



Your typical 1st day of school pics... arriving at school, joining up with friends, picking up schedules.



Your not so typical 1st day of school pics... graciously supplied by the sun and the moon!

Solar Eclipse - August 21, 2017



2017-18 will be a year to remember!

GROWTH...

What an AMAZING first two weeks of school! We hope you enjoyed the Back to School pics – there was so much excitement in our hallways at all of our campuses! There were also a LOT more KIDS!!! We are currently at 924 students districtwide with several more headed our way next month! **That is an increase of 114 students from last fall**, or 14% districtwide! Even more surprising, 89 students of the 114 are new **residents** in Gunter (not transfer students). Given that significant increase, I wanted to share with you some of the things we are doing proactively to prepare for growth:



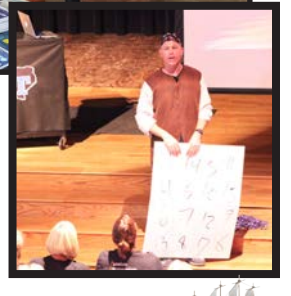
Dr. Jill Siler
Gunter ISD Superintendent

1. **Strategic Planning:** Within our Strategic Planning process, growth is one of the five main areas. We have a broad-based group of school and community members focused on sustainable growth with an emphasis on preparation and a major focus on maintaining our culture while we grow.
2. **Demographic Study:** Gunter ISD has contracted with a demographer who will begin the process of talking with future developers, existing MUDs, city leadership and other entities to give us our first look at what a future build-out could look like including 5 and 10 year projections.
3. **Facility Analysis:** Our board will engage in a deep study of our facilities, focusing on capacities at each campus; start the discussion process for preferred school sizes; and long-term building plan for facilities. We will also be looking at when future bond funds might be available and what we may need to do in the gap between when a building might be needed vs. when a building could actually be built (for example, if we feel we need a new campus in 5 years but our property values won't be high enough to call for a bond election for 7 years, what will we do in the meantime?).
4. **Deepening Relationships with the City:** The Board had its first Joint Meeting with the Gunter city leadership last month to open lines of communication about what each entity is seeing in terms of future growth and development along with discussions of areas for future partnerships.
5. **Looking for Land:** The GOOD news is that there are several elementary and middle school sites that have been dedicated to GISD in MUD agreements. The BAD news is that many of these agreements are old and as new developers come into play, we're not 100% sure they are all locked in. Another challenge is that we may need land before one of these MUDs come online. Finally, these dedicated sites are only 12-15 acres and a fully built out high school campus requires between 60-80 acres. Our current combined MS/HS site is 33. We will continue to look for land for a future high school site as land prices will continue to rise. Having said that, a future high school will most likely not be the next campus built. Our most pressing need is for space at the younger grades, given that GES has our largest population at 370 students and that campus is built on 3.99 acres (i.e., little room for expansion).
6. **Transfer Policies:** As I've shared in the past, nearly 20% of our total enrollment includes transfer students from 17 different surrounding communities. These students bring in well over \$1 million every year! This year our transfer process was extremely competitive and less than 50% of all applications were accepted. Later this fall we will be considering whether to close any grade levels or campuses to transfers for 2018-19 to ensure there is room for future growth. These decisions will only impact future transfer students (not current transfer students or siblings of current transfer students).

ALL this to say... we're ON it! While we may not know what our future will bring, we can be aggressive in our planning, conservative in our financial decisions and proactive in preparing every aspect of our organization for what lies ahead. We have the best Board of Trustees and Leadership Team in the state and I'm so thankful to be a part of the incredible future of Gunter ISD!

TEACH LIKE A PIRATE

FOUR DISTRICTS gathered in the GHS commons to chart a course for the 2017-2018 school year with Dave Burgess, author of Teach Like a Pirate. Faculty and staff from Van Alstyne, Bells, Whitesboro and Gunter were mesmerized by the energy and enthusiasm of Dave Burgess. When planning lessons, a teacher should think about teaching like a “PIRATE” (Passion, Immersion, Rapport, Asking & Analyzing, Transformation and Enthusiasm). Mr. Burgess, a teacher himself, shared many ideas with the audience to make their classrooms a place where students WANT to learn. He was an inspiration to us, and we are looking forward to seeing his ideas in our classrooms.



Congratulations to GES 2nd Grade Teacher, Susanne Brackeen, who was honored at the Region 10 Teachers of the Year luncheon! She is definitely the captain of a “PIRATE” ship! Congratulations to Kris Freeny and Mark Neely who were not able to attend the luncheon.



During the week of Staff Development We were spoiled by the Campus PTOs, GIFT, and Landmark Bank who provided breakfast, lunch, and snacks to all of the returning staff. You helped fuel our days with energy!



CONVOCATION

We began the year with words of wisdom from Dr. Siler, L.D. Byrd, and the GES and GMS Teachers of the Year, Kris Freeny and Susanne Brackeen. We would like to thank the Boy Scout Troop and Pack #3 and Girl Scout Troop #4746 who helped us honor our country by presenting the flags, the GHS Chamber Choir members who sang our National Anthem so beautifully, as well as the GHS Band and Cheerleaders for bringing the event to a close with such spirit!



The end of 2016-17 was a benchmark year for many of our staff/faculty. We were proud to honor the employees who earned their 5 year incremental pins during Convocation. We had 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 year honorees.

Congratulations to everyone!



Dr. Jill Siler, Rod Castorena, Lidia Garcia, Maria Guzman



Jacob Waggoner, Sara Price, Carrie Teems, Kelly Teems, Gladis Puebla, Britni McDonald, Cynthia Foster (not pictured)



Steve Fletcher



Elaine Schatz, Tina Smith, Shannon Parker, Shelli Neely



Elizabeth Kulbeth, Charlotte English



Beverly Millar

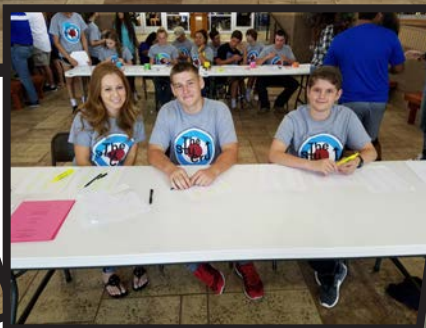


Thank you Gunter GIFT for an AMAZING culmination to our week. The annual GIFT drawing for our employees is such a fun event! The mere number of prizes that were donated for the drawing was amazing!

GIFT supports our teachers and students in so many ways. If you have not checked out the new GIFT Facebook page or website, check them out! www.guntergift.com and www.facebook.com/guntergift



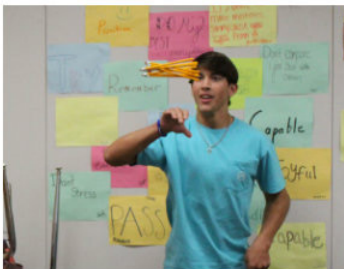
All of our new GHS students had a great first week of school thanks to the efforts of our GHS Student Council. The week before school started, the student council planned a day for the freshmen and new to Gunter students to come and learn the ropes of being a Gunter High School student. After walking around to several informative sessions led by council members, the students went through a mock schedule so they could find their classrooms. This made the first day less stressful for the newest GHS Tigers. Thanks GHS Student Council!



NEW TO GHS ORIENTATION

#AMBUSH FRIDAY

The first Friday of the school year is designated as #Ambush Friday. Teachers and students spend this day bonding and playing games that involve communication, strategy and teamwork. This year, teachers tapped into the Teach Like a Pirate spirit, sharing some of their personal passions too! Our hopes are the students will use the same skills throughout the school year to be successful in all they do. #oneteam #onegoal #nolimits



Some of the activities included:

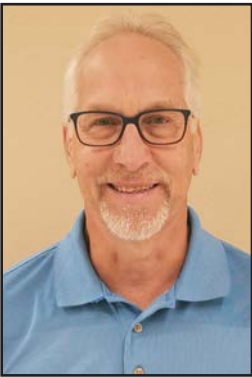
- * Speed dating with books in the middle school library
- * Learning to fold the American flag in Mrs. English's class
- * Writing using a robot in Mrs. Foster's class
- * Playing operation in Mrs. Clarke's Health Sciences classes
- * Scavenger hunt in the high school with the GHS Choir
- * Walking with a noodle standing between 2 paper plates in the 5th grade
- * Catching a group of flipped pencils in math with Mr. Breedlove

With so many different and unique activities, there is simply not a way to list them all. Thank you to the teachers who worked hard on their activities and to the students for their awesome participation in the day. You have taken the first step to a successful year!

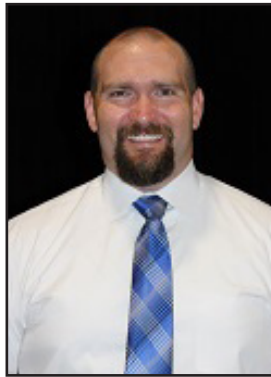
Welcome to the Tiger Family

Several new faces (and familiar new faces) can be seen around our campuses this year.

Please help us make them all feel welcome.



John Biros
GMS Aide



Matt Cooper - Director of
Business Services



Leo Castorena
Business / Coach



David Gage
Special Ed / Coach



Katelyn Gill
Business / Volleyball



Thomas Hall
ELA



Nathaniel George
Transportation



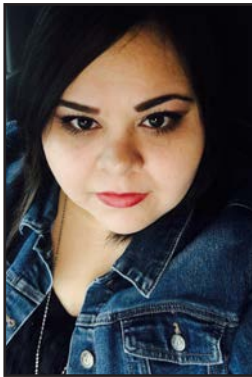
Dean Johnson
Math



Kelly Kidd
Coop Classroom



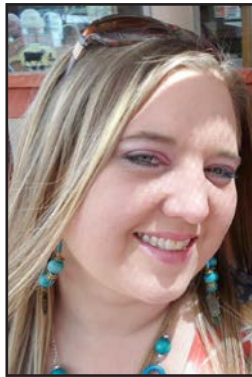
Joanna Ledezma
2nd Grade Teacher



Elizabeth Mercado
Aide



Crystal Drew Porter
ELL Coordinator



Crystal Saenz
Pre-K/ESL



Kristi Pelfrey
Intervention Aide



Olivia Vest
Bilingual Parent Liaison



Lisa Watson
Cafeteria

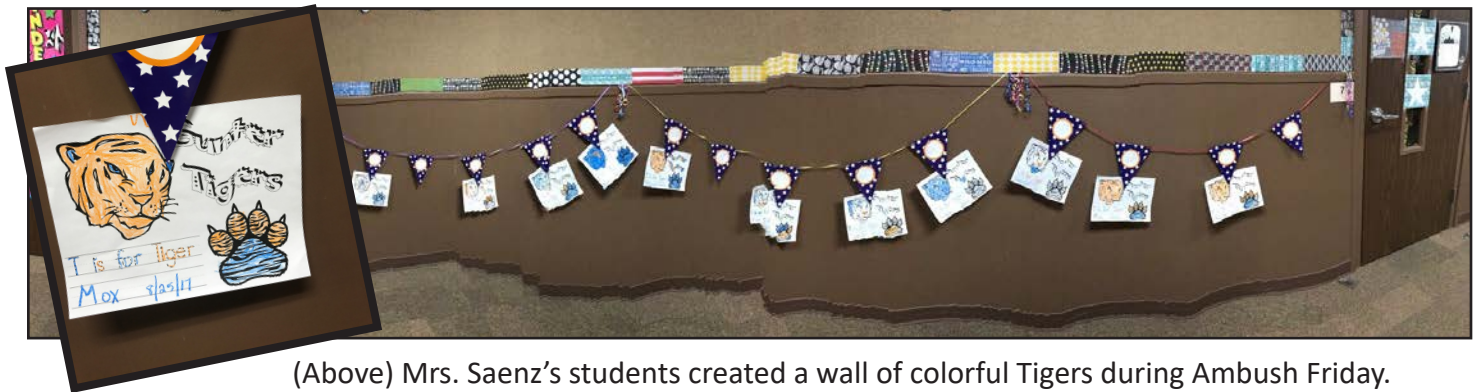


Tim Wylie
Social Studies / Coach



Teachers Lounge Makeover

What a special surprise for our Gunter Elementary Staff! Several awesome people came together to completely redo their workroom space and it is beautiful! A special thanks to: Lisa Marks, Stephanie Brummett, Spencer Marks, Yvette Rand, Darci Fortune, the Gunter Elementary School PTO (Parent Teacher Organization), and Hometown Mercantile for making this happen!



(Above) Mrs. Saenz's students created a wall of colorful Tigers during Ambush Friday.



So much learning going on at GES!

Many Thanks!

GES & GMS would like to say thank you to Grand Central Station's "Tools for School's Program" for the generous school supply donations delivered in August by the Sherman Service League. Grand Central Station's mission is to fill the desks and backpacks of the less fortunate students in Grayson County Schools and to help reduce the effects of the resource limitations of those in need. Donated items include backpacks, binders, composition notebooks, construction paper, colored pencils, crayons, dividers, folders, glue-sticks, markers, pencil bags, pencil boxes, and spiral notebooks. If you know of a student in need of school supplies, please contact the office at the appropriate campus.



7th Grade Student Council members, Malison Fisher and Gray McDowell, are shown with the donated supplies.

GMS ROCKERS

Mrs. Loewen's class was full of Rockers last week during our Friday activities day. They were rockers without music, they were rockers using rocks!

The class participated in a popular activity that's sweeping the nation by painting small rocks and then hiding the rocks. The rocks can be painted with a fun design or inspirational words.

Most rockers that participate in this activity post pictures of the rocks they find on Social media. Painted rocks are a way to provide a fun surprise and share happiness. The rocks can be hidden anywhere outdoors. Mrs. Loewen's class has hidden their rocks around the Gunter Middle School campus. If you find one of our rocks, let us know. You can keep it, hide it yourself somewhere fun in Gunter or give it back to the class.



Anyone can be a rocker!



The Gunter Middle School Band director, Ms. Grubb-Krause will be holding Middle School All-Region help sessions after school starting September 18th. The sessions will be signed up for in advance and will be 3:30-5pm, Tuesday through Thursday. All-Region is an audition process in which a student prepares in advance. The audition calls for two etudes and scales for Middle School. Students are encouraged to audition and have a blast in the clinic and concert in January. Auditions are held on December 2nd during the school day. There is additional information on the Association of Texas Small School Bands, as well as the link to the audition music, recordings and information on the Gunter Band website. (<http://www.gunterisd.org/domain/103>) **Happy Practicing!**

GROWING IN THE LITERAL SENSE

TIGER TIMES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

by Chris Dodd, GHS Principal

The District wide theme for 2017-18 is Growing Champions. Everyone knows we like to enhance the Ambush (Tiger Family) at Gunter High School, and a theme centered on growth is very appropriate.

Sixty-two Seniors crossed the graduation threshold in 2017. We planned to welcome the same number back to campus in August in the form of the Class of 2021. That would keep our enrollment around 260 students, with a few expected new residents and a handful of transfers.

At the time of writing, our student body has GROWN to 295 students. The unexpected surge is being felt district wide as over 100 new students have joined the Ambush. In true Texan and Gunter fashion, we would like to welcome and introduce our new students to you:

Kyle Ball wants what most of our new students desire, a “small-town” high school experience. The mega high schools in Collin County may offer an expanded course catalog, but student access to faculty assistance and being encouraged to participate in multiple programs is difficult, if not unrealistic. Kyle wants to focus on academics and plans to play baseball and basketball for the Tigers.

Brooks Caple is another former Prosper Eagle that has made his way to Gunter. He jokes that he wants to enjoy “more space” in multiple contexts. Brooks seeks to play baseball and be active in FFA.

Jailyn Porter is the daughter of Crystal Porter, our new district ESL Coordinator. Jailyn had the option to attend other high schools, but she chose to come to Gunter with mom because she feels it is a place “I can be most successful.” Jailyn also identified the dual credit offerings from Grayson and the ability to complete a large portion of her associates degree in high school as reasons for her choice. Jailyn is already suiting up for the Lady Tiger JV Volleyball team.

Hannah Smith has lived in Gunter most of her life but attended Tioga schools. Hannah enjoyed Tioga, but the daily commute made being involved in every UIL event

available quite difficult. Hannah has already joined the Tiger Band and Choir programs and will participate in a bevy of UIL academic events. Her sister, Rachel Watson, graduated in 2014 from Gunter. The Smith Family is known for hosting exchange students. Jassenta Tannor made the trek from West Africa (Ghana) to live a year in the United States and the Lone Star State. She not only wants to create opportunities for an American college experience but also spread knowledge about her homeland. Jassenta sees Gunter as a place she can “do it all” and has already joined the Band and Volleyball team.

Marloes Majoor is a Junior from the Netherlands and is staying with the Curtis family. She, like Jassenta, wants the full experience of living in small town Texas. Marloes plans on playing volleyball, basketball, softball, and tennis. She also wants to get involved in FFA and raise a project.

Julie Scott lived most of her life in Celina but the Senior felt Gunter was a place she could better herself before graduation in May. She followed close buddy Heidi Locke to Gunter and identifies the school spirit and friendly teachers as two things that have already made her feel very at home.

Sara Sepeda left Gunter to attend Sherman High School the past three years, but now a Senior, felt it was time to come back “home.” We are glad she did! The same can be said for Mya St. Clair, except she really had the longest road back. Mya, and her family made a job move back to Oregon. Upon checking out last year we joked with Mya, “you will be back!” And she is, and we are glad!

Everyone knows Stephenie Pelley who took a two-year sabbatical to Tioga. Now a Freshman, she is back where she belongs in the land of blue and white, and she picked up right where she left off. It’s like she never left. Stephenie does it all, including: cross country, basketball, and track.

Junior Kardale Smith is another familiar face back on the twenty-five acres. Heather and Bryce Goodson opened their arms and home to Kardale, who has been forced to bounce around the Texoma area since middle school. “Gunter is a place I can find success. People care about me.”

Juniors Gustavo and Lileny Fuentes came across the Metroplex from 6A Duncanville High and comment that they felt immediately welcomed and appreciated in Gunter, despite all that goes into upperclassmen transferring into a new school. Gustavo wants to graduate early, and the honor student could not believe the time and energy Mr. Waggoner spent with him laying out a plan.

“Fun” and “opportunity to do more” highlights why junior Jillian Jones is excited to be a Gunter Tiger. Jillian, who moved from Frisco, plans on playing Volleyball, participating in HOSA (Health Science organization) and FFA.

Summer Ritter knew about Gunter from the time her father was Chief of Police before going into private business. Summer was one of fifteen hundred in her class at Plano East. She feels the move to Gunter gives her a better chance at making the grades she needs to pursue the career of choice. Summer took a couple years off from music but jumped at the chance to join our Tiger Band.

Garrett Vogel heard great things about the academics and program in Gunter, so he made the switch from being a Sherman Bearcat to earning Tiger stripes. His goals are to make all A's and maybe win a “championship” during his time here. Garrett plans on running Cross Country, in addition to playing Basketball and Baseball.

Landry Laird felt like a small fish in a big green ocean and desired to jump into something more like a pond. Landry's parents moved into Gunter from Prosper, and this Freshman feels it gives him a better chance to pursue his dream of getting into the Naval Academy. Speaking of ponds – Landry loves to fish. He also loves when they are frozen over! Landry is a on an elite level hockey team and travels the Southwest competing.

Kaylee Pruiett desires a “new start”. She also felt the crunch of an ever expanding Prosper school system. Kaylee says she wants a better opportunity to learn in a smaller classroom setting. She plans on playing basketball, softball, and joining HOSA. Kaylee's freshman brother, Beau, is joining her in Gunter and is already involved in football.

Hannah Abree's parents, like many coming in to the

region, made a job move from Austin. Hannah is dedicated in her studies and the honor student also brings extracurricular experience to Gunter that is greatly needed. Hannah was a standout student athletic trainer at her former high school. She will be joining our Tiger Football sideline team.

Junior Micaela Shanks is also enjoying a vastly different setting than she lived as a Wylie HS Pirate (6A). Micaela is already plugged in to our Tiger Band program. Freshman Akasha Hill was in a vastly different setting in small town Nocona, Texas. But like Micaela she quickly found a home in the Tiger Band.

Teige Harris' mother Tory made the four hour haul from West Texas weekly as a trauma nurse in Plano. Teige's father specializes in supplying an industry most common on the Caprock/South Plains region – water wheels – the big kind! The Harris's finally decided a move to the Metroplex was possible to eliminate the countless tires, oil changes, and gallons of fuel on mama's SUV. “Gunter is not much different than what I'm used to in Frenship,” Teige says. “It is a very similar way of life.” Teige has found a home on the Tiger Football team.

Matthew Watson is one student that doesn't mind our recent wave of humidity. His parents moved to Gunter from Florida. Matthew's father is part of the migration of tech professionals employed within the Five Billion Mile off the North Toll and 121. Matthew enjoys golf and he is in a good place living just a few hundred yards from the 7th tee box in The Bridges.

Junior Ryan Hugus says the opportunities for dual credit most attracted him to Gunter. “The chance to load up on college credits made sense for me and what I want to do after high school,” Ryan explains. The drive from Sherman is a small trade-off considering the long term benefit the program offers.

Ethan Everson quickly found a place in the land of TPW. “Kids here work hard...I love it. I figured out real quick why Gunter is known for its academics and programs.” Ethan loves to play sports – every sport. It is his goal to go to a college where he can continue to play and he understands that a strong academic resume is essential for him to have an opportunity somewhere. “School doesn't come easy for me and Gunter gives me a chance to have success in the classroom.”

Makentry Hinkle, formerly at McKinney Boyd (6A) echoes Ethan's sentiments. To say Makentry is "elite" is an understatement. The nationally recognized competitive cheerleader is well known in the sport. But she wants opportunities beyond high school and believes Gunter provides her better academic options for growth, in addition to participating in activities other than Cheer. "I want to have a true high school experience – Gunter gives me that chance."

Junior Skylar Sullivent chose Gunter over Celina for her last two years of high school in part because "I want to participate in multiple activities and it is hard in a school that is growing so fast." Skylar says the transition has been "easy" and plans to play Softball and be active in FFA.

Nash Daniels has spent several years commuting to Texoma Christian but was ready for something literally down the street. He intends to play baseball and focus on making good grades.

Sophomore Harrison Fox is another Prosper Eagle migrating northward. "I'm ready for a smaller setting where I can really focus on my grades." Harrison plans on playing baseball for the Tigers.

Senior Paulina Jaramillo watched her brother Pablo win a State Championship last Fall and begin talking with her mother about making the move from Waxahachie

to Gunter. Paulina is part of the Nandin Family that has seen many family members walk the stage as Gunter Tigers. "I want to focus on grades and my GPA and I can do that here."

Cade Roller is another Freshman that told his parents he wants to live a small Texas High School life. Another former Sherman Bearcat, Cade lists Football, Basketball, Student Council, and Honor Societies as just a small sample of things he wants to do in Gunter.

Thomas Kanouse and his family moved to Gunter from Prosper and he is very happy about it. Thomas wants to play baseball and feels like the overall school environment is more suitable for his learning style.

Ismael Sierra doesn't hide that he wanted to mature and get a second chance. Another junior from down around I-20, Ismael says "Gunter can help me grow in the discipline I need to be successful." Ismael took the first step by joining the cross country team.

We are committed to Growing Champions and that high bar of excellence is a desirable quality for parents wanting more for their children. Gunter is quickly becoming a choice destination for raising a family. We believe the caliber of student we are attracting will serve to make us even stronger.....And for that reason the students we introduced above are the TIGER TIMES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER.



Save the Date
Fall Carnival
October 14th

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Seniors!
Don't Miss Out!

Senior Shirt order forms Due September 6th
Order forms may be found outside of
Mrs. Foster's door or on the Senior tab of
her website. (<http://www.gunterisd.org/Domain/361>)

Don't forget!

Monday September 4th
School Holiday



Friday, September 29th
Early Release
1PM
HOMECOMING



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
GHS PARKING LOT

10 AM - 5 PM

COMMUNITY WELCOME! SPONSORED BY HOSA

**Touch a Truck Volunteers
Needed!**

If you're interested in volunteering for the Parks
Foundation's Touch a Truck fundraiser, the link is <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4bada923abff2-gunter>
The event will be Saturday, September 9th.



GHS PICTURE DAY
SMILE PRETTY!
SEPTEMBER 12TH

DON'T FORGET YOUR PACKETS TO ORDER PRINTS!

The Gunter High School Yearbook is on sale now!

Look for the order form at the end of the newsletter.

jostensyearbooks.com

Tigers Have a Heart



Will you help us spread the love?

Our campuses will be collecting supplies to send to our fellow Texans who have been devastated by Hurricane Harvey. We would love for the community, faculty, and students to stand together and collect as much as we possibly can to help those in need.

All three of our campuses are working on a plan to collect items to be taken to those who need help. The elementary school is working on a food drive, middle school will be putting a plan together soon, and the GHS Cheerleaders are heading up the efforts at the high school. The cheerleaders have set a goal to get the student body to collect 1000 items. The list is specific, please read over the list and donate what you can. These items may be dropped off at the high school campus.

Cleaning Items
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
Soap bars
Shampoo/Conditioner
Deodorant
Baby wipes
Diapers
Feminine products
Hairbrushes
Hair ties
Baby lotion

Paper towels
Ibuprofen
Baby formula
Neosporin
Band-aids
Wash clothes
Hydrogen peroxid
Rubbing Alcohol
Socks
Underwear

Pet food
Canned food
Water bottles
Tissues
Paper plates
Plastic utensils
Trash bags
Blankets
T-shirts
Hand sanitizer



Watch our website and our Facebook for updated information on items the other campuses will be collecting. Thank you for helping GISD make a difference in the lives of others.



Email us for info on how to join our Gunter troop for girls in grades K-12 at cstephan1@hotmail.com

Household Size	Total Income									
	Annual		Monthly		Twice Per Month		Every Two Weeks		Weekly	
No. of Household Members	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$15,678	\$22,311	\$1,307	\$1,860	\$654	\$930	\$603	\$859	\$302	\$430
2	\$21,112	\$30,044	\$1,760	\$2,504	\$880	\$1,252	\$812	\$1,156	\$406	\$578
3	\$26,546	\$37,777	\$2,213	\$3,149	\$1,107	\$1,575	\$1,021	\$1,453	\$511	\$727
4	\$31,980	\$45,510	\$2,665	\$3,793	\$1,333	\$1,897	\$1,230	\$1,751	\$615	\$876
5	\$37,414	\$53,243	\$3,118	\$4,437	\$1,559	\$2,219	\$1,439	\$2,048	\$720	\$1,024
6	\$42,848	\$60,976	\$3,571	\$5,082	\$1,786	\$2,541	\$1,648	\$2,346	\$824	\$1,173
7	\$48,282	\$68,709	\$4,024	\$5,726	\$2,012	\$2,863	\$1,857	\$2,643	\$929	\$1,322
8	\$53,716	\$76,442	\$4,477	\$6,371	\$2,239	\$3,186	\$2,066	\$2,941	\$1,033	\$1,471
For each additional family member, add	+\$5,434	+\$7,733	+\$453	+\$645	+\$227	+\$323	+\$209	+\$298	+\$105	+\$149

These guidelines are based on 130% (free) and 185% (reduced) of the federal poverty guidelines and are effective July 1, 2017– June 30, 2018.

FREE AND REDUCED ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATIONS

Please review the chart above for Free and Reduced Eligibility. If you qualify, and have not yet received an application, you may download one here: <http://www.gunterisd.org/Page/336>

If you have any questions regarding the eligibility of this program or how to apply, please contact our Food Services Director, Lauren Rogers at 903.433.1542 EXT 310



We have an awesome cafeteria staff who **care** about our kids! They won the **MOST CREATIVE DISPLAY** at the **TASN Convention** this summer. Congratulations!

Baseball Awards Announced

Congratulations to the 2017 Baseball Team for being selected as the Texas Sports Writers All State Baseball Team!

Congratulations to the players who received the following awards:

2nd Team All State:

- First Baseman - Daylan Bower

Honorable Mention All State:

- Catcher - Bryson Jolly

- Shortstop - Bo Whitteker

- Third Base - Zach Lowe

- Outfield - Matt Hunter

Gunter Cross Country 2017 Schedule

Aug. 26 Slidell Greyhound Relays - HS

Sept. 2 Madill, OK HS/MS

157 Pettijohn Springs Rd, Madill, OK 73446

Sept. 9 S&S HS/MS

Sept. 16 Grand Prairie HS Only

Sept. 23 Pottsboro HS/MS

Oct. 2 Graham Varsity Only

Oct. 5 Blue Ridge HS/MS

Oct. 9 District @ Pottsboro HS/MS

Oct. 23 Regionals @ Grand Prairie

Nov. 4 State @ Round Rock

Updated 8/22/17

Gunter Tiger Football Fundraiser

Donations will go towards the upgrading of equipment, field costs, travel costs and uniforms. Donations are vital for the advancement of this program.

Thank you so much for taking the time to view our fundraiser page. Your support will help us offer a higher quality experience for all our athletes. You will be getting a receipt for your gift. If you could please spread the word about our fundraiser by sharing it with your friends on Facebook and Twitter we would greatly appreciate it. Our young men have been working hard to properly represent this great school and town. Any support is greatly appreciated. Go Tigers! - Coach Fieszel

This fundraiser ends on *September 12th*. Please click the link below if you wish to donate.

https://app.snap-raise.com/fundraisers/34276?share_type=facebook



Cross Country Results

Slidell Cross Country relays

Varsity Boys

Team 1- 4th place - Colt Rivera, Logan Nelson, David Denton, Tyler Jolly

Team 2- 5th place - Tyler Scott, Zander Turner, Alex Covington, John Rowe

JV Boys

Team 1- 2nd place - Ryan Reed, Josh Rogers, Tristen Meadors, Kyle Watson, Seth Schroeter

Varsity Girls

3rd place - Beth Gilbreath, Bria Savage, Bri Carr, and Stephenie Pelley

Volleyball Scoreboard

August 8th - 3-0 (W) - Gunter @ Howe

Princeton Tournament

Gunter went 3-0 on the first day of pool play at the Princeton Tournament with wins against Greenville, Grand Saline and Denton Calvary to win the pool. We played in the championship bracket and lost first to Princeton, then beat Tioga and lost in the consolation championship to Crandall.



Denison Tournament

Gunter VB finished 3rd in the Denison Tournament. We won our pool on Friday against Mt. Pleasant, Valley View and Leonard. Saturday we beat Collinsville, lost to Denison and then beat North Lamar for 3rd. Camryn MacDonald was an All-Tournament selection.

August 22nd - 3-0 (L) - Gunter @ Braswell

August 25th - 3-0 (L) - Gunter @ Krum



Special thanks to Lee Franze for her awesome photography!

Small Town Under the Lights

September 29th



DRESS UP DAYS

- **'Merica Monday** – Red, White and Blue
- **Texas Tuesday** – Dress Like a Texan
- **Woke Up Like that Wednesday** – Pajama Day
- **Throwback Thursday** – Choose a Decade
- **Spirit Day Friday** – Blue and White
- * Dress up days are for ALL campuses

Mini Cheer Clinic

September 23rd | 5-7pm

Grades PK-6

PERFORM AT THE COMMUNITY WIDE PEP RALLY AND AT HALFTIME OF THE HOMECOMING GAME!

Registration form may be found at the end of the newsletter.



GHS Homecoming Dance

September 30th | 7pm - 11pm

GHS Commons

Dressy Casual

\$10/person or \$15/couple

HOMECOMING EVENTS

Wednesday

It all begins at 6 PM!

TAILGATE PARTY

Food and Fun!

MEET THE TIGERS

Introducing our FALL athletes, cheerleaders and the band!

COMMUNITY PEP RALLY

Cheers! Dances! Entertainment!
Homecoming Court Introductions!
GT Lighting! Fireworks!

NEW TIME | WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Friday

1:00 pm - Early Release

1:45 pm - Parade Line Up

2:30 pm - Parade

4:00 pm - Volleyball Action

(Lady Tigers vs Whitesboro)

5:00 pm - Annual BBQ Supper
(Sponsored by the sophomore class)

7:00 pm - Coronation

7:30 pm - Football Kickoff
(Gunter vs Whitewright)



Parade Notes!

Parade start time is 2:30.

- Route: Leaving from GISD Admin > Pecan Street > directly to GHS

- All floats will go through Stadium Drive (without stopping) and end up in the band parking lot

- We will unload ALL STUDENTS in the Band Parking Lot

The registration form may be found at the end of the newsletter.

Help answer the
SCREAMS FOR ICE CREAM
— and enter Gunter's third —

ICE CREAM COMPETITION!

Gather your team
and get ready
to make your
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...because the winners
of this competition
will receive
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HERE'S THE SCOOP:
SCREAMING FOR ICE CREAM CHALLENGE

Supporting the Gunter ISD Foundation Trust (GIFT)

Date/Time: Sept. 22nd 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Location: Gunter High School Commons

Cost to Enter: \$0

Cost to Eat/Judge: \$5

Registration: Due by Friday, Sept. 15th; Registration forms online at www.guntergift.com

Prizes: 1st place \$100; 2nd place \$75 and 3rd place \$50
Special prize for Best Theme (ice cream flavor and table decorations).

Community groups encouraged to participate!



What is GIFT?

GIFT, the Gunter ISD Education Foundation, is a public non-profit foundation which relies upon corporate and private donations for its funding. We are a volunteer organization, and all of our funds are directed toward educational programs. Funding priorities include both need and merit-based scholarships, innovative campus teaching grants, a permanent endowment fund, and fellowships for staff professional growth and development. GIFT provides grants to teachers and campuses in the district and educational scholarships to deserving students and teachers. Since its creation, GIFT has distributed over 300,000 in scholarships to area students and over \$125,000 in grants to GISD teachers and schools. In addition, GIFT has donated over \$40,000 to the Kerfoot Trust. In toll, over \$460,000 has been raised in the last 12 years.



Gunter Independent School District Board Briefs

Thursday, August 10, 2017

GISD Public HEARING 6:00pm

Public Hearing to discuss the Proposed 2017-2018 Budget and Tax Rate was called to order by Dr. Gary Harris, Board President. A quorum was established. L.D. Byrd, John Jonas and Steve Smith were absent. All other members were present.

GISD Special Board Meeting 6:20pm

The Special meeting was called to order by Dr. Gary Harris, Board President. A quorum was established. Invocation and Pledge was conducted by Mrs. Candy Leonard, Board Secretary.

ATTENDANCE: Board members included: Jeff Banks, Dr. Gary Harris, Candy Leonard and Scott Meyerdirk; District attendance included: Dr. Jill Siler, Mr. Kelly Teems and Mr. Matt Cooper.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Communications
 - Update from Architect / Construction Planning: Corgan and Gallagher presented options for the Strength and Conditioning Center and also gave updates on when bids would be received for the Ag Barn.
 - Capital Projects: Dr. Siler shared updates on other projects within the scope of this bond series including replacing the track, technology infrastructure, fieldhouse renovations and possible land purchase.
 - Back to School Update: Dr. Siler shared that we are anticipating over 900 students at the start of the year. All staff is hired and buildings are becoming more ready!
 - The 2017-2018 Student Handbooks, Drug Testing Policy & Extracurricular Code of Conduct were shared. No substantive changes outside of legislative updates.
- Board Member Report
 - Discussed Board Self-Evaluation Plans. The board will be working with TASB to do a self-evaluation of board practices later in September.

CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS:

2017-2018 Student Code of Conduct & TASB recommended Revisions to DNA(LOCAL) Policy were approved. DNA Local was wording changes based on TASB counsel and Code of Conduct included no substantive changes outside of legislative updates.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- The Board approved the Grayson County Special Education Co-op SSA Budget for 2017-2018
- The Board approved the Gunter ISD Budget for 2017-2018. Revenues have increased to \$8,377,782 and expenditures increased to \$8,275,406 for a surplus budget of \$102,376. This included 5.5 additional staff members (2 elem teachers for growth, .5 teacher at MS for

growth, 2 aides and 1 food services staff member) as well as a 3% increase in compensation for all staff.

- The Board approved the Tax Rate at \$1.62, no increase for 2017-2018
- The Board approved Dara Arrington, Kim Patterson, Chris Dodd, Heather Hale and Kelly Teems as Gunter ISD 2017-2018 Evaluators
- The Board approved Salina Byrd, Amy Byrd and Christy Nolen as the Grayson County Special Education Co-op SSA 2017-2018 Evaluators

7:04pm Board went in to Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.001

7:15pm Reconvened from Closed Session.

- Dr. Siler shared the resignation of Paula Lashley-Gunter High School English Teacher and William Beene-Grayson County Special Ed BAC Teacher.
- The Board approved to hire Lindsay Watkins-Knepp as the new Grayson County Special Ed BAC Teacher

ADJOURNMENT: Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:16pm

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Gunter Independent School District

A Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Gunter Independent School District and the City of Gunter Council Members and Mayor was held on August 7, 2017, beginning at 6:10 pm in the Gunter High School, 1102 N. 8th Street, Gunter TX. L.D. Byrd and John Jonas were absent, all other members present.

1. Board President Dr. Gary Harris called to order, and Announced quorum.
2. Discussion items –
 - A. Gunter ISD Update
 - B. City of Gunter Update
 - C. Future Developments and Growths
 - D. Homecoming Festivities
 - E. Gunter ISD and City of Gunter partnership opportunities

No Action

3. Meeting Adjourned 7:20pm



Gunter Independent School District Board Briefs

Monday, August 28, 2017

GISD Regular Board Meeting 6:00pm

The Regular meeting was called to order by Dr. Gary Harris, Board President. A quorum was established. Invocation and Pledge was conducted by Mr. John Jonas, Board Member.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Dr. Siler & Board recognized TMEA Honor Band Members & Director
- Dr. Siler & Board recognized 2017 Media Honor Roll Recipients from Herald Democrat. Gunter ISD nominated Jonathan Cannon and Drew Smith from the Herald Democrat along with Brittany Harlow from KXII for her work in providing fair and excellent coverage of GISD news and students.
- A full Financial Report was given
- Communications
 - Back to School Update. Dr. Siler shared that GISD welcomed 924 students back to school. That 924 is an increase of 114 students from last fall which is a 14% increase. 90 of the 114 students were residents and 24 were transfer students. Dr. Siler shared class size averages at all campuses (Elem 16.7 to 18.0 in a class; MS 13.8 to 23.0 in a class; and HS 15.8-18.1). She also shared a basic look at a 5 year projection based on this year's enrollment growth (with and without new transfers) and mentioned that later this fall the board would have conversations about whether to close specific grade levels and campuses to new transfers for next year. At this time, our Elementary campus is the largest in population (370) and the smallest in land size (3.99 acres) whereas MS and HS have a little more space at 263 students and 295 students respectively. **See attached update on Growth for steps GISD is taking to prepare for increased enrollment.*
 - Strategic Planning Update. Action Teams will kick off this month and the board anticipates approving the plan in its entirety on November 16th.
 - Upcoming Events / Meeting Dates
 - September 13th, Legislative Training, 5:30 Dinner/6:00 Training @ Howe ISD
 - September 19th, Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ Admin
 - October 26th, Recognition/Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ GHS
 - November 16th, Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ Admin
 - December 19th, Board Meeting, 6:00pm @ Admin
- Board Member Report
 - Self-Evaluation. The board will be completing a self-evaluation in September and reviewing Board Operating Procedures in October.
 - TASA/TASB. This conference will take place in Dallas in early October.

CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Minutes, Billing and the Budget Amendments were adopted.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Dr. Siler shared the bids that were gathered for the Ag Barn, the Strength & Conditioning Center and the Track. Interviews with the lowest bidders will take place this week and a recommendation will come to the Board on September 19th. The Board approved to postpone Bids for Ag Barn, the Strength and Conditioning Center and for the Track until the September 19, 2017 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00pm



September 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 4:30p VB @ Bells 7:30p FB @ Howe	2 CC @ Madill VB Tourn. @ Nocona Varsity only
3	4 School Holiday 	5 5p VB @ Tom Bean	6	7 5p MS VB @ Whitesboro 6p JV FB @ Pottsboro	8 4:30p VB @ Home vs Pottsboro 7:30p FB @ Home vs Pottsboro	9 CC @ S&S 10a Touch a Truck
10	11 5p MS VB @ S&S Patriot Day	12 5p VB @ Pilot Point	13	14 4:30p MS FB @ Home vs Whitesboro 7:30p JV FB @ Home vs Whitesboro	15 4:30p VB @ Ponder 7:30p FB @ Whitesboro	16
17	18 5p MS VB @ Pilot Point	19 GHS School Picture Day 5p VB @ Home vs Callisburg 6p School Board Mtg	20	21 4:30p MS FB @ Pilot Point 7:30p JV FB @ Pilot Point	22 4:30p VB @ S&S 5:30p Ice Cream Challenge 7:30p FB @ Home vs Pilot Point Fall Begins	23 CC @ Pottsboro HS Choir All State Workshop Band All-Region Workshop 
24	25 5p MS VB @ Home vs Ponder	26 5p VB @ Home vs Red River	27 6p Tailgate & Community Pep Rally	28 4:30p MS FB @ Whitewright 7:30p JV FB @ Whitewright	29 1p EARLY RELEASE 4:30p VB @ Home vs Whitesboro 7:30p FB @ Home vs Whitewright	30 Band All-Region Jazz Bass Fishing Team Tournament @ Ray Roberts
Homecoming Week						Homecoming
'Merica Monday		Texas Tuesday	Woke up Wednesday	Throwback Thursday	Spirit Day	

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keeping this great tradition going!

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Birthday Book Club



The Gunter Elementary Library Birthday Book Club offers a special way to recognize a child's birthday. Those contributing to the Birthday Book Club are invited to select a book from a variety of new books in our library. If you would like to participate, please complete the form below. Return the form, along with a \$10 donation, to the Gunter Elementary Library.

A new book will be purchased in honor of your student's special day. A book plate displaying the child's name and birthday will be affixed to the book, which is then presented to your child. The Birthday boy or girl are the first to check out the new book and may take it home to share with their family. Upon return, the book is added to the library's permanent collection for all Gunter Elementary students to enjoy. Children honored will also receive a Birthday Book Club Certificate, bookmark and, picture in the Tiger Times and participate in a year-end birthday party.

Student's Name _____

Grade _____ Teacher's Name _____

Birthday _____

Name of Purchaser _____

Phone # _____

Name on Bookplate (example: From Mom & Dad, From Grandma & Grandpa)

*Please make checks payable to Gunter Elementary



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SCREAMING FOR ICE CREAM CHALLENGE 2017 REGISTRATION FORM

*Teams may also register online at www.guntergift.com

Team Members:

Division: ☐ GISD Staff Team ☐ Parent and/or Student Team

☐ Community Organization:

☐ Other:

Flavor / Theme:

(this may be adjusted, but please give us an idea of your flavor and/or theme)

Please return to any GISD office by September 15th.



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SCREAMING FOR ICE CREAM CHALLENGE

Supporting the Gunter ISD Foundation Trust (GIFT)

Date/Time: Sept. 22nd 5:30pm-7:00pm (in between Varsity Volleyball and Varsity Football)

Location: Gunter High School Commons

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Cost to Eat/Judge: \$5

Registration: Due by Friday, Sept 15th; Registration forms online at www.guntergift.com

Prizes: 1st place \$100; 2nd place \$75 and 3rd place \$50

Special prize for Best Theme (ice cream flavor and table decorations).

Community groups encouraged to participate!



Gunter Tigers

Mini Cheer Clinic

Hosted by GHS Cheerleaders



Saturday, September 23

5-7 pm

Gunter High School Commons

grades PK-6

Cost: \$25 (includes t-shirt)

Participants will perform at the Community Pep Rally on Wednesday night
AND
at the Homecoming Football Game during HALFTIME!

Please return forms to GES, GMS or GHS office no later than Friday, September 15.

Name: _____ Grade _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

TShirt Size: Youth S M L Adult S M L

I hereby give my permission for my child to participate in the Gunter Mini Cheer Clinic. This authorization shall waive, release and absolve Gunter ISD and the clinic staff from liability for injury or illness incurred at the clinic. I give the staff permission to act accordingly to its best judgment in case of emergency.

GUNTER, TEXAS 2017 • GIFT ROUND UP

A silhouette of a town skyline is positioned below the main title. It includes a water tower on the right, a church steeple in the center, and various other buildings. A five-pointed star is centered below the skyline, flanked by two horizontal lines that taper to points.

PURCHASE TICKETS at guntergift.com

Join us for an evening of music, dinner, drinks* and fundraising for the GIFT education foundation
October 28th, 2017 at 7pm.

The evening will feature live music from Timmy and the Naturals as well as live and silent auctions.

Dress is casual, boots are a plus.

*must be at least 21 years old to attend.

SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2017 - 10AM-3PM

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

**TICKETS: \$5 PER PERSON
CHILDREN 12 MONTHS AND
UNDER ARE FREE**

Quiet Hour is between 10am-11am.
No lights or sounds during this time.

Event Location:
Preston Trail Farms
15102 State Highway 289
Gunter, Texas 75058

The Touch-A-Truck fundraising event is a community wide event where kids (and adults) can see, touch, interact with, and learn about dozens of cool vehicles including: fire trucks, police cars, helicopters, tractors, farm equipment and much more! In case of bad weather we will have a shuttle route planned. Follow us on Facebook for more details as the day nears. Extra security has also been added to ensure safety.

Hosted by the
Gunter Parks Foundation



Visit www.gunterparksfoundation.com
to learn more about our 501C3 non-profit Organization



Child Name _____

Parent Name _____

School _____

Phone _____

Grade/Teacher _____

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Thank you for supporting Gunter Middle School!

Order Forms due Sept. 8, 2017 • Checks payable GMS PTO

Forms can be turned in to the GMS office.