tweeted “you learn a lot more about yourself when things don’t go your way.”



It’s our nature to dwell on the negative, to ponder past mistakes, to focus on failure. We try to condition ourselves to see the glass half full when pessimism and cynicism are at every click, swipe, and turn. When in reality, our Gunter “cup” is overflowing with an abundance of riches.



We are fortunate to annually give an account for the outstanding accolades earned by our Gunter students. The 2017-18 school year is trending much the same after an absolutely incredible Fall.

The Lady Tiger Volleyball team made a historic run into the Regional Tournament before falling to Beckville who at the time was undefeated and ranked #1. The Lady Tigers are loaded with underclassmen including five freshman. Senior Camryn MacDonald earned First Team All State Honors.



Boys Cross Country made a return to the Regional Meet. The majority of the team returns next fall.

Eleven Choir students earned honors in November and advanced to the Area contest in January.



Robotics made a strong showing in October at their regional competition in Prosper. The team finished 12th out of 50 plus schools including many 5A and 6A programs.

The Tiger Marching Band again earned straight division one ratings and advanced to the Area Marching contest.

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The Commons filled to capacity early in December as our Choir and Band programs put on memorable Christmas concerts.

Our FFA program continues to grow in size and scope. A new AG barn will be raised this spring to house projects that currently occupy make-shift pens. A number of leadership and judging teams are preparing for spring contests.

Student Council, NHS, Tiger Cheer, and the newly formed Interact Club teamed up to sponsor several service projects. Students gave supplies, clothes, canned foods, funds, and most notably time to local programs serving our neighboring communities.

Our Cheerleaders did an outstanding job planning and organizing Pep Rallies. They teamed up with Gunter Tiger Fan Club to introduce a revamped Homecoming Week Tailgate and Community Pep Rally. A standing room only crowd enjoyed an incredible evening capped off with an awesome fireworks display. The Cheerleaders travel to Fort Worth on January 11th to compete in the State Spirit Competition. They expect to bring home a medal.

For the second year in a row Gunter was on full display on the biggest stage for high schools in Texas, the UIL State Football Championships. A very impressive Newton Eagles football team ended a streak dating back to the second round of the 2015 playoffs. The Tigers rolled off thirty-one straight victories and held the number one ranking in multiple polls for most of this season, going virtually untested until the title game. This year's team set program records for rushing yardage, points scored, and points allowed. The last four seasons the 3A Division 2 title went through Gunter as the Tigers were defeated by two time champion Waskom in 2014 and 2015, won the 2016 crown, and lost in the title game to undefeated Newton. The Tigers boast an incredible 51-7 record over the last four years.

A number of starters will return in 2018 with hopes of another deep December run. Every Tiger Sub-Varsity Team won the District Championship. Six gold balls and a State Finalist trophy join an already packed display case.

Hats off to Gunter Tiger Fan Club, The GHS PTO, the Gunter High School Cheerleaders, Tiger Marching Band, the Ambush Student Section, and all the parents and fans that make Friday nights so special in Gunter. Thank you to those that decorate, make goody bags, work concessions, raise funds, and paint hay bales. Thank you moms and dads that rise early and stay up late, rearranging schedules to get kids to practices and workouts.

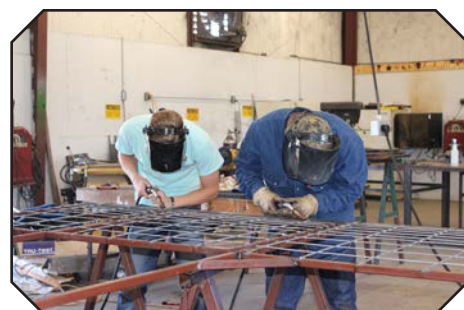
Success is a by-product or selflessness; it arrives on the heels of sacrifice. To do what we do in this community TEAM must truly be bigger than me.

As is the case almost every year, the Fall ends without a Tiger program earning a State Championship. Titles are rare. But they have become a realistic goal for Gunter High School.

It has been done!

And until the last second of the third quarter on December 20th, a consecutive State Championship was in our grasp, twelve minutes and one second away from perfection.

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## What is the takeaway?

We can do it.

We can climb that mountain.

STATE is a realistic goal for all of our programs.

**And...**

When we don't quite get there we learn and take one step closer in that direction.

That's what winners do. That is what #growingchampions is all about.

*Part III - Conclusion...*

"Twas the Sunday after STATE and in every Gunter house

Conversations continued about how back to back dreams were doused.

But soon every heart, mind, and soul reflected back on this amazing season

Realizing the big picture, it's more than a game when growing champions is our primary reason.

It's the time of year when we count our blessings and the riches we've enjoyed this fall

Let's continue coming together as one Ambush - Spring hopes eternal - Happy New Year - to ALL!"

# TPW

## #GROWINGCHAMPIONS



## Great Neighbors and Community

We couldn't ask for more!



Upon their return, the football team and cheerleaders found a parking lot full of their biggest fans! Driving under the spray of the Gunter Fire Department made the statement... "There's no place like HOME!"

Thank you to everyone in Gunter, Celina and Prosper who was involved in this incredible send off and escort to Arlington.



# FINAL FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD 2017



## STATE SEMIFINALS

vs Canadian  
56-27 (Win)

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

vs Newton  
16-40 (Loss)

FINAL RECORD 31-1  
2016 / 2017 Seasons



## CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT SEASON!





Thank you to the fans, the cheerleaders, the band, the tunnel & horn crew, the photographers, and anyone else who we have not mentioned. We truly appreciate your support!





# FALL ATHLETIC BANQUET

**GREAT SEASONS!**

**January 15th**

**6:00 PM**

**\$10 at the door**



**AWESOME  
ATHLETES!**





# Learning beyond the walls of a classroom!

Lauri Johnson, GES Librarian

Mrs. Johnson has been instrumental in providing opportunities for our elementary students to “travel” and learn beyond our walls. She has initiated contact with many businesses, organizations, and authors to allow our students to extend the lessons they are already learning in their classrooms.

(Right) Our second grade students “Mystery Skyped” with students from another school district. The students did not know where they were from, and had to ask yes or no questions to figure out their location. After meeting each other online, students have been writing letters to each other.



(Left) After a unit study regarding the moon and its movement, as well as weathering and erosion, our 4th grade Skyped with *Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve* located in Arco, ID. Park Ranger Matt Daniel explained that early explorers thought the volcanic landscape resembled the Moon. For that reason, in 1969 NASA astronauts spent time learning more about the geology of the area prior to traveling to the Moon. Scientists now believe that the landscape resembles Mars rather than the Moon. NASA scientists have spent the last two summers, at the park, training for a future mission to Mars. Students had an opportunity to ask the Park Ranger many questions about the craters and they discussed the similarities of the craters within the park and those on the Moon. Students also asked about the landscape and the erosion that has occurred.



## Daddy DAUGHTER Dance

February 10th  
7 :00 PM – 10:00 PM

Watch for more details on our website and the GISD Facebook page.





What do you do in Texas when you want to ice skate, but there isn't any ice? You improvise! Coach Watson transformed her gym into a "sock" skating rink for the students to have some fun. They played limbo, four corners, and they even had a snowball fight (with paper)! Fun was had by all!



**GES students to the rescue!** The 4th graders in Mrs. Smith's and Mrs. Wright's classes were using problem solving skills to make an elf house and a parachute to rescue Santa Clause from his broken sleigh.

## Children's Hospital Toy Drive

GES Discovery students & GMS student, Luke Bullard, collected and delivered over 200 toys to Children's Medical Hospital so that the children in the hospital would have a memorable Christmas! ❤️



## December Birthday Book Club

Kailyn Miller, Anna Kruzic, Jasmine Tapia, Raynee Hayes, Zane Highlen-Prince, Roman Yosten and Mason Gibbs celebrated their birthday with a book from the Birthday Book Club. For more information on this program, contact Lauri Johnson at the elementary school.



# Christmas Kindness

The kindergarten and first grade Character Education students have been working on their Kindness Project. For the Kindness project students created Christmas cards and delivered one to every GISD staff member from Dr. Siler in Administration to the bus drivers in Transportation, and everyone in between!

The students also made Christmas cards for a nursing home in Sherman to help spread Holiday cheer. Our students worked for 2 weeks, and then they finally got to deliver their cards! The students were excited, and even sang Merry Christmas to help spread the joy that we share at GES. We are so proud of their hard work.



## Fun Days of Dress up!

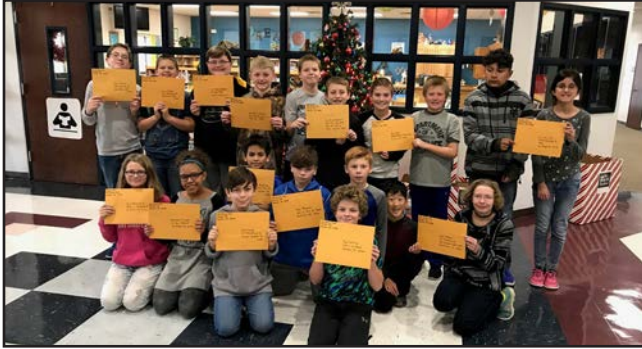
Where in “Whoville” are these students? They were found roaming the halls of GES and GMS the week before our holiday break! We had a week of fun dress up days, don’t they look GREAT??





# SEASON'S GREETINGS!

The 6th grade students at Gunter Middle School sent a Facebook message of thanks during the holidays saying, "Thank you for the sacrifice you make on a daily basis. We know it is a big hardship to be away from your loved ones for extended periods of time, and we appreciate your dedication to freedom!"



ALSO...

In their technology class, 6th graders used their desktop publishing skills to create holiday cards for servicemen serving all over the world during the holiday season. The note shared on Facebook was included, and 15 packages were mailed everywhere from Fort Hood to Japan to Bahrain. The kiddos did a great job on this project! Thank you, 6th graders, for this wonderful act of kindness.



Gunter Middle School students took the time to visit the residents of Brookdale Willows in Sherman. They brought gifts, but the gift that was treasured most was their cheerful attitudes while they were there. One of the residents sent a heartfelt thank you to them. Here is a small excerpt from the email...

"Gunter should be proud of all those youngsters who demonstrated genuine and refreshing interest in a group of octogenarians and nonagenarians who call the Willows their home. Enthusiastically they roamed our hallways, excitedly knocking on our doors and conveying season's greetings. Certainly their gifts were appreciated, but be assured that their youthful cheerfulness was the contribution which 'made our day' – a day which stands head and shoulders above most days in which the level of excitement is minimal."

Our students probably don't understand the impact they made, but we know the impact was #priceless!

## Annual GMS Toy Collection; Success!



Thank you to the GMS students for organizing such a successful drive for Toys for Tots! They collected over 200 toys to donate to children.



Mrs. Schroeter's 5th graders participated in a Christmas Escape Room. While learning how Christmas is celebrated around the world, they had to use their newfound knowledge to solve 5 challenges allowing them to escape!



# GMS Science = FUN



Working together to solve a problem! That is what our 5th grade was doing right before the break. They were given 50 toothpicks and 50 gumdrops. The goal: Build the tallest tree you can. They learned that it was harder than they thought, and that every opinion counts!



Brrrrr.... it's cold outside! It was so cold, Mrs. Bon's students had a snowball fight in class... well paper snowballs anyway. Each snowball had a question written on it. When the snowball fight was stopped, each student had to pick up a snowball and answer the question. This was a fun way to review with the students, and even learn a little about "force and motion".

## Force & Motion

8th Graders in Mrs. Murphy's science classes finished a unit on force and motion with an adventure in rocketry. Students built rockets, testing variables such as number of fins and spent the day testing their rocket designs. Although they had to fight the wind and cold, the rocket launches were a huge success!







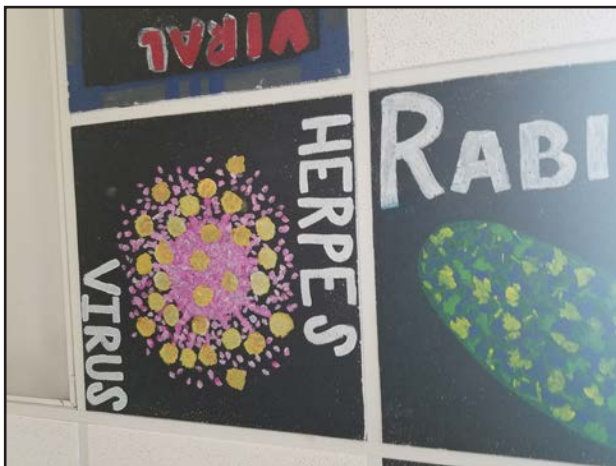
Staff members of GISD and community members gathered together much needed supplies for the Grayson County Shelter. GHS Secretary, Mrs Ruffle, was very instrumental in gathering the supplies. The shelter was deeply touched. Thanks for all who contributed to the great cause.

*Season  
of  
Giving*



## Micro-Biology Artists

Mrs. Clarke's students are showing their art skills as well as their micro-biology knowledge by painting a ceiling tile with the name of a virus and an image.



**January 15th**

**Staff Development  
Day**

**Student Holiday**

## Human Trafficking Awareness

**GHS Commons  
January 22nd - 6 PM**

**Come and learn more about this  
important topic!**



# Christmas with the Choir



5th Grade ▲



6th Grade ▲



7th and 8th Grade ▼



Select Choir ▼



Chamber Choir



## Angels

The GHS Choir loves Christmas! For the past 5 years, they have been blessing others in our community by making a child's Christmas happy. The students purchase gifts and spend a day in class wrapping and sharing the love of giving.





# Winter Band Concert

6th Grade Band



7th & 8th Grade Band



GHS Band



## MS All Region Band Members!

Grace King - Flute  
Erin Seiberling - Clarinet  
Samantha Aiken - Trumpet  
Dylan Marsh - Trombone

## HS All Region Band Members!

Brian Avendano - Clarinet  
Advances to Area, Symphonic Band

Bria Savage - Clarinet  
Concert Band

Melanie Loftis - Alto Sax  
Advances to Area, Symphonic Band

Josh Pierce - Tenor Sax  
Concert band

Benjamin Crelia - Tuba  
Advances to Area, Symphonic Band







# Bass Fishing

The GHS Bass Fishing Team hosted the Texoma Tournament on December 2nd. We had an amazing event with 254 teams! Our team posted some amazing results!

- 15th Place Kyle Watson, Josh Rogers 10.75
- 26th Place Branden Seigl, Benji Garrison 9.07
- 55th Place Grant McClure, Kade McCarty 4.94
- 56th Place Austin Gaines, Grant Gilbert 4.92
- 58th Place Schuyler Marshall, Josh Magers 4.90
- 69th Place Cooper Enloe, Landry Laird 4.25
- 72nd Place Logan Nelson, Zach Rogers 4.10
- 86th Place Chandler Wade 3.75
- 139th Place Cade Whitley, Ben Cole, Caden Sansone, Grant McAfee.



## Tigers Attend Bocce Tournament

The Special Olympic Athletes participated in their last Bocce Ball competition at the Denison Area Meet and placed as follows:

### Half Court

Tollie Ferguson, Gold medal  
 Jenna Hemphill, Silver Medal  
 Ethan Almazan, Bronze Medal  
 Cole Reynolds, Bronze Medal

### Full Court Doubles

Jaiden Davis, Gold Medal  
 Charlie Mesita & Leydi Rodriguez, Silver Medal





# Basketball Scoreboard

## Varsity Boys

vs Celeste (L) 39-83  
vs Caddo Mills (L) 36-46  
vs Leonard (L) 61-62  
vs Bells (W) 76-66  
vs Marietta (L) 41-60  
vs Boswell (L) 65-75  
vs Madill (L) 61-62  
vs Van Alstyne (L) 51-85  
vs Callisburg (W) 45-36

## JV Blue Boys

vs Bells (W) 47-31  
vs Van Alstyne (L) 42-83  
vs Callisburg (W) 36-26

## 7th Grade Boys

vs Ponder  
- B Team (L) 11-25  
- A Team (L) 39-41

## 8th Grade Boys

vs Ponder  
- B Team (L) 12-13  
- A Team (L) 27-31

## Varsity Girls

vs Gainesville 65-41 (W)  
vs Denison 37- 65 (L)  
vs Melissa 42-66 (L)  
vs Bowie 40-59 (L)  
vs Honey Grove 42-48 (L)  
vs Marietta 47-35 (W)  
vs Sulpher 45-70 (L)  
vs Boswell 58-44 (W)  
vs S&S 32-43 (L)  
vs Ponder 32-64 (L)  
vs Callisburg 42-35 (W)

## GMS Girls Basketball

Gunter vs S & S  
7B lost 6-17  
8B lost 4-6  
7A won 30-11  
8A lost 25-33  
Gunter vs Ponder  
7B lost 13-23  
8B lost 7-30  
7A won 22-19  
8A lost 7-43



## JV Girls

1st game of the season

vs

S&S

12-11

Win

Basketball is in full swing! Watch the calendar for game times. High school plays on Tuesdays and Fridays. Middle school plays on Thursdays this month. Come on out to a home game and show the athletes some of that awesome **Gunter Support!**



## January Softball Preview

Scrimmage Jan. 29th at Home

5 PM

Watch for baseball and softball schedules in the February issue!



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## FLU PREVENTION TIPS



We wanted to pass on a few tips to keep you safe & healthy! Cold & flu season is upon us! Here are some key things to know about the flu and some tips for prevention! For more info, visit [www.cdc.gov/flu/](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/)



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# January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 <b>Happy New Year!</b>	2 2p HS Boys/ Girls Basketball @ Gunter vs Whitesboro	3 4:30p MS Boys Basketball @ Gunter vs Callisburg	4	5 <b>Staff Development Day</b>  4:30p HS Basketball @ Pilot Point-- JVG,JVB,VG&VB	6 MS Boys Basketball Tourn @ Van Alstyne
7	8 <b>Students Return to School</b>	9 4:30p HS Basketball @ Gunter vs Pottsboro -- JVG,JVB,VG&VB	10	11 4:30p MS Boys Basketball @ Whitesboro  4:30p MS Girls Basketball @ Gunter vs Whitesboro  UIL Cheer Competition	12 4:30p HS Basketball @ Howe-- JVG,JVB,VG&VB  <b>All Region Clinic and Concert</b>	13 TMEA Area Choir Contest Band - ATSSB Area MS Girls Basketball Tourn @ Van Alstyne 7p MS Winter Dance 5/6th
14	15 <b>Staff Development Day</b>  6p Fall Athletic Banquet	16 4:30p HS Basketball @ Gunter vs S&S-- JVG,JVB,VG&VB  6p Board Mtg.	17	18 4:30p MS Boys Basketball @ Gunter vs Pilot Point  4:30p MS Girls Basketball @ Pilot Point	19 4:30p HS Basketball @ Ponder-- JVG,JVB,VG&VB  <b>Band - All Region Concert - Princeton</b>	20
21  <b>Band - All Region Concert - Princeton</b>	22 6p Human Trafficking Awareness - GHS Commons	23 4:30p HS Basketball @ Gunter vs Callisburg-- JVG,JVB,VG&VB	24	25 4:30p MS Boys Basketball @ Pottsboro  4:30p MS Girls Basketball @ Gunter vs Pottsboro	26 4:30p HS Basketball @ Whitesboro-- JVG,JVB,VG&VB	27
28	29	30 4:30p HS Basketball @ Gunter vs Pilot Point-- JVG,JVB,VG&VB	31	1	2 4:30p HS Basketball @ Pottsboro-- JVG,JVB,VG&VB  <b>MS Boys BB District Tourn @ Callisburg</b>	3 UIL Choir Solo & Ensemble @ Lovejoy  <b>MS Girls BB District Tourn @ Ponder</b>