



TIGER POWER!



Sheldon Parkman and Jesse Harris competed in the Regional Powerlifting event on March 4th. Their performance was nothing less than outstanding.

- Jesse squatted 515, benched 360 and deadlifted 485. Final total 1,360 lbs. Placed 7th - Regionals!
- Sheldon was in a close race with a lifter from Sunnyvale who ended up ultimately winning. Sheldon set a new regional squat record at 720 lbs, benched 390 and deadlifted 525. Final total: 1,635 lbs. *All of these were personal records. Placed 2nd - Regionals & qualified for STATE!



**THE STATE MEET IS APRIL 2ND IN ABILENE.
GOOD LUCK SHELDON!**

YES We want to build a PLAYGROUND!



commit, click on
this link to choose your
slots! <http://tinyurl.com/parkbuild>

Thank you in advance for helping make this incredible playground come to life in Gunter! For more information about the park building process, please contact the Gunter Parks Foundation at info@gunterparksfoundation.com

Jill Siler, Superintendent, Gunter ISD

In just **45** days our community will come together to make our playground a reality! I wanted to pass on this note from the Gunter Parks Foundation about volunteering to build the playground the week of May 16-21. As you know, this playground is used by our Gunter Elementary students every day! Our high school students will be participating in the building process throughout the week as well as many of our staff. I wanted to take a minute to personally encourage you to sign up as a volunteer. There are 80 people needed for each of the 3 shifts per day all week. If you're ready to



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>

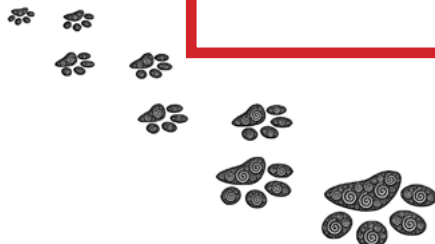
Walk for Diabetes

GES students will join in the effort to find a cure for diabetes by "Walking for Diabetes" during their PE times. The students are walking in support of two of their classmates who have Type 1 Diabetes. All money raised will be donated to the Diabetes Foundation to help find a cure.

If you would like to pledge money toward this cure, but don't know an elementary student, you are welcome to make a donation through the front office.

Timeline:

April 19th - Fundraiser Kickoff
April 26th - Diabetes Assembly
May 5th - JDRF Walk for a Cure



Make a Note

April 25th is a Bad Weather Day
on our calendar. School will not be
in session on that day.

Hoping it will be good weather
on our "bad weather" day!



Losers Become Winners

Over \$1,200 in prizes was handed out to some lucky losers at GISD. Almost 40% of our staff joined in on the Texoma Transformation to lose weight and become healthier people.

Here are our WINNERS of the Gunter ISD Transformation (aka, Biggest Loser) competition:

- 1st Overall for the Guys: \$200 Cash + \$500 at Parkhaven Dental + 6 months at True Fit Gym goes to ROD CASTORENA – TOP OVERALL GISD FINISHER!
- 1st Overall for the Ladies: \$200 goes to SHALLY FISHER
- 2nd Overall: \$150 goes to MADELYN VAUGHAN
- 3rd Overall: \$100 goes to RACHEL STANDERFER
- 4th Overall: \$50 goes to SARA PRICE

Special thanks to these AMAZING SPONSORS who donated the prizes for our competition.

- Dr. Bradley Rue & Dr. Rebecca Rue with Rue Pediatrics
- Dr. DeAn Strobel and Allure Laser & Medical Spa
- Kerry Miller with True Fit Gym
- Dr. Mike Pincus with Parkhaven Dental



School Board Recognizes Band Students for Top Honor

The GISD School Board took a short break from their meeting in March to honor 3 members of the Tiger Band. Jonathan Avendano, Alex Leach and Will Martin all qualified for All State Band which is a huge honor! Special thanks to Mr. Bremer, Band Director, Tanya McNiel, Band Assistant, and the boys for your hard work.



Parents Present Gift to GISD

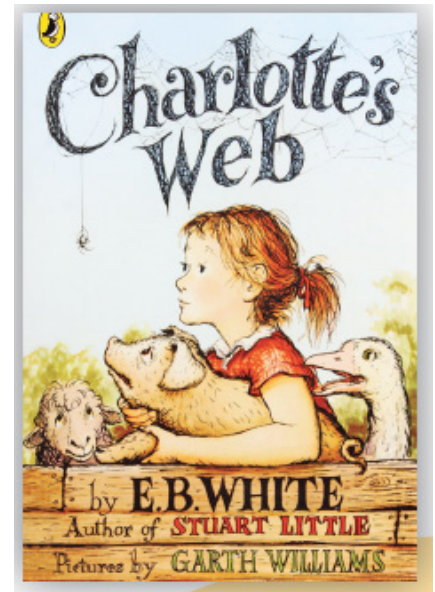
GHS parents Linda and Tom McAllister gifted a beautiful painting to GISD in honor of the Class of 2016. Titled "Forest Queen", this painting by Zimbabwean artist, Andrew Bone, is a beautiful addition to our Tiger Family. Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift. We will display it proudly.



Texas Reads One Book!

Imagine the impact of one parent reading a book with his/her child. Now, multiply that impact by having every family in our elementary school reading the same book. For the first time, GES will be participating in Texas Reads One Book. We are so excited to have the opportunity to participate. Every student and staff member will receive a copy of Charlotte's Web to take home and read with their family.

Jason Garrett, Head Coach for the Dallas Cowboys, will read the first chapter during the April 11th kick-off event. The expectation is each family will read a chapter from the book each night. Tens of thousands of families across the state will be reading together in this celebration of literacy. Please join us in this awesome opportunity to support our children's literacy. If you have any questions, please call Dara Arrington at 903-433-5315 or email darrington@gunterisd.org.



"When a whole district reads a book, there's a whole lot to talk about!" says Gary Anderson, founder of Read to Them. "We believe that by involving parents, schools, and the community, the Texas Reads One Book program will help participating districts create a culture of reading that extends far beyond the actual time of the program."



"One of the things I love the most about the Gunter school community is how involved our families are in their children's education. This is just one way for us to support that partnership and encourage literacy in the home!"

Dr. Jill Siler, Superintendent



Buddy Bench



The GES Discovery Class spent some time researching and chose to participate in the Buddy Bench idea. A buddy bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendships on the playground. They presented their ideas to the GES student body and decided to move forward with the project.

By a generous donation from the Earwood family, GES will be getting a Buddy Bench very soon.

If you would like to see the Prezi the Discovery Class created for their presentation, you may view it here: <https://goo.gl/QFp7Gg>



Birthday Book Club

Celebrating March birthdays with a book from the Birthday Book Club are: Cole Bolt, Samuel Waggoner, Wilson Marks and Emma Marks. If you would like more information on the Birthday Book Club, contact the elementary school.



Spring Book Fair

April 11th-14th

Muffins for Moms

Monday, April 11th

7:00am - 7:40am

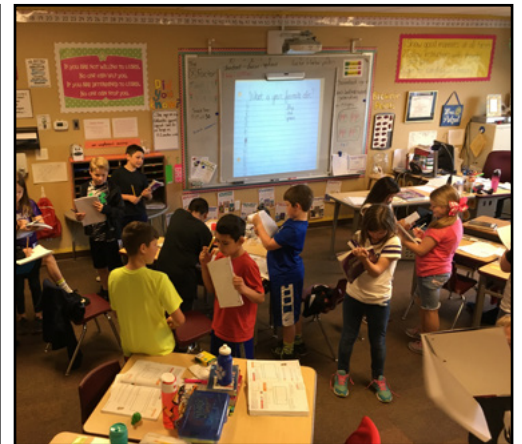
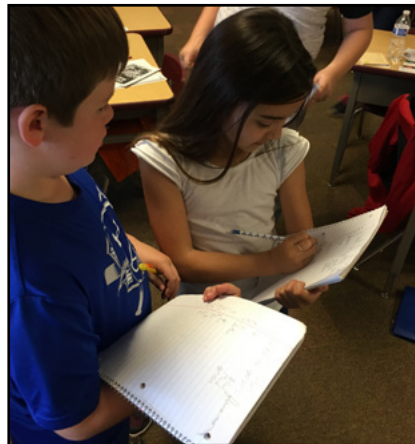


The book fair will be open daily from 8:30 am - 3:00pm



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.

Mathematicians at Work



Mrs. Pelzel's 3rd graders are in the middle of a graphing unit in math. They worked hard gathering data about the class' favorite colors. They created pictographs to show what they learned. Mrs. Pelzel said, "I was pretty proud of their organization and how they worked together and took some pictures."



The annual kite flying date for headstart was March 22nd. The wind was cooperative that day, and all had a great time! The 3rd and 4th grade students were "buddies" for the day while they helped the Headstart little ones cast their kites into the air.



Elementary Honor Rolls - Third Nine Weeks

A - HONOR ROLL

1st Grade: Brittany Balderas, Kynlee Chalker, Jordan Decker, Colt Elvington, Erick Fraire, Grace Geisendorff, Finlee Gressett, Blake Hale, Madison Haning, Braden Hilton, Gracie Jester, Brady Jordan, Colt Miller, Daniel Munoz, Allison Perez, Ashton Pinkernell, Brooks Rentz, Elyson Schafer, Caleb Siler, Sarah Smith, Evelin Tavera, Caleb Tucker, Jace Wade, Samuel Waggoner; 2nd Grade: Legend Bounds, Sadie Buckalew, Tony Castro, Julian Castorena, Jasmine Chavez, Ally Dodd, Cali Dodson, Barrett Elmore, Micah Fisher, Lacie Gray, Emily Hickman, Trace Howard, Nevaeh Keeler, Norah Layman, Tyler Madsen, Lilly Martin, Emma Marks, Wilson Marks, Jackson Mazey, Camila Mendoza, Colt Nelson, Brooklynn Neufold, Mauricio Porres, Creed Rainer, Hayden Rodges, Josalyn Smith, Tatum Underwood, Montana Wheeler, Braxton White; 3rd Grade: Brock Boddie, Kane Bolt, Mitchell Gage, Reese Gibbs, Garrin Goetz, Tate Howard, Chloe Johnson, Madison Litz, Angel Mercado, Cesar Montes, Colin Peacock, Ella Pinkernell, Kari Kate Watkins, Raiden Windlow; 4th Grade: Kai Altun, Jackson Burkholder, Kase Carlile, Luke Dodd, Cade Dodson, Makena Fady, Kinley Johnson, Kendall Jolly, Zachary Litz, Libby McCarty, A J Mead, Shey Menkhoff, Houston Rehmet, Bailey Watson

A/B - HONOR ROLL

1st Grade: Logan Barrientez, Brody Bracewell, Zaiden Choate, Marcus Crockett, Aydan Falcon, Mily Fraire, Zachary Hales, Alayna Linan, Reid Lotspeich, Tristan May, Samiha Pittman, Keyla Silva Diaz, Cecilia Tapia, Anastyn White; 2nd Grade: Matthew Bohac, Ella Brummett, Landrie Brummett, Brayden Fortune, Tomas Garcia, Norah Layman, Bella Lopez, Macie Mann, Grisselle Mercado, Nathan Merrill, Hayden Nelson, Jordan Rico, Agustin Robledo, Benjamin Rodriguez, Talia Scroggins, Kaitlin Stephan, Erik Solis, Jasmine Tapia, Olivia Vargas; 3rd Grade: Easton Beck, Kaleb Bohac, Reid Brackeen, Luke Bullard, Melissa Clower, Brynne Craven, Iszabella Davis, Jackson Decker, Cristian Escalera, Hayden Farrell, Brenley Gibson, Avery Hale, Addison Hammer, Katelynn Merchant, Carter Miller, Oscar Parker, Logan Simon, Conrad Swink, Isabela Thomas, T U Underwood, Cesar Vega, Sailor Williams, Trevor Wright; 4th Grade: Ryli Bracewell, Katherine Clemens, Avery Diers, Tanner Dobbs, Abigail Elmore, Lucas Frank, Alexis Gann, Brooks Griggs-Bell, Jaxson Jester, Brian Journagan, Jace Martin, Brelee Mauldin, Jose Narciso, Brodee Parker, Casey Ploch, Avery Roane, Sitaly Rodriguez, Hayden Standerfer, Collin Vest, Dixie Waligura, Paige Yosten

Middle School Honor Rolls - Third Nine Weeks

A - HONOR ROLL

5th Grade: Samantha Aiken, James Bullard, Grace Fortune, Viviana Galvan, Finlee Gibson, Dylan Marsh, Brody McDonald, Michael McDowell, Kamber Puebla, Caitlyn Siler, Ethan Sloan, Jonathan Smith, Collier Stovall, Landon Waligura, Aubrey Walton, Elle Whitteker; 6th Grade: Laura Caperton, Audrey Curtis, Sarah Denton, Bennett Fady, Malison Fisher, Jacob Hales, Sarah Jackson, Grace King, Nicole Leach, Sean McClure, Kasey McKee, Kiley Meadors, Landon Pelfrey, Sophia Mendoza, Kaden Rigsby, Mackenzie Roane, Erin Seiberling, Natalie Stephan, Rhiana Vincent; 7th Grade: Matthew Avendano, Taylor Boddie, Jacee Childers, Samuel Erwin, Bethany Gilbreath, Nyah Ingram, Makenna Kincheloe, Cobi Koonce, Sophie Mathers, Slade Parker, Robert Rehmet, Mary Smith, Renatta Vincent; 8th Grade: Cassidy Ahlmeyer, Ashley Bruner, Brianna Carr, Tristan Cochran, Lara Curtis, David Denton, Jacquelyn Galvan, Peyton Lowe, William Magers, Schuyler Marshall, William Marshall, Colton Mercer, Kyri Morris-Jackson, Laurel Mulkey, Alexa Reichert, Ainslee Stovall, Zander Turner, Keely Ward, Jkyle Watson, Gabriel Wells

A/B - HONOR ROLL

5th Grade: Nolan Backschies, Ashley Betancourt, Ava Cantrell, Trent Carr, Aubrey Duarte, Lane Ferguson, Jose Fraire, Raeden Jolly, Abby Marks, Jaden Martin, Rayanna Mauldin, Kaydennece Mead, Bianca Mercado, Carley Merchant, Samantha Neufeld, Mason Peacock, Logan Pierce, Adam Reed, Hanna Rubis, Madison Thigpen, Austin Trevino, Ashtyn Wade, Donnie Walton, Park Lewis; 6th Grade: Adelle Brackeen, Kenneth Burkholder, Zachary Clemens, Bella Craven, Olivia Eft, Gabi Geisendorff, Gavin Hale, Skylar Jones, Robert Kirby, Dalton Payne, Cinthia Rico, Jake Schafer, Sofia Siciliano, Cloe Skipworth, Greyson Toney, Cooper Wade; 7th Grade: Hunter Beck, Juan Bernal, Mitchell Brewer, Scott Craven, Phoebe Fanning, Martin Garcia, Peyton Graves, Hannah Keeler, Jack Locke, Marco Lopez, Bethany Martinek, John McDowell, Tyler Mechant, Andrea Montes, Neelie Parker, Lakin Satre, Bria Savage, Jacob Seiberling, Robert Seiberling, Aubrey Wendt, Benjamin Wilcocks, Brandon Wilcocks; 8th Grade: Zoe Carlile, Cade Carruthers, Nancy Castorena, Channing Clement, Mitchell Fugett, Anthony Garcia, Jessica Hawk, Natalee Hayes, Elizabeth Lodico, Tristan Meadors, Ryan Morrison, Jake Osburn, Bleize Parker, Bryson Rigsby, Erin Robertson, Joshua Rogers, Abigail Rosas, Caden Sansone, Seth Schroeter, Skylar Self, Siena Siciliano, Braden Sloan, Reagan Spencer, Mack Whitteker, Sydney Wright



Headstart Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter egg hunt for Headstart was a great success. The students had a great time hunting for, finding, and sorting their eggs into their baskets!

April 14th



GES CAP DAY

(Children's Alopecia Project- Awareness)
Pay \$1 to wear a Hat. All funds raised go to the Alopecia foundation.



Sweetest Smile, Most Outgoing

GMS student, Sara Driggers, participated in the North Texas Angels Pageant, at the Eisemann Center in Richardson on Saturday, March 19th. She was awarded "Most Outgoing" & "Sweetest Smile".

The mission of the North Texas Angels Pageant is to celebrate individuals with special needs, connect and provide them with resources that can improve their quality of life, increase public awareness and act as a networking and educational hub for strengthening individuals with special needs and their families in North Texas.

This pageant is held annually and is dedicated to enriching their lives by providing each angel "STAR" treatment.



Fantastic Fossil!

Dylan Marsh brought an interesting piece of history to Mrs. Bon's science class this month; a fossil. Reading about fossils and actually touching one are at opposite ends of the learning spectrum, and this piece of history gave our students something to talk about!

In the book shown below, the fossil that Dylan brought is identified as a Trilobite. These creatures flourished over 510 million years ago, but are said to have "died out" 250 million years ago.

Although the fossil hasn't been confirmed to be a true artifact, it is still a great representation of what a fossil would look like. The 5th grade students thought it was really "cool" to look at and touch.



DEAD AND GONE
Trilobites, one of the most abundant creatures living in the ancient seas, first flourished over 510 million years ago. They had jointed limbs and an external skeleton like insects or crustaceans, such as crabs and lobsters. They died out some 250 million years ago.

Make Plans Now!
April 2nd
Gunter Middle School

Sadie Hawkins Dance
7th & 8th Grade
8 pm - 10 pm

\$10 / Person **OR** \$15 / Couple

Dress: Casual AND School Appropriate

* Refreshments will be served

8th Grade Career Class Tours Grayson College

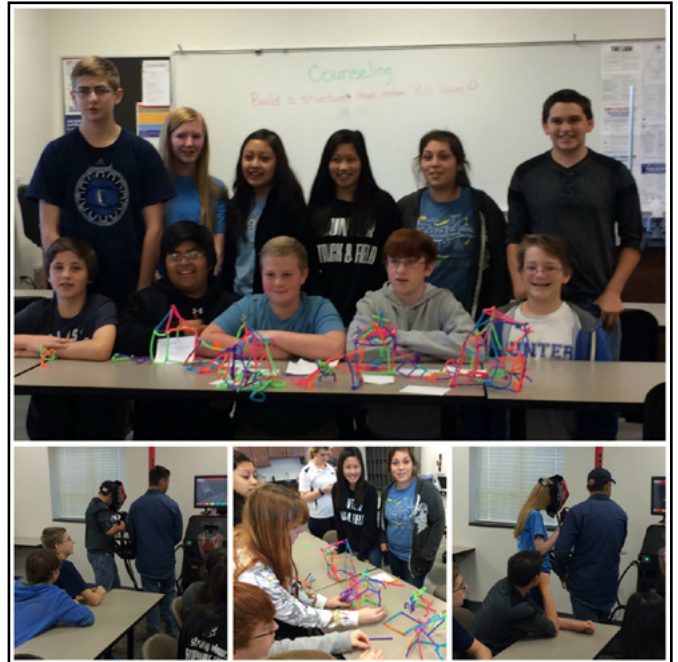
The 8th grade careers class recently toured several areas of Grayson College. During the tour, the students were given a glimpse of what college life might be like inside the classroom.

They were taken to an English dual credit class and the teacher gave a short lesson on Shakespeare. They might have learned a little about Shakespeare, but more importantly, they were able to see how a college class might be conducted.

Another favorite of the group was the medical technician class. Mrs. English said, "That teacher was so vivacious!!" Students were shown parasites and how they get on the hands. A demonstration of how to wash hands properly was given. The students probably weren't aware that they'd be taking a test during the tour, but they were given a hand washing test. An orange solution was put on their hands, and they had to remember the demonstration on how to wash them. After washing up, the instructor used a black light to see if there were any "orange parasites" left. The results were scary! Our students had some orange glowing spots that they missed. Now we know why it takes a surgeon so long to scrub in before a surgery.

The tour also offered them a visit to a counseling class, and a welding class. Grayson College ended the tour with cookies, which the students loved. Mrs. English said, "this was one of the best field trips I've ever been on."

Thank you, Grayson, for showing our students such a wonderful time.



Paris' Pals Army

Congratulations to Jacob Merrill and Sophie Mathers 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.



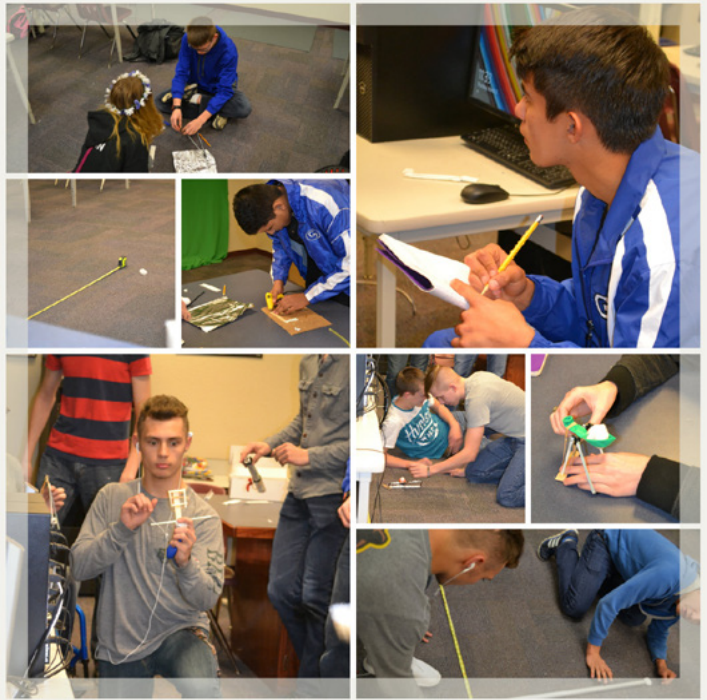
Engineering Students Put to the Test

Before Spring Break, Mrs. Foster decided to challenge her students to create a "Fling Machine". What is a Fling Machine? It is something that will send a cotton ball flying through the air. Students were divided into groups, given the same exact supplies, all supplies had to be used, and it had to be designed, built and tested in one class period.

- Given 15 minutes to devise a solution; document it in writing and in a sketch.
- Given 5 minutes to build the solution.
- Given 10 minutes to test the solution, and record the distance the cotton ball traveled each time for ten attempts.
- Excel was used to enter the data and create a dot plot.

Points were given for teamwork and performance, and the following students topped the list:

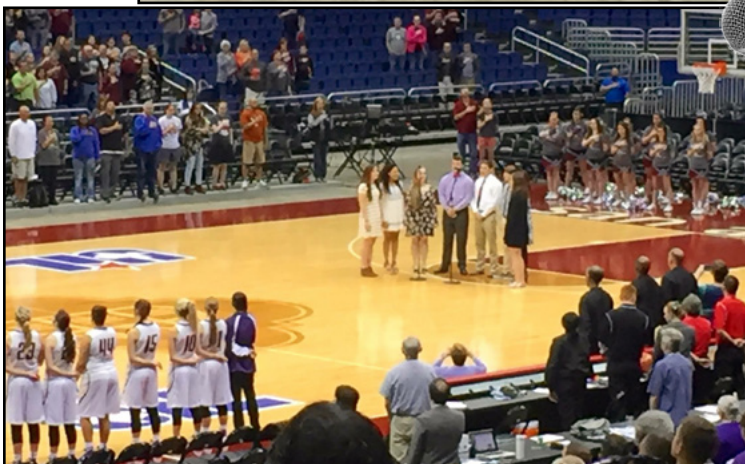
- 1st Place: Jose Rocha/Taylor Smith - 12'
- 2nd Place: Dylan Jantz/Evan Gonzales - 9' 11"
- 3rd Place: Alex Hales and Hollis Smith - 7' 10"



Materials: 1 cotton ball, 1 balloon, 1 rubber band, 2 paper clips 1 piece aluminum foil (12" x 12"), 1 tongue depressor, 2 straws, 2 pipe cleaners, hot glue

Constraints: No wrapping the cotton ball inside the aluminum to make it more rigid, the cotton ball must remain fully visible.

Could you create a fling machine from these materials?



GHS Chamber Choir Sings at State Basketball Tourney

The members of GHS Chamber Choir were invited to sing the National Anthem at 3 sessions for the Girls State Basketball Tournament. Their beautiful voices represented Gunter well. They had a great trip, made fun memories and created new friendships. Special thanks to: Eliza Allen, Taylor Cheers, Connor Clement, Kenna Carruthers, Madi Varns, Q Layman, Zach Magers, and Cade Meyerdirk for representing Gunter in an amazing way!

National Hispanic Recognition Program Participant at Gunter High School



It is official. Jonathan Avendano, a junior at Gunter High School, has been officially recognized as one of the Top 5000 Eleventh Grade Hispanic Scholars in United States of America. Each October, GHS juniors have the opportunity to take the Preliminary SAT Exam. This exam allows students to evaluate their preparedness for college entrance exams while taking steps toward improved test performance. In October of 2015, 1.4 million high school juniors took this exam. Out of that 1.4 million test takers, 250,000 of them identified as being of Hispanic origin. Only 5000 of those students scored high enough to be eligible for the prestigious National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP). The NHRP exists to identify and promote the top Hispanic high school scholars in the United States. Students in the program can use their status as a participant to seek scholarships and other honors from colleges and universities around the U.S. These students are highly sought after by college admission offices for their dedication to education and drive for success. Please congratulate Jonathan for this outstanding recognition the next time you see him.

GHS MATH TEAM PREPARES FOR DISTRICT

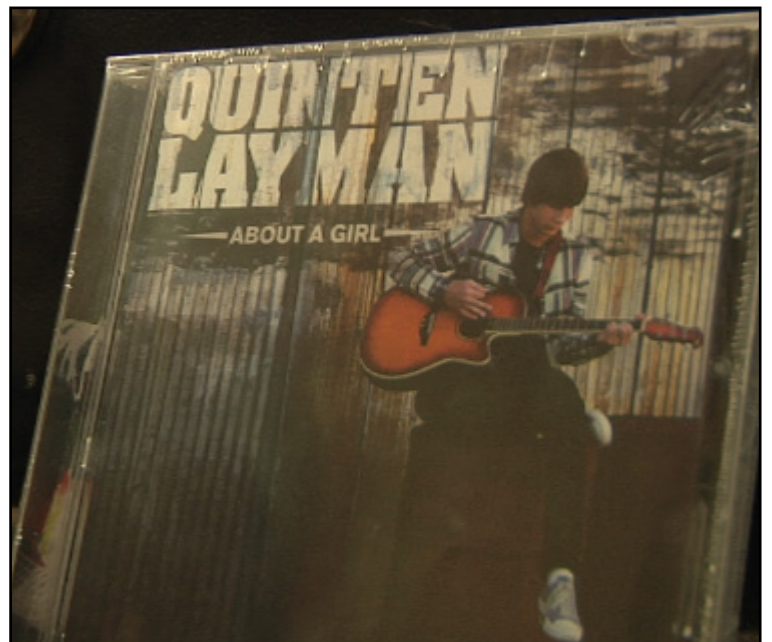


On February 20th Chris Jackson and Josh Potapov of the GHS Math Team competed in the Valley View High School practice UIL Academic Meet. Chris received a 4th place ribbon in Mathematics in the small school division. Josh placed 8th in Mathematics. Chris also placed 10th in the Calculator Applications competition. The entire Math Team will be competing in the District UIL Academic Meet on Wednesday, April 6th at S&S High School.

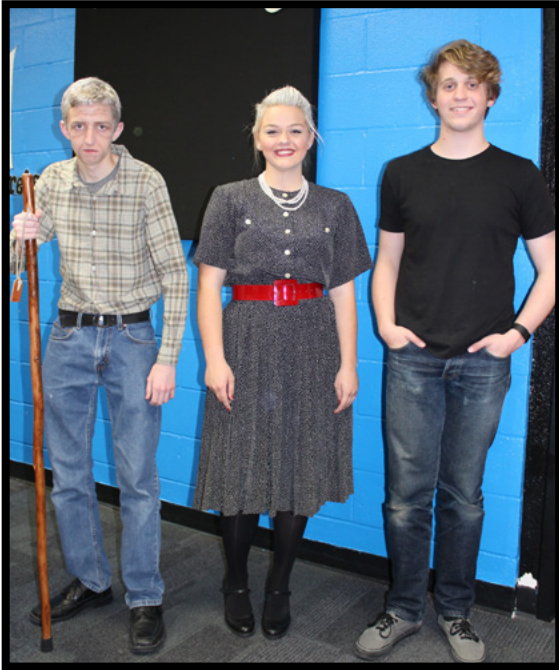
GHS Student Releases Album

Quinten Layman, a junior at GHS has been working very hard over the past year on releasing an album. It all started with Quinten auditioning at Actors, Models, and Talent for Christ SHINE conference. It was there that Tate Music Group heard him and decided they wanted to work with him to make an album.

Over the past year, Q has been a very busy person. He still must maintain his grades as a student, he played on the basketball team, continues to sing for his church, and is a member of the GHS Chamber Choir. All of this PLUS, he has been writing all of the songs for his album. His dreams were finally realized on March 22nd, when his album was released. Quinten's debut solo album, "About a Girl" is available on most major music platforms. For more information, visit his album's page on Tate Music Group at <https://goo.gl/HDJzH2>



ONE ACT PLAY



Congratulations to the One Act Play participants who received awards from the District UIL Competition. Although the play did not advance to the next round, the students performance was awesome.

Honorable Mention: James Riddle
 All Star Cast: Heidi Locke
 Tech Award: Taylor Crelia

Cast List

Tommy.....	Austin Rue
Dickie.....	Ben Crelia
Martin.....	Will Martin
Delacroix.....	Josh Potapov
Bill Hutchison.....	Chris Jackson
Mrs. Dunbar.....	Paige Garner
Mrs. Watson.....	Lexie Lenderman
Miss Bessom.....	Katilyn Winlow
Jack Wilkins.....	Matt McAllister
Old Man Warner.....	James Riddle
Belva Summers.....	Heidi Locke
Joe Summers.....	Kenneth Shipper
Tessie Hutchison.....	Brooke Hogan
Davy Hutchison.....	Addie Turner
Crew.....	Hannah Husted
Crew.....	Taylor Crelia

THE LOTTERY

Written by Shirley Jackson; Adapted by Brainerd Duffield



The GHS OAP cast decided to perform *The Lottery* this year. *The Lottery* is not what you expect; the conclusion of the play reveals the dramatic realization that we really don't want to be the winner of this lottery. The students did an amazing job in their competition, and in the presentation for their parents as well.

Special thanks to Directors, Christina Russell and Elizabeth Kulbeth for all of their hard work in this production.

UT Southwestern Medical Center Accepts GHS Student into STARS Program

Webster defines a goal as something that you are trying to do or achieve. We cannot stress enough to our children how important it is to have goals in life. Students with a goal in life will always be headed in the right direction. Such is the case of Jonathan Avendano. If you ask Jonathan what he wants to do with his life, he will tell you that he wants to be a doctor. He hasn't decided between a family medicine doctor or a doctor of infectious disease, but none the less, he wants to be a doctor.

That goal has pointed Jonathan in the right direction. GHS math teacher, Leslie Hindman, told him about an opportunity that UT Southwestern offers to students and teachers called STARS. STARS (Science Teacher Access to Resources at Southwestern) was developed in 1991 to improve the quality of science education in North Central Texas by making UT Southwestern Medical Center's vast educational resources available to middle and high school science teachers.

Since its inception, STARS has grown to serve more than 5,000 teachers and 30,000 students in 2,000 schools in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The scope of STARS has steadily expanded to include more than 20 programs and projects, which are available free to teachers and students in Texas.

The main goals of the program include:

- Broaden the knowledge base of science teachers
- Increase science awareness
- Provide instructional aids
- Provide ongoing support for science teachers and students
- Stimulate an appreciation of health-related careers

Jonathan applied to the program, as did around 5000 other students. 80 applicants were granted interviews, and 40 of those interviews resulted in acceptance to the program. Jonathan was one of those 40.



Jonathan will spend 8 weeks of his summer working alongside Dr. Khemtong in his research lab watching and learning from the studies conducted during the summer. Dr. Khemtong's research interests include: Cardiac metabolism by hyperpolarized NMR, Hyperpolarized MR imaging agents, and Nanomedicine. The experience he will gain by working alongside this doctor will be nothing less than extraordinary.

We are excited for Jonathan, and the opportunities this program will afford him. The final part of the program will include Jonathan coming back and speaking to the student body about his experience at UT Southwest. We are looking forward to this presentation already!

Congratulations Jonathan, you never cease to amaze us with your talents and your knowledge. Your desire to succeed will take you far in life!

Preparing for the Cost of a College Education

As time passes it is hard to believe how fast our little ones grow up. One moment they are in diapers and the next moment they are in high school. Change comes fast and it pays to be prepared for the future. During the week of April 4th, GISD will be observing College Week on all of our campuses to promote forward thinking, goal setting, and the value of post-secondary education. On Tuesday, April 5th, of College Week GISD will be sponsoring a "Paying for College" information night with Nathan Hale of Ameriprise Financial. Mr. Hale will outline what to expect when confronted with post-secondary education costs and will provide information on how to plan for your child's future. This program will be held in the GHS Cafeteria at 6:00pm the evening of April 5th. Please contact Jacob Waggoner (jwaggoner@gunterisd.org) with any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there!

See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information

It's never too early to begin planning!





A Day in the Life of Hunter Simco

by Chris Dodd, GHS Principal

splitting time between The Bridges and Hurricane Creek in Van Alstyne. Hunter works with a local club pro in Van Alstyne but also enjoys the “laid back fun” approach of GHS Coach Lonnie Scott. “We make a great team,” she laughs. “Golf is a serious sport but we make sure it’s more fun than anything else.” This busy young lady admits that the “stress relief” of golf is just what the doctor ordered. “Hunter is my favorite golfer on the girl’s team,” Coach Scott laughs. “She

has a lot on her plate (activities) but when she is on the course I know I get her best effort.”

Between her duties as Senior Director for the Texas Junior Shorthorn Association, making required appearances as a Lassie Princess for the Association, serving as a key member of the Gunter FFA Livestock judging team, and the countless road trips and hours attending stock shows and fairs across the Southwest, Hunter finds time for Cheerleading. While Hunter is a resident of Van Alstyne, where her mother Diana grew up, she bleeds Gunter Blue. She has been a tried and true Tiger since the 3rd grade. “I love the athletic aspect of cheerleading. It is an awesome sport. But the best thing is the relationships.”



“She is a quiet leader,” says Gunter FFA Director Brad Schnitker. “There is a lot of ‘try’ in that young lady.” Hunter’s duties as Lassie Princess is time consuming with leadership responsibilities in addition to representing the association at numerous shows and conventions. She admits there is a “not so serious” side but the opportunity to meet other young leaders in agriculture makes it worth-while.

Hunter has her eyes set on Oklahoma State or Texas Tech with the plan on majoring in Agribusiness. The path beyond that is uncertain, but returning home to take over the CL Simco (her grandfather) Ranch is a strong possibility. Right now Hunter doesn’t have a lot of time to think about that because, well, she is pretty darn busy representing the Tigers all over the Lone Star State. And for that reason she is our Tiger Times Student of the Month for April.

A picture can paint a thousand words. One photo can capture the essence of someone, the journey they have been through, and even the pathway they have chosen for their future. “Tina and I were exhausted,” explains the young lady in the photo. “At Houston we prepared for show four times.” “Show” is a long process of grooming and preparing Tina, a half-ton, fifteen-month old, Shorthorn Heifer to parade before a panel of judges guided by a teenager in cowboy boots just short of a hundred pounds.

The “photo” says it all. Man’s best friend is not always of the canine species. For FFA students it could be a steer, or pig, or goat. The relationship with their “friend” (not animal – that term doesn’t do the bond justice) may last a season, or a year, or beyond if lucky enough to raise them for breeding. “It’s very difficult if they are raised for sell,” sophomore Hunter Simco explains. “We are thinking about selling ‘ShowGirl’, my first baby Shorthorn. That will be a tough day”. Bella, her first heifer, lost a baby in February and nearly died from shock. The event was traumatic for the family. Hunter and Tina have earned over \$4000 so far in prizes. Tina won Grand Champion honors last month at the prestigious Houston Stock Show. The event showcased over two hundred shorthorns and well over one thousand other heifer breeds. The odds of a Grayson County teenager taking home this title is a rare feat. Once this season’s shows and travel conclude the pair can settle down on the farm. Tina’s career on the road will end but her place as a family member carries on.

Tina (her original birth name was ‘Tina’s girl – purchased from Carney Cattle Ranch in Collinsville) can’t have Hunter all to herself. Hunter has to make time for a round or two of golf since she literally carries the team as the lone girl competitor for the Tigers. She gets several rounds of practice a week





College Week

April 4-8

All three campuses at GISD will be celebrating college week April 4-8. Students at all levels will be looking at colleges, looking at the benefits of a college education, and learning how to begin planning for their future.

GHS students have the opportunity to visit a college fair in Arlington. See below for details!

Step #1

Log onto www.gotomyncf.com prior to attending the fair. You are asked a few short questions regarding your graduation information, home address, and potential major.



Step #2

After completing the online registration, print the barcode identification and bring it to the fair.



Step #3

Colleges scan your barcode to access your information, allowing more time for a one-on-one conversation at the fair.



If you are interested in attending this college fair in Dallas/Ft. Worth, contact Jacob Waggoner to reserve a place on the bus. The bus will be leaving GHS at 3:45pm and returning around 9:15pm.

Follow the instructions on the flier shown to register for this event. You must print the barcode identification and bring it with you to the fair.

Date: Thursday, April 7th
 Location: Arlington Convention Center
 Sign Up: www.gotomyncf.com
 Be Prepared: PRINT YOUR BARCODE ID and bring it with you

Free to Students and Parents!

The list of schools attending each fair is available online at <http://bit.ly/NCPEXhibitorSearch>

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DALLAS/FT. WORTH National College Fair

Thursday, April 7, 2016
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Arlington Convention Center, Arlington, TX - NEW LOCATION

BEFORE THE FAIR...
 Go to www.nacacnet.org/ncfstudent to Register for the fair.
 Watch the video for a complete fair overview. Learn about different types of colleges.

AT THE FAIR...
Pick up the on-site locator for the latest school list and a booth location map.
Meet one-on-one with college representatives who can answer questions.
Visit the Counseling/Resource Center to talk to a counselor about choosing a major, financial aid scholarship information, and more.

NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIRS CONTRIBUTORS

ATTEND A WORKSHOP ABOUT...
 Learn about topics like financial aid and other college admission related information.

Register today at www.gotomyncf.com
 Interested in the performing and visual arts? Learn more at www.gotomypvafair.com

Gunter FFA - Loy Lake Stock Show Results

Exhibitor Name	Division	Class	Class Place	Division place	Breed	Sale	Special Awards
Emerson Eft	Goat	Class 06	1	Reserve Division		Sale	
Ryli Bracewell	Heifer	Class 02	1	Champion Angus	Angus		
Luke Willard	Heifer	Class 05	1	Champion ARB	ARB		
Hunter Simco	Heifer	Class 02	1	Champion Shorthorn	Shorthorn		
Sam Cole	Goat	Class 01	2			Sale	
Shey Menkhoff	Goat	Class 10	2			Sale	
Jake Osburn	Heifer	Class 03	2		Maine Anjou		
John Massey	Heifer	Class 02	2	Reserve Polled Hereford	Polled Hereford		
Hunter Simco	Heifer	Class 01	2		Shorthorn		
Leann Fox	Goat	Class 06	3			Sale	
Luke Willard	Goat	Class 09	3			Sale	
Leann Fox	Steer	Class 01	3		American		
Luke Willard	Steer	Class 03	3		American	Sale	
Steven Menkhoff	Swine	Class 05	3		Dark Cross	Sale	Reserve JR Showman
Leann Fox	Swine	Class 05	3		Duroc	Sale	
Ryli Bracewell	Steer	Class 05	3		Exotic	Sale	
Brandon Hunsaker	Heifer	Class 02	3		Polled Hereford		
Jaxson Jester	Heifer	Class 04	3		Polled Hereford		
Gage Davis	Goat	Class 03	4			Sale	
Leann Fox	Swine	Class 03	4		Black opb		
Austin Baker	Swine	Class 05	4		Dark Cross	Sale	
Braiden Clopton	Swine	Class 01	4		Duroc		
Anthony Pelly	Heifer	Class 02	4		Shorthorn		
Anthony Pelly	Heifer	Class 03	4		Shorthorn		
Brandon Hunsaker	Swine	Class 02	5		Dark Cross		
Tina Stevens	Swine	Class 03	5		Duroc		
Halle Ward	Swine	Class 03	5		Light cross		
Jaxson Jester	Heifer	Class 02	5		Polled Hereford		
Abby Marks	Swine	Class 03	5		Yorkshire		
Ben Cole	Goat	Class 03	6				
Jaron Martin	Goat	Class 11	6				
Alyssa Jarrell	Swine	Class 09	6		Dark Cross		
Gabe Turner	Swine	Class 03	6		Light cross		
Leann Fox	Swine	Class 02	7		Hampshire		
John Massey	Goat	Class 07	8			Sale	Grand JR showman
Bryson Jolly	Lamb	Class 05	8		Medium Wool		
Gabby Garcia	Goat	Class 09	9			Sale	
Grant McClure	Swine	Class 02	12		Hampshire		
Luke Willard	Commercial Heifer					Sale	Grand SR showman
Justin Mauldin	Ag Mechanics	Class 01	Blue ribbon				
Austin Baker	Swine	Class 01			Dark Cross		
Luke Bullard	Swine	Class 01			Dark Cross		
Nick Bullard	Swine	Class 04			Dark Cross		
Clay Banks	Swine	Class 04			Hampshire		Champion SR Stockman

Definitely an impressive showing for our Gunter FFA! Way to Go!

A Peek into Loy Lake



South Grayson College Scholarship Dinner & Dancin'



Grab Your Partner & Head On Out To The South Grayson College Scholarship Dinner & Dancin' Fundraiser! Saturday, May 14th from 7-10pm at the Grayson College – South Campus. Live C&W Music, Street Dance, and Prime Rib provided by Texas Roadhouse. Tickets are \$50. Western Dress. The event is outdoors. Please contact Jacob Waggoner (jwaggoner@gunterisd.org) to purchase your tickets.

Gunter FFA Alumni



presents

Dinner & Auction

April 16, 2016

Tickets: \$20.00 Corporate Tables: \$250.00

Current Corporate Sponsors

Tyson • Simco Cattle • JLV Cattle • Preston Trails Farms • Joe Davis Farmer • Fuqua & Huff, P.C.
• Landmark Bank • Willard Farms

*Live Music by
Tanner Young*

Doors open at 5pm • Dinner starts at 6pm
Live Auction begins at 7pm

** All proceeds will benefit Gunter FFA Youth **

For Tickets and Sponsorships
Call Julie 903.815.4173 or Denise 903.271.6706



HARD LUCK CHOIR CAFE

Saturday, April 23, 2016
Gunter high School
6:30 PM

... you won't want to miss it!

Featuring:

Sam Smith, David Bowie, Frankie Valli & the 4 Seasons, John Lennon, Elvis, Crowded House, Blondie, Elton John, Duran Duran and more!



MENU:

Salad
Lasagna or Spaghetti
Homemade Desserts
Drinks

\$10.00 / person

Introducing the 2016 - 2017 Cheerleaders



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

(Above)

Lauren Baird, Katelyn Dean, Peyton Fanning, Brooke Hogan, Taylor Howard, Karsyn Kemp, Riley Leach, Lexi Lenderman, Meg Oelfke, Alex Robinson, Hunter Simco, Jackie Valadez, Chloe Walton



JV Cheerleaders

(Left)

Ashley Bruner
Zoe Carlile
Natalee Hayes
Alyssa Hinkley
Alexa Reichert
Sydney Wright

**We are looking
forward to
cheering with
you next year!**

GMS Cheerleaders:

(Right)

Taylor Boddie, Bella Craven, Sarah Denton, Olivia Eft, Gabi Geisendorf, Nyah Ingram, Bethany Martinek, Sophie Mathers, Kiley Meadors, Andrea Montes, Bria Savage, Renatta Vincent, Rhiana Vincent, Aubrey Wendt



Golf

Lake Kiowa Tournament

Varsity boys 5th place - 440
 Kole Gillespie 92
 Cameron Hearn 85
 Kade McCarty 126
 Tanner Howard 137

Tanglewood Tournament

Varsity Boys 4th place - 430
 Kole Gillespie 87
 Cameron Hearn 90
 Kade McCarty 122
 Tanner Howard 131

Sherman Tournament

Varsity Boys 4th place - 397
 Kole Gillespie 84
 Cameron Hearn 89
 Austin Baker 99
 Brandon Hunsaker 125
 Kade McCarty 144

Girls
 Hunter Simco 113 - 13th place

Tennis

Princeton Tournament



Boys Doubles - 2nd Place
 Adam Chick and Edgar Fuentes

Mixed Doubles - 1st Place
 Nick Gonzalez and Taylor Prosser

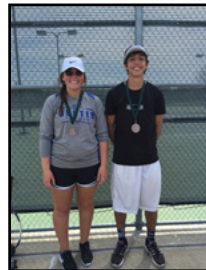


Mixed Doubles - 2nd Place
 Abigail Bon and Matt McAllister

Girls Doubles - 3rd Place
 Bella Zuniga and Rylie Lashley



Prosper Tournament
 Mixed Doubles
 Consolation Champs
 Nick Gonzalez and Bella Zuniga



Congratulations to the following basketball players!

All-District Basketball

1st team Troy Watson
 1st team Tyler Scott
 2nd team Brandyn Brewer
 Honorable mention : Nick Gonzales, Logan Nelson, Quinten Layman



Congratulations to Dylan Jantz for receiving an offer from Northern Arizona University to play football. This is Dylan's first offer to play football at a Division I school. Dylan is a freshman at GHS and we know great things are in his future.



Attention! Athletic Physicals Set for April 20th



Athletic physicals will be given on Wednesday, April 20th at Gunter High School. We will begin calling students out by grade at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00, which will be used to pay the Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners conducting the physicals.

All INCOMING 7th, 9th, and 11th graders are required to have an updated physical on file to participate in all athletic activities for the 2016-2017 school year. Also, any student coming off of an injury that resulted in broken bones or a hospital visit will need a new physical on file with the school.

Please have the MEDICAL HISTORY side of the physical form completed and signed by a parent or submitted online prior to the day of the physical. You may turn your form and money into office B at the

High School or be sure to bring your money and form with you on the day of the physicals.

Please make all checks payable to Gunter High School Athletics. If you have any questions, please contact Jake Fieszel via email at jfieszel@gunterisd.org

The 2016-17 athletic paperwork packet and physical form available on the athletic website. You may print the forms and turn them in, or you may opt to complete the form online. Athletic Website > Forms: <http://www.gunterisd.org/Page/413> or a direct link to the online form is: <http://goo.gl/forms/FDE8mWjDPH>



HS Track & Field

Bells Track Meet Results:

JV Boys Team – 2nd Place Overall

JV Boys Top Athletes in Division – 2nd Place Braiden Clopton 21pts; 10th Place Bryce Goodson 13pts, Carlos Rodriguez 13pts, Garrett Brummett 13pts
 100M Dash – 3rd Place Mason Snow 12.50; 1600 M Run – 4th Place Kennon Magers 5:32.68; 3200 M Run – 3rd Place John Rowe 13:21; 400 M Dash – 6th Place Alex Chick 58.53; 800 M Run – 6th Place Layke Reed 2:30.52; 4 X 100 M Relay – 1st Place (Goodson, Rodriguez, Brummett, Clopton) 47.92; 4 x 400 M Relay – 3rd Place (Brummett, Rodriguez, Goodson, Clopton) 4:01.56; 4 x 200 M Relay – 1st Place (Goodson, Rodriguez, Brummett, Clopton) 1:40.43; Long Jump – 2nd Place Braiden Clopton 16'4"; Discus – 2nd Place Angel Fuentes 92' 9"; 4th Place Chandler Wade 88' 6"; 6th Place Jose Rocha 84' 6"; Triple Jump – 1st Place Quinten Layman 34' 3" | **JV Girls Team** – 8th Place Overall; 100 M Hurdles – 1st Place Lauren Nobles 17.08; 800 M Run – 5th Place Remi Morris-Jackson | **Varsity Boys Team** – 4th Place Overall; Varsity Boys Top Athletes in Division – 2nd Place Austin Gittens 23 pts. 100 M Dash – 1st Place Austin Gittens 11.27; 200 M Dash – 2nd Place Austin Gittens 23.72, 5th Place Dwayne Alford 24.48; 4 X 100 M Relay – 1st Place (Gittens, Alford, Williams, Stovall) 45.79; 4 x 400 M Relay – 2nd Place (Carr, Williams, Gonzlaez, Stovall, Hales(alt)) 3:42.37; 4 x 200 M Relay (Carr, Alford, Williams, Stovall) 1:36.10; **Varsity Girls Team** – 2nd Place Overall. Varsity Girls Top Athletes in Division – 1st Place Sarah Franze 25 pts, 2nd Place Mikayla Watson 22 pts, Tori Gittens 22 pts. 100 M Dash – 1st Place Sarah Franze 12.34, 3rd Place Tori Gittens 13.13; 200 M Dash – 1st Place Sarah Franze 27.25; 3200 M Run – 3rd Place Chloe Walton 15:29; 400 M Dash – 2nd Place Addison Mercer 1:06.51; 800 M Run – 5th Place Jackie Valadez 3:01.70; 6th Place Alex Robinson 3:04.61; 4 x 100 M Relay – 1st Place (Ferguson, Gittens, Watson, Franze, Harris-Rodriguez (alt), McEwen (alt)) 52.52; 4 x 400 M Relay – 3rd Place (Mercer, Gittens, Mikulastik, Watson, Elvington (alt)) 4:35.01; 4 x 200 M Relay – 2nd Place (Ferguson, Elvington, McEwen, Watson, Mercer (alt)) 1:57.79; Long Jump – 6th Place Kamee Roberson 13' 11"; Shot Put – 2nd Place Connor Clement 33' 10.5"; Discus – 3rd Place Connor Clement 97' 7"; Triple Jump – 1st Place 33' 6.25", 6th Place Kamee Roberson 30' 5"; High Jump – 2nd Place Tori Gittens 4' 10"



Whitesboro Track Meet 3/17

JV Girls 9th Place Overall; Pole Vault: 1st Place Nobles 6'6"; 400 Relay: 4th Place 59.00; 100 Hurdles: 1st Place Nobles 17.07; 800 Relay: 6th Place 2:07.5; 300 Hurdles: 6th Place Turner 1:06.0; **JV Boys** 8th Place Overall; Discus: 4th Place Rocha 91'11", 5th Place Fuentes 89'8"; 400 Relay: 4th Place 47.44; 1600 Meter: 5th Place Majors 5:40.6; 1600 Relay: 4th Place 3:52.9; **Varsity Girls:** Team 3rd Place Overall; High Jump: 2nd Place Gittens 5'2"; Pole Vault: 2nd Place Morrison 7'; Triple Jump: 2nd Place Watson 33' 2.75"; Discus: 2nd Place Clement 97' 10"; 400 Relay: 1st Place 51.45; 100 Meter: 1st Place Franze 12.38; 800 Relay: 5th Place 1:56.8; 400 Meter: 5th Place Leach 1:10.0; 200 Meter: 1st Place Franze 25.85; 1600 Relay: 4th Place 4:32.5; **Varsity Boys** 7th Place Overall; Pole Vault: 1st Place Fuentes 11'6"; 400 Meter Relay: 5th Place 44.24; 300 Hurdle: 3rd Place Carr 42.48; 1600 Meter: 5th Place 5.11.2; 1600 Meter Relay: 5th Place 3:39.1



Tyler Busse's Debut in Track
Results listed below

Whitesboro Track Meet

Set a new school & stadium record in his events!

Pottsboro Track Meet

100m - 17.4 (* Fastest in state)

400m - 1:10.2 (* 2nd Fastest in state)

* based on the 2015 state meet times



Pottsboro Track Meet 3/24

Varsity Girls: 100: 1st place Franze 12.69, 4th Place Gittens 13.43; 200: 3rd Place Franze 26.53; 400: 5th Place Mercer 1:07.61; 400 Relay: 2nd Place Ferguson, Gittens, Watson, Franze 51.63; 800 Relay: 5th Place Elvington, Ferguson, McEwen, Watson 1:51.92; 1600 Relay: 6th Place Elvington, Gittens, Watson, Mercer 4:27.32; High Jump: 2nd Place Gittens 5' .25"; Long Jump: 1st Place Watson 16'4.5"; Shot Put: 5th Place Clement 32'2"; Discus: 3rd Place Clement 99'9"; **Junior Varsity Girls:** 400: 5th Place Miller 1:13.37; 6th Place Petri 1:14.30; 300 Hurdles: 3rd Place Harris 1:02.42, 5th Place Turner 1:05.21; 400 Relay: 5th Place Petri, Fanning, Howard, Kemp 51.63; 800 Relay: 5th Place Petri, Fanning, Howard, Kemp 1:51.92; Discus: 6th Place Ward 59' 9.5"

Varsity Boys: 800: 6th Place Hunsaker 2:11.74; 300 Hurdles: 2nd Place Carr 42.61; 800 Relay: 5th Place Carr, Alford, Jantz, Stovall 1:33.00; 1600 Yard Relay 4th Place Carr, Gonzalez, Stovall, Jantz 3:35.00; Pole Vault: 1st Place Fuentes 11'6.5"; Long Jump: 6th Place Jantz 19'2.5"; Triple Jump: 4th Place Jantz 39'2.25"; **Junior Varsity Boys:** 100: 4th Place Snow 12.59; 200: 2nd Place Bower 25.01; 1600 4th Place Magers 5:29.95; 3200: 4th Place Rowe 12:52.30; 400 Relay: 2nd Place Goodson, Gonzalez, Lowe, Clopton 47.00; 800 Relay: 3rd Place Goodson, Rodriguez, Gonzalez, Clopton 1:37.00; 1600 Relay: 2nd Place Gonzalez, Brummett, Clopton, Goodson 3:44.00; Pole Vault: 1st Place Tie Magers 7'6"; Long Jump: 6th Place Clopton 17'03"; Triple Jump: 3rd Place Gonzalez 36'5"; Shot Put: 5th Place Caskey 30' 9"; Discus: 4th Place Wade 84'4"





GMS Track Results

Junior High Boys Pottsboro Track Meet 3/14

7th Grade Boys: 100: 2nd Place Ramirez 12.57; 300 Hurdles: 5th Place Merrill 61.61; Pole Vault: 3rd Place Brewer 4'6"; **8th Grade Boys:** 400 Relay: 1st Place 48.16; 800 Relay: 1st Place; 800 Meter: 4th Place Wells 2:29.78; 110 Hurdles: 1st Place Meadors 17.95, 2nd Place Denton 18.15; 100: 2nd Place Sloan 11.98, 6th Place Silva 12.59; 400: 1st Place Lowe 57.5, 6th Place Silva 60.59; 300 Hurdles: 4th Place Meadors 50.06; 200: 2nd Place Reed 26.34, 5th Place Watson 27.63; 1600: 1st Place 3:55.31; Shot Put: Loundsberry 31'11.5"; Long Jump: 1st Place 17'4.75", 5th Place Watson 15'4"; Pole Vault: 2nd Place Morrison 7'; High Jump: 2nd Place Meadors 5'2", 4th Place Wells 4'10"

Whitesboro Middle School Girls Track Meet 3/15

7th Grade Girls: 2400 Meter: 2nd Place Wendt 10:59.2; Triple Jump: Childers 2nd Place 28' 5.5"; Discus: Taylor 6th Place 55'10"; 800 Meter: 3rd Place Hamilton 3:06.4; 800 Relay: 5th Place 2:07.0; 200 Meter: Childers 4th Place 30.25; 1600 Meter: Wendt 5:04.5; 1600 Relay: 6th Place 5:18.8 / **8th Grade Girls:** High Jump: 2nd Place Reichart 4'8"; Long Jump: 2nd Place Carr 13'11.5"; Triple Jump: 4th Place Carr 28'9.5"; Shot Put: 6th Place Ward 28'6.5"; Discus: 6th Place Clement 64'7"; 400 Relay: 3rd Place 57.08; 800 Relay 2nd Place 2:02.2; 400 Meter: 6th Place Jackson 1:16.4; 300 Hurdle: Ahlmeyer 1:01.9; 200 Meter: 1st Place Castorena 28.6

Gunter Middle School Track Meet 3/21

7th Grade Girls 6th Place Overall: Shot Put: 5th Place Taylor 24'7", 6th Place Montes,C 24'6"; Long Jump: 6th Place Childers 12'9"; Discus: 1st Place Taylor 64'2"; Triple Jump: 2nd Place Childers 29'5", 5th Place Gilbreath 27'5"; 2400 Meter: 3rd Place Wendt 10:28; 800 Meter: 4th Place Hamilton 3:03.05; 800 Meter Relay: 5th Place 2:07.27; 200 Meter: 5th Place Childers 30.96; 1600 Meter Relay: 6th Place 5:25.99; **7th Grade Boys** 7th Place Overall: 400 Meter Relay: 5th Place 53.62; 800 Meter Relay: 4th Place 1:55.24; 1600 Meter Relay: 5th Place; **8th Grade Girls** 3rd Place Overall: ShotPut: 4th Place Clement 28'5", 5th Place Ward 27'4"; Long Jump: 2nd Place Carr 13'11"; Triple Jump: 4th Place Carr 28'1"; High Jump: 4th Place Reichart 4'8"; 400 Meter Relay: 4th Place 56.37; 800 Meter: 3rd Place Stovall 2:57.48; 800 Meter Relay: 2nd Place 2:03.01; 300 Hurdles: 4th Ahlmeyer 1:00.21; 200 Meter: 3rd Place Carr 29.46, 4th Place Castorena 29.55; 1600 Relay: 5th Place 5:19.52; **8th Grade Boys** 2nd Place Overall; Shot Put: 2nd Place Lowe 39'1.5", 6th Place Loundsbury 33' .5"; Long Jump: 4th Place Lowe 16'8", 5th Place Turner 16'8"; Triple Jump: 1st Place Denton 35'7"; High Jump: 1st Place Meadors 5'4"; Pole Vault: 3rd Place Morrison 8'; 4th Place Fugett 8'; 400 Meter Relay: 2nd Place 49.08; 110 Hurdles: 1st Place Meadors 16.96, 3rd Place Tie Denton 18.34; 100 Meter: 2nd Place Sloane 11.86, 4th Place Silva 12.21; 800 Meter Relay: 2nd Place 1:45.02; 400 Meter: 2nd Place Lowe 59.33, 5th Place Osburn 1:01.99; 300 Hurdles: 3rd Place Denton 48.01, 5th Place Meadors 48.68; 1600 Meter Relay: 2nd Place

Howe Middle School Track Meet 3/30

7th Grade Girls 2nd Place Overall: Pole Vault: 1st Place Savage 5', 2nd - Tie Place Montes 5'; Long Jump: 3rd Place Smith 13', 4th Place Gilbreath 12'11", 5th Place Childers 12'7"; Triple Jump: 4th Place Childers 28', 6th Place Gilbreath 27'1"; 3200m Run: 1st Place Wendt 10.55; 5th Place Lopez 12.08; 400m Relay: 1st Place 57.63; 800m Run: 1st Place Gilbreath 2.51, 2nd Place Vincent 3.04; 100 Hurdles: 5th Place Montes 21.78; 100m Dash: 1st Place Smith 13.6; 800m Relay: 2nd Place 2:00.71; 400m Run: 6th Place Mathers 1:24.52; 200m Dash: 1st Place Childers 29.24; 1600m Run: 1st Place Wendt 4:50; 3rd Place Savage: 5:11, 6th Place Lopez 5:27; **8th Grade Girls** 2nd Place Overall: Long Jump: 1st Place Carr 13'10", 2nd Place Castorena 13'8"; Triple Jump: 2nd Place Carr 28'8"; 400m Relay: 3rd Place 59.02; 800m Run: 1st Place Stovall 2.56; 100 Hurdles: 3rd Place Ahlmeyer 19.84, 5th Place Morris-Jackson 20.68; 100m Dash: 1st Place Carr 13.24, 2nd Place Castorena 13.41; 400m Run: 1st Place Morris-Jackson 58.62; 200m Dash: 1st Place Castorena 28.78, 4th Place Reichart 31.86; **7th Grade Boys** 4th Place Overall: Long Jump: 3rd Place Merrill 13'9"; 400m Relay: 2nd Place 53.21; 110 Hurdles: 3rd Place Ramirez 12.82; 400m Run: 1st Place Brewer 61.88, 3rd Place Cooper 69.84; 300m Hurdles: 3rd Place Merrill 56.34; 200m Dash: 1st Place Garcia 27.52, 5th Place Rolison 30.5; 1600m Relay 2nd Place 4:31:00; **8th Grade Boys** 1st Place Overall: High Jump: 1st Place Denton 5'2", 2nd Place Tie - Meadors 5'0", Wells 5'0"; Pole Vault: 1st Place Fugett 8'0", 2nd Place Morrison 7'6", 4th Place Whitteker 6'0"; Long Jump: 2nd Place Lowe 16'10"; Triple Jump: 2nd Place Denton 34'3", 5th Place Wells 31'3", 6th Place Thurman 29'0"; 400m Relay: 1st Place 49.87; 800m Run: 6th Place Whitteker 2.48; 110m Hurdles: 1st Place Meadors 16.62, 3rd Place Denton 19.37, 5th Place Harrison 20.72; 100m Dash: 1st Place Sloan 11.74, 3rd Place Silva 12.34, 6th Place Watson 12.87; 800m Relay: 1st Place 1:45.99; 400m Run: 2nd Place Lowe 58.21, 3rd Place Silva 60.34, 4th Place Osburn; 300m Hurdles: 1st Place Denton 46.78, 3rd Place Meadors 51.05, 5th Place Harrison 52.84; 200m Dash: 1st Place Reed 25.28; 1600m Run: 6th Place Whitteker 4:32; 1600m Relay: 1st Place 3:55:00

SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD

3/1 vs Melissa (L) 2-8
 3/5 vs Whitewright (L) 2-8
 3/7 vs Howe (L) 0-12
 3/8 vs Whitesboro (L) 1-3
 3/15 vs Pottsboro(L) 0-1
 3/19 vs Ponder (W)12-7
 3/22 vs Pilot (L) 7-9
 3/24 vs S&S (L) 1-15
 3/28 vs Callisburg (W) 5-1



BASEBALL SCOREBOARD

**Varsity Record 14-3 Overall
 and 4-1 in district
 Celina Tournament**

Gunter 5 Melissa 2
 Gunter 7 Pittsburg 4
 Gunter 8 Boyd 1
 Boyd 8 Gunter 4
 Gunter 7 Paris North Lamar 0
 Celina 8 Gunter 0

Gunter Tournament

Gunter 15 Allen JV 5
 Gunter 11 Melissa 5
 Gunter 3 Bonham 2
 Gunter 9 Prosper JV 5
 Gunter 10 Aubrey 3
 Gunter 4 THESA 3

District games

Whitesboro 6 Gunter 4
 Gunter 6 Pottsboro 5
 Gunter 8 Ponder 2
 Gunter 20 Pilot Point 3
 Gunter 4 S&S 0



**JV Blue Record 12-4
 District 5-0**

Little Elm JV Tournament

McKinney 7 Gunter 5
 Gunter 9 Denison 5
 Gunter 8 Garland Lakeview Centennial 1
 Gunter 3 Frisco Wakeland Freshmen 1

Bells Varsity Tournament

Gunter 9 Bonham JV 6
 Gunter 12 Bells JV 4
 Gunter 19 Bells Varsity 18
 Gunter 6 Dodd City Varsity 1

Dallas Jesuit JV Tournament

Highland Park 11 Gunter 3
 Rockwall Heath 10 Gunter 2
 Prosper 13 Gunter 1

Gunter 4 Whitesboro 3
 Gunter 9 Pottsboro 1
 Gunter 9 Ponder 3
 Gunter 12 Pilot Point 1
 Gunter 10 S&S 0

JV White Record 3-1

Gunter 14 Aubrey 1
 Gunter 11 Bonham 1
 Gunter 9 Howe 4
 CHANT 8 Gunter 0



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Gunter Independent School District

Board Briefs

Thursday, March 17, 2016

5:45pm F.I.R.S.T. Hearing

6:00pm Regular Meeting

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, 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 present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- Linda & Tom McAllister presented a painting to the board members in honor of the Class of 2016. Titled "Forest Queen," this painting by Zimbabwean artist Andrew Bone is a beautiful addition to our Tiger Family!

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Student Recognition
 - All State Band Members: Jonathan Avendano, Alex Leach and Will Martin were recognized for making it to All-State; the most prestigious honor for HS 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.
- Quarterly Investment Report was presented.
- Dr. Siler gave an update on Revenue Projections for 2015-16 and 2016-17. We are projected to receive approximately \$400,000 in additional revenue due to increases in enrollment, property taxes and special education enrollment funding. However, these funds are not slated to extend to future years. The board had already approved the purchases of 3 buses from some of this one-year surplus revenue. In the budget amendments, the board also approved the purchase of band uniforms, bus cameras and AEDs as well.
- Enrollment Update: Elementary 329; Middle School 234; High School 251; **Total: 814**
- Communications:
 - Upcoming Dates
 - Mar. 22nd, Chamber of Commerce Banquet
 - April 7th, GIFT Reception
 - April 11th, Meet the Candidates
 - April 16th, FFA Auction and Dinner
 - April 18th, Regular Meeting, 6:00pm @ HS
 - May 9th, Spring Athletic Banquet
 - May 12th, Regular Meeting, 6:00pm
 - May 14th, Grayson College Schl. Dinner

- May 16th, Academic Banquet
- May 17-21, Community Playground Project
- May 19th, FFA Banquet
- May 22nd Baccalaureate, 6:30pm
- June 4th, Graduation, 3:00pm
- June 20th, Regular Meeting, 6:00pm

BOARD MEMBER REPORT: Board members were given information about the Summer Institute.

CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Minutes, Billing & Budget Amendments were approved for February 16th Regular Meeting Minutes, February 2016 Billing and Budget Amendments

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Brian Grubbs shared the results of refunding the bond program. This will save the District \$688,000.
- The Board approved the winning bid submitted by Robert AW Baird & Co., and resolution authorizing the Issuance of Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2016. The winning bid came in at 2.76% which will bring even greater cost savings to our Schneider Energy Project.
- The Board approved the bid from Lynn Vessels in the amount of \$632,857 to complete the parking lot project. This will bring new parking lots to the HS North Parking Lot (in front of the stadium) as well as the MS East Parking Lot (between baseball and MS) and put in sidewalks from the baseball to softball fields. This is the last major project from the \$2 million dollars of bonds that were sold last year.
- The Board approved no fees and no changes to the out of district transfer policy.
- The Board approved to bring GE(LOCAL) Policy-Relations with Parent Organizations back to the table. The Board approved the revisions to GE(LOCAL) policy-parent organizations. This policy strengthens existing structures to our parent organizations regarding operating and financial procedures. While the policy won't change day to day operations of the parent organizations greatly, it will provide better protection for both the parent organization and the district.

7:18pm Board went in to Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.001

8:30pm Reconvened from Closed Session.

- The Board approved to extend the principals and other administrative personnel contracts through 2017-2018 school year.
- The Board accepted the bid from Jacob and Amy Boddie in the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of the Burke Road property.

ADJOURNMENT: Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:34pm

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Open A Book

By Jane Baskwill

Open a book
And you will find
People and places of every kind;
Open a book
And you can be
Anything that you want to be;
Open a book
And you can share
Wondrous worlds you find in there;
Open a book
And I will too
You read to me
And I'll read to you.



The NEHS students at the high school shared their love of reading with the elementary 2nd grade students by reading to them. With that thought in mind, don't forget about Texas Reads One Book beginning on April 11th. All of the elementary students will be reading *Charlotte's Web*, so if you run into a GES student, you can ask them questions about the book. It will be a great conversation starter!

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

~ Carol Dweck

Gunter Independent School District

APRIL 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		29	30	31	1	2
						
					4:30/7p JVB&V BB @ Howe 5p JVV BB @ Home 6:30p SB @ Home	8p - 7th/8th Grade Sadie Hawkins Dance Sheldon goes to STATE in Powerlifting
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Golf @ Stone Creek 6p JVV BB @ Aubrey	JH District Track @ Whitesboro 4:30/7p JVB&V BB @ Whitesboro 6p Paying for College Info Night 6:30p SB @ Home	UIL Academic District @ S&S GMS Choir @ Canton	6p Track Relays @ Farmersville 6:30p GIFT Banquet College Fair in Arlington	GMS Spring Pictures 4:30/7p JVB&V BB @ Home 5p SB @ Home	
				District Tennis @ Denison		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	7a Muffins for Moms 5:30p JVV BB @ Boyd Texas Reads One Book Kickoff	GHS Choir @ Canton 4:30/7p JVB&V BB @ Ponder 6:30p SB @ Ponder	HS District Track @ Pottsville GHS Choir @ Canton	Children's Alopecia Project- Awareness Day @ GES	5th Grade Field Trip to Perot Museum 4:30/7p JVB&V BB @ Home 5p SB @ Home	10a (DH) JVV BB @ Howe 5p FFA Alumni Auction & Dinner
						
GES Book Fair						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	5:30p JVV BB @ Home 6p School Board Mtg.	4:30/7p JVB&V BB @ S&S 5p SB @ S&S	Athletic Physicals	Area Track Meet @ Whitesboro	4:30/7p JVB&V BB @ Home 5p SB @ Home (Senior Night) Earth Day	6:30p Hard Luck Cafe
Regional Tennis Tournament				UIL Regional Academics		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Bad Weather Day No School	4:30/7p JVB&V BB @ Home				
Regional Track @ Whitehouse High School						



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Date: April 5th, 2016

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Gunter High School

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