



Superintendent's Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized at the February board meeting. They were all chosen by their teachers to be recipients of the Superintendent Honor Roll. Students are chosen not only on academic standards, but conduct in the classroom and companionship with their peers.



Elementary School

Libby McCarty – 4th Grade
Caleb Tucker – 1st Grade

Middle School

Ava Cantrell – 5th Grade
Gabe Wells – 8th Grade

High School

Cameryn Warren – 11th Grade
Jake Whitteker – 12th Grade

Winter Ignite Awards

Congratulations to Tom Bremer (District), Tina Smith (GES), Al Breedlove (GHS), and Jessica Hogan (GMS) for being chosen as the IGNITE Award Recipients. They were recognized at the board meeting in February for their service to this district. Faculty members are nominated and chosen by their peers for their ability to **ignite** the passion of learning in our students.



GUNTER'S GOT TALENT

Gunter's Got Talent lived up to its name on February 22nd where, for a mere \$5, the audience was entertained thoroughly by some talented individuals. The evening started off with an encore from two of the winners from last year's show; Q Layman and Lauren Baird singing together. The talent that followed was spectacular!



- ❑ Kenna Carruthers brilliantly played the piano while Addison Mercer, so gracefully, danced a ballet to "Welcome to the Black Parade".
- ❑ Siena Siciliano sang a beautiful rendition of "Hallelujah".
- ❑ Montana Wheeler pumped up the crowd with a dance to "We Got the Beat".
- ❑ Avery Roane awed the crowd as she sang "Stitches".
- ❑ Melissa Clower tapped her way into the hearts of the audience to "Hot Honey Rag".
- ❑ Dixie Waligura showed her double talent of singing and piano playing as she performed "Opportunity".
- ❑ Jacob Madsen rocked the crowd with his drum solo to "The Anthem".
- ❑ Carter Layton brought the Bieber to Gunter with the song "Baby".
- ❑ McKinlee Suitors flipped the crowd's attention to the stage with her tumbling/jazz/hip hop dance routine.
- ❑ Houston Rehmet eloquently played "Gypsy Earrings" on the piano.



The emcees for the evening were Cade Meyerdirk and Q Layman who kept the audience entertained between acts, and also performed a couple of songs while the judges deliberated.

The judges had a difficult decision. The following places were awarded:

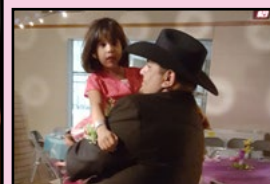
- **1st Place - Jacob Madsen**
- **2nd Place - Dixie Waligura**
- **3rd Place - Ella Lotspeich**

Congratulations to everyone on a great performance!



Daddy Daughter Dance

The evening of enchantment was not a disappointment to our little princesses this year. Thank you to all of the daddys who came out and danced with their daughters and made their whole world seem like a fairytale for just one night. You will remember these days always and forever!



Daddy's Arms

I know I'm right
where I belong,
in Daddy's arms
that are so strong.

They give me hugs,
they hold me tight
and let me know
I'm safe at night.

I'm all dressed up
I fixed my hair,
I twirl and spin
Don't have to share.

Your arms are all mine,
for this special date.
I'm the luckiest girl
in this great big state.

Daddy, tonight
your arms made me feel
like a princess
in a movie reel.

Written by Shelli Neely

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB RECIPIENTS

These students celebrated their birthday with a book being donated in their name to the GES library. If you are interested in becoming a book club member, contact the elementary school to sign up.



November:

Mathew Yosten
Reese Gibbs
Ashton Pinkernell
Grace Geisendorff

December:

Roman Yosten (not pictured)
Kailyn Miller

February:

Bryne Craven
Max Smith

January:

Ryder Ruiz

January GES Student of the Month



L-R: 2nd Grade Micah Fisher, 3rd Grade Hayden Farrell, Kindergarten Cayden Johnson, 4th Grade Katherine Clemens, 1st Grade Sophia Streiff

ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Grant

Gunter Elementary is excited to receive a \$500.00 grant from McCraw Oil Company and Kwik Chek Food Stores Inc. This grant is made possible through the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Grant Program. This is Gunter Elementary's third year to receive this grant. The money is to go toward helping campuses expand their math and science programs. Gunter Elementary will be purchasing math and science manipulatives to help support their curriculum. We greatly appreciate the support and how the grant helps support our students in their learning.



Mrs. Pelzel's 3rd grade class shows off their creative Valentine boxes they created to collect the treats and Valentines they exchanged with each other.



Muffins for Moms

Monday, April 11th 7:00-7:40 am



Spring Book Fair

April 11th -14th

Contact: Ashly Gann @ 972-342-3883 or Lisa Marks @ 972-567-0787 for volunteer opportunities. We are also on Facebook at Gunter Elementary School PTO.



Pre-K & Kindergarten Round-up
March 23rd 3:45-6:45pm
@ Gunter Elementary

If you have a child eligible for Pre-K or is ready to start kindergarten in the fall, make plans to attend the Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup on March 23rd.

Eligible Pre-Kindergarten children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2016.

Pre-Kindergarten eligibility is based on:

- income
- homeless status
- limited English speaking
- active military parent
- the child ever having been in foster care

Please bring proof of eligibility. For example: check stub(s) for February, 2014 W-2 Form if you are self-employed, military identification, or legal paperwork from the foster care system.

** For those who do not qualify, we accept tuition based students when there is room in the class.

Kindergarten children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2016

The following items are required for **every student** to be registered:

1. Immunization Record
2. Official Birth Certificate
3. Social Security Card
4. Copy of Parent's Drivers License

All pre-registration forms are available on the GES website if you would like to download them and fill them out before you come.

Headstart
Registration

March/Marzo 23, 2016

3:45 pm-6:45 pm

2016- 2017 School Year / Año Escolar 2016-2017

Gunter Elementary School

200 West Elm St. Gunter, TX 75058



Headstart
Registration

HS Child Enrollment Qualifications:

Child must be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1, 2016

- Child may be non-English speaking
- Family must be income eligible
- Child may have an identified disability
- Family is homeless
- Foster Child

Please bring the following proof of incomes:

Tax form 1040 or W-2(s) for 2015; 4 most recent pay stubs; self-employment-previous 12 months income; TANF, SSI, Social Security, Child Support, (other)

Please bring these additional documents with your application:

- Child's official birth certificate
- Social security card
- Child's up-to-date shot record
- Medicaid, CHIP, or insurance card
- Most current proof of residency within Gunter ISD (**telephone or cable bills are not acceptable**)
- Annual ARD/ IEP/ IFSP (if applicable)

HS Calificaciones para registrar el niño/a:

Niño/a deberá tener 3 o 4 años cumplidos para el 1 de Septiembre, 2016

- Su niño/a no habla ni entiende el inglés, o su inglés es limitado
- La familia es de bajos ingresos
- Tiene una necesidad especial o discapacidad
- La familia no tiene hogar estable
- El niño/a no tiene hogar estable

Por favor traiga las siguientes formas de verificación de ingresos:

Forma 1040 de impuestos o W-2(s) del 2015, los 4 talones de pago de empleo mas recientes. Si tiene su propio negocio: prueba de ingresos recibidos en los últimos 12 meses. TANF, SSI, Seguro Social, Manutención para el niño (otro)

Por favor traiga estos documentos adicionales con su aplicación:

- Acta de nacimiento del niño/a
- Tarjeta de Seguro Social (si tiene)
- Tarjeta de vacunas (tiene que estar al corriente)
- Tarjeta de Medicaid, CHIP, o de seguro privado
- Prueba de residencia de que su domicilio esta en el Distrito de Gunter (**tiene que ser cuenta del agua, luz o renta. No se aceptan cuentas del teléfono o del cable**)
- Resultados de la junta anual de ARD/ IEP/ IFSP (si se aplica)

For more information call/ Para mas información llame al: (903) 696-1123

2016-2017 applications can also be obtained at the Gunter Elementary Office. / Las aplicaciones para el año escolar 2016-2017 también pueden ser recogidas en la oficina de la escuela Elemental de Gunter.

Fund Raising for the Fire Department



GES students in grades 1-4 strapped on some wheels and took off in circles to raise money for our volunteer fire department. Students secured pledges for each lap they skated, and volunteers helped count each lap the students made.

The pre-k & kindergarten students, who are too little to skate, walked their laps during their PE class period. They lined up single file on the black line that took them on a walk around the perimeter of the gym. Their class goal was to walk 30 times around the gym.

Whether they were walking or skating, the students did an awesome job and raised a total of \$1303.65!

Discovery students also raised money for the fire department by selling popcorn. They raised \$300 to add to the amount.

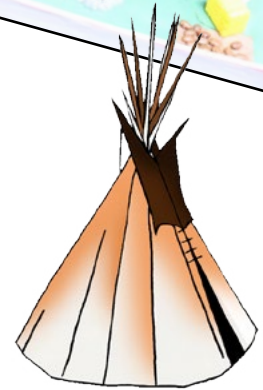
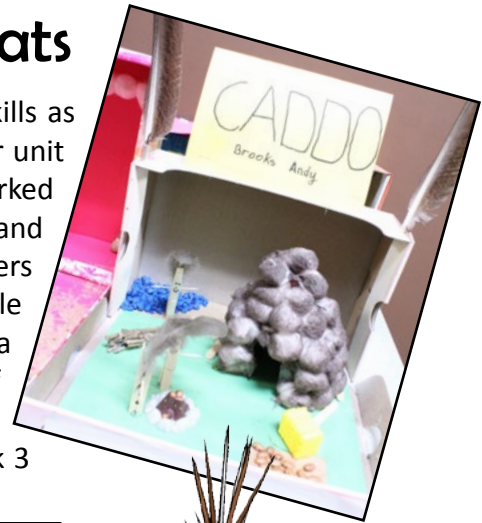
Grand Total: \$1603.65!





American Indian Habitats

The 4th grade students learned collaboration skills as well as facts about the Native tribes during their unit on Native Americans of Texas. Students worked with partners to realistically show the region and environment the tribe lived in and what their shelters looked like. The project was done at school while working in partners to design and build a diorama depicting an early American Indian tribe of Texas. They also had to write a report to go with their dioramas. This project took 3 days, and the results were amazing!



BUILD WEEK IS COMING SOON!

MAY 17-21, 2016

at The Gunter City Park across from Gunter Elementary

**We need lots of volunteers: construction, cooks, artists, etc.
Don't forget, we also need to borrow your tools!**

Help us by signing up -> <http://gunterparksfoundation.com/volunteer>

Nitro Typers

Mrs. Bailey's 7th and 8th Grade Tech classes recently held the February Nitro Typing Tournament. The following students were named CLASS CHAMPS by coming out on top of their class brackets:

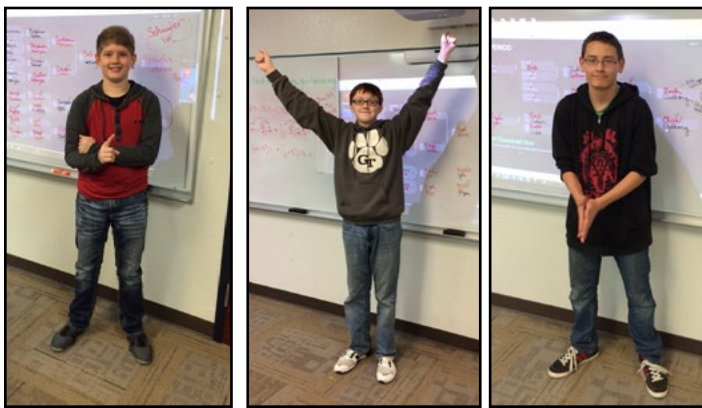
(Pictured L-R)

Schuyler Marshall – 1st Period

Jack Locke – 2nd Period

Zach Maynard – 7th Period

Zach logged the highest words per minute overall out of all classes with 104 words per minute. WOW!



Congratulations to Gunter Middle School 8th Grader, Erin Robertson, who placed 5th overall and advanced 6 rounds in the Grayson County Spelling Bee! She was an incredible representative of Gunter ISD!

APRIL 2ND

GUNTER
MIDDLE
SCHOOL

SADIE
HAWKINS
DANCE

7th & 8th Grade
8- 10 pm

Watch for more
information!



Gunter Middle School

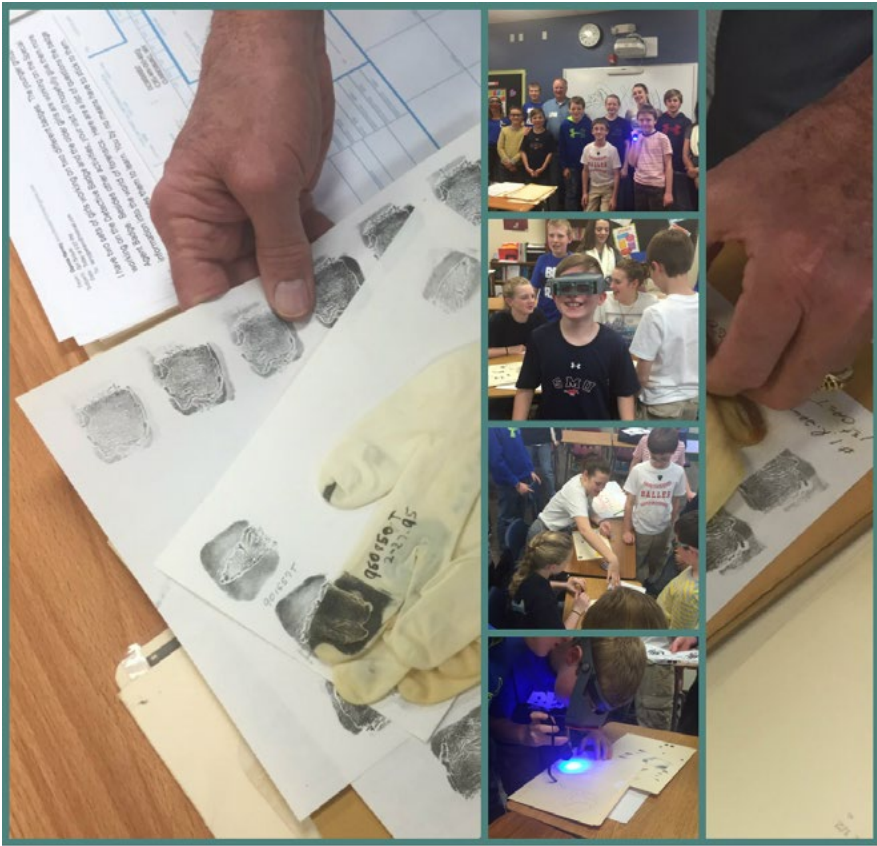
join the fun!
March 19th, 2016
9:00am
Gunter High School
(Parking Lot)

a color run for all
There is no time limit and you can run, jog, or walk at your own pace!
Bring the whole family!
Register Online
GunterMSCR.eventbrite.com

our great new fundraising event
This year, we will be hosting our own school color run! This is an exciting new program that will help create awareness for healthy living, raise funds, and is sure to be a blast!

Discovering Forensics

By Jennie Bullard



The Discovery students had a guest speaker visit their classroom this month. They have begun a forensic science unit, and Mr. Larry Peters came to teach the students about fingerprinting and what his job entails. Mr. Peters introduced the students to the different patterns seen in fingerprints: whorls, arches, and loops, and showed the students examples of each. He showed how fingerprints have specific points of identification that are used by fingerprint experts, such as himself, to identify suspects and victims. He taught the class the difference between latent and patent fingerprints and discussed a specific technique he developed to lift fingerprints from unidentified victims using a type of art gum that is typically

used in movies to create false noses and other facial features. He showed the students an example of a fingerprint that he was able to lift using this special technique (in the pic with the latex glove). He also spoke about his laboratory and the instruments he uses in his work. He brought a pair of magnifying goggles and a special blue light that helps to illuminate the fingerprints after chemicals/dust have been used to locate prints. He also told the class of some of the cases that he worked on while working for the FBI, DEA, OSBI, and the police. He even got a call from a lawyer in Des Moines, Iowa asking for his handwriting analysis expertise for a case while he was visiting! The students were fascinated with his work and experiences.



COASTING THROUGH SCIENCE

Wouldn't it be fun to design roller coasters for a living? Our GMS students had an opportunity to try their hand at designing and constructing their very own coaster. Mr. Fletcher's sixth grade students put their science skills to use to design and build the best roller coaster possible. In this project, the students had to differentiate between kinetic and potential energy, make a scaled drawing, construct the roller coaster, and test the coaster with marbles. They had 3 tries to get their marble to fly down a hill, speed through the loops and make it to the very end. They did a great job!



ICE, WIND, & WATER

It might sound like a new rock band, but it's not. These are elements 5th grade science students were studying about in the unit on erosion. They learned about the effects of ice, wind, & water on the earth by a variety of experiments using brown sugar, cookies, sand, soil, pebbles and ice cubes. In the end, they saw hills move, rocks crumble and earth erode. Experiments of this caliber give the students a visual to help them understand scientific concepts. Typically, erosion of the earth takes hundreds of years, but in the 5th grade lab, it just took a few minutes!



Denison Special Olympics Basketball Skills

The following athletes participated in the Denison Special Olympics Basketball Skills meet and placed as follows:

- Adrian Aviles, Gold Medal
- Sara Driggers, Gold Medal
- Paris Crosby, Silver Medal
- Bo Hooten, Bronze Medal
- Lorenzo Rangel, Bronze Medal
- Jayden Tesdahl, Bronze Medal
- Cole Reynolds, Bronze Medal
- Francisco Moreno, 4th Place



Dallas Theatre Center Makes Theatre Fun for Everyone!

On Saturday, February 20th, GES & GMS students were given a great opportunity to attend a sensory-friendly production of "A Year with Frog and Toad" at the Dallas Children's Theater. Some stories, especially fairy tales, may be disturbing to some children, for example, the villain or conflict in the story. DTC has made an effort to adapt some of their productions so the students who are affected can still enjoy the theatre. If you would like more information or would like to see other opportunities for a sensory friendly performance, visit <http://www.dct.org/sensory/>

Pictured: April Loewen, STC Teacher, Jayden Tesdahl, Mitzi Nelson, Speech Therapist, Waylon Standridge, Wilson Marks, Colt Nelson, Hailey Clark and Brody Baze.

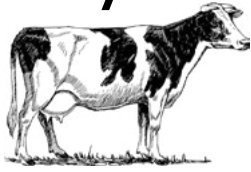


San Antonio Livestock Show

Hunter Simco and John Massey blew away the competition at the San Antonio Stock Show. Both of them won their class and were named Calf Division Winners. This is a huge honor! Congratulations Hunter and John! We are proud of you.



Loy Lake



We are looking forward to seeing so many of our students in the Grayson County Livestock Show, otherwise known as Loy Lake. We have students from all three campuses participating between February 29th and March 4th. Watch for the results in the next issue!

Math Team Prepares for Competition



On January 30th, members of the UIL Math Team traveled to Argyle to compete in a practice UIL meet. Seniors Chris Jackson and Josh Potapov along with Junior Taylor Smith competed in Number Sense, Calculator Applications, and Mathematics. The tests were given back to back and range from 10 minutes to 40 minutes. That is a lot of math in a short time period! At this meet the top 10 scores from each grade level were posted by name and Josh Potapov received 9th place among the seniors in the Number Sense competition. Way to go Josh! The UIL Academic District Meet will be on April 6th.

KXII Student Athlete of the Week Katey Campbell

Congratulations to GHS senior, Katey Campbell, who was selected as KXII's Student Athlete of the Week. On Wednesday, February 24th, KXII interviewed Katey and will post her story to their website soon. She was nominated by the GISD Athletic Department for her outstanding character in and out of the classroom. Coach Watson and Mrs. Dodd were also interviewed for the story. These two ladies have made a significant impact in Katey's life at GHS. Contratulations Katey! We are proud of you. Watch for her story at www.kxii.com/sports/athlete



Choir Students set GHS Record



- Remaining Choir Events for 2016
- April 12 - UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest
 - April 23- Hard Luck Choir Café
 - May 17- Spring Show
 - May 27-28- UIL State Solo & Ensemble

The GHS choir set a record in February with a perfect solo and ensemble event. They earned straight 1's! GHS will be sending 7 ensembles and 5 soloists to state.

The following Chamber Choir Students make up 7 different Ensembles heading to State. 2 Silver Swans, 2 Boat Madrigals, 1 Counterpoint of the Animals, and 1 De Animals, and 1 Shenandoah: Eliza Allen, Brian Avendaño, Jonathan Avendaño, Lauren Baird, Abigail Bon, Kenna Carruthers, Taylor Cheers, Connor Clement, Colten Enloe, Cooper Enloe, Alexis Ferguson, Briscoe Fletcher, Sarah Franze, Abigail Gilbreath, Austin Gittens, Rylee Hestand, Quinten Layman, Lexie Lenderman, Emily Loftis, Zachary Magers, Kade Mccarty, Ana Mercado, Addison Mercer, Cade Meyerdirk, Makenzie Perry, Emily Price, Jacob Reed, Alexandria Robinson, Madison Varns, Izabella Zuniga

The 5 soloist advancing to state include: Jonathan Avendaño, Lauren Baird, Colten Enloe, Zach Magers, and Cade Meyerdirk

GHS Band Sends 11 to State in Solo & Ensemble

The GHS Band will be sending 11 students to state after a huge performance at solo & ensemble competition.

The following students will advance to state on their class one ensembles:

Brian Avendaño
Jonathan Avendaño
Will Martin
Alyssa Smith

Edgar Fuentes
Chris Jackson
Alex Leach
Kenny Shipman

Taylor Crelia
Hannah Eldridge
Hannah Husted



The following students performed their class 1 memorized and will be advancing to state:

Brian Avendaño
Jonathan Avendaño
Will Martin
Kenny Shipper

Congratulations to the following students for earning a division 1 on their class one solos:

Joseph Bremer
Edgar Fuentes
Alex Leach
Joshua Pierce
Savannah Roane

GHS Student of the Month

by Chris Dodd



This month's feature highlights probably the strongest "student" in Gunter High School history...literally.

A tweet from the campus Twitter account went viral around the State last week. It was video of Senior Sheldon Parkman hoisting a personal best 700 pound squat. He made it look easy. Jesse

Harris, uses the phrase "light weight baby" when mentioning Sheldon. This could be a reference to a mind-set both lifters use to push each other in the heat of competition. "He always motivates you through his actions," Jesse states. "He is convinced he is going to get the lift – and he does."

Sheldon transferred from Howe midway through his junior football season. The move forced him to contribute as a scout team player until the sixth game of his senior season. Sheldon accepted his role and quickly earned the reputation of putting the team and others first. Most weeks his job was to labor in the trenches and provide the look of the best lineman from the other team.

The burden of being big and strong is in the Parkman family DNA. Sheldon's father Wayne was a standout defensive lineman and wrestler at a 6A Metroplex high school. His mother Tammie was a cross country runner. "I got dad's genes," Sheldon laughs.

Sheldon's recent exploits have him sitting 2nd among all Super Heavyweights (275lbs plus) in a very competitive Region. The 700lb show in addition to personal bests 380lb bench, and 500lb deadlift currently rank him 6th in the State with a total of 1580lbs. Sheldon thinks it will take 1700 plus to medal at State. "I'll have to surpass my own expectations," he admits. "But I can do it."

Sheldon may be a lumberjack or roughneck by brawn but many students know him for his tender heart. Courtney Pryor sees Sheldon as the "sweet" and "thoughtful" guy that made a pizza from scratch and brought it to school for his teammates. Courtney further relayed the time that Sheldon went out of his way to look after a teammate that was injured or in personal need. "He thinks about others first," she says. "Best word to describe him is he is genuinely a 'good person'."

Sarah Long, Sheldon's teacher and coach, echoes the same sentiments. "Sheldon has always been a positive role model to the team and school." "He is one of the most thoughtful and caring students I have ever had."

This man of steel, or rather man who could "bend" steel, is vulnerable like all of us. An attempt at a personal best turned tragic and life threatening last spring. Sheldon slid

under over 300 pounds of iron and in a split second saw the weight come crashing down on his chest before spotters could react. The weight had slipped his grip and the impact broke his sternum and three ribs. Sheldon was loaded in an ambulance and rushed to the hospital. "The doctor told me it was a close call," Sheldon somberly recalls. "Three and a half centimeters from death."

The recovery process was painful and long-suffering. But even as Sheldon recovered and resumed training his confidence and mental fortitude lagged behind. "The better I got and more I trained the more anxious I was to get back under that bar," he remembers. "I was scared knowing that eventually I would have to press that load again."

Sheldon's team grew not just from the mass of onlookers, teammates, and encouragers gawking at the circus show feats but also from a spotter's perspective. Colton Enloe forsook competing himself to becoming Sheldon's full time wrap man. Timing and consistency is crucial when the weight gets heavy in the squat. Many lifts have failed because the person wrapping the knees is off. Sheldon trusts one man to wrap and that is Colton. Jesse Harris, a big man himself, is Sheldon's personal back spotter. A lifter's confidence is not only in his ability to pull or push the weight but also knowing that he can reach out beyond prior limits because someone literally has his back. "They (Jesse and Colton) mean a lot to me," Sheldon boasts. "I wouldn't be in this spot (weekly setting personal bests) without them."

Eventually Sheldon would climb back under the bar. "I prayed a ton," he admits. "I knew God wanted me to do this or he would have taken me home (heaven) that day the bar fell."

"I saw him come back from an injury that would have permanently sidelined most athletes," Ms. Long, a former college athlete turned accomplished body-builder states. "Sheldon has one of the strongest 'hearts' I've ever seen."

Many have contributed to Sheldon's success in Gunter and he seeks to give back in the future. He plans to join a National Powerlifting team while working his way to becoming a diesel mechanic. Sheldon's long term goal is to train "kids" the virtues of the sport which he describes as "respect, sportsmanship, team." "Powerlifting is often seen as an 'individual' sport but I can tell you first-hand you are only as strong as your 'team'," he says.

In under two years Sheldon Parkman contributed courage, compassion, and his self-awareness to the Gunter High School "team". He has made the Ambush "stronger". And for that reason he is my Tiger Times Student of the Month for March.





GHS and GMS Cheer Tryouts will be held on March 4th after school. This is an early release day, so therefore, tryouts will begin after the early release. We expect to have the judges present by 1:30pm, so please plan to be here and ready by that time. Middle school tryouts will be first, high school will follow. Results will be posted to the respective cheer pages on the website later that evening.

Tryouts are closed to the public.
Please respect this rule and do not attempt to come in to watch.

Senior End of Year Events

- April 9 – Prom/After Prom
* Please see the slide show on the GHS home page for proper dress at this occasion.
- May 5th – AP Calculus Exam
- May 9th – May 12th - Dual Credit Final Exams
- May 16 - Academic Banquet 6pm (*invitation only)
- May 17 – Senior Class Community Park Project (Breakfast and work at park all day)
- May 20 – Baccalaureate Practice and Brunch at FBC Gunter 9:15 – 11:00 am
After brunch: Senior work day at park to work on community playground
- May 22 – Baccalaureate 6pm at FBC Gunter
- May 23 – Final Exam Review Day for Seniors
- May 24 & May 25 - Senior Finals 9:30 – 12:30
- May 26 – High School Awards Assembly Day 8:15am
- May 27 – Bad Weather Day
- May 30 – Memorial Day Holiday
- May 31 – Senior Parade at Elementary -10:00am
Graduation Practice - 2pm in Sherman
- June 1 – Senior Field Trip
- June 2 – Last Day of School (1 pm - Early Release)
Make-Up Exams
Senior Class Meeting at 10:00 am
- June 4 – Graduation Kidd Key in Sherman - 3 pm



Join Gunter Girl Scouts Troop 4746! Girls Grades K - 12



Camp * Swaps * Crafts * Fun * Leadership skills * Friendships

Contact us to get your journey started:

Chrissy Stephan
cstephan1@hotmail.com/469-826-7967

or

Donna Harvey
Scoutleader4christ@gmail.com/940-367-0177



GIFT DRIVE



The Annual GIFT Fundraising Drive will end on March 5th. Please visit our GIFT website for more information.
www.gunterisd.org/gift

Make plans to attend the GIFT Reception on April 7th.



Federal Report Card Notice

Federal Report Cards for the state, the district, and each of the district's campuses are now available on the district's website at this link: <http://www.gunterisd.org/domain/82> or are also available on the Texas Education Agency's website at: http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Laws_and_Rules/NCLB_and_ESEA/NCLB-ESEA_Resources/Federal_Report_Card/.

If you have difficulty accessing the information from the website, hard copies of the reports are available at the district or campus office.

North Texas

U.S. Service Academies Forum



High school and middle school students welcome.

Parents are encouraged to attend.

Free and open to the public.

Saturday, April 2, 2016
8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Registration begins at 7:30 AM

Sam Houston High School
2000 Sam Houston Drive
Arlington, Texas 76014

ROTC: Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps

- Jointly Sponsored by:*
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 - Congressman Roger Williams (TX-25)
 - Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (TX-26)
 - Congressman John Carter (TX-31)
 - Congressman Pete Sessions (TX-32)
 - Congressman Marc Veasey (TX-33)

For more information, please contact:

Lorie Grinnan
 Office of Congressman John Ratcliffe
 972-771-0100 or lorie.grinnan@mail.house.gov



GHS Basketball Scoreboard

Varsity Boys

- 2/2 vs Pilot Point (W) 53-51 (2OT)
- 2/5 vs S&S (W) 50-43
- 2/9 vs Callisburg (L) 57-61
- 2/12 vs Whitesboro (W) 61-58
- 2/16 vs Howe (L) 51-66
- 2/19 vs Howe (L) 46-55
- *4th Place in District = **PLAYOFFS!**
- 2/22 vs Bowie (L) 43-55

Junior Varsity

- 2/9 vs Callisburg (W) 42-37
- 2/12 vs Whitesboro (L) 26-41
- 2/16 vs Howe (L) 28-35

Varsity Girls

- 2/2 vs Pilot Point (W) 55-40
- 2/5 vs S&S (W)
- 2/9 vs Callisburg (W) 53-39

GMS Basketball Scoreboard

Boys:

- 8B vs howe 32-30 win
- 8A 36-23 win

Vs Pottsboro

- 8B 34-19 win
- 8A 33-32 win

District Tournament

- 8th Grade A Team- 2nd Overall
- Vs howe 36-15 win
- Vs Pottsboro 35-32 win
- Vs pilot point 41-36 loss

Girls:

- 7th Grade District Tournament- Consolation



Great Season Guys!
Record 19-12

Senior Night



Hoops seniors honored between games during the last home game of the season. Good luck in your future endeavors!

L-R: Toy Watson, Molly Mikulastik, Ryle Hestand, Ty Johnson





Gunter Urgent Care will perform athletic physicals for all incoming 7th, 9th & 11th graders on Wednesday, April 20th at around 12:50. We will begin with JH Students and move on to HS students. Letters will be going out to parents on the 1st of April. Please be watching for it.

Because they have...

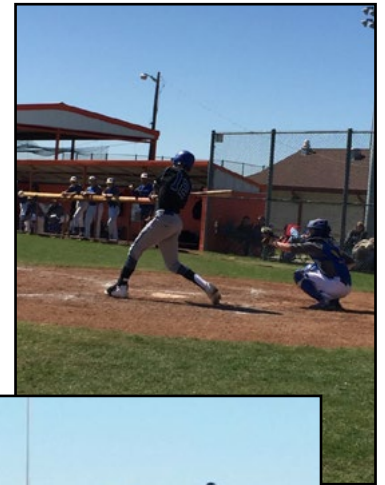


- Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade boys basketball - A Teams. Both took 2nd place at the district tournament.
- 7th grade girls basketball received the consolation trophy in the district tournament.
- Congrats to John Dalton Rowe and Zach Magers who competed at Regional swimming. Congrats to
- Zach Magers who finished 14th in the 200 Free at the 5A Swimming Regionals!
- We are excited to announce that our boys basketball team earned a playoff position! They placed 4th in the district.
- Congratulations to Tyler Buysse's Dallas Wheelchair Hoops team for taking 2nd place in a huge tournament, and to Tyler for making All-Tournament.



Baseball Facility Facelift

The baseball field house has been renovated and a restroom will be added for patrons. It is in progress and planned to be complete by April.



Varsity Scores

- Vs. Melissa(W) 4-2
- Vs. Pittsburg (W) 7-4
- Vs. Boyd (L) 8-4
- Vs. Boyd (W) 8-1
- Celina Tournament vs North Lamar (W) 7-1

JV Scores

- Little Elm Tournament vs McKinney (L) 1-5
- vs Lakeview Centennial (W) 8-0.
- vs Wakeland (W) 5-4
- vs Denison (W) 7-4



Softball Synopsis

Softball season has begun, and our girls took a trip to Group Dynamix to work on their strength on the ropes course and also worked on team building. They have also been busy helping to build their field house! The new softball fieldhouse is under construction, and will include lockers/dressing/players area, coaches office, laundry room, 3 showers, 3 restroom stalls, vanity and 3 sinks. Completion is slated for late March/early April.



Scoreboard

Gunter vs Tom Bean (L)
6-16

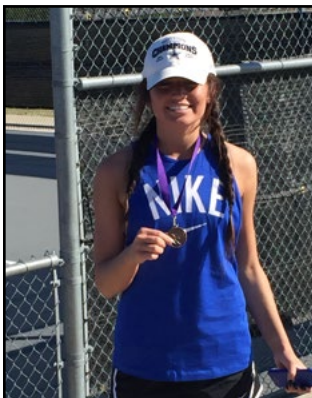
NCTC Angels in the
Infield Tournament
Lindsay (L) 6-2
Whitewright (W) 13-2
Alvord (W) 5-3
BlueRidge (W) 11-7
Tom Bean (L) 1-6



Game Photo Credit: Lee Franze

You can find her softball pictures on Flickr at https://www.flickr.com/photos/le_franze/albums/with/72157664613408311

CONGRATS TENNIS!



Anna Tennis Tournament February 26th

Kaycie Hamilton
3rd Place Girls Singles

Bella Zuniga and Rylie Lashley
Consolation Champions Girls Doubles



LETTERS OF INTENT

Congratulations to Kaycie Hamilton for signing her letter of intent with Brookhaven College to play volleyball. Hard work pays off!



Congratulations to Jesse Harris who signed a letter of intent to play football at Northwestern Oklahoma State. The middle school football players that Jesse helped coach made the event extra special by showing up!



Howe Invitational Powerlifting Meet Results:

- Raul Rico placed 4th in the 148 lb class with an 870 total
- Mason Snow placed 9th in the 148 lb class with a 705 total with a PR on squat of 300lb (remind you that he is a freshman)
- Brandon Perdue placed 13th in the 165 class with an 815 total with a PR of 330 lb.
- Earl Winkle placed 6th in the 220 lb class with a 995 total.
- Cade Meyerdirk placed 2nd in the 242 class with a 1210 total and a PR on squat of 500lb.
- Sheldon Parkman placed 1st in the SHW with a 1580 total and a PR on squat of 700 (the video) and bench at 380.

Boys Team: Tied for 6th place overall

Girls:

Baylee McEwen placed 4th in the 132 class with a total of 560 and a PR on bench of 110lb and deadlift of 245 lb.

- Chaney Elvington placed 7th in the 132 class with a total of 555 with a PR on deadlift of 245lb.
- Destiny Caperton placed 10th in the 148 class with a total of 560 with a PR of 245lb on deadlift.

Pictured left: Wrapping knees is so important, but must be done right before a lift and removed right after the lift due to the tightness.



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- Cade Meyerdirk - 13th which places him as an alternate
- Jesse Harris - 8th in the region
- Sheldon Parkman - 2nd in the region and 6th in the entire state



Howe Meet Medalists

Gunter Independent School District



Board Briefs

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

GISD Regular Board Meeting

The Regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Jeff Banks, Board President. A quorum was established. Invocation and Pledge was conducted by Mr. L.D. Byrd, Board Member.

ATTENDANCE: Board members included: Jeff Banks, L.D. Byrd, Dr. Gary Harris, John Jonas, Candy Leonard, Scott Meyerdirk and Steve Smith; District attendance included: Dr. Jill Siler, Mr. Kelly Teems, Mr. Chris Dodd, Mrs. Dara Arrington and Mrs. Ann Tolbert. Other staff and community members were also present.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Student / Staff Recognition
 - Superintendent Honor Roll Awardees
 - GES – Libby McCarty and Caleb Tucker
 - GMS – Ava Cantrell and Gabe Wells
 - GHS – Cameryn Warren and Jake Whitteker
 - Staff IGNITE Award Honorees
 - GES – Tina Smith, 4th Grade Teacher
 - GMS – Jessica Hogan, Counselor
 - GHS – Al Breedlove, Math Teacher
 - District – Tom Bremer, Band
- A full Financial Report was given including account updates from Landmark Bank, Lone Star Investments, a General Operating Report, I&S Report, Grayson County Coop Report and a report from Workers Comp
- Enrollment Update: Elementary 333; Middle School 235; High School 248; **Total: 816**
- Academic Update: 2016-17 Course Catalog and Texas Reads – Dr. Siler shared the 16-17 Course Catalog including new course offerings in Engineering, Health Sciences, Business & Ag Science as well as plans for course registration for our students. We also shared a program that Gunter Elementary is doing – Texas Reads One Book where every student will receive Charlotte’s Web (English or Spanish). In April, Jason Garrett will read the first chapter in a webcast that will be broadcast around the state and then every child will bring the book home where the families will read one chapter a night together.
- Communications:
 - Bond Update: Kelly Teems presented an update on capital projects, remaining projects and fund update. There is \$750,000 remaining in available bonds which is earmarked for our parking lot projects this summer. Projects currently in progress include the baseball fieldhouse renovations, baseball restrooms and softball fieldhouse construction. We have also updated outdoor lights across our campuses.
 - Kerfoot Update: Dr. Siler shared updated information on the Kerfoot Trust.
 - Technology Assessment (3rd Party): Dr. Siler shared information about a 3rd party assessment (audit) the district is pursuing to get a clear picture for next steps with regards to technology infrastructure in the district.
 - Water Billing Update: Dr. Siler shared that the city water rate increase will have minimal impact on GISD.
 - Future Plans for Custodial & Landscape Services: Discussed putting these services out for bid for the 2016-2017 school year.
 - Requested Feedback to City of Gunter re: Speed Limits. The mayor asked the school board to discuss current speed limits in town and whether any recommendations should be made to the city about adjusting those limits. The board discussed the dangers of 289 in front of the high school with students crossing after hours and the possibility of lowering that speed limit.
 - Upcoming Dates
 - March 17th, Reg. Mtg. 6:00pm
 - April 7th, GIFT Reception
 - April 16th, FFA Auction and Dinner
 - April 18th, Reg.Mtg. 6:00pm @ HS
 - May 9th, Spring Athletic Banquet
 - May 16th, Academic Banquet
 - May 12th, Reg. Mtg. 6:00pm
 - May 17-21, Community Build – Playground Project
 - May 19th, FFA Banquet

CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Minutes, Billing & Budget Amendments were approved for January 19th Regular Meeting Minutes, January 2016 Billing and Budget Amendments

REGULAR BUSINESS

- The Board approved the Order of Election for the May 7, 2016 school year.
- The Board approved to adopt an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds, Establishing the Parameters (\$500,000 in total savings) for Refunding and Delegating Authority to the Administration to complete the Sale of Refunding Bonds. Brian Grubbs presented options for refunding the next series of bonds. Because the market is so low right now, we are beginning the process to see if we can refinance another series of bonds.
- The Board approved the Energy Services Contract with Schneider Electric. Schneider will be presenting their Investment Grade Audit and a contract to move forward with services. The project is \$1.5 million worth of HVAC, Lighting and Energy Management at GES, GMS and GHS. It is a “guaranteed savings program” where the loan payments will be covered and guaranteed by the savings in the utility bills and other normal spending.
- The Board approved the Issuance of Series 2016 Maintenance Tax Note and authorized the district’s financial advisor to proceed as the financing for energy service project. We presented several options for financing the Schneider contract. The board decided to utilize a Maintenance 20 year Tax Note at a rate of 2.94%.
- The Board approved the 2016-2017 Instructional Calendar as presented. This calendar begins on August 22nd and includes 172 school days. Dr. Siler also shared survey results from the GISD staff who overwhelmingly supported to end the 1st semester in December.
- The Board approved the Rubric for Parking Lot Bids as presented. The bids will come back in March to be reviewed/accepted by the board and construction will start June 6,

2016. (GMS Staff Parking Lot & GHS Student Parking Lot)

- The Board reviewed proposed changes to the Cheer Constitution and authorized the Superintendent to oversee changes to this constitution.
- The Board approved that the proposed change for the A.W. Brown-Fellowship Academy Open Enrollment Charter School is not expected to impact GISD.
- The Board continued discussions to the GE (LOCAL) Policy-Relations with Parent Organizations and decided to table this motion in order to continue working through policy revisions.

9:04pm Board went in to Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.001

10:15pm Reconvened from Closed Session.

- The Board approved to extend Christy Nolen, Grayson County Special Education Director’s contract through 2018-2019 school year.
- Dr. Siler shared with the Board that Ruth Ann Bowen, Kindergarten Teacher and Nelma Phillips, High School Teacher gave notice of retirement effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
- The Board approved to hire Jake Parker as a High School Business Teacher/Coach and Yvette Rand as a Kindergarten Teacher for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

ADJOURNMENT: Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:16pm



Go RED for Women's Heart Health

GISD joined with the American Heart Association for the 2nd year in a row to help spread the word about heart disease. The Go RED for Women campaign addresses issues related to heart disease in women. Heart disease in women requires more attention, more research and swifter action. That's why hitting the books or internet to learn more is so important. Go Red for Women provides many opportunities for women everywhere to learn the facts about heart disease. If you would like more information on heart disease and how to live a healthier life, visit the American Red Cross website at <https://www.goredforwomen.org/>. It's never too late to start!

Although the campaign focuses on women's heart health, we think it's also important for men to focus on being heart healthy as well. That's why GISD has taken steps to encourage healthy habits amongst our faculty. This month we have had several of our faculty members participate in a Texoma Transformation Contest, we have sent emails with hints on eating less salt and also had a registered dietician come out to speak about healthy eating habits. The transformation is being facilitated by Trent Cox, a local trainer and the brother of one of our teachers. It is a "Biggest Loser" kind of competition for people in the Texoma area. Several school districts have staff members taking part. After several GISD teachers/staff joined the competition, Dr. Siler reached out to our GISD medical community to ask if they would be interested in sponsoring just our GISD teachers as we participate in this program and several agreed. Over \$1500 was donated in cash, prizes and benefits – free gym membership to anyone participating, free dental work to the winner and lots of cash prizes. We ended up having just under 40% of our staff participate!

We would like to thank the sponsors who jumped on board to help motivate our staff to become healthier. The sponsors include: Dr. Rebecca Rue, Dr. Bradley Rue, Dr. DeAnn Strobel, Dr. Michael Pincus, and Kerry Miller with True Fit gym in Gunter.



On February 26th, staff and students donned the color RED instead of blue to show support for the campaign.



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Interesting fact about the month of March:

The word 'March' comes from the Roman 'Martius'. This was originally the first month of the Roman calendar and was named after Mars, the god of war.

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NO MATTER WHAT YOUR ABILITY IS, **EFFORT** IS WHAT **IGNITES** THAT ABILITY AND TURNS IT INTO **ACCOMPLISHMENT**

~ Carol Dweck

Gunter Independent School District

MARCH 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Exit Level Math 5p SB @ Melissa	2 Exit Level Science	3 Exit Level Social St. Golf @ Lake Kiowa HS Boys & Girls Track @ Bells	4 1p Early Release Powerlifting Regionals @ Chico	5
		Grayson County Livestock Show			Softball Tournament @ Van Alstyne	
		4p Cheer Tryout Practices			Varsity Baseball Tournament @ Gunter	
					Cheer Tryouts	
6	7 6:30p SB @ Howe	8 4:30p / 7p JVB & V BB @ Home 6:30p SB @ Whitesboro	9	10	11	12
				JV Baseball Tournament @ Dallas Jesuit		
				Varsity Baseball Tournament @ Windthorst		
	Spring Break					
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins - Turn clocks ahead 1 hour. Spring Forward	14 JH Boys Track @ Pottsboro Golf @ Tanglewood 5p JVW BB @ Bonham	15 JH Girls Track @ Whitesboro Tennis @ Princeton 4:30p / 7p JVB & V BB @ Pottsboro 5p SB @ Pottsboro	16 8th Grade Careers Class Field Trip to GCC	17 HS Boys & Girls Track @ Whitesboro 6p School Board Mtg St. Patrick's Day	18 4:30 & 7p JVB & V BB @ Home 6:30p SB @ Home	19 8a GMS 5K Color Run
20 Palm Sunday	21 JH Track @ Gunter Golf @ Stone Creek 6p JVW BB @ Howe District OAP @ Grayson CC	22 4:30 & 7p JVB & V BB @ Pilot Point 5p SB @ Pilot Point	23 Tennis @ Prosper 3:45p Pre-K & Kindergarten Round-up	24 HS Girls & Boys Track at Pottsboro 5p Softball @ Home	25 School Holiday 4:30 & 7p JVB and V BB @ Home 5p JVW BB @ Chant Good Friday	26
27 Easter	28 Golf @ Stone Creek 5p SB @ Callisburg 5:30p JVW BB @ Whitesboro	29 STAAR English I STAAR- Math Grades 5 & 8 STAAR Writing Grades 4 & 7 4:30p JVB & V BB @ Callisburg	30 STAAR Reading Grades 5 & 8 STAAR Writing Grades 4 & 7 JH Boys & Girls Track @ Howe	31 STAAR English II HS Boys & Girls Track @ Pilot Point	1 4:30 & 7p JVW BB @ Home JVB & V BB @ Howe 6:30p SB @ Home	2 GMS Sadie Hawkins Dance- 7th & 8th Grade



Gunter Middle School

Date & Location

March 19th, 2016
Gunter High School (Parking Lot)

Events

Check in Time 8:00am **Start Time** 9:00am

Registration

Visit GunterMSCR.eventbrite.com to register and donate online! Please make checks to **Gunter Middle School**.

Early Registration Fee (10 and over): \$25
Early Registration Fee (10 and under): \$20

After 2/22/16 Registration Fee (10 and over): \$35
After 2/22/16 Registration Fee (10 and under): \$30

Sleep-In & Hit Snooze (T-Shirt Only/ends 3/6): \$20
*For those who cannot attend the event but still wish to support our efforts!
The registration fee includes run/walk registration, individual color packet, race bib, and a My School Color Run T-shirt!
***Only guaranteed if you sign up before 3/6/16**

Course

This color walk/run features a designated 5k (3.1 miles) course. During the race, participants are doused with color at various color stations ending with one final color celebration at the finish line.

Time Limit

There is no time limit however all racers must be present at the race start time to participate in the run.

Pre & Post Race

Water stations will be available along the route. There will be music, refreshments for sale, and photo opportunities available.

Parents/Students

Please be sure to turn in your pledge forms and registration by **3/6/16** to ensure you'll receive promotional items!

Fundraiser Information

Funds raised from this event will go towards offsetting travel costs for those Gunter Middle School students traveling to Washington DC this June! Thank you!

Gunter Middle School Fun Run/Walk Entry Form

Full payment due by **3/6/16** to guarantee a race bib, color packet, and t-shirt!
Send to Gunter Middle School ATTN: Jennie Bullard 410 Tiger Lane Gunter TX, 75058

Please check here if selecting Sleep-In & Hit Snooze option. **(T-Shirt ONLY)**

Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Email: _____

Extra Color Packet: _____ x \$3 (payment due with registration / offer ends 3/6/16)

T-shirt Size: **SELECT ONE**

YOUTH Small Medium Large XL **ADULT** Small Medium Large XL 2XL 3XL

Signature: _____

Note: For the safety of all participants, strollers, skateboards, scooters, and skates of any kind are prohibited in this event. Waiver of Liability: In consideration of my entry being accepted, I waive any and all claims for myself, my administrators, and my heirs against all officials, sponsors, and organizations connected with the myschoolcolorrun Fun Run/Walk for injury or illness that may directly or indirectly result from my participation in this event. I agree that My School Color Run, LLC may use photographs of me taken at the event for any lawful purpose including publicity, illustration advertising, and web/social content. I attest that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event, and am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.



Approved 2/16/2016

Gunter ISD 2016-17 Calendar

Instructional Minutes: *75,600 Required

School Day = 7hrs 35min 167 x 455 min = 75,985
 Early Release = 5hrs 5 x 300 min = 1,500
TOTAL MINUTES: 77,485

1885 minutes banked
 —> 4 days (+65 min) + 2 bad weather days = 6 days total

Grading Periods

Aug 22 - Oct 14 38 Days
 Oct 17 - Dec 16 40 Days
 Jan 3 - Mar 10 48 Days
 Mar 20 - May 25 46 Days
Semesters: 78, 94 = 172

August

15-19 Staff Development (District/Campus)
 22 First Day of School

September

5 Labor Day

October

7 Early Release (Homecoming TBD)
 10 Staff Development (District/Campus)

November

18 Early Release
 21-25 Fall Break / Staff Devpt (FLEX)

December

16 Early Release
 19-30 Winter Break

January

2 Staff Development (Campus)
 16 Staff Development (FLEX)

February

20 Bad Weather

March

10 Early Release
 13-17 Spring Break

April

14 Staff Development (FLEX)
 17 Bad Weather

May

25 Early Release
 26 Staff Development (Campus)
 26 Graduation

172 School Days - Students

187 Contract Days - Teachers

8 Staff Devpt Days: 8/15-19; 10/10;
 1/2; 5/26

7 FLEX Days: 11/21-25; 1/16; 4/14

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Staff Development
 Bad Weather
 Holiday
 Early Release