



Superintendent's Honor Roll



Congratulations to the following students for being chosen by their teachers for this honor. Students are chosen not only on classroom performance, but also on character, work ethic, and compassion.

These students will attend a special field trip in May to Pinstack with the Superintendent.

Elementary School

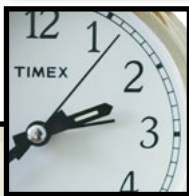
Ella Pinkernell
Madison Litz

Middle School

Taylor Boddie
Briana Carr

High School

Alyssa Smith
Jonathan Avendano



The Time is NOW - We need YOU!



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>

It's time to come together as a community to build a legacy! We have been raising money to build this park for so long, and it's about to become a reality. Our GES students use this park as their playground during recess, and we are excited for them to have such a creative place to play, but now, more than ever, we need *your* help!

We need you to join us in this effort!

- We have 250 student volunteers during the week
- Most of the GISD staff has volunteered to work after school hours

You don't even have to know how to use a tool! We need people for construction, art and special features, child care, food, and more.

Please sign up at www.tinyurl.com/parkbuild



IGNITE Awards

Spring Honorees

Elementary: **Karen Cooke** (Kindergarten)

Karen is an amazing individual and teacher. This is her first year to teach kindergarten and I see her greet her children every day with a beautiful smile! That smile never fades all day long. Her kids are so well behaved in the hall and it is obvious that they love their teacher!



Middle School: **Steve Fletcher** (Science Teacher)

Steve goes above and beyond for the kids! He was involved in before school tutoring (before we had to offer it) and always looks for ways to support our students. He is



always looking for ways to help his students be truly successful! He is a true asset to the middle school team!

High School: **Leslie Hindman** (Calculus)

Leslie is a true advocate for students! She is a tremendous asset for her teammates and is always looking for ways to help kids be successful! She goes above and beyond not only teaching our toughest math courses, but also coaching students in Academic UIL! She has a great passion for teaching and for students and it shows!



District: **Ann Tolbert** (Business Manager)

Ann took on the GISD Business Manager position a couple years ago and has given it 100%. She is always the same....sweet, polite and professional. She greets everyone with a smile and is happy to help them. She continually looks for ways to improve the District, whether it be by saving money or implementing a new procedure. Ann is a definite asset to GISD!

NO MATTER
-what your-
ABILITY IS,
effort is what
IGNITES
-that ability-
AND TURNS IT INTO
ACCOMPLISHMENT
- Carol Dweck

GUNTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

GIFT receives \$125,000 donation from Carmen & Donald E. Godwin



The Gunter ISD Foundation Trust (GIFT) held their annual banquet on April 7th to honor 15 Gunter High School seniors who would be receiving \$25,000 in GIFT Scholarships. The keynote speaker was nationally renowned trial lawyer and Gunter resident, Don Godwin, whose own personal story of hard work, determination and the support of several scholarships have been an inspiration to many. Growing up in a poor community in North Carolina, Don worked his way through high school

at the local Winn Dixie. A leader in that organization saw Don's potential and gave him a scholarship to attend college. This started him on a journey in which multiple individuals stepped up and provided scholarships that ultimately allowed him to earn a J.D. from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law.

Mr. Godwin shared this story with the Gunter High School graduates and then listened to the impressive accomplishments and aspirations of the GHS seniors during the awards portion of the event. When the evening concluded, Carmen and Donald Godwin took the stage for an impromptu closing, committing to support the Gunter High School seniors with an additional \$25,000 in scholarships through a donation to GIFT. In toll, the Godwin's committed to a 5-year, \$25,000 annual donation to the organization in order to increase scholarship opportunities for the Gunter High School graduates.

During his keynote address, Mr. Godwin challenged our seniors to make the most of every opportunity, including this gift of college funds and also encouraged them to give thanks and give back along their journeys. "To watch this real life example of giving back was a powerful lesson for our seniors," shared Dr. Jill Siler, Gunter ISD Superintendent. "This gift of \$125,000 will profoundly impact the futures of the Gunter High School graduates for years to come."

Donald E. Godwin is considered one of the most respected and tenacious trial lawyers in Texas. For nearly 40 years Don has tried significant jury cases in courts throughout Texas and across the United States. He is the Lead Trial Lawyer for Halliburton in connection with all civil litigation and investigations concerning BP's Macondo well blowout in the Gulf of Mexico. Don is also a well-renowned real estate investor who has invested heavily in the corridor from Dallas to the Red River including nearly 5,000 acres in Grayson County. In 2012, Mr. & Mrs. Godwin purchased over 1,000 acres next to the Bridges in Gunter and recently built a gorgeous home on the property.

GIFT is a public non-profit volunteer organization whose funds are directed toward educational programs. Funding priorities include both need and merit-based scholarships, innovative campus teaching grants and a permanent endowment fund. 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 \$430,000 in scholarships to area students and over \$140,000 in grants to GISD teachers and schools. In addition, GIFT has donated over \$50,000 to the Kerfoot Trust. In toll, nearly \$650,000 has been raised in the last 12 years.

For more information on the Gunter ISD Foundation Trust, visit www.gunterisd.org/gift.



15th Annual GIFT Reception



The GIFT Banquet was a special evening for several students. Because of the generous donations we have received throughout the year, GIFT was able to award \$25,000 in scholarships.

Earlier in the year, they also presented several teachers with Campus Grants totaling \$10,000. This year, the grants were given earlier in the year in order for the teachers to put the resources to work during the present school year.

Thank you to the donors, the GIFT board members, Scout Troop #3, and Mr. Godwin for making the evening very special.

It will be a night these students will truly remember.

Perpetual Scholarships

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| Frank & Liz Gravley Strive for Excellence | \$2000 | Jake Whitteker |
| Scott Smith Memorial Scholarship | \$2000 | Katey Campbell |
| Kristen Streetman Memorial Scholarship | \$2000 | Cade Meyerdirk |
| Jack and Charlynn Elliott Scholarship | \$2000 | Aiden Fairchild |
| Landmark Bank Scholarship | \$1000 | Adam Chick |
| Bill & Dawn Arrington: Good & Faithful Servant | \$1000 | Connor Clement |
| Chuck & Laura Glass Scholarship | \$1000 | Bella Zuniga |
| Hubert & Flossie Westman Scholarship | \$1000 | Emily Price |
| Rue Academic Excellence | \$2500 | Abigail Bon |

General GIFT Scholarships

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|---------------|--------|
| Kelsey Nelson | \$3000 |
| Chris Jackson | \$3000 |
| Taylor Cheers | \$3000 |
| John Massey | \$500 |
| McKenna Smith | \$500 |
| Hannah Husted | \$500 |



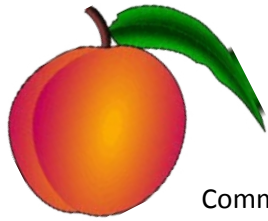
Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.

— Chinese Proverb



A huge thanks to Goetz Realty & Development who will be donating \$250 from every transaction to the Kerfoot Scholarship Foundation. The Kerfoot Trust helps pay for up to 10 semesters of college for every Gunter graduate. Semester scholarships range from \$500 to \$750. Since 2001, the trust has distributed nearly \$1.2 million in scholarships to GHS graduates. If you haven't visited Goetz Realty & Development, please check them out at www.goetztx.com

Interested in setting up an ongoing donation for your business? We'd love to help make that happen! Email jsiler@gunterisd.org for more info or stop by the GISD Administration Building.



GISD cafeteria staff earns “Perfect Peach Award”

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller honored the Gunter ISD child nutrition department with a Perfect Peach Award for its achievement in TDA’s 2015 Local Products Challenge. Participating schools that accepted Commissioner Miller’s challenge and incorporated local ingredients from Texas in at least three meal components – dairy, protein, fruits, vegetables or grains – earned the Perfect Peach Award.

“Teaching children about healthy lifestyles by introducing them to nutritious foods grown in Texas is a top priority at TDA,” Commissioner Miller said. “When our school nutrition partners participate in the Local Products Challenge, they strengthen Texas agriculture and demonstrate their commitment to developing good nutritional habits for the young Texans they serve and their entire communities.”

Participation in TDA’s Local Products Challenge continues to grow year after year. More than 90 school districts participated in the 2015 Local Products Challenge, and only 65 of those earned a Perfect Peach Award.

“Our child nutrition team works tirelessly throughout the year to prepare healthy school meals and support our students’ academic goals,” Gunter ISD Superintendent Dr. Jill Siler. “The Perfect Peach Award highlights their efforts to serve local Texas products in the cafeteria to help make our district a leader in nutrition for the Lone Star State.”



(Left to Right) Lidia Garcia (HS), Jessica Robinson (ES), Amanda Godwin (MS), Maria Guzman (MS), Gladis Puebla (HS), Lindsey Burrow (ES), Lauren Rogers (Cafeteria Manager)



GISD Partners with Schneider Electric to Kick-off District-wide Energy Efficiency Project

On Monday, April 18th, Gunter Independent School District and Schneider Electric joined together to recognize the start of construction for a district-wide energy efficiency project. The school district pursued the project as part of a long-term economic growth and sustainability plan after recognizing a long list of deferred maintenance due to tight budgets and rising utility costs. Upgrading the district’s facilities through a conventional design/bid/build process would have

created a tremendous burden on the existing budget and would not address energy waste within the district that is adding unnecessary expenses. Schneider Electric worked with the Gunter Independent School District to develop a turnkey energy efficiency solution. The project will generate over \$2,251,293 in savings to the district.

Frank Buck ZOO

2016
3rd Grade Field trip

Springtime at GES is a special time for our students. One of the things the students really love about the spring are the field trips they get to go on. The 3rd grade class had a great time at the Frank Buck Zoo in Gainesville. As you can see, we have some very brave students who stepped up to help show off some of the zoo animals. The day was full of fun learning about all of the animals that they saw.



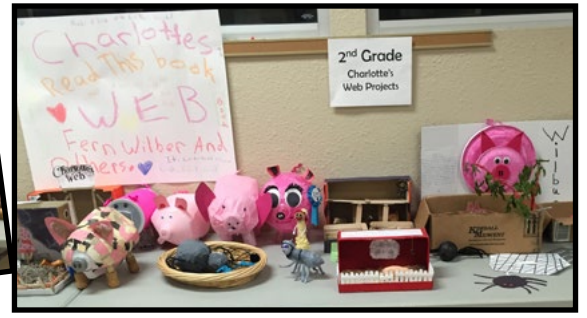
Tipping Our Hats to Alopecia Awareness

The elementary and middle schools participated in Alopecia Awareness day by paying \$1 to wear a cap. At the middle school, the faculty pledged to match what students donated toward the fundraiser. Together, the students and teachers at GMS raised \$343. Between the two campuses, we were able to raise \$750 for Children's Alopecia Project! We are so happy as a district to have such caring and giving individuals.



Texas Reads One Book

Jason Garrett, Head Coach for the Dallas Cowboys, read the first chapter of Charlotte's Web via video cast to the students around the state of Texas. The expectation was for each family to read a chapter from the book each night. Our elementary students have embraced this project! We feel certain that the goal of this project, which was to create a culture of reading that extends far beyond the actual time of the program, will definitely be reached. If you have enjoyed this activity as a family, choose another book and continue reading nightly with your family.



Above: 2nd graders created models of a part of the story they liked the best. They all did such a great job!



Mrs. Beaty's students proudly display their copy of Charlotte's Web.



The 2nd grade classes enjoyed several different "Mystery Readers" who came in to read a chapter from the book. Some of the readers were Santa, Mrs. Arrington, and Dr. Siler.





Summer Reading 2016

How is Gunter Elementary Promoting Summer Reading?

Gunter Elementary encourages our students to read during the summer months. Our Superhero Summer Reading Program is designed to assist students with books they can check out and read. Participation is voluntary but we would love for all of our superheroes, both big and small, to join us!

The Elementary Library will be open on the following Friday's:

June 10th 9:00-10:00 & 6:00 – 7:00 June 24th 9:00-10:00 & 6:00-7:00

July 8th 9:00-10:00 & 6:00-7:00 July 22nd 6:00-6:30

On July 22nd we will only meet from 6:00-6:30p.m. for the final drawing.

Students, accompanied by an adult, are welcome to visit the library and check out books. Students cannot be dropped off and must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Teachers will give students their reading levels prior to summer break. We encourage students to check out books on their reading level with some flexibility. The Sherman Public Library offers free library cards enabling students to not only check out books but also download eBooks.

How is the Information being communicated to parents and students?

Teachers, along with Mrs. Arrington, have announced and discussed the program with our students. Teachers have suggested books titles, authors and series. Attached you will find a Summer Reading Challenge Contract. Please return the Contract to your child's teacher by Friday, May 13th. Information about the Gunter Elementary Summer Reading Program can also be found on our website www.gunterisd.org.



What are the grade level requirements?

Our Kindergarten-2nd grade students are asked to read as many books as they would like! For every 5 books read, your student will receive a ticket to be put in a drawing for a Kindle at the conclusion of the program.

3rd – 4th students are encouraged to read as many chapter books as they would like to read, too. We ask students to choose their favorite book, read and complete a project of their choice such as a painting, drawing, sculpture, diorama, etc. Be creative! The projects will be displayed in the library. Since our 3rd and 4th graders are reading chapter books, they will receive a ticket for every 2 books read which will also be placed in our Kindle drawing. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders are welcome to create a project, too. Projects will be due July 22nd.

What will students receive for participating in the Summer Reading Program?

Students who participate are invited to the Gunter Elementary School Library on the dates and times listed above. In keeping with our Superhero theme; bi-weekly rewards will include a variety of Superhero themed prizes, each participant will receive a shirt on July 22nd and one lucky reader will win a Kindle.

How will students keep track of what they read?

Parents will document the books read on your student's reading log. Each participant will be required to return their reading log prior to the drawings. Parents must sign the student's reading log. Extra reading logs can be found on our website www.gunterisd.org.

Updates and Reminders

If you haven't done so already, please 'like' our Facebook page Gunter Independent School District. Our Facebook page is frequently updated and is a great way to stay informed.



Parent and Student Summer Reading Challenge Contract



We commit to:

- Reading appropriate level books as designated by student's classroom teacher.
Parent initial _____ Student initial _____
- Log the books that have been read.
Parent initial _____ Student initial _____
- We ask the incoming 3rd and 4th grade students to choose their favorite book to read and complete a project of their choice such as a painting, drawing, sculpture diorama, etc. Be creative! Projects are due on July 22nd .
Parent initial _____ Student initial _____
- Take very good care of books borrowed from Gunter Elementary Library.
Parent initial _____ Student initial _____
- Return all books borrowed from Gunter Elementary Library bi-weekly or on July 22nd.
Parent initial _____ Student initial _____



Parent signature _____

Student signature _____

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** We will celebrate your child's reading accomplishment on July 22nd from 6:00 – 6:30. We will draw for a Kindle at this time. Every student participating will receive a shirt as well as weekly prizes. All Gunter Elementary Library books must be returned at this time.



Book Fair Thank You!

Thank you to all of our wonderful students, parents, teachers and volunteers that helped make our Scholastic Book Fair a big success! A special thank you to Lisa Marks and Donna Standridge for chairing the event as well as their fabulous team of volunteers. Without them, the fair would not run smoothly! We sold \$5,925 in merchandise! This helps the Library earn cash profit to use towards supplies, books and student awards.



Celebrating an April birthday with a book from the Birthday Book Club are: Avery Diers, Brodee Parker, Ella Pinkernell, Caleb Bowen and Hayden Rodgers.



Kindergarten Musical Nanny Goat Gruff

The Kindergarten classes have been working hard learning their roles in the Three Nanny Goats Gruff. This musical has become a tradition to help them learn about Fairy Tales and Fables. The musical is a take off of the Three Billy Goats Gruff.

The students performed this play for their peers, and everyone loved it. Mrs. Kulbeth said, "The students did a super job with their Performance. I am so proud of them."

The high school varsity choir helped to make the costumes, and then took time out of their school day to go and watch their performance.

You are cordially invited to come and watch the
1st grade musical

Tuesday, May 3, 2016
7 PM at the Elementary

Wing It





Paris' Army

Congratulations to Phoebe Fanning (7th grade) and Jacob Madsen (5th grade) for being chosen for Paris' Army. This army is inspired by Paris Crosby, a student at Gunter Middle School, who teaches everyone she meets to smile in the face of adversity. Paris experienced a stroke before she was born that affected her ability to walk, eat, and talk but she still has a smile that lights a room. Paris' Paws-itive Pals are chosen because they demonstrate qualities such as thoughtfulness, kindness, trustworthiness, and friendliness. The main goal of this program is to have an entire army of kids that know how to interact and will take the time to get to know children with special needs such as Paris. In return, Paris' message to kids and all of us is that everyone matters, everyone has a purpose, and no matter how hard life gets...there's something to smile about in everyday.



3 Trips to Israel for Gunter Students

by Todd Turner

Gabe Turner recently joined his brother and sister as a world traveler. Each year, when a Turner kid turns 12, they are invited to join mom and dad as they travel to Israel.

Addison Turner in 2012. Zander Turner in 2014. Gabe Turner 2016.

Todd Turner works for Insight for Living, with Chuck Swindoll, and is part of a Holy Land tour every two years. He has been thankful that he is able to bring members of his family and values the one-on-one time with his sons and his daughter.

"Mandy and I value our time with our children in the Holy Land. I can think of a few things more valuable than teaching them a love for the Bible and the things of God."

Gabe was able to visit Jesus' hometowns of Nazareth and Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea, Jerusalem, the Jordan River, Joffa, and En Gedi.



"My favorite parts of the trip this year were walking through a 3,000 year old water tunnel built by King Hezekiah under the City of David. And walking on the same steps Jesus would have used to enter the Temple in Jerusalem. Wow!" - Gabe Turner



7th/8th Grade Sadie Hawkins Dance



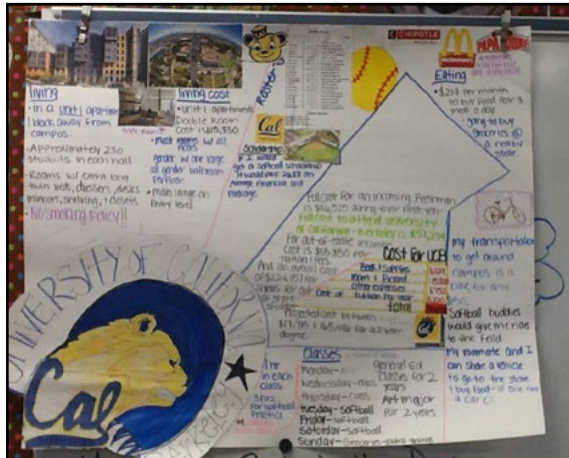
The 7th and 8th grade classes had a great time at the Sadie Hawkins Dance this year.

The dance was sponsored by the GMS Student Council. This group has worked really hard this year planning campus and community events.

They've done a great job!

Middle School Students Make Plans for College

Mrs. Miller’s 7th grade Pre-Algebra students were given the task to figure out the cost to attend college. The project required them to decide on the college they would like to attend and then research it. They put together a total cost analysis for each college and other expenses. Several factors came in to the cost analysis such as: living options, tuition, eating options and nearby restaurants, employment options, and activities they would like to get involved in on the campus. Mrs. Miller said, “I was very impressed with several of the presentations. They really took the project serious. The cost of college really was an eye opener for them.” After learning about the cost of college, the importance of utilizing the dual-credit courses became an obvious choice for several of them, and they will be signing up for those in high school. The project also made the students think about getting involved in extra-curricular activities that might just offer them some scholarship money.



(Left) The students created posters as part of their presentation. They also used PowerPoints to highlight information they learned in this project.

CSI @ GMS

The Prosper PD hosted the Discovery students for a field trip to wrap up their studies on forensic science. The knowledge learned in the classroom about fingerprinting, physical evidence, blood splatter evidence, and evidence collection was tested as the students processed a mock crime scene put together by Detective Sam Owens of Prosper PD. Detective Owens described to the students how it is imperative that they allow the “crime scene talk to them to tell its story” and then guided groups of students through the procedures of collecting evidence and deciding upon a hypothetical scenario based on what was discovered from the scene. The students then presented their theories based on what they discovered and through collaboration with one another. Each student was then presented a certificate of participation in crime scene investigation from the Chief Mr. Gary McHone.

Park Lewis says that “it was very fun and they did a good job.”, while Dylan Marsh liked how they included real weapons in the scene. It was an engaging, educational, and enjoyable experience for the class.



5th and 6th Grade Spring Dance

Saturday, May 7, 2016

7 - 9 PM

\$10 per person

Casual but appropriate dress.

Refreshments will be served



Sponsored by GMS Student Council

* A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the park.

Plant the seed; watch them grow!

Mrs. Marr, the librarian at GMS, read a book with our structured learning students called *The Gardener* by Sarah Stewart. After reading the book, each student became a gardener by planting a bean and a flower. In just one week, the seeds have sprouted!



5th grade visits Perot Museum

Thank you, Dr. Pincus of Parkhaven Dental, for sponsoring our 5th grade field trip to Perot Museum of Nature and Science. The students were able to experience science in a whole new way thanks to you!



Technology in the Classroom

Sixth grade science teacher, Steve Fletcher, loves to integrate technology into his lessons. During the unit he was covering on the solar system, he invited friend, Joshua Newport, to bring his Oculus Rift to the classroom. What is that? Rift is probably something the students have never experienced before; it is a virtual reality system that allows you to jump into the reality of another destination -- in this case, the students jumped into the solar system. Students sat down one by one and slid into another galaxy. Once the Rift was placed on their head, they could look up, down, side to side, and feel like they were actually floating through space. The planets all came to life, each one proportionate to the one next to it, so the students could actually identify with the different sizes of the planets. This was such a huge opportunity for our students, and we thank Mr. Newton for sharing this piece of technology with our students for the day.

During the same day, while some were floating through space, the other students were looking at exoplanets on another device that had Leap Motion installed. This technology senses how you naturally move your hands, and allows you to interact with virtual objects. Exoplanet is an app that has catalogued all known exoplanets, or in other words, the stars beyond our own Solar System. The students would wave their hand over the touch pad on the laptop, and they would be moving through the galaxy. It was an exciting day for technology in Mr. Fletcher's room.



VAL & SAL



Gunter High School is proud to announce the Class of 2016 Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

- **Valedictorian: Abigail Bon**
- **Salutatorian: Katey Campbell**

Abigail is headed to TAMU and Katey to Oklahoma State.

Congratulations Ladies!

Watch for more graduate information in the June issue of The Tiger Times

End of the year preparations are in full bloom at the high school. Students: Start studying for those finals...

GHS Final Exam Schedule

Senior exams will be taken May 24th and 25th

Underclassmen Schedule:

Test Day for 1,3,5,7

Tuesday 5/31

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| 1st | 7:55 – 8:55 |
| 2nd | 9:00 – 9:30 |
| Break | 9:34 – 9:53 |
| 3rd | 9:57 – 10:57 |
| 4th | 11:01 – 11:36 |
| 5th | 11:40 – 1:11 |
| 6th | 1:15 - 1:45 |
| 7th | 1:49 – 2:49 |
| 8th | 2:53 – 3:38 |

Test Day for 2,4,6,8

Wednesday 6/1

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| 1st | 7:55 – 8:15 |
| 2nd | 8:19 – 9:19 |
| Break | 9:23 – 9:43 |
| 3rd | 9:47 – 10:17 |
| 4th | 10:21 – 11:21 |
| 5th | 11:25 – 1:00 |
| 6th | 12:59 – 1:59 |
| 7th | 2:03 – 2:33 |
| 8th | 2:37 – 3:38 |

Thursday – EARLY RELEASE – LAST DAY

Mousetrap Cars

~ designed & built by GHS engineering students

A simple snap-back mousetrap is an ingenious machine. It is a simple machine. With just a few parts (a wooden base, a spring, a metal bar, and a trigger mechanism) it can do its job quickly and efficiently. The simple snap-back mousetrap is still selling strong more than a hundred years after it was patented in 1899. Not only can this machine get rid of mice, it can teach us a lot about physics, too!

When a mousetrap is set, the spring in the center is compressed, becoming a source full of potential energy. This energy is being stored, not used, but as soon as the trap is released, it is converted to kinetic energy (the energy of motion) that propels the snapper arm forward. With this knowledge, and the added knowledge of a simple lever, the engineering students were challenged to make a mousetrap car which is a self-starting vehicle powered by the spring of an ordinary mousetrap.

Students were given a mousetrap with the instructions that they must build a car, but cannot alter the base of the mousetrap or the spring; they were required to furnish the remainder of the items to build the car. The car must have a minimum of three wheels. There were other criteria, but these were the main ones.

Students were broken into teams of 2 and given two weeks to research and build their car. Students were required to have prototypes for testing, AutoCAD drawings of their final car, and their Engineering Notebook filled out.



The cars were judged against the fastest car using the following equation:

- N = the performance run score
- w = average weight of standard mousetrap measured in grams (always a constant of 25g)
- W = the total weight of the completed mousetrap car measured in grams
- D = Distance the car travels (measured in centimeters). The mousetrap car will be measured from the front of the front wheel(s) at the starting point to the front of the front wheel(s) at the stopping point of the travel, utilizing a straight line to connect the two points. There are no minimum or maximum distances. If the mousetrap car stops due to hitting an object or wall, the distance will be measured from the starting point to the point of impact. Racing will be held in the hallway.
- L = car's length measured in centimeters. The mousetrap car will be measured from the furthest point of the front of the car to the furthest point of the rear of the car while the car is at a resting state and the spring is unwound. Please refer to MOUSETRAP CAR DRAWING EXAMPLE (on the next page) for more information on how to measure L.
- T = total time the mousetrap car travels from the starting point to the stopping pit measured in seconds.
- NL = highest Performance score at the competition.
- F = final Performance score.

On race day the students were excited to run their mousetrap cars against their classmates. They do love competing against each other!

The car that traveled the farthest in the shortest time was designed by Alex Hales (jr) and Joshua Pierce (soph). Their car traveled 33 feet, but the students had to convert their distance to centimeters, thus making the distance 1005.84 centimeters. Other students cars traveled between 0 feet and 22 feet.

The students really enjoyed this project, and are now excitedly working on the puzzle project and their end of year project, a trebuchet.

2016 GHS Junior / Senior Prom

Prom King Nominees

Cade Ferrell
 Edgar Fuentes
 Alexander Leach
 Cade Leach
 Christopher Jackson

Prom Queen Nominees

Blakely Hogan
 Hannah Husted
 Sydney Morrison
 Kelsey Nelson
 Courtney Pryor

*Congratulations to the GHS Prom Court
 King - Chris Jackson, Queen - Hannah Husted
 Prince - Larly Yang, Princess - Kamee Roberson*

Prom Prince Nominees

Dwayne Alford
 Markus Hales
 Quinten Layman
 Zachary Magers
 Larly Yang

Prom Princess Nominees

Lauren Baird
 Chaney Elvington
 Baylee McEwen
 Kamee Roberson
 Alexandria Robinson



(Above) Thanks to these individuals for serving as prom chaperones and keeping our students safe.

(Right) The prom committee did an awesome job planning and decorating for the prom.



Kelsey Nelson

by Chris Dodd, GHS Principal



The story writes better if the young lady comes to the plate with two on and a chance to tie it up with one big swing,

extending the season and her career for at least another inning - one last chance to solidify a legacy. The reality is a teammate grounds out and a career ends in the on deck circle. Kelsey Nelson, full of grace and class, removes her helmet, drops it on the dugout steps with her bat, and heads to third base to congratulate the victors. The lone Senior for the Lady Tigers is "done", not just for the night, but forever on the softball field. A "foundation" season for the program that will return every player but one, ends full of future promise but in another too close, could have been, loss.

When you are the only Senior on a young team you know your role is to lead through service. "I was thinking playoffs at minimum," Kelsey reflects. "But I knew with us being a young team there would be challenges. I wanted to be someone they could look to to help them grow." No word better defines who Kelsey is - "servant". The emotional night, in a game that matters in the standings only to the visiting Lady Wildcats, is full of laughs, smiles, but also choked back tears. Kelsey's teammates approach the plate in anticipation of the walk up anthem she personally picked for them in appreciation of their camaraderie during her final

shot at high school glory. The playlist ranges from show tunes to Barney to hip hop. Her attempt at humor was also a tribute to the bond forged between teammates. "I picked songs that captured the opposite of their character," she admits. They laugh and cry at the same time while trying to punch a flurry of change ups mixed with fastballs from the Callisburg pitcher. It's a difficult night where hits are few and the honored star of the evening only gets a couple decent pitches to look at. But through it all she makes it about others and trying to lead her team to an elusive win.

Putting others first is second nature to Kelsey. "I believe I have a heart for people," she says. Those around her agree. "Kelsey is a special person that makes all of those around her better," says Lady Tiger Softball Coach Reeca Huntsman. "Her work ethic, character, and love for life compare to few." Kelsey's goal is to wrap up the basic requirements for the RN program she started last fall with Grayson College and then move on to Texas Women's University in Denton to earn her Masters and become a Neo-natal Nurse Practitioner. The thought of a career facing trauma and tragedy on a daily basis isn't daunting to the eighteen year old. "I work well under pressure. I understand what people go through and I want to help them through it." She has experienced tough times but says she has left that behind. Her eyes are looking forward.

Ask Kelsey her greatest strength and you get the answer "honesty - I am not afraid to tell people the truth." Her greatest weakness?

"The same thing 'honesty' - I tell people what they may not want to hear." These admissions sound like the right kind of stuff that a leader is made of. Listening to Kelsey reflect on her final season as a Lady Tiger reads like a lesson in patience. "I made some mistakes trying to lead early in the season and it taught me to be more patient - the younger girls needed to see someone that could handle frustration."

Kelsey's last look at a decent pitch came in the fifth inning. She wasn't given much to swing at and chased a high fastball with two strikes. Everyone in the park suffered through the at bat with her, hoping the senior could get one final big hit to remember and give the team a chance to win it late. The air literally left the park. "I knew that was it," Kelsey explains. "You hope and dream for more but at some point you realize it isn't about you." The game, a 5-2 loss, ends with Kelsey standing in the on deck circle.

Maybe that is the greatest lesson someone about to walk a graduation stage in a month should realize. There is more to life than moments of glory. It is about the journey with others and how you take them with you - your "impact". No doubt Kelsey Nelson has made an impact at Gunter High School and will do the same serving others as a career. For that reason she is our Tiger Times Student of the Month.





GISD Fine Arts SWEEPSTAKES

All of these programs brought home a SWEEPSTAKES trophy!

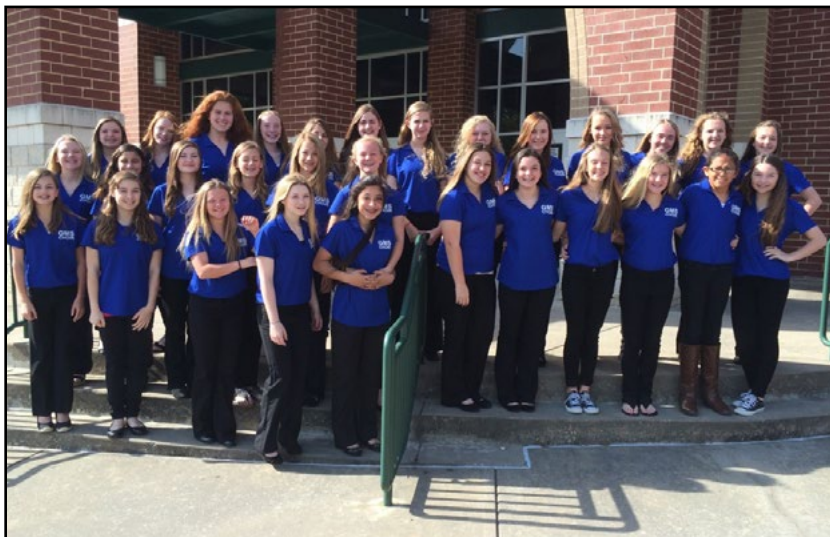
We are so proud of our fine arts program at GISD.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kulbeth and her choir students on this stupendous accomplishment!



GHS CHOIR

The High School Chamber Choir attended UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest on April 12, 2016 at Canton High School. This group received Sweepstakes for the second year in a row. This choir continues to show how musical. It is a great honor to teach these students. Choir director, Mrs. Kulbeth said, "I'm very proud of them! They have worked very hard to achieve this goal."



GMS CHOIR

The Middle School 7th & 8th grade choir attended UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest on April 6, 2016 at Canton High School. The Middle School girls received Sweepstakes and the Middle School Boys received Division 1's on stage and Division 2's in the Sight Reading Room. Mrs. Kulbeth said "I am extremely proud of these two groups. This is the 1st year I've taken them as a boys and girls group. Both groups sang amazing."

GMS & GHS
Spring Choir Show
Tuesday, May 17th - 6pm
The choir will be performing several numbers from their competition.



GISD Fine Arts SWEEPSTAKES

We are so proud of our fine arts program at GISD.

Congratulations to Mr. Bremer, Mrs. McNeil, and all of the band students on this stupendous accomplishment!

GHS BAND



Gunter Bands Compete at Spring UIL / Competitions

All three Gunter ISD bands have successfully competed over the last month in various contests.

The 6th grade combined beginner band competed at the Pride of Texas Music Festival in Euless and received a first division trophy.

Early last month, the Gunter MS band played at UIL receiving an "excellent" rating in both stage performance and sightreading.

Finally, the Gunter HS Band received superior ratings in both Princeton Invitational and at UIL. Combined with the superior rating at UIL Marching, the HS band received the coveted "**Sweepstakes**" award.

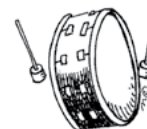


6TH GRADE BAND

Spring Band
Concert
GMS & GHS

May 26th - 7pm
GHS Commons

Don't Miss IT!!





Hard Luck Cafe



The Chamber Choir members, along with Mrs. Kulbeth, went all out to put on a great show for the audience. The Hard Luck Cafe was a smashing success! Many of the singers performed with a live band; something most students never have done before, and they sounded awesome. The idea came four years ago when the choir students visited the Hard Luck Diner in Branson, and they have been putting this show on since then.



Special thanks to Byron Baird, Dr. Siler, Craig Stafford, Jacob Waggoner, David Whitfield, Shelli Neely and Jon Allen for giving their time and talents to accompany these students. It was an experience they will not soon forget.



Every year, hundreds of students across the state from all different size schools send their vocal recordings to TCDA to try to become a member of the TCDA Choir. Gunter Middle School sent recordings of six amazing young singers with that same dream.

Not to brag, but out of 700 entries across the state, TWO of our GMS students were chosen. Only 180 students received this honor, so we would like to congratulate Adelie Brackeen and Grace King for this great accomplishment! They will represent Gunter ISD in San Antonio, Texas on July 21-23, 2016. They will work with all the other students for 2 days and then perform a concert.



FFA Land Judging Team Advances to State

The GHS FFA Land Judging team traveled to the Area 5 Contest to be... well... judged.

The team placed 2nd overall, and will advance to State. (Pictured L-R: Gabby Garcia, Alyssa Jarrell, Luke Willard, and Halle Ward)

Individual placements included:

- Halle Ward – 2nd High Individual (Pictured to the right)
- Luke Willard – 6th High Individual
- Alyssa Jarrell – 19th High Individual

In this competition, students are taken to 4 different sites to judge the land for a variety of uses. They make determinations and submit their findings. During these site visits, the students will:

- Determine the texture of the topsoil and subsoil
- Determine how deep the top soil is
- Determine soil depth
- Determine slope of the land permeability and runoff
- Determine the land class of the land and the uses of the land in agriculture terms

Good luck at State!



THANK YOU!

Special thank you to all who came out to support the FFA Alumni Dinner & Auction. The event raised over \$17,000 for the organization. The FFA students will directly benefit from your generous donations!

UIL Science Team - Advances 1 to Regionals



Congratulations to Brian Avendano for advancing to the regional competition as an individual competitor with a composite score of 72. Individuals taking the test are scored 5 points for each correct answer, -2 points for each incorrect answer, and no deductions or additions for any unanswered questions. They are scored in three areas of science: Biology, Chemistry and Physics.



Individuals taking the test make up a team. Our team placed 2nd, making them an alternate for regional competition. The team members included Brian Avendano, Markus Hales, Sarah Franze, Jonathan Avendano, Taylor Prosser, Abigail Bon. Congratulations to our science team on a great showing!

Future Plans in Progress

Congratulations to these two seniors who have made commitments to some great schools.

We had the opportunity to celebrate Jake Whitteker's appointments to 3 service academies. During the celebration, Jake revealed (by choosing a cap) which academy he had chosen. We are proud to announce that he has chosen the U.S. Air Force Academy!



We celebrated with Cameron Hearn when he signed his letter of intent to play football for Sam Houston State!



Honoring our Spring Athletes

You are invited to attend the Spring Athletic Banquet
May 9th at 6:00 pm - High School Commons
\$10 at the door for everyone!



Baseball Buddies

Gunter Tigers and Celina Bobcats teamed up with Audra's All Stars this past weekend for a night of the All American past-time; BASEBALL!

The race ahead of you, as overwhelming as it may seem, is never greater than the power behind you.

~ Author unknown

Pilot Point HS Track Meet 3/31

JV Boys 3rd Place Overall: 3200: 4th Place Rowe 13:07.7; Pole Vault: 1st Place Majors 9'; Triple Jump: 1st Place Gonzalez 35'5"; Discus: 5th Place Wade 90'10"; 400 Relay 2nd Place 47.36; 800 Meter: 6th Place Backshies 2:26; 100 Meter: 4th Place Reed 12.31; 800 Relay: 3rd Place 1:39.68; 400 Meter: 4th Rigsby 58.40, 5th Place Clopton 58.64, 6th Place Bounds 59.25; 200 Meter: 6th Place Rodriguez 25.35; 1600 Meter: 4th Place Magers 5:32.07; 1600 Relay: 4th Place 3:51.63; **Varsity Boys** 5th Place Overall: Pole Vault: 1st Place Fuentes 12'6"; Long Jump: 6th Place Jantz 16' 9.75"; Triple Jump: 6th Place Jantz 36' 5.5"; 400 Relay: 3rd Place 45.3; 800 Meter: 4th Place Hunsaker 2:11; 100 Meter: 2nd Place Gittens 11.49; 300 Hurdle: 3rd Place Carr 43.14; 200 Meter 5th Place Gittens 23.99; 1600 Relay: 3rd Place 3:36.12; **JV Girls** 6th Place Overall: 100 Hurdles: 5th Place Hearns 21.30; 400 Meter: 2nd Place Petri 1:11.24; 300 Hurdle: 5th Place Hearns 1:00.03; 200 Meter: 6th Place Petri 31.26; Buysse - 100 meter 16.5 and 400 meter 63.9; **Varsity Girls** 2nd Place Overall: 3200: 4th Place Walton 15:17.8; High Jump: 3rd Place Gittens 5' 2"; Pole Vault: 2nd Place Morrison 7'; Long Jump: 1st Place Watson 15'4", 5th Place Roberson 13' 6", 6th Place Mikulastik 12' 4.75"; Triple Jump: 2nd Place Watson 33' 9.5", 4th Place Roberson 30' 2.5"; Shot Put: 2nd Place Clement 33' 8.5"; Discus: 2nd Place Clement 101' 10"; 400 Relay: 2nd Place 51:51; 800 Meter: 2nd Place Valadez 2:59, 4th Place Lenderman 3:15; 100 Hurdle: 4th Place Mercer 20.21; 100 Meter: 1st Place Franze 12.66, 2nd Place Gittens 13.45; 800 Relay: 4th Place: 1:57.03; 400 Meter: 3rd Place Mercer 1:09.06, 4th Place Leach 1:09.34, 6th Place Miller 1:11.57; 200 Meter: 1st Place Franze 26.63; 1600 Meter: 5th Place Lenderman 7:29

Junior High District Track Meet

7th Grade Boys: 6th Place Team

400 Relay: 3rd Place 51.82; 110 Hurdle: 5th Griggs-Bell 22.68; 400 Meter: 1st Brewer 01:02.5; 200 Meter: 4th Garcia 29.03; 1600 Relay: 4th 04:29.0; **8th Grade Boys;** 2nd Place Team

High Jump: 5th Denton 5'0; 6th Wells 4'10; Pole Vault: 3rd Morrison 8'0, 5th Fuggett 8'0; Long Jump: 4th Turner 16'10 3/4;

Triple Jump: 5th Denton 35'0 1/2; Shot Put: 2nd Lowe 40'2; 400 Relay: 1st 48.83; 800 Meter: 3rd Wells 02:24.4; 110 Hurdle: 1st Meadors 18.27, 3rd Denton 19.72; 100 Meters: 6th Silva 13.1; 800 Relay: 2nd 01:46.1; 400 Meter: 1st Lowe 58.25, 6th Osburn 01:02.3; 300 Hurdle: 1st Denton 49.96, 5th Meadors 50.5, 6th Harrison 51.03; 200 Meter: 5th Reed 26.83; 1600 Relay: 2nd 03:54.8;

7th Grade Girls: 5th Place Team; 2400: 6th Place Wendt 10:36.2; Long Jump: 3rd Childers 13'4; Triple Jump: 5th Childers 29'3/5"; Shot Put: 2nd Taylor 27'5", 4th Martinez 25'11.5"; 400 Relay: 3rd 57.3; 800 Meter: 1st Gilbreath 02:42.6; 100 Meter: 1st Smith 14.55; 800 Relay: 6th 02:06.1; 200 Meter: 2nd Childers 30.45; 1600 Meter 4th Wendt 04:38.0; **8th Grade Girls:** 2nd Place Team: High Jump: 1st Reichert 4'6"; Long Jump: 1st Carr 14'1.5", 4th Castorena 13'2.5"; Triple Jump: 4th Carr 29'3"; Shot Put: 3rd Clement 30'8, 5th Ward 28'3 1/2; Discus: 2nd Clement 77'5; 400 Relay: 3rd 55.49; 800 Meter: 2nd Stovall 02:50.4; 800 Relay: 2nd 02:00.1; 400 Meter: 1st Carr 01:05.4; 300 Hurdle: 4th Alhmeyer 01:00.0, 5th Morris-Jackson 01:01.3; 200 Meter 1st Castorena 28.94

High School District Track Meet

JV Boys: Pole Vault: 2nd Magers 9-00.00; Long Jump: 6th Clopton 17-09.00; Discus: 4th Fuentes 95-02; Shot Put: 1st Purdue 35-01.50; 3rd Rocha 34-05.50; 3200: 4th Rowe 12:27.86; 800: 6th Backschies 2:20.92; 4x200: 4th 1:39.21; 300 Hurdles: 5th Carr 42.35; 4x400 Relay 3rd 3:44.92; **JV Girls:** Long Jump: 6 Kemp 13-00.00; **Varsity Girls:** High Jump: 2nd Gittens 5-02.50; Pole Vault: 2nd Morrison 7-06.00; Long Jump: 1st Watson 16-05.25; Triple Jump: 1st Watson 34-05.50; Discus: 3rd Clement 103-05; Shot Put: 5th Clement 30-07.75; 4x100 Relay 2nd 51.43; 100: 1st Franze 12.76, 2nd Gittens 13.34; 200: 3rd Franze 26.69; 4x400: 4th 4:29.55; **Varsity Boys:** Pole Vault: 1st Fuentes 12-06.00; 800: 4th Hunsaker 2:06.24; 100: 3rd Gittens 11.52; 1600: 6th Hunsaker 4:51.21; 4x400 Relay: 6th 3:37.71



AREA TRACK QUALIFIERS

- Edgar Fuentes: Pole Vault
- Sydney Morrison: Pole Vault
- Mikayla Watson: Long Jump, Triple Jump, 4x100
- Connor Clement: Discus
- Tori Gittens: High Jump, 4x100, 100
- Alexis Ferguson: 4x100
- Sarah Franze: 4x100, 100, 200
- Brandon Hunsaker: 800
- Austin Gittens: 100
- Tyler Buysse: 100, 400



District Track Meet Results

Girls Varsity Team 4th Place
 Girls JV – 8th Place
 Boys Varsity – 7th Place
 JV Boys – 4th Place

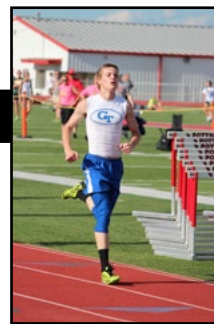
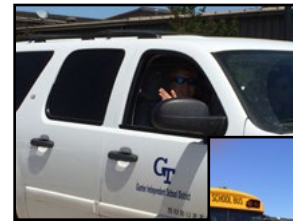
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- Connor Clement: Discus
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- Alexis Ferguson: 4x100
- Sarah Franze: 4x100, 100, 200
- Brandon Hunsaker: 800
- Austin Gittens: 100
- Tyler Buysse: 100, 400

Area Track Meet Results

- Edgar Fuentes & Sydney Morrison: Area Champions in Pole Vault
- Mikayla Watson: Area Champion in Long Jump
- Tyler Buysse: Area Champion in Wheelchair 100M & 400M
- Sarah Franze: Area Champion in 100M & 2nd in 200M
- Connor Clement: 3rd in Discus
- Tori Gittens: 4th in High Jump & 4th in 100M
- Girls 4x100 Relay 3rd: Alexis Ferguson, Tori Gittens, Mikayla Watson, & Sarah Franze
- Austin Gittens: 3rd in 100M

Regional Qualifiers

Congratulations to the Regional Track Qualifiers: Edgar Fuentes, Sydney Morrison, Mikayla Watson, Connor Clement, Tori Gittens, Alexis Ferguson, Sarah Franze, Austin Gittens, and Tyler Buysse. The high school students lined the front driveway to properly send the group off to Whitehouse for their competition.



REGIONAL COMPETITION

Edgar Fuentes - 2nd Place - Pole Vault
 Mikayla Watson - 4th Place - Long Jump
 Sara Franze - 5th Place - 200m
 Connor Clement - 5th Place Discus

Tyler Buysse's time at Area had already qualified him for **STATE!**

Way to go Tyler!



Edgar is STATE BOUND in Pole Vault!

He cleared 14'3" and placed 2nd at Regionals. This was Edgar's **PERSONAL BEST** by almost 2 feet!





Bass Fishermen

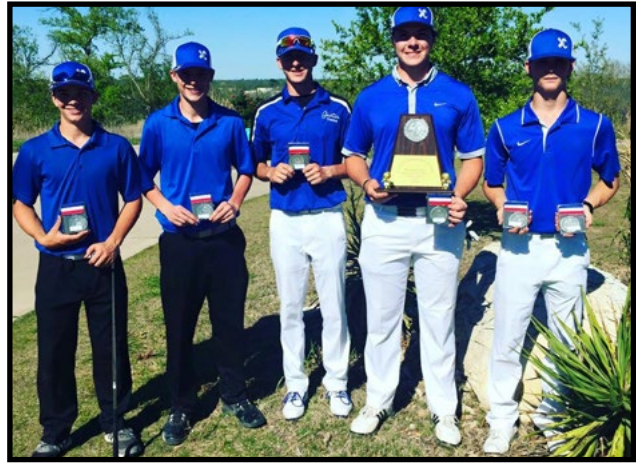
Congratulations to the Gunter High School Bass Fishing Team who have advanced to Regionals and will be at Richland Chambers on May 7th. This is the first Bass Fishing Team in Grayson County and they are all freshmen. Congratulations & Good Luck!!



(Left) The team placed 15th out of 159 teams at the Lake Ray Hubbard Tournament.

Sheldon Parkman finishes 5th at State Powerlifting

After breaking records in the regional competition, Sheldon was given a surprise sendoff from his peers at GHS and the elementary school. With a 750 squat and 410 bench press, both personal records, Sheldon placed 5th at State. Sheldon is a man of determination, which will take him far in life!



Placed 2nd in District... Regional Qualifiers!

- Regional Tournament - 11th place
 Kole Gillespie 91 84
 Austin Baker 95 85
 Cameron Hearn 94 91
 Braiden Clopton 111 96
 Brandon Hunsaker 127 133

Tennis - Van Alstyne Tournament

- Girls Doubles - 1st Place
 Bella Zuniga and Rylie Lashley

 Girls Singles - 3rd Place
 Kaycie Hamilton

 Mixed Doubles - 3rd Place
 Nick Gonzalez and Taylor Prosser

 Mixed Doubles Consolation Champs
 Abigail Bon and Matt McAllister

All District Girls Basketball

- First Team - Connor Clement
 First Team - Tori Gittens
 Second Team - Kamee Roberson
 Second Team - Molly Mikulastik
 Honorable Mention - Rylee Hestand

- Academic All-District
 Taylor Prosser
 Addison Mercer
 Connor Clement
 Tori Gittens



Melissa Special Olympics Track Meet

With funds donated through the Torch Run Fund, the GMS STC students received new t-shirts for the Special Olympics meets, and wore them for the first time at the Melissa Special Olympics Track Meet. Don't they look great?

Our students were escorted out by a group of Melissa MS students who carried our banner. The picture with the police officers was taken after our 4x100 Relay team was awarded their bronze medals. Congratulations on that great accomplishment!



Van Alstyne Special Olympics Track Meet

- Adrian Aviles: 200 meter dash, bronze medal; Shot Put, silver medal
- Paris Crosby: Tennis ball throw, bronze medal
- Bo Hooten: 100 meter dash, bronze medal; Shot put, bronze medal
- Francisco Moreno, 100 meter dash, Gold medal; Mini Javelin throw, silver medal
- Lorenzo Rangel, 100 meter dash, silver medal; Shot put, silver medal
- Cole Reynolds, 25 meter walk, silver medal; Tennis ball throw, 4th place
- Jayden Tesdahl, 50 meter walk, silver medal; Softball throw, silver medal
- 4x100 meter relay team of Francisco, Lorenzo, Adrian & Bo received a bronze medal!



BASEBALL

JV White

4/1 - Gunter 9, CHANT 1
 4/5 - Gunter 7, Aubrey 1
 4/8 - Gunter 9, Ponder 0
 4/16 JVV 4, Howe 0
 JVW 8. Howe 2

JV Blue

4/1 - JVB 5, Howe 1
 4/5 - JVB 4, Whitesboro 4
 4/8 - JVB 4, Whitesboro 4
 4/15 JVB 6, Pilot Point 2

Varsity Baseball Scoreboard

Varsity

4/1 - Varsity 4, Howe 3
 4/5 - Varsity 7, Whitesboro 0
 4/8 - Varsity 1, Pottsboro 8
 4/12 - Varsity 3, Ponder 0
 4/15 - Varsity 2, Pilot Point 1
 4/21 - Gunter 14 - S&S 0
 4/22 - Gunter 11 - Callisburg 0
 4/23 - Gunter 4 - Celina 4

**District
Champions!!**



Softball Scoreboard

4/1 - 6-5 (L) - Gunter vs. Whitesboro
 4/5 - 11-5 (L) - Gunter vs. Howe
 4/8 - 4-3 (W) - Gunter vs. Pottsboro
 4/12 - 4-2 (W) - Gunter @ Ponder
 4/15 - 11-1 (L) - Gunter vs. Pilot Point
 4/19 - 3-1 (L) - Gunter @ S & S
 4/22 - 5-2 (L) - Gunter vs. Callisburg

The team honored senior, Kelsey Nelson during the last home game on Senior Night. Her leadership, on and off the field, will be missed.

Softball photos by Lee Franze



Troy Watson



Tanner Kincheloe



Jake Oblas



Alex Leach

Not pictured

Jake Whittaker

Congratulations to the senior baseball players. Good luck in your future endeavors!

Baseball photos by Marion Cole

Parents:

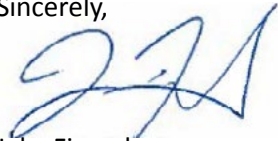
This letter is written to inform you of football equipment that will be made available for you to purchase for the upcoming football season. Please note that Gunter Football will not be providing T-shirts or shorts this year for workout. Each player must purchase or bring their own for workout. We are making items available to purchase on an on-line store. Please visit teamwsg.com and click on team pages to access the store. The access code is tigers. The store will run from 5/26-6/10. I want to emphasize that the prices on this store are going to be much cheaper than retail. If you choose not to purchase items off the store then please make sure that your son has a blue, black or white t-shirt and shorts to workout in. We will wash clothing at the field house each day.

All football cleats must be BLUE, BLACK, WHITE or a combination of these colors. If they are not these colors then they will not be allowed for game use. Please purchase football cleats: Not soccer or any other type of playing cleat.

Please reference our specifications sheet for details on items that we will provide and any upgrades that you may wish to purchase for your athlete.

All medical equipment will be provided by Gunter ISD. You may purchase additional items if you feel they are necessary. Please contact me if you have any questions about equipment for the upcoming football season.

Sincerely,



Jake Fiesel
Gunter ISD Head Football Coach



GUNTER FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT

What you provide:

- Athletic shorts, shirt, and tennis shoes. The shirt and shorts need to be either blue, black, or white. Any Gunter athletic wear will suffice.
- Cleats- blue, black, white or combination
- Girdles - (Gunter FB will provide jocks for free)

These items and others are available for purchase on-line at teamwsg.com. Click on team pages. Access code tigers.

Additional Items you may want to purchase:

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|--------------------|---|
| Gloves | Blue black or white |
| Additional socks | White, mid calf |
| Additional t-shirt | Blue black grey or white |
| Additional shorts | Blue black grey or white |
| Cold weather gear | Blue black or white |
| Wrist bands | Blue black or white |
| Compression gear | Blue black or white |
| Visor | Not recommended - must be CLEAR |
| Skull cap | Not recommended -Blue black or white |
| Practice cleats | Recommended to wear molded cleats |
| cleats | These could be old or a cheaper pair of cleats. |

What we provide:

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Middle School</u> | <u>High School</u> |
| athletic supporter | athletic supporter |
| practice socks | practice socks |
| game socks | game socks |
| helmet | helmet |
| shoulder pads | shoulder pads |
| thigh pads | thigh pads |
| knee pads | knee pads |
| hip tail pads | hip tail pads |
| belt | belt |
| practice pants | practice pants |
| practice jersey | practice jersey |
| game pants | game pants |
| game jersey | game jersey |
| mouthpiece | mouthpiece |
| chins trap | chin strap |
| Misc. Hardware | Misc. Hardware |

* Helmets are Riddell Most high school players will be fitted with a Riddell Revolution.

We will wash HS laundry daily.
We will wash JH laundry once a week.
You are welcome to wash clothes at home as well.

2016 GUNTER FOOTBALL KEY DATES

- April 20th – Physicals
All incoming 7th, 9th & 11th grade athletes (During school hours)
- April 28th – Athletic paperwork due – (Office B)
- May 25th, 26th & 30th – Issue helmet and shoulder pads before school (times assigned by grade level)
- June 2nd – Last day of school
- June 6th – Strength and Conditioning Camp begins
- July 4th – 8th – All athletic facilities closed
- July 14th – Last day of Strength and Conditioning Camp
- July 17th – 20th – Coaches @ Coaching School
- July 21st & 22nd – Coaches work days
- July 25th – 29th – Coaches work days
- July 25th – 27th – Youth Football Camp (6:45 pm – 8:00 pm)
- July 25th – 27th – Incoming 7th, 8th, 9th Football Camp (8 am – 9:30 am)
- July 28th – HS Football Parent Meeting in the HS Commons (6:30 pm)
- July 28th – JH Football Parent Meeting in the HS Commons (7:30 pm)
- July 31st – Team Meeting (All HS football players) @ Field House (6:00 pm)
- Aug. 1st – First day of Practice. Practice begins at 7 am.
Players report by 6:15 first day.
- Aug. 3rd – Fundraiser Kickoff
- Aug. 5th – First day of Full pads
- Aug. 6th – Intersquad scrimmage & Meet the Tiger Night (6 pm)
- Aug. 10th – Fundraiser blitz – 6 pm at FH
- Aug. 12th – Scrimmage vs VA (6 pm)
- Aug. 13th – Picture Day (10:30 am)
- Aug. 18th – Scrimmage at home vs Muenster (6 pm)
- Aug. 19th – Money due for TEAM/me and travel polo (\$40 – Varsity only)
- Aug. 26th – Beat Howe

TPW

Strength and Conditioning Camp

Monday – Thursday

7:30 am – 9:00 am

****THIS IS NOT A FOOTBALL ONLY CAMP. ALL GHS ATHLETES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND****

Week 1 June 6 – 10

Week 2 June 13 – 17

Week 3 June 20 – 24

Week 4 June 27 – July 1

** Off July 4 – 8

Week 5 July 11 – 14

7 ON 7 Schedule

*All games in Pottsboro at the football stadium

*Games will be played Monday nights in June (6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27)

*First game will start at 6 pm and second game will start at 6:45

*Two games per night

*All athletes should be at Pottsboro by 5:40 pm to warm up

*We will scrimmage every Wednesday night in June and July at 8 pm on the practice fields.



Summer sport camp forms are included at the end of this newsletter.
All camps will be posted to the GISD website as well.



Gunter Independent School District Board Briefs

Monday, April 18, 2016

GISD Regular Board Meeting

The Regular meeting was called to order by Mrs. Candy Leonard, Board Vice-President. A quorum was established. Invocation and Pledge were conducted by Mr. John Jonas, Board Member.

ATTENDANCE: Board members included: Jeff Banks, L.D. Byrd, Dr. Gary Harris, John Jonas, Candy Leonard, and Steve Smith; Many other staff and community members were present.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Student / Staff Recognition
 - Superintendent Honor Roll Awardees
 - Elementary School – Ella Pinkernell and Madison Litz
 - Middle School – Taylor Boddie and Briana Carr
 - High School – Alyssa Smith and Jonathan Avendano
 - Student Recognition – Powerlifting – Sarah Long presented Sheldon Parkman who went to state in Powerlifting, achieving regional and state records in squat and placing 5th in state overall.
 - Staff IGNITE Award Honorees
 - Elementary School – Karen Cooke – Kindergarten Teacher
 - Middle School – Steve Fletcher – Science Teacher
 - High School – Leslie Hindman – Math Teacher
 - District – Ann Tolbert – Business Manager
 - Texas Department of Agriculture Perfect Peach Award – The GISD Food & Nutrition Team was honored by the Texas Department of Agriculture for their outstanding participation in the local products challenge, by incorporating local produce into their meals. Please help us say thank you to this incredible team for the wonderful meals they serve every day to our children!
 - Presentation from Schneider Electric – Launch of the Energy Savings Project –

Gunter ISD officially launched an energy savings program that will garner \$2.2 million in savings including a 33% reduction in electricity costs.

- 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. Shelli Neely also shared an update regarding e-rate items for bid to expand and improve our technology infrastructure district-wide.
- Communications:
 - Enrollment: Elementary: 324, Middle School: 233, High School: 253 = **810 Total**
 - Upcoming Dates
 - May 9th, Spring Athletic Banquet
 - May 12th, Regular Meeting, 6:00pm
 - May 16th, Academic Banquet and Godwin Scholarship Presentation
 - May 17-21, Community Build-Playground Project
 - May 19th, FFA Banquet
 - May 22nd, Baccalaureate, 6:30pm
 - June 4th, Graduation
 - June 20th, Regular Meeting, 6:00pm

BOARD REPORT: Annual Team Building/Goal Setting Workshop will be scheduled for summer 2016.

CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Minutes, Billing & Budget Amendments were approved for March 17th Regular Meeting Minutes, March 2016 Billing and Budget Amendments.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- The Board approved Morgan, Davis & Co as the 2015-2016 Auditor.
- The Board approved the bid from Abel Aleman in the amount of \$132,529 for the roofing project at the elementary. This repair will be funded through insurance due to hail damage.
- The Board approved the Lease Agreement with JAB Wireless for our tower airspace for a total of \$896,954 in revenue over 30 years.
- The Board approved Policy Update 104, affecting (LOCAL) policies EEH, FB, FD, FEB, FFC, FFH.

- The Board approved the Instructional Materials Allotment & TEKS Certification for 2016-2017.

7:32pm Board went in to Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.001

8:25pm Reconvened from Closed Session.

- The Board approved superintendent recommendations regarding employment and contract status on classroom teachers and other non-contract administrative professional personnel for the 2016-2017 school year.
- The Board approved to hire Kim Patterson as the new Middle School Principal.
- The Board approved to hire Janice Thomas as the Math Teacher / Head Volleyball Coach and Amanda Grubb as the new Assistant Band / Choir Teacher.
- Dr. Siler shared that Sara McCarty-MS Principal, Crystal Smith-Elementary Teacher, Rebecca Egger-P/T English Teacher and Jacqueline Kennedy-Speech Language Pathologist resigned effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

ADJOURNMENT: Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:28pm

Gunter ISD Welcomes Kim Patterson, Janice Thomas & Amanda Grubb!

Gunter ISD is excited to announce that **Kim Patterson** was named Principal of Gunter Middle School at last night's board meeting. Kim is currently the Secondary Curriculum Coordinator in Anna ISD and previously served as the Middle School and later Elementary Principal in S&S CISD. Kim started her career as a teacher and basketball coach in Thrall and Pittsburg ISD. While serving as a campus principal at S&S, Kim elevated 2 campuses from "Improvement Required" to exceeding state accountability standards and earning multiple academic distinctions. Kim is married to her husband Garrett who is the Offensive Coordinator at Van Alstyne High School. They have three children: 4th grader, Reed; 2nd grader, Reese; and Pre-K'er, Rider. As a graduate of Gunter High School, Kim is excited to have her kids experience the exceptional education that she herself received! The interview committee members which

consisted of a majority of Gunter Middle School staff and community were impressed with Kim's passion for student success, her successful experience as a campus and district leader and her love for Gunter ISD! Kim will start full-time at GMS on June 6th but will be visiting the campus, teachers and students through the end of the school year.

Earlier this year we let you know that the incredible Tonya Watson (Gunter Varsity Volleyball Coach) would continue to teach and coach but had asked to step back from Varsity so that she can have a little freedom to watch Mikayla play in college next year. Our interview committee met with several qualified candidates and is excited to announce that **Janice Thomas** will be our Varsity Volleyball Coach. Coach Thomas is a graduate of Pottsboro High School and is excited to come back to Grayson County. She was the Head Volleyball Coach at Howe HS, Denison HS and Anna HS and has recently been teaching at Wylie High School while also officiating volleyball and basketball. She was named District Coach of the Year for two different districts and led her teams to multiple playoff appearances! Janice is an exceptional Algebra teacher and we are excited to have her teaching and coaching talents at Gunter ISD!

The board also approved hiring **Amanda Grubb** as an Assistant Band & Choir Teacher. Amanda is a graduate of the University of North Texas where she will graduate with a Bachelor of Music Education. Amanda has been a student teacher in Pilot Point ISD where she assisted with all levels of band. Amanda is an exceptional musician, having performed in the Green Brigade, Dallas Lyric Orchestra, the Honor Band of America, and the Flower Mound Orchestra. She is a graduate of Lewisville ISD and cannot wait to become a Gunter Tiger. Amanda will be assisting with all levels of band and several grade levels of choir.



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE GENERAL ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Gunter ISD, Gunter, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open on May 7, 2016, for the purpose of:

Electing 2 Trustees for a 3 year term

ELECTION DAY, May 7, 2016:

The following polling place listed below will be open from 7:00am to 7:00pm.

First Baptist Church Gunter, 99 Gentle Creek, Gunter, TX 75058

Early Voting:

Time Period:

Weekdays: Monday, April 25, 2016 through Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Voting by Mail:

Grayson County Elections Administrator
115 W. Houston St.
Sherman, TX 75090

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, April 26, 2016.

Issued this 15th day of April 2016.

Dr. Jill Siler, Superintendent

Aviso de Elección General

A los votantes registrados del Distrito Escolar de Gunter, Gunter, Texas

Un Aviso por la presente es dado de que el lugar de votación apuntado abajo estará abierto el 7 de Mayo del 2016.

Para elegir a 2 miembros del sindicato de GISD por un periodo de 3 años

Día de elección: El 7 de Mayo del 2016

El siguiente lugar de elección apuntado abajo estará abierto de 7:00am a 7:00pm

First Baptist Church Gunter, 99 Gentle Creek, Gunter, TX 75058

Votación en adelantado

Periodo de tiempo:

Entre Semana: el lunes 25 de Abril del 2016 hasta el martes 3 de mayo del 2016.

Votación por correo

Grayson County Elections Administrator
115 W. Houston St.
Sherman, TX 75090

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en adelantada por correo deben ser recibidas al fin de las horas de negocio el viernes 26 de April del 2016.

Emitida este día 15 de Abril del 2016

Dra. Jill Siler, Superintendente

Hands-on Learning

Hands-on learning is more likely to engage students and boost comprehension. Preparation for this type of learning is more time consuming for the teacher, but well worth it. The teachers at Gunter go that extra mile for their students in order to engage them in activities that will hold their attention and challenge them; thus creating an effective learning environment.



BASEBALL PLAYOFFS ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____



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| | YS | YM | YL | AS | AM | AL | AXL | XXL | XXXL |
| Short Sleeve | | | | | | | | | |

_____ @ \$12.00 = \$ _____ TOTAL = \$ _____
SHORT SLEEVE

MAKE CHECKS
PAYABLE TO:

GTFC

ORDER DEADLINE:

Monday, May 2, 2016



2016 Gunter Lady Tiger Basketball Camp

July 25th - 28th

.....
Individual Instruction • Daily Drills • Team Play • Contests & Awards!
Shooting • Dribbling • Fundamentals
.....

SESSION I: 9:00-11:00 Incoming K – 6th Grade
SESSION II: 12:00-2:00 Incoming 7th -9th Grade

COST: \$40 (\$45 after July 15th)
Includes Camp T-Shirt

MAIL FORMS: Tim Hardy
508 E 5th St
Prosper, TX 75078

*You may also bring forms by the high school office before July 15th.

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Name: _____ Grade Level Next Year: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

T-Shirt Size: Youth S M L Adult S M L

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

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please make all checks payable to Tim Hardy.

Gunter Tiger Baseball Camp

June 13 – 15, 2016

Session - 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. (K – 5th grade)

\$ 45.00 per camper
\$ 40.00 per camper with 2 or more from the same family

Instructed by the Gunter High School Coaching Staff

Kerry Clement (903) 436-7727
kclement@gunterisd.org

Instruction includes : fielding, hitting, bunting, throwing, base running and pitching. Campers will be grouped according to age and or skill level. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt.

Camper's Name _____ **Grade** _____ **T-Shirt size** _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell #** _____ **Work #** _____

Parent / Guardian _____ **Emergency Contact** _____

List any medical conditions _____

My child has permission to attend the Gunter Baseball Camp. In the event of an illness or injury, I give the staff members permission to act for me according to their best judgment, in case of an emergency. I also release the Gunter ISD, its employees and the camp instructors from all liability.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Send completed forms and camp fee to:

Kerry Clement
209 W. Mesquite
Gunter, TX. 75058

2016 LADY TIGER CAMP

volleyball

JULY 18-21
mon-thurs



SESSION 1 : 8AM—10 AM INCOMING 3RD – 6TH GRADE

SESSION 2 : 10AM –12PM INCOMING 7TH—9TH GRADE



COST \$40 INCLUDES T SHIRT
 MAIL FORMS AND CHECKS BEFORE JULY 10TH
 TO :
 Janice Thomas
 1989 W FM 120
 POTTSBORO, TX 75076

drills
skills
FUN!!!



NAME _____ GRADE NEXT YEAR _____

ADDRESS _____ T SHIRT SIZE YOUTH S M L

PHONE # _____ ADULT S M L XL

I HEREBY GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR MY CHLD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GUNTER VOLLEYBALL CAMP. THIS AUTHORIZATION SHALL WAIVE, RELEASE AND ABSOLVE GUNTER ISD AND THE CAMP STAFF FROM LIABILITY FOR INJURY OR ILLNESS INCURRED AT CAMP. I GIVE THE STAFF PERMISSION TO ACT ACCORDINGLY TO ITS BEST JUDGEMENT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

 PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

 DATE

QUESTIONS??? EMAIL : howthomas@yahoo.com

Find Us!

Gunter ISD
213 N. 8th Street
P.O. Box 109
Gunter, Texas 75058
903.433.4750

Gunter High School
1102 N. 8th Street
Gunter, Texas 75058
903.433.1542

Gunter Middle School
410 Tiger Lane
Gunter, Texas 75058
903.433.1545

Gunter Elementary School
200 West Elm
Gunter, Texas 75058
903.433.5315

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The STAAR Test is upon us. Please help your child to take this test without stress. They have been preparing for the content throughout the year, and will do fine.

Here are some tips for our GISD parents:

1. Your child should get a good night's sleep.
2. Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast.
3. Dress him/her comfortably (keep the dress code in mind).
4. Do not forget to dispense medications as prescribed by a doctor.
5. Be sure to send glasses if your child wears them.
6. Get them to school on time.

Here are some tips for the students:

1. Tackle questions one at a time.
2. Don't expect to know the answer to every question. Just do your best.
3. Think positively.



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

~ Carol Dweck

Gunter Independent School District

May 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1  | 2 EOC - Alg 1 & History | 3 EOC - Biology 7p - 1st Grade Musical "Wing It" Teacher Appreciation Day | 4 | 5 AP Calculus Exam Select Choir @ Sandy Lake 6:30p NHS Induction 7:30p Baseball Playoff @ Ponder Cinco de Mayo | 6 A&P / Calculus & Class of 2019 field trip 5p Baseball Playoff @ Ponder | 7 Bass Team Regional Contest 5th/6th Grade Spring Dance |
| 8  Mother's Day | 9 STAAR Math Grades 3 & 4 STAAR Math Retest Grades 5 & 8 Dual Credit Courses Final Exams 6p Athletic Banquet | 10 STAAR English III STAAR Reading Grades 3, 4, 6, 7 STAAR Reading Retest Grades 5,8 Dual Credit Courses Final Exams | 11 AP Language Exam STAAR Alg II STAAR Science Grade 5,8 Dual Credit Courses Final Exams School Nurses Day | 12 STAAR Social Studies Grade 8 Dual Credit Courses Final Exams 2:30p - 5th Grade Living Museum 6p School Board Mtg | 13 5th Grade Field Trip Physics Field Trip | 14 |
| 15 | 16 6p Acaademic Banquet  | 17 6p MS/HS Spring Choir Concert | 18 GMS Student Council Field Trip | 19 | 20 5th/6th Grade Choir @ Sandy Lake 9:15 Bacc Practice & Senior Brunch | 21  |
| Gunter Park Community Build Project | | | | | | |
| 22 6p Baccalaureate | 23 6th Grade Field Trip FFA Banquet | 24 8th Grade to Six Flags | 25 | 26 GES Fun Day - 10a K-2nd - 12:30p 3rd/4th 8:15a - HS Awards Assembly 7p MS/HS Spring Band Concert | 27 Bad Weather Day School is not in session | 28 Choir State Contest |
| | | Senior Final Exams | | | | |
| 29 | 30 School is not in session  Memorial Day | 31 7th Grade to Austin 10a Class of 2016 Parade @ GES 2p Grad Practice @ Kidd Key | 1 | 2 8:30a GES Awards Assembly 10a GMS Awards Assembly 1p Early Release | 3 | 4 6p Graduation @ Kidd Key Auditorium Sherman, TX  |
| | | 9th - 11th Grade Final Exams | | | | |