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*Congratulations to the Class of 2018*



*Education is our passport to the future,  
for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.*

*~ Malcolm X*



# Graduate Happenings

The Senior Walk through the halls of our elementary school is a favorite event. The teachers who started the journey with this class share a smile, a hug, and might just have a tear roll down their face. The students cheer with pride as they pass by, dreaming of the day they will take the "walk".

The graduates... well, as they walk through the "littles," they look back in time when they were at that school and remember all of the great things being a Gunter Tiger meant.



Gunter Tigers  
Kindergarten to Senior!

This group of graduates started and ended their education here at Gunter... 13 years!



Pre-Ceremony: Getting the caps on just right might require a helping hand!

The last gesture of our seniors is the cap toss. The event everyone waits for!



# SMALL TALK WITH OUR VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

by Chris Dodd, GHS Principal

Sarah Franze, Valedictorian



Camryn MacDonald,  
Salutatorian



Most folks in Gunter know Sarah and Camryn. We highlighted them individually earlier this school year. They both enjoyed stellar academic and athletic careers during their time as Gunter Tigers. Both were leaders in their Senior class and supporters of programs they did not participate in. When the doors were open, they were here. Both will don the burnt orange the next four years and raise their hand signifying “hook ‘em”. Both had

their final word before their peers during commencement services. Sarah and Camryn have a lot in common. We salute our 2018 Valedictorian and Salutatorian by finding out a few things that make them unique.

## Salutatorian/Valedictorian....Were these spots long term goals or did it just happen?

**Sarah:** Achieving valedictorian status became a goal of mine at the start of my freshman year. I wasn’t obsessed with attaining the title, but this goal pushed me to work hard all throughout high school.

**Camryn (Cam):** I went into my high school career with my ultimate goal to be ranked in the top 10%. My goals grew as I grew in my high school career. My GPA rose .4 decimals within my time at Gunter High School, so I’d definitely say I conquered my aspirations.

## When did you decide on a University and why did you choose UT? What was the deciding factor?

**Sarah:** I decided to attend UT Austin just this past February. In the beginning, I never really saw myself going to UT, I didn’t even intend to apply but my dad insisted that it wouldn’t hurt to send in an application there. My views changed drastically when my older brother sent me a video promoting UT’s Aerospace Engineering program. This video opened my eyes to see how strong the engineering program is at UT, and on my college visit there in January, I fell in love with the campus.

**Cam:** Austin, Texas is a land of its own. I fell in love with the city itself the first time I went, but my final decision on going to UT Austin was the academic excellence it owns.

## Dogs or Cats?

**Sarah:** Dogs

**Cam:** Dogs always.

## Superhero?

**Sarah:** Clark Kent

**Cam:** Deadpool

## Theme Song for your life (your song/walk-up music)

**Sarah:** Escape (the Pina Colada Song) by Jack Johnson

**Cam:** Heat of the Moment by Asia





**Greatest influence in your life? What/who pushed you to be great?**

**Sarah:** My older brother is probably the greatest influence in my life. When I was younger, I always wanted to do everything that he did, and this is still true today. My interests all correspond to his (such as science, cooking, rock climbing, and hiking) and I'm positive that growing up with him made me who I am as a person. He inspired me to pursue engineering, and whether it be on the rock wall or in my studies, he pushes me to challenge myself everyday.

**Cam:** My mother for sure. I like to tell myself I take after her. My dad also had a great influence on my life. My father played a large role in the decision I made for my career path, he steered me towards the medical field, which I will forever be grateful for.

**Number one thing you will miss about Gunter High School?**

**Sarah:** The thing I'll miss the most about GHS are the teachers I've come to know and love over the course of these four years. GHS is home to some of the best, most personable educators out there, and I'll miss many of them dearly.

**Cam:** My class. We have grown closer than ever in the past few weeks, and I'm thankful to be graduating alongside the people I grew up with and love.

**Bucket list...what is one thing you want to do (i.e. skydive, Everest, swim with sharks, etc)?**

**Sarah:** Become a renowned rock climber

**Cam:** I want to finish the Kalalau Trail Hike in Kauai, Hawaii.

**Ryan Gossling or Ryan Reynolds?**

**Sarah:** Ryan Reynolds

**Cam:** Ryan Reynolds

**Your quote...mantra...?**

**Sarah:** "So much of life is just perspective. So change your perspective, look at things a little differently, and see what else there is to see." - Frosty Hesson

**Cam:** "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." - Michael Scott

**Greatest success to this date?**

**Sarah:** I made ratatouille once

**Cam:** Making it to the regional tournament my senior year in volleyball with a team of 5 freshmen. One of the best experiences of my life.

**Greatest Failure? (this hurt so bad but it pushed me to new heights)**

**Sarah:** My greatest failure was relatively recent; I jumped the gun, thus disqualifying myself, at the District Track meet this past spring in the 100m dash. Although District is only the start of the playoffs in terms of track advancement, I had already made up my mind to give my everything in my last spout of individual races in my HS career and push for state. I had made it to regionals the past three years in my individual, and I felt ready to compete. Yet, my eager nerves got the best of me. Although this failure hurt more than anything, I know that I'm pushing for bigger and better things in my future. This failure is simply a humble reminder that things won't come easy, and I'll have to put in the work to achieve my goals.

**Cam:** My greatest failure that will never stop haunting me is losing to Glen Rose during my sophomore year in volleyball after being ranked #1 in the state. This loss drove me insane and pushed me to prove the kind of player I was. Even though losing to that team broke my heart, it made my love and will to succeed in volleyball stronger than ever.

**Celebrity you most relate to...? (example: Mr. Dodd relates to James Bond)**

**Sarah:** John Mulaney

**Cam:** A\$AP Rocky

**Advice to the next generation of Gunter Tigers?**

**Sarah:** Don't take these years for granted, and cherish this time you have with your class. High school can be the most influential, view changing experience of your life, so live in it and surround yourself with the people that make you happy.

**Cam:** When people tell you it goes fast, please listen to them. If your friends or your family offer for you to go to the movies, to eat, or anything really, use the opportunity to be with them. As for all the petty drama, get over it. You only have so long with your class until you leave and never see some of them again. Use your remaining time as a GHS Tiger wisely.

**Last – In one paragraph....If you could do one thing over the last four years...what would it be and why?**

**Sarah:** If I could do over one thing from the past four years, I would go back and drop out of AP Calculus.  
KIDDING

Real Answer: I would go back and expand my social circle. These past few weeks, I've become closer to some of the people in my class and I just wish we would have been friends so much sooner. As things are coming to an end, we're all coming together. The realization that we'll all be going our separate paths is upon us, and we're closer than we've ever been. There's no drama, no fights, just good times. If I could do one thing over, I would go back and strengthen my relationships with my classmates.

**Cam:** Even though I already touched on it, I would give anything to play that third round Glen Rose match at 7:00 pm in Midlothian November of 2015. I had never fallen more in love with a team, and never will fall more in love with a team, than that one. I can accredit the emotions I felt toward GTVB that year to my three best friends that played by my side, and of course I knew it was the last year I had with Coach Watson. Katey, Kaycie, and Mikayla, along with six other seniors, shared the court with me. That loss is something I will always dread looking back on, I'll always dread reliving those times. The aftermath was pure heartbreak, and it was the first time I had experienced that before. GTVB 2015-16, you'll always hold a special place in my heart. #33-3

Ultimately, it is not about the highest grades or achievements. It is about leaving a legacy. Sarah and Camryn did both. And for that reason we salute our highest ranking graduates as the Tiger Times Students of the Month for June.





# 2018 FACULTY AWARDS



## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Elementary School Campus  
Maren Pelzel

Middle School Campus  
Mark Pelzel

High School Campus  
Al Breedlove

## SERVICE AWARDS

Staff and faculty at GISD are recognized for every 5 years of service they have completed at the district. The following people were recognized this year.

**5 Years:** (GES) Joanna Ledezma, Karen Cooke, (GMS) Amanda Godwin (GHS) Chris Dodd, Reeca Huntsman (District) David Kobosky

**10 Years:** (GMS) Kari Bailey, Sharon Bon, Kris Freeny, (GHS) Tanya McNeil

**15 Years:** (GMS) Jessica Hogan, Kelly Marr

**20 Years:** (GHS) Kerry Clement

**35 Years:** (GISD) Debbie Miller





# Campus Award Assemblies

At three different times, the Event Center filled with guests, names were called, and students lined up for pictures. Honor Rolls, Departmental Awards, Scholarships, Flag Raiser Awards, Spelling Bee Awards, Perfect Attendance, and so many more! We have great kids in Gunter, and it was our pleasure to recognize them for their accolades they achieved over the year. What you see below is just a small sample of the awards we handed out! Congratulations to everyone who received an award!



Over the year, the students at the elementary and middle school raise money for our Gunter Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Gallagher came to the Awards Assembly to accept the donations. GES donated \$965.00 and GMS donated \$754.45. We appreciate the fire department and everything they do for our schools.



## GES Honor Rolls - 4th 9 Weeks

**Principal's Honor Roll:** 1st Grade: Austin Anderson, Brody Barnett, Sydney Bodnyk, Landry Bortzfield, Jude Coglietti, Enrique Colunga, Harper Dorcey, Gisele Duarte, Kirstyn Dupler, Tinsley Ehret, Lily Foster, Raynee Hayes, Elise Hedges, Zane Highlen-Prince, Cayden Johnson, Kohen Lanham, Angie Mendoza, Matilda Miller, Cadence Ploch, Makenzie Rizzo, Edgar Rodriguez, Isabella Seay, Allison Simpson, Blake Thigpen, Joshua Todd, Dakota Waligura, Brooklyn Wilcocks; 2nd Grade: Gina Aiken, Carson Beck, Cole Bolt, Caleb Bowen, Janet Chavez, Aiden Christian, Jonah Colon, Oliver Culpepper, Jacob Endsley, Knox Gage, Aly Gann, Paxtyn Graves, Scarlett Helenberger, Kylie Hughes, Anna Kruzie, Madalyn Lang, Melanie Martinez, Austin Miller, Makenzi Nelson, Jackson Neufeld, Will Rainer, Gregory Renstrom, Noah Saindon, Samuel Saenz, Will Schafer, Genevieve Shanks, Yulissa Torres, Corbin Waligura, Anastyn White, Seth Wilde; 3rd Grade: Kynlee Chalker, Rhys Dainauski, Colt Elvington, Grace Geisendorff, Blake Hale, Zachary Hales, Madison Haning, Braden Hilton, Levi Hite-Payne, Gracie Jester, Reid Lotspeich, Tristan May, Lathan Pecina, Ashton Pinkernell, Caleb Siler, Sarah Smith, Samuel Waggoner; 4th Grade: Taylor Badillo, Karlee Beavers, Tony Castro, Ally Dodd, Reese Patterson, Creed Rainer, Hayden Rodges, Dillon Wylie; **A Honor Roll:** Austin Anderson, Brody Barnett, Sydney Bodnyk, Landry Bortzfield, Jude Coglietti, Enrique Colunga, Harper Dorcey, Kirstyn Dupler, Tinsley Ehret, Jose Escalera, Lily Foster, Kinslee Gray, Kira Hardy, Raynee Hayes, Elise Hedges, Zane Highlen-Prince, Isabella Jaramillo, Cayden Johnson, Kohen Lanham, Lizzie Leonard, Gus Maldonado, Angie Mendoza, Matilda Miller, Rider Patterson, Cadence Ploch, Makenzie Rizzo, Edgar Rodriguez, Fatima Rodriguez, Erick Rubio, Lincoln Saenz, Isabella Seay, Brayan Silva Diaz, Allison Simpson, Blake Thigpen, Joshua Todd, Dakota Waligura, Brooklyn Wilcocks; 2nd Grade: Gina Aiken, Carson Beck, Ayden Bell, Cole Bolt, Caleb Bowen, Janet Chavez, Aiden Christian, Jonah Colon, Oliver Culpepper, Rosee Davis, Jacob Endsley, Knox Gage, Aly Gann, Paxtyn Graves, Reese Hale, Scarlett Helenberger, Kylie Hughes, Layeton Ingram, Anna Kruzie, Madalyn Lang, Melanie Martinez, Austin Miller, Makenzi Nelson, Jackson Neufeld, Alexis Ortiz, Will Rainer, Gregory Renstrom, Noah Saindon, Samuel Saenz, Will Schafer, Genevieve Shanks, Halston Standerfer, Yulissa Torres, Corbin Waligura, Anastyn White, Seth Wilde, Azahria Williams, Jayden Wright; 3rd Grade: Brody Bracewell, Kynlee Chalker, Zaiden Choate, Rhys Dainauski, Jordan Decker, Colt Elvington, Grace Geisendorff, Blake Hale, Zachary Hales, Madison Haning, Braden Hilton, Levi Hite-Payne, Gracie Jester, Reid Lotspeich, Wilson Marks, Tristan May, Millana Morin, Daniel Munoz, Lia Parnell, Lathan Pecina, Ashton Pinkernell, Caleb Siler, Keyla Silva Diaz, Sarah Smith, Evelin Tavera, Samuel Waggoner; 4th Grade: Taylor Badillo, Karlee Beavers, Legend Bounds, Tony Castro, Ally Dodd, Cali Dodson, Barrett Elmore, Micah Fisher, Justin Grayard, Emma Marks, Lilly Martin, Colt Nelson, Hayden Nelson, Reese Patterson, Creed Rainer, Hayden Rodges, Dillon Wylie; **AB HONOR ROLL:** 1st Grade: Brinley Beavers, Alexia Falcon, Jadalyne Morin, Krissah O'Brien, Benny Pena, Samantha Snell; 2nd Grade: Perrin Berry, Rylee Cassidy, Maliya Farrell, Vianay Fuentes, Weston Goetz, Blake Goodson, Tommy Hammack, Addison Hinkley, Kaden Kidd, Kailyn Miller, Yulianna Narciso, Anthony Nuzzi, Sofia Pina Lowery, Marcela Reyes, Caleb Robinson, Joel Rocha, Ryder Ruiz, Landry Russell, Gavin Rutherford, Emily Sandon, Landry Scott, Daniel Scroggins, JR Scroggins, Melissa Torres; 3rd Grade: Jentry Backschies, Logan Barrientez, Erick Fraire, Milly Fraire, Alannah Garcia, Ben Giles, Finlee Gressett, Emma Hollis, Joe Jaramillo, Elijah Johnson, Kayleigh Kidd, Garron Lorusso, Michelle Perez, Elyson Schafer, Jace Wade, Zac Wilde; 4th Grade: Matthew Bohac, Ella Brummett, Sadie Buckalew, Julian Castorena, Isaiah Colon, Brayden Fortune, Mackenzie Foster, Ajay Gawande, Keaton Halley, Saxon Harris, Dustin Heist, Scout Helenberger, Emily Hickman, Jacob Krupa, Jackson Kruzie, Bella Lopez, Macie Mann, Jackson Mazey, Ava McComb, Camila Mendoza, Gisselle Mercado, Nathan Merrill, Brooklynn Neufeld, Madison Ortiz, Mauricio Porras, Jordan Rico, Agustin Robledo, Riley Rogan, Kaitlin Stephan, Jasmine Tapia, Emily Todd, Tatum Underwood, Olivia Vargas, Braxton White

## GMS Honor Rolls - 4th 9 Weeks

**Principal's Honor Roll:** 5th Grade: Caitlin Badillo, Peyton Beavers, Bryce Biros, Brock Boddie, Kane Bolt, Luke Bullard, Burkleigh Coats, Camryn Craddock, Grace Dainauski, Mitchell Gage, Reese Gibbs, Chloe Johnson, Madison Litz, Jesus Mercado, Colin Peacock, Ella Pinkernell, Marysa Saenz, Isabela Thomas, Dylan Tokarz, Kari Kate Watkins, Raiden Windlow; 6th Grade: Kai Altun, Shelby Blansett, Ryli Bracewell, Jackson Burkholder, Berkeley Caple, Kase Carlile, Abigail Elmore, Alexis Gann, Kinley Johnson, Kendall Jolly, Houston Rehmet, Jackson Rue, Keeli Sweet, Bailey Watson; 7th Grade: Nick Bullard, Grace Fortune, Dylan Marsh, Gray Mcdowell, Kamber Puebla, Cameron Roller, Kailey Tokarz, Elle Whitteker; 8th Grade: Hope Caperton, Alexakai Cardoza, Audrey Curtis, Lane Dophied, Malison Fisher, Sarah Beth Jackson, Jayden Jones, Nicole Leach, Cole Lemons, Kiley Meadors, Sophia Mendoza, Landon Pelfrey, Kaden Rigsby, Erin Seiberling, Rhiana Vincent, Bella Voto; **A Honor Roll:** 5th Grade: Easton Beck, Hayden Farrell, Avery Hale, Tate Howard, William Kanouse, Wendy Salazar, Luke Wilde; 6th Grade: Katherine Clemens, Avery Diers, Makena Fady, Brooks Griggs-Bell, Kathryn Jaramillo, Brelee Mauldin, Avery Parrish, Reagan Riffe, Sitaly Rodriguez, Collin Vest; 7th Grade: Samantha Aiken, Ava Cantrell, Aubrey Duarte, Viviana Galvan, Finlee Gibson, Abby Marks, Jaden Martin, Bianca Mercado, Mason Peacock, Miranda Putnicki, Caden Severns, Madison Thigpen; 8th Grade: Kenneth Burkholder, Sarah Denton, Olivia Eft, Bennett Fady, Ignacio Jaramillo, Grace King, Sean McClure, Sofia Siciliano, Greyson Toney; **A/B Honor Roll:** 5th Grade: Bryan Balderas, Reid Brackeen, Brynne Craven, Ava Cundiff, Isabella Davis, Jackson Decker, Isaac DeLeon, Christian Escalera, Tollie Ferguson, Brenley Gibson, Garrin Goetz, Christianna Grayard, Addison Hammer, Zakary Jolly, Maddox Key, J'leigh Larra, Ayden McComb, Cesar Montes, Diego Munoz, Tara Nemoto, Keara Osborne, Kayla Rizzo, Jorge Sanchez, Troy Underwood, Cesar Vega, Trevor Wright, Matthew Yosten; 6th Grade: Aubrey Clark, Dante Colon, Luke Dodd, Jeremy Dodson, Daniel Dominguez, Gavin Dupler, Hailey Foster, Lucas Frank, Grace Fugett, Kylee Goodson, Dominic Gugliotta, Brayden Hinton, Jaxson Jester, Mckenzy Jones, Brian Journagan, Carter Layton, Zachary Litz, Jace Martin, Mya Mccorkle, Jose Narciso, Brodee Parker, Reid Patterson, Caseyn Ploch, Kendyl Sikes, Hayden Standerfer, Griffin Ward, Natalie Williams; 7th Grade: Paige Yosten, Nolan Backschies, Isabella Beltowski, Ashley Betancourt, Trent Carr, Ryan Cassidy, Jose Chavez, Paige Daniel, Tyler Dorris, Tony Fraire, David Garcia, Roman Garcia, Ella Johnson, Lexi Koonce, Connor Lenderman, Dakota Lowery, Rayanna Mauldin, Brody McDonald, Gabby Meinen, Samantha Neufeld, Logan Pierce, Adam Reed, Hanna Rubis, Laney Russell, Zeke Saenz, Briley Singleton, Ethan Sloan, Jonathan Smith, Drew Smith, Jack St Clair, Collier Stovall, Campbell Voto, Ashtyn Wade, Landon Waligura, Aubrey Walton, Trey Walton, Benjamin Wilde; 8th Grade: Adelle Brackeen, Baylee Brackeen, Brayleigh Cardoza, Demetrius Colon, Bella Craven, Harper Culp, Edgar Fuentes, Gabriella Geisendorff, Eli Godwin, Gavin Hale, Jacob Hales, Payton Krupa, Hunter Kruzie, Lanie Martin, Ryann Menser, Micah Nevil, Lucas O'neal, Trey Oblas, Dalton Payne, Saul Rodriguez, Haley Rosas, Lana Saenz, Jake Schafer, Cloe Skipworth, Natalie Stephan, Erik Tapia, Cooper Wade, Carson Whitley





## Superintendent's Honor Roll End of Year Celebration

Congratulations to the 18 Superintendent Honor Roll honorees! They had a great day at Pinstack - bowling, playing games and much more, with our Central Office staff! The students were chosen by their teachers throughout the year for their outstanding character, and as a reward, were taken on an end of the year field trip.



## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

GISD has the best PTO! Each campus was "loved" by parents for an entire week. There were meals, snacks, or gifts in the lounge every day during Teacher Appreciation Week.

The faculty and staff would like to thank everyone who was involved in making the week so memorable.



# Birthday Book Club



Celebrating a May birthday with a book from the Birthday Book Club are: Krissah O'Brien, Payden Friday, Krew Sheridan and Harper Biros.



Celebrating a June birthday with a book from the Birthday Book Club are: Erick Fraire, Ailin Mares, Isabella Seay, Levi Hite-Payne and Reese Hale.



Celebrating a July birthday with a book from the birthday book club are: Kinsler Miller, Brylee Rodgers, Marcela Mares, Ava McComb, Tinley Ehret, Colt Elvington and Elijah Johnson. Not Pictured: Rylie Cassidy and Lincoln Saenz



Our birthday book club members celebrated with cupcakes at the end of the year party. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Birthday Book Club and donated a book to our library for all of the students to enjoy.

## *Readers are Champions*



Throughout the 2017-2018 school year, 113 students participated in the "Readers are Champions Program" with 20 students actively participating during each nine week grading period. Together, our students read a total of 224,955 minutes for the year! Our Top Girl Reader is Raynee Hayes, Top Boy is Jacob Endsley and our Top Overall Reader is Matilda Miller who read a total of 8,375 minutes. We will kick off our 2018-2019 reading program August 30th.



# Elementary Art Show



The elementary art show was a great success! Walking through the halls, you could view a variety of art created by the 4th grade, clay bowls created by the 3rd grade, painted rocks and weaving by the 2nd grade, Mouse and Motorcycle clay art by the 1st grade, and paintings by kindergartners.

The projects were amazing! We have some talented students at GES.

Special thanks to Stephanie Brummit and Britney Ehret for sharing some great pictures! And a huge thanks to Carla Wade for putting this all together!

## The Little Train That Could Sing - GES Kindergarten



The GES kindergarten students recently learned about fairy tales and fables. Their performance of "The Little Train That Could Sing" was a great way to bring the unit to life! They performed the musical for family and friends and did a wonderful job!





## Summer Reading Challenge 2018

Gunter Elementary would like to invite our students to participate in our Summer Reading Challenge. Students in grades K - 1 are challenged to read, or have read to them, 10 books. Students grades 2 - 4 are challenged to read 4 chapter books. You will find a reading log on our website that you can document the books you have read. Please return your reading log during the first week of school and we will recognize all of our summer readers during our first Ambush.

We encourage you to visit any of the following libraries:

Gunter Public Library

110 S. Highway 289, Suite 4, Gunter, TX  
903-771-3066 gunterpatron@gmail.com

Sherman Public Library

421 N. Travis, Sherman, TX  
903-892-7240

Van Alstyne Public Library

151 W Cooper, Van Alstyne, TX  
903-482-5991

Whitesboro Public Library

308 W Main, Whitesboro, TX  
903-564-5432



## Taking the Challenge?

Please find a reading log for your convenience located at the end of this newsletter.



Our Pre-K classes had the opportunity to Skype with Sea World - San Antonio to learn about Sea Lions, snakes, and other animals. Sea World is one of the students favorite places to Skype!



## New Friends Say Goodbye

Early in the year, a Mystery Skype brought two groups of students together who would not have met otherwise. Gunter 2nd graders and elementary students from San Vicente formed new friendships via Skype and they were maintained throughout the year via letters - yes, pen pals! The last week of school, they met one last time via Skype to wish each other a happy summer.

It was a truly amazing experience for these students. This will be one year the students will not forget!





# Jump Rope for the Heart

In celebration of reaching their goal of \$2000 for Jump for the Heart, Gunter Elementary got to “silly string” Coach Watson and Mrs. Graves, the coordinators of the fundraiser. Not only did they meet their goal, but they DOUBLED it, raising over \$4000. The top fundraisers got to spray the silly string while their classmates looked in. Great job GES!

## Kids Coding

Mrs. Harper’s 1st grade class is having fun exploring coding with their new Botley coding robot. Mrs. Harper had listed a “wish” on DonorsChoose.org for the robot and a STEM kit, and some gracious person funded it for her!



## The Bear Went Over the Mountain



The 1st grade entertained their classmates and family by performing “The Bear Went Over the Mountain”. The musical helped the students (and audience) learn that friendship and group work are very important! They did an awesome job and the costumes were great! Mrs. Kulbeth said, “The kids did a wonderful job, and I am so proud of them.”



# We're Soaring With Eagles



Mr. President and The First Lady along with two baby eaglets are on their nest at the US National Arboretum in Washington D.C. Mrs. Loewen's class began watching the eagles live in January when they started repairs to their nest. The First Lady laid two eggs the end of March and they hatched the end of April. Both parents worked on the nest, incubated the eggs, and chased off unwanted visitors. They also each hunt for food and take turns taking care of the eaglets that are currently named DC 6 and DC 7. Watch the eagles live at [www.dceaglecam.org](http://www.dceaglecam.org) and get updates on the Facebook pages Washington DC Eagle Cam Watchers or American Eagle Foundation LIVE Nest Cams.

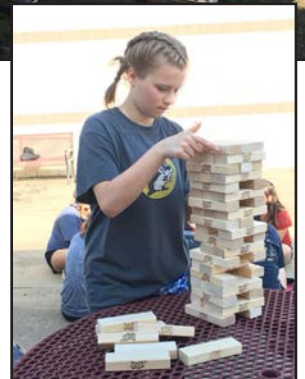


The 7th grade class took their annual trip to Austin to learn about our great state!



GMS Student Council at Group Dynamix learning leadership skills and teamwork!!

# GMS Fun Day!







7th grader, Nick Bullard, received special recognition from Duke TIP for scoring high on the ACT. Nick works hard in and out of the classroom each and every day. We are especially proud of this Gunter Tiger!



Mrs. Rodarmer's homeroom learned the operations of a restaurant kitchen and enjoyed an Italian lunch at Olive Garden, compliments of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. As a school, we collected \$3,661.55 to contribute to the Leukemia and

Lymphoma Society. Mrs. Rodarmer's class went the extra mile and collected the most of any one class, with a total of \$971.32, which earned them this trip to Olive Garden.

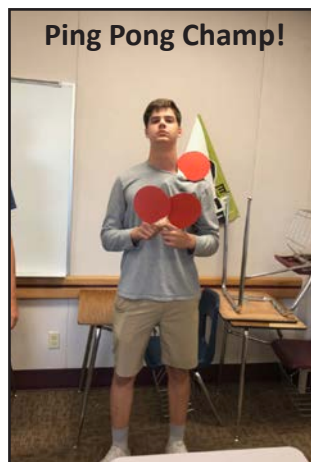
## Teacher for a Day

In Mrs. Dodd's class, students ended the year taking on the role of a teacher. They were tasked to teach the class for a day on any subject they chose. With our FFA Judging Team earning top honors in Land Judging, Ainslee Stovall and Channing Clement chose to teach the students how to judge the land!



David Denton and

William Marshall chose to teach about the history of ping pong, and then had some fun competition going on! Putting students in charge of their own learning can bring a world of knowledge into the classroom!





# GHS Academic Banquet

The night we honor the top students in each class!



Congratulations to the students who earned top honors at the “Treasures of Success” Academic Banquet. Every year, we honor the top students in each class as determined by GPA for the school year.

Seniors who are invited are asked to honor a teacher who has touched their lives during their time in Gunter ISD. They each step up to the podium and give a heart warming description of their chosen teacher, which is such a touching event. It is these moments that a teacher really learns the impact they’ve made on a student.

We are proud of all of the students who were invited to the banquet!

## 2018 Honorees

Eliza Allen, Matthew Avendano, Brian Avendano, Kenna Carruthers, Jacie Childers, Kara Curtis, Reya Dawlah, David Denton, Sarah Franze, Jacquelyn Galvan, Paige Garner, Abigail Gilbreath, Melanie Loftis, Emily Loftis, Camryn MacDonald, William Marshall, Addison Mercer, Laurel Mulkey, Lauren Nobles, Karissa Pelfrey, Robert Rehmet, Austin Rue, Mary Smith, Kaylee Smith, Keely Ward



# National Honor Society New Member Induction Ceremony



Congratulations to the following GHS students who were inducted into the Gunter chapter of the National Honor Society.

William Blansett, Channing Clement, Tristan Cochran, Cassady Craddock, Kara Curtis, David Denton, Jackie Galvan, Skye Hawk, Taylor Howard, Josh Magers, Schuyler Marshall, William Marshall, Ryan Morrison, Laurel Mulkey, Jake Osburn, Erin Robertson, Zoey Singleton, Ainslee Stovall, Keely Ward, Sydney Wright

## 2018 - 2019 NHS Officers



Kaylee Smith - President, Tori Gittens - Vice President, Halle Ward - Secretary, Alyssa Jarrell - Treasurer, Madi Varns - Historian, Grant McClure - Parliamentarian



NHS 2017-18 Officers, Kaylee Smith, Halle Ward, Tori Gittens, and Ryan Hugus, had fun helping out with the Special Olympics held in Prosper.



# NATIONAL RECOGNITION

by Chris Dodd, GHS Principal

State Championships are rare.

Even if you count individual gold medals in track and field, the Tigers can still count them all on two hands.

A National Championship comes around maybe once in a lifetime. It is an unparalleled event.

Gunter, Texas is on the map thanks to National Blue Ribbon recognition for our elementary, a state football championship and repeat appearance last fall. And now we can boast of elite status in the world of agriculture and the Future Farmers of America organization. Parents already had reasons to look at Gunter as a place to escape the sprawling Metroplex growth in search of opportunity for a more traditional schooling for their children. Our FFA program just added another reason to choose Gunter.



The foursome of Ainslee Stovall, Halle Ward, Alyssa Jarrell, and Luke Willard kept getting better with each competition. A disappointing 3rd place finish at Area still qualified the team for State. The team set their jaw, and not only surpassed their local foes, but outdueled all but four other statewide competitors to earn a top five finish and berth to Oklahoma City. FFA competitions are held by region and the smallest enrollments compete alongside the biggest programs in the State. It is not unusual to see a school that plays Six-Man football outperform a program from a 6A school.

Representatives from 33 states (100 teams) traveled to Oklahoma to take a shot at the big prize. After two days of competition, two Texas programs of comparable size, Sonora and Gunter, were the last two standing. The Tigers reigned supreme. Gunter has its first National Champion.

"We put in a lot of work, especially the week prior," says

Sophomore Ainslee Stovall. The aspiring Baylor nursing major acknowledged that program director Brad Schnitker challenged them to get out of their comfort zone and set their sights on something beyond their belief. "We wanted to perform well and represent Gunter. Mr. S said we had more in us than just showing up."

"I believed we could go top ten if we just did what we knew how to do," admitted Senior Luke Willard. Luke tabs the time spent with another high school program as a game changer in their preparation. "The good folks at Hico High School won the homesite competition and we set up a meeting with them. They gave us a few tips and strategies to use. Mostly don't overthink it. Just do what you did to get there." Luke is off to Clarendon College on virtually a full agriculture scholarship and will major in wildlife management. "Mr. Schnitker has brought a whole new level of Ag life that can be applied to our future careers," Luke brags.

Alyssa Jarrell wanted to try something new her Freshman year and a little urging from Mr. Schnitker got her interested in a judging team. "Through trial and error together we became a family on the judging teams," she says. Alyssa wants to attend Tech or A&M and major in something requiring engineering. However, her main objective the week of nationals was to send a Senior out the right way. "Luke has led this program the past few years and we wanted as a team to do something big for him."

Halle Ward has made a name for herself in the FFA program. Her gifts in public speaking provide a steady source of communication and confidence that others can draw from. However, her primary role is to make sure the correct pre-competition snack order is placed. "We have Dominoes pizza on every AG trip," she laughs. "Pepperoni with mushrooms – it is the secret to success. If we get that done right the rest falls into place." Halle too wants to major in nursing and attend Midwestern State.

FFA protocols prohibit the same individuals to participate on an advancing judging team more than once in their high school career. Luke moves on to college and Alyssa, Halle, and Ainslee will look for another judging team to compete on next year. Mr. Schnitker feels confident that more is to come for the Gunter FFA program. Don't bet against another banner being hung next Spring!





# FFA Year in Review

Since its beginnings, the FFA has always believed in the importance of healthy competition. FFA competition is the toughest to be found anywhere, whether it be judging, speaking or parliamentary procedure. District 6 consists of 22 schools and AREA 5 FFA has 164 school chapters. Success requires commitment of time and effort. We are very proud of the 6 teams representing Gunter this year. Congratulations to the following **Leadership Teams**:

## **JUNIOR CHAPTER CONDUCTING TEAM - 6TH (DISTRICT)**

Martin Garcia, Gunnar Griggs-Bell, Colton Jolly, Colten Lankford, Beth Martinek, Neelie Parker, Jacob Parrish, Jailyn Porter, Bryson Rigsby

## **RADIO BROADCASTING TEAM - 4TH (DISTRICT)**

Gabby Garcia, Josh Magers, Bryson Rigsby

## **JUNIOR QUIZ TEAM - 5TH (DISTRICT)**

Gunnar Griggs-Bell, Beth Martinek, Neelie Parker, Jailyn Porter

## **THE SENIOR QUIZ TEAM - 4th (DISTRICT)**

Cassady Craddock, Jake Osburn, Ainslee Stovall, Halle Ward

## **SENIOR CHAPTER CONDUCTING - 3rd (DISTRICT)**

Channing Clement, Gabby Garcia, Natalee Hayes, Colby Hurd, Alyssa Jarrell, Grant McClure, Jake Osburn, Jack Shirley, Ainslee Stovall

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM - 5th (DISTRICT)**

Cassady Craddock, Jillian Jones, Skylar Sullivent

## **Alumni Officers 2018-2019**

Shane Diers	President
Jennie Bullard	1st Vice President
Mareen Pelzel	2nd Vice President
Bridget Jarrell	Secretary
Lisa Marks	Treasurer
Ashley Gann	Publicity /Auction Chair

## **Gunter FFA Officers 2018-2019**

President	Alyssa Jarrell
1st – Vice	Halle Ward
2nd – Vice	Emerson Eft
Secretary	Ainslee Stovall
Treasurer	Cassady Craddock
Reporter	Jake Osburn
Sentinel	Channing Clement
Student Advisor	Colby Brown
Parliamentarian	Grant McClure
Public Relations	Gunnar Griggs-Bell
Historian	Shelby Parkman
Chaplain	Natalee Hayes
Photographer	Beth Martinek

Judging team participation is very important to the Gunter FFA chapter. In fact, it was a judging contest that first brought agriculture students from across the nation together for the first time in 1926, which eventually led to the founding of the FFA in 1928. Our very own Gunter FFA chapter was chartered in 1948.

This spring our judging teams competed at the Tarleton Invitational Contest, Texas Tech Invitational, West Texas A&M Contest, Clarendon College Judging Contest, and the Parker County Judging Contest. Our FFA members spent many hours after school, as well as on weekends, practicing and traveling to these judging contests.

## **Livestock Judging Team - 24th out of 88 teams in Area**

Luke Willard, Cassady Craddock, Leann Fox, Jake Osburn, Shelby Parkman

## **Horse Judging Team - 14th out of 91 teams (Missed going to state by 1 point)**

Colby Brown, Cassady Craddock, Gunnar Griggs-Bell, Zach Rogers

\* Zach was 15th High Individual.

## **Homesite Judging Team - 6th in Area (Missed state by one place)**

Channing Clements, Gabby Garcia, Grant McClure, Natalee Hays

**The land Judging Team was our major highlight of the year.** They started a little slow and was 3rd in the area contest, they stepped up their game and placed 5th in State which qualified them for the National contest. Halle Ward earned 2nd high individual and Luke Willard earned 10th High Individual at State. At Nationals the top 100 teams from 33 states competed, and Gunter had a really good day. Halle Ward was 10th High Individual and Alyssa Jarrell was 11th High Individual, and as you know from the previous page... they were named the 2018 National Champions!



## Speaking Events

**Junior Prepared Public Speaking** - Gunnar Griggs-Bell – 1st in District and 4th in Area

Cassady Craddock was 1st in **Senior Policy**, 1st in **Senior Agribusiness** and 2nd in **Exempt** in District. At Area she was 2nd in **Agribusiness**, 3rd in **Ag Policy**.

## Lone Star Degree Candidates for 2017-18

Gabby Garcia, Halle Ward, Alyssa Jarrell, Emerson Eft, Grant McClure and Colby Brown.

Livestock projects have always been a big part of the Gunter FFA program. Way back in the days of Kenyon Woods, and more recently Adrian O’Hanlon, Gunter FFA and this area of North Texas has been known for great livestock.

### Texoma Junior Livestock Show (AKA: Loy Lake)

Gunter FFA entered: 11 goats, 31 pigs, 10 steers, 5 heifers and 7 Ag Mechanics Projects.

#### The following made the sale:

Aubrey Wendt	Goat
Luke Willard	Goat
Emma Marks	Goat
Micah Fisher	Goat
Clay Banks	Pig
Abby Marks	Pig
Avery Posey	Pig
Leann Fox	2 Pigs
Gunnar Griggs-Bell	Pig
Camryn Craddock	Pig
Ashtyn Wade	Pig
Alexis Gann	Pig
Grace Fugett	Pig
Camryn Craddock	Steer

### San Angelo Livestock Show

Leann Fox - 9th Place Cross

Cassady Craddock - Reserve Breed Champ Duroc

### San Antonio Stock Show

Cassady Craddock - 2nd Place /4th Overall Poland Gilt

### Houston Livestock Show

Camryn Craddock – 9th Place Duroc

Ashytn Wade – 3rd Place Hamp

Gunnar Griggs-Bell – 4th Place Duroc

Brooks Griggs-Bell – 10th Place Berk

Page Yosten – 8th Place Dark Cross

Clay Banks – 9th Place Hamp

Camryn Craddock – 4th place hereford steer

Luke Willard – 1st in the scramble steer show

Hunter Simco, Jaxson Jester, Grace Jester and Joe Cooper also competed hard with heifers at the State Fair, Fort Worth and San Angelo Livestock Shows.

Stock Shows aren’t just for animals, and we had some top competitors in other areas! The following projects made the premium sale at the county show:

Luke Willard - Hay Trailer

Colt Nelson - Fire Pit Benches

Clay Banks, James Thomas, Chandler Wade and Grant Gilbert - Shop Table

Colt Nelson competed with his project at the Fort Worth and San Angelo Shows and received blue ribbons.

Luke Willard hauled his 43 foot hay trailer to San Angelo, San Antonio and Houston Ag Mech shows and placed 2nd or better in all three. He won over \$5000 in prizes combined at the three events.

*What an **AMAZING YEAR** for our **FFA** students!*  
*Congratulations on all of your achievements!*



# Band Season Finale

The band had a historical evening while playing music from “history”. Each group was outstanding! The 6th grade amazed the audience with what they have accomplished as a band this year. The junior high had the audience clapping along, and the high school ended the evening with the 1812 Overture -- a fitting ending for a historical night!



(Above) State solo and ensemble band students at the State Capitol



## MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER BAND CAMP

The Gunter Middle School Band (7th and 8th graders) is having a summer band camp on August 14th and 15th! Practice for All-Region, fun tunes, stand tunes and lots of food! Lots of one on one time, masterclasses, time with friends and getting ready for the school year! The camp starts at 3pm on both days and ends at 6:30pm. Have a great summer and see you in August for camp! - Mrs. Krause





The 6th grade GMS choir earned straight ones at the Sandy Lake Competition. Awesome job, students!

# CHOIR



Members of the Chamber Choir sang the National Anthem at the Texas Revolution game in Frisco.

The GMS and GHS Choirs ended the year on a great NOTE! At the spring concert, we witnessed their great talent in groups and individually. We also watched as several students received awards that were earned throughout competitions this year.





## FINAL BASEBALL STANDINGS - AREA QUALIFIERS

Bi-District Playoffs vs Leonard

Win Game 1 - Gunter 1 Leonard 0 / Game 2 - Gunter 5 Leonard 4

Area Playoffs vs Sunnyvale

Loss Game 1 - Sunnyvale 7 GT 5 / Game 2 - Sunnyvale 10 GT 1

## REGIONAL TRACK RESULTS

Congratulations to the following athletes who placed at the Regional Meet:

100 Meter Hurdles - Lauren Nobles 4th Place 16.60

110 Meter Hurdles - Tristan Meadors 6th Place 15.82

## Bass Fishing Regional Champions and 9th in STATE

Austin Gaines

Grant Gilbert

Boat Captain: Greg Gaines

Kyle Watson \$3k scholarship

Josh Rogers \$3k scholarship

Boat Captain: Kevin Gressett

Logan Nelson \$500 from Microsoft

Zach Rogers \$500 from Microsoft

Boat Captain: HD Rodgers

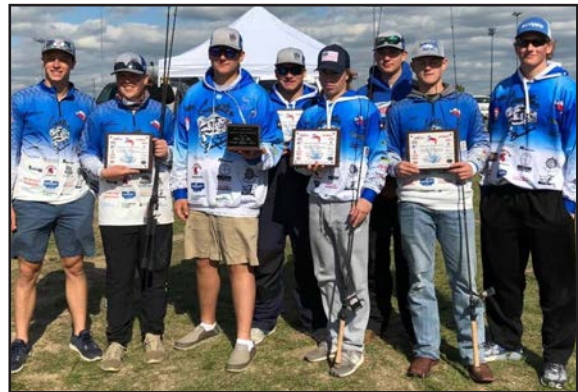
Cooper Enloe

Landry Laird \$2k scholarship

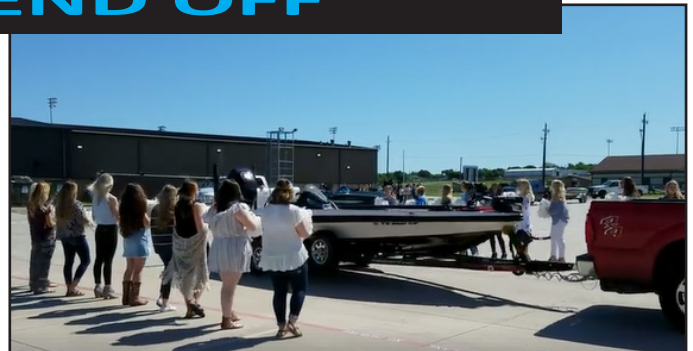
Boat Captain: Jeff Enloe

Chandler Wade

Boat Captain: John Bryson



## STATE SEND OFF



The team was sent off in true Tiger style! The "boat parade" traveled through cheering fans and headed off to Lake Sam Rayburn to compete in the STATE Championships. GHS had 6 teams competing, and placed 9th in the STATE out of 104 teams (including 6A schools).



# GHS Tigers at Camp RYLA 2018



Strong leaders are made, not born - leadership principles are learned, not inherited. Rotary clubs throughout the world are committed to helping shape the leadership skills of today's youth. Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) is one way Rotarians achieve this goal. At Camp RYLA, students have the unique opportunity to be exposed to the many facets of leadership by individuals who are already leaders in their professions. The camp focuses on personal and professional development of high school

students. RYLA campers are high school juniors who have excelled in one or more areas of high school involvement and who have proven leadership potential. Camp participants have good academic records, hold offices and are involved in other student or community activities. Each year, more than 1500 students from 80 North Texas high schools compete for 185 camp scholarships. Gunter High School is pleased to be sending Abigail Gilbreath and Austin Rue to Camp RYLA 2018! Please congratulate them on their acceptance when you see them!

## Tips to Stay Safe This Summer

Brought to you by NetSmartz.org

A comic strip with multiple panels illustrating the risks of sexting and providing advice on what to do if it happens. The panels are colorful and use various icons like a heart, a hand pointing, a smartphone, a scale of justice, and silhouettes of people.

MAYBE YOU FELL IN LOVE.

MAYBE IT WAS A JOKE OR DARE.

MAYBE IT FELT LIKE YOU DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE AT ALL.

YES NO

SEND

NO MATTER WHY YOU DECIDED TO SEXT, YOU PROBABLY THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD **STAY PRIVATE**.

**ONLY IT DIDN'T.**

NOW YOUR **PHOTO** OR **VIDEO** IS OUT THERE.

AND YOU **DON'T** KNOW WHAT TO DO.

YOU MAY BE WORRIED THAT PEERS WHO SEE IT WILL **JUDGE** AND **BULLY** YOU.

OR THAT YOUR FAMILY WILL BE **ANGRY** AND **DISAPPOINTED**.

YOU MAY FEEL LIKE THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO ESCAPE THIS SITUATION.

**BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE!**

WHILE YOU CAN'T GET YOUR IMAGE BACK, YOU CAN TAKE STEPS TO:

- ★ GET IT REMOVED FROM WEBSITES.
- ★ HELP STOP IT FROM SPREADING.
- ★ GET EMOTIONAL SUPPORT.
- ★ DEAL WITH BULLIES.

**YOU SENT A SEXT. NOW WHAT?**

NetSmartz Workshop  
NETSMARTZ.ORG/TIPSHEETS



Many teens believe that anything they want to do with *their* bodies and *their* phones is *their* business. They enjoy the privacy and freedom that cell phones give them from their parents and guardians, but what happens when they use their cell phones to explore their sexuality?

Sexting is the sending or distributing of nude or partially nude images. Scary headlines may lead you to believe this is a common practice among teens with extreme consequences. Although the actual numbers vary, many researchers agree that most teens are not sexting, and those who are usually aren't subjected to harsh penalties. However, there are still risks to consider for teens who sext. These tips will help you talk about sexting with your teen so you're both prepared if it ever becomes an issue.

Psychologists like Dr. Abigail Judge advise parents to make discussions about sexual behavior, including sexting, a regular occurrence so teens will be better prepared.

"...research suggests that parents should address the topic of sex with their children—and by extension, digital media and its use in the home—not through a one-time conversation, but through an ongoing dialogue that should begin early and occur often, across developmental time."

Dr. Abigail Judge,  
Harvard Review of Psychiatry, 2012



## THE RISKS

Teens who take, send or forward sexting images may face:

- Embarrassment if their picture is shown to family, friends, classmates and even strangers.
- Bullying or harassment from peers who judge them for sexting.
- Trouble at school if they have violated a school policy. Some teens have been kicked off of athletic teams or suspended from school.
- Future consequences if the image follows them for a long time. It may be seen by college admissions officers or even potential employers.
- Trouble with the police. In extreme cases, kids can be charged for sending or forwarding nude images of minors.

## HOW TO TALK ABOUT IT

- Ask questions to make it clear you're comfortable discussing it. "Has anyone ever asked or pressured you to sext? Have you ever received a sexy picture from someone?"
- Discuss what characterizes a healthy relationship. "Any person pressuring you to sext isn't someone you should trust. Boyfriends and girlfriends come and go, but a sexual image of you can stay around forever."
- Explain how quickly images can spread online. "Once the photo is sent, it's out of your control."
- Emphasize the importance of not forwarding sexts they receive. "You do not have the right to decide who should see someone else's body. Forwarding images is a major violation of trust and exposes the person in the picture to potential ridicule. Imagine how you would feel if someone betrayed your trust by sharing a nude photo of you."

## IF YOUR CHILD'S IMAGE IS ALREADY OUT THERE

- Help them report it to the websites/apps where the image is posted. Make it clear your child is a minor, and it was posted without his or her consent.
- Talk to school officials so they can help stop the spread of the image and any harassment that may be happening.
- Contact the police if your child is being blackmailed, harassed or if it involves an adult.
- Above all, offer support. Assure them that you'll get through this together. Consider seeking professional counseling if they need help coping.



# Protecting your **KIDS** on social media

Online social media services aren't new, but many of us are still learning how to use them without getting into trouble – especially children and teens. Use these tips to help your kids safely use any social media service from networking to image posting sites.

**NetSmartz® Workshop**

For more resources visit **NetSmartz.org**

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## Do you know...



### What they're posting?

Check comments and images for personal information, like phone numbers and addresses, as well as inappropriate and illegal content such as hateful or threatening speech and nudity. Delete anything you think is too much information.



### How they access social media?

Mobile devices, like cell phones and tablets, let children access social media apps away from adult supervision. Children may post content and even share their locations. Review app settings to help them keep information – like their location – private.



### Who they're talking to?

Your child's online contact lists and followers may include people you don't know, or even people your child only knows online. Even if you don't know the contact, make sure you know what images, messages, and other content they're sharing.



### What account settings they're using?

This is where you can control who has access to your child's information. Each social media service has a different setup, so take a look at each one your child uses. Always ask yourself – *what is on the profile and who can see it?*



### Who has access to their information?

Most social media services have ads and applications from 3rd parties, like games and fan pages. If children click on these or add them to their profiles, they are allowing access to their personal information. Have a discussion about what's OK to add and what's not.



### Where to report?

If anyone talks to your child about sex, shares or asks them to share sexual images, or is a victim of sexual exploitation, make a report to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® at **www.CyberTipline.com** or **1-800-THE-LOST®**.



# KEEP SUMMER FUN & SAFE

Resurrect Life, Inc | [Hello@Resurrectlife.com](mailto:Hello@Resurrectlife.com)

The safety of our community and citizens is a responsibility we each have. The crime of modern day slavery known as human trafficking is real. Resurrect Life, Inc. in partnership with Homeland Security and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children have provided the following information.

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## BE EDUCATED. EQUIPPED. EMPOWERED.



### GENERAL OVERVIEW

Human trafficking victims are often invisible because we do not recognize indicators of human trafficking. Identifying signs of human trafficking and reporting a tip may save a life. Your second look could be their second chance.

CUT & PASTE THESE SHORT VIDEOS INTO YOUR BROWSER:

[https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/videos/blue-campaign/16\\_04\\_20\\_bc-infographic.mp4](https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/videos/blue-campaign/16_04_20_bc-infographic.mp4)  
<https://youtu.be/TQFQqU3O9GM>



### LABOR TRAFFICKING

This crime is committed when a trafficker uses force, fraud, or coercion to compel another person to work for little or no wages. Human trafficking victims are often invisible because we do not recognize indicators of human trafficking. Identifying signs of human trafficking and reporting a tip may save a life.

COPY & PASTE THIS 5 MINUTE VIDEO INTO YOUR BROWSER:

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### SEX TRAFFICKING

This crime is committed when a trafficker uses force, fraud, or coercion to compel another person to perform commercial sex acts. Human trafficking victims are often invisible because we do not recognize indicators of human trafficking. Identifying signs of human trafficking and reporting a tip may save a life.

COPY & PASTE THIS 7 MINUTE VIDEO INTO YOUR BROWSER:

[https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/videos/15\\_0430\\_blueCampaign/entrapment.mp4](https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/videos/15_0430_blueCampaign/entrapment.mp4)





## Gunter Independent School District Board Briefs

Thursday, May 18, 2018

### **GISD Regular Board Meeting 6:00pm**

*The Regular meeting was called to order by Dr. Gary Harris, Board President. A quorum was established. Pledge by Dr. Gary Harris. Student Introduction by GHS Senior, Lexie Lenderman.*

**ATTENDANCE:** Board members included: Jeff Banks, L.D. Byrd, Dr. Gary Harris, Candy Leonard, Scott Meyerdirk and Steve Smith; District attendance included: Dr. Jill Siler, Mr. Kelly Teems, Mr. Mark Skinner and Mr. Matt Cooper.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- A full Financial Report was presented by Dr. Siler
- Communications
  - Enrollment Update
    - Elementary School 371
    - Middle School 265
    - High School 290
    - TOTAL 926
  - Attendance Update – Mr. Cooper shared the enrollment and attendance information and its impact on funding for this school year. We are currently tracking about \$500,000 in additional revenue due to enrollment growth.
  - Capital Projects Update – Mr. Teems gave an update on all of the capital projects.
  - Annexation Update – Mr. Cooper shared an update that all of GISD properties are now listed in the city boundaries per Grayson Appraisal District (per the 1988 letter the City of Gunter provided noting annexation).
  - Strategic Plan Update – Dr. Siler shared the preparatory work that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team is doing planning for the 1:1 pilot program for the 2018-19 school year
  - Annual SHAC Report – Nurse Casey Layman shared all of the school health activities that have taken place this past school year.
  - Chapter 41 Information – Mr. Cooper shared a letter from TEA which noted that one of the calculations for determining property wealth had triggered a potential Chapter 41 status for GISD. Chapter 41 schools are classified as “property wealthy” and may have to give money back to the state. After further analysis, it was determined that because GISD takes transfer students and does not charge them tuition, we will remain Chapter 42 and will not have to return any funds to the state. Final TEA determinations are released in July
  - Upcoming Events / Meeting Dates
    - May 25<sup>th</sup>, Graduation, 7:00pm
    - May 29<sup>th</sup>, Board Training, 5:30pm Dinner/6:00pm Training @ ES
    - May 31<sup>st</sup>, Opening Night at the Track, 7:00-8:30pm
    - June 21<sup>st</sup>, Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ Admin
    - July 30<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ Admin
    - August 14<sup>th</sup>, Tax & Budget Hearing, 6:00pm @ Admin
    - August 28<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ Admin



- Board Member Report
  - Oath of Office was Administered to Jeff Banks and Scott Meyerdirk
  - 2018-2019 Board Agenda Planning Document was Shared highlighting meeting dates for next school year

### **CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS:**

April 16<sup>th</sup> & April 23<sup>rd</sup> Minutes, April Billing, GISD being Fiscal Agent for the Grayson County Special Education SSA for 2018-2019 school year, GISD Joining the Grayson County Special Education Shared Service Arrangement and Cooperatives and Shared Service Arrangement through Region 10 for the 2018-2019 school year.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- The Board Reorganized Board Officers:
  - Scott Meyerdirk-Board President
  - Jeff Banks-Board Vice President
  - L.D. Byrd-Board Secretary
- The Board approved the Superintendent to enter into an easement agreement along Kerfoot Road with Oncor Power Works that is partially above ground and partially under-ground as presented.
- The Board approved a Bid in the amount of \$113,538 for the GHS Commons Sound System.
- The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Children's Health to provide medical services at Gunter ISD campuses. Children's Health provides telemedicine with pediatric physicians/nurse practitioners for area schools under the supervision of our campus nurses. They provide all of the equipment, including strep and flu tests and could see our students for things like pink eye, ear infection, strep, flu, etc. We have a portion of our students who do not have a primary care physician or pediatrician and this could be a benefit to them. For our Medicaid students the services would be free. For insured students, they would file with insurance or it is a \$37.50 flat fee.
- The Board approved the purchase of the portable building from Grayson County Special Education SSA in the amount of \$3,500. This portable building is located on the GMS Campus. It has bathrooms and a sink and would be used for our Art, Horticulture and Floral Design classes. It is currently owned by the Coop who is no longer needing the building.

7:16pm Board went in to Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss personnel. 7:57pm Reconvened from Closed Session.

- New GISD Hires:
  - Katie Beavers, MS Math Teacher
  - Norma Clement, MS Technology Teacher (transitioning from ½ Teacher, ½ Aide to FT teacher)
  - Melissa Crown, Spanish Teacher
  - Daryl Hellman, Teacher/Coach
  - Jonathan London, Bus Driver/Coach/Aide
  - Ken Thorne, Transportation
  - Mark Williams, Bus Driver/Maintenance
- New GCSEC SSA Hires:

- Nathan Gomez, Special Education Teacher
- Kathy McKenzie, Special Education Teacher
- Susan Nesmith, P/T Speech Therapist
- Andrea Quesenberry, P/T Speech Therapist
- Andrina Sansing, Special Education Teacher
- Shared GISD Resignations:
  - Kari Bailey, MS Teacher
  - Leo Castorena, Teacher/Coach
  - Tim Hardy, HS Teacher/Coach
  - Sarah Long, HS Teacher
  - Crystal Porter, ELL Director
  - Crystal Saenz, Aide/Teacher
- Shared GCSEC SSA Resignations:
  - Amber Auldridge, Diagnostician
  - Cheyrl Cohagan, P/T Diagnostician
  - Linda Sawyer, Diagnostician

**ADJOURNMENT:** Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:58pm

In a board training on May 29th, the following hires and resignations were also shared.

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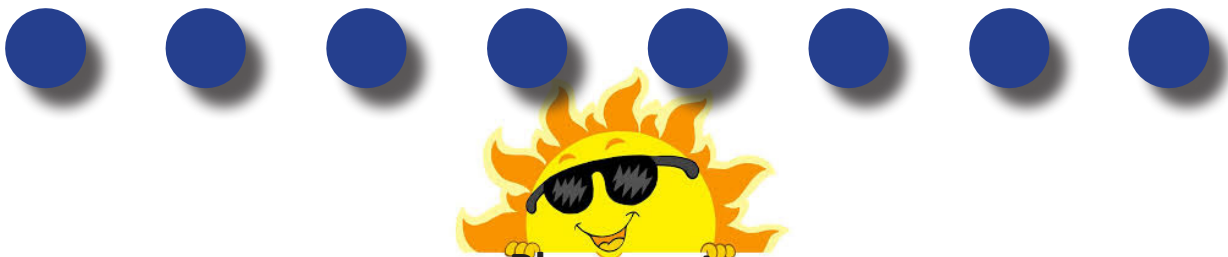
Christine Aleman, HS English Teacher  
 Jennifer Grayard, Preschool/Pre-K  
 Elizabeth Wallis, Teacher, HS Physics Teacher

GCSEC –

Karen Drummond, Diagnostician  
 Lori Fair, Retire/Rehire P/T Diagnostician  
 Lacey Gidney, Teacher  
 Kaycey McLain, Speech Therapist Assistant  
 Claire Sims, Speech Therapist Assistant

Dr. Siler shared that the following resigned/retired:

Elaine Schatz – GISD Elementary Teacher  
 Pam Nicholas – GCSEC Teacher  
 Suzanne Wheeler – GCSEC Teacher



**Please note:**

The next issue of the Tiger Times  
 will be released on August 1st.  
 Have a great summer!



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[www.facebook.com/guntermiddleschool](https://www.facebook.com/guntermiddleschool)

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## Summer Camps

For details and registration information, please check the website for all of our summer camp information!

<http://www.gunterisd.org/Page/414> (Athletic Camps)

<http://www.gunterisd.org/Page/2360> (Other Camps)

June 4 - July 19 | 2018 TIGER SAC CAMP TPW  
Monday, June 4 - Thursday, July 19 (Off July 2nd - 6th)  
Days: Monday - Thursday

June 12-15 | Tigers of Tomorrow Basketball Camp  
Kindergarten-4th Grade - 9AM - 12PM  
5th-8th Grade - 1PM - 4PM  
Registration Deadline: June 1st

June 26-29 | Gunter Cheer Mini Camp  
9AM - 2PM  
GHS Event Center  
All participants will receive a t-shirt, a certificate, and an invitation to perform at a Pep Rally at GHS this fall.

July 30 - August 1 | 2018 Ambush Youth Football Camp  
6:45 pm - 8:00 pm  
Incoming 1st - 6th grade students

July 30 - Aug 1 | 2018 7th - 9th TIGER FOOTBALL CAMP  
Dates: July 30th - Aug. 1st

July 23 - 26 | High School Level Volleyball Camp

July 23rd - 26th | Gunter Volleyball Camp  
3rd-5th grade 8:00-10:00  
6th-8th grade 10:00-12:00

July 11-14 | All-State Camp for Choir Students  
A & M Commerce - Commerce, Texas

August 2-4 | Pioneer All-State Camp for Choir Students  
TWU in Denton, Texas

August 6th-8th | Wildlife Conservation Camp  
Are you interested in wildlife conservation? If so then this is the summer camp for you!

Open to youth Ages 12-18



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## Summer Reading Log

Students in grades K-1 are challenged to read, or have read to them, **10 books**.  
Students grades 2-4 are challenged to read **4 chapter books**. Return your reading log  
to your teacher the first week of school.

Title	Number of Minutes Read	Parent's Signature