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- late nights
- good communication skills
zero pay
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If you looked in the want ads and found this job description, how many of you would apply? Our school board did!

These are people who receive no pay for their dedicated efforts, and not only volunteer but go through the process of standing up for public education.

These public servants donate their time and talents to ensure that the children of GISD have the best schools we can provide. These people sit through meetings, read detailed reports, listen to parents' concerns, and do the hard work to benefit the students and the community at large. And make no mistake about it, the whole community benefits from good schools.

Each January, we pause in our regular activities to say thank you to these dedicated volunteers. We appreciate their generous sharing of time and energy on behalf of our children. The GISD school board members are truly heroes for our schools.

GISD campuses, in a combined effort, teamed up at the board meeting in January to show our board members what superheroes they really are. They were given bags, boxes and baskets of goodies collected through the classrooms and faculty. They were thanked personally by each campus principal, and entertained by the GHS Chamber Choir. The Miller family cooked an awesome meal in their honor.

We truly appreciate all they do for our district. Gunter wouldn't have the outstanding reputation we have without their continued efforts.



Mrs. Pelzel's 3rd grade class is studying about economics. In order for them to understand the assembly line, they were "put to work" producing a popular snack. Each student had a special job and they worked together on an assembly line to create a delicious s'more to enjoy together! Success never tasted so good!


The Big |ded this month is cooperation. Cooperation means working together to do more than you can do alone. We are fortunate to be with lots of friends each day here at school.


WALK LIKE AN EGYPTION
GES Discovery students recently learned a lot about Egypt. They each picked a topic about Ancient Egypt and did some research. In four different computer sessions, they collected information and pictures. Some topics they covered included mummification, the Nile River, Hieroglyphics, and the Great Pyramids. After their research was complete, they each created a visual aide and presented their findings to the group. I'm not sure they discovered how to actually ... "walk like an Egyptian" :)


## 2nd 9-Week GES \& GMS Honor Roll

## GES A Honor Roll

1st Grade: Kynlee Chalker, Jordan Decker, Colt Elvington, Erick Fraire, Grace Geisendorff, Finlee Gressett, Nathan Hale, Madison Haning, Braden Hilton, Gracie Jester, Brady Jordan, Colt Miller, Daniel Munoz, Allison Perez, Ashton Pinkernell, Brooks Rentz, Elyson Schafer, Caleb Siler, Caleb Tucker, Samuel Waggoner; 2nd Grade: Ella Brummett, Landrie Brummett, Sadie Buckalew, Tony Castro, Julian Castorena, Jasmine Chavez, Ally Dodd, Cali Dodson, Barrett Elmore, Eli Fischer, Micah Fisher, Lacie Gray, Emily Hickman, Trace Howard, Nevaeh Keeler, Norah Layman, Tyler Madsen, Macie Mann, Lilly Martin, Emma Marks, Wilson Marks, Camila Mendoza, Gisselle Mercado, Nathan Merrill, Colt Nelson, Hayden Nelson, Brooklynn Neufold, Mauricio Porres, Creed Rainer, Hayden Rodges, Benjamin Rodriguez, Tatum Underwood, Montana Wheeler, Braxton White; 3rd Grade: Brock Boddie, Kane Bolt, Luke Bullard, Melissa Clower, Hayden Farrell, Mitchell Gage, Reese Gibbs, Garrin Goetz, Avery Hale, Addison Hammer, Tate Howard, Chloe Johnson, Madison Litz, Carter Miller, Angel Mercado, Cesar Montes, Colin Peacock, Ella Pinkernell, Logan Simon, Kari Kate Watkins, Sailor Williams, Raiden Windlow; 4th Grade: Jackson Burkholder, Kase Carlile, Luke Dodd, Cade Dodson, Kinley Johnson, Kendall Jolly, Libby McCarty, Shey Menkhoff, Houston Rehmet, Avery Roane, Chiara Streiff, Dixie Waligura, Bailey Watson

## GES A/B Honor Roll

1st Grade: Brittany Balderas, Logan Barrientez, Brody Bracewell, Marcus Crockett, Aydan Falcon, Mily Fraire, Ben Giles, Zachary Hales, Taylie Latva, Alayna Linan, Garron Lorusso, Tristan May, Yulianna Narciso, Samiha Pittman, Keyla Silva Diaz, Sarah Smith, Sophia Streiff, Cecilia Tapia, Evelin Tavera, Jace Wade, Anastyn White; 2nd Grade: Matthew Bohac, Legend Bounds, Brayden Fortune, Tomas Garcia, Jayden Hernandez, Bella Lopez, Jackson Mazey, Jordan Rico, Agustin Robledo, Talia Scroggins, Josalyn Smith, Kaitlin Stephan, Erik Solis, Jasmine Tapia, Olivia Vargas; 3rd Grade: Bryan Balderas, Easton Beck, Kaleb Bohac, Reid Brackeen, Brynne Craven, Leo Davis, Isaac DeLeon, Cristian Escalera, Brenley Gibson, Maddox Key, Katelynn Merchant, Oscar Parker, Isabela Thomas, T U Underwood, Cesar Vega, Trevor Wright, Matthew Yosten; 4th Grade: Kai Altun, Ryli Bracewell, Katherine Clemens, Gavin Dupler, Avery Diers, Tanner Dobbs, Daniel Dominguez, Abigail Elmore, Makena Fady, Lucas Frank, Grace Fugett, Alexis Gann, Jaxson Jester, Brian Journagan, Zachary Litz, Jace Martin, Tori Matiko, Brelee Mauldin, A J Mead, Jose Narciso, Brodee Parker, Caseyn Ploch, Sitlaly Rodriguez, Taylor Self, Hayden Standerfer, Collin Vest, Griffin Ward

## GMS A Honor Roll

5th Grade: Samantha Aiken, James Bullard, Aubrey Duarte, Grace Fortune, Viviana Galvan, Finlee Gibson, Dylan Marsh, Jaden Martin, Brody McDonald, Grady McDowell, Mason Peacock, Kamber Puebla, Ethan Sloan, Jonathan Smith, Collier Stovall, Madison Thigpen, Landon Waligura, Aubrey Walton, Elle Whitteker; 6th Grade: Laura Caperton, Audrey Curtis, Sarah Denton, Malison Fisher, Sarah Jackson, Nicole Leach, Lillie Matiko, Sean McClure, Kasey McKee, Kiley Meadors, Sophia Mendoza, Landon Pelfrey, Kaden Rigsby, Mackenzie Roane, Erin Seiberling, Natalie Stephan, Rhiana Vincent; 7th Grade: Taylor Boddie, Jacee Childers, Makenna Kincheloe, Cobi Koonce, Jack Locke, Marco Lopez, Sophie Mathers, Slade Parker, Robert Rehmet, Mary Smith, Renatta Vincent; 8th Grade: Cassidy Ahlmeyer, Ashley Bruner, Brianna Carr, Tristan Cochran, Kara Curtis, David Denton, Jacquelyn Galvan, William Magers, Schuyler Marshall, William Marshall, Colton Mercer, Laurel Mulkey, Alexa Reichert, Ainslee Stovall, Zander Turner, Keely Ward, Kyle Watson, Gabriel Wells

## GMS A/B Honor Roll

5th Grade: Nolan Backschies, Ashley Betancourt, Ava Cantrell, Trent Carr, Sierra Dix, Lane Ferguson, Jose Fraire, Roman Garcia, Raeden Jolly, Jacob Madsen, Abby Marks, Rayanna Mauldin, Dalton McClain, Kaydennece Mead, Bianca Mercado, Carley Merchant, Shaeli Morris-Jackson, Samantha Neufeld, Adam Reed, Elizandro Rocha, Hanna Rubis, Caitlyn Siler, Austin Trevino, Ashtyn Wade, Donnie Walton, Park Lewis; 6th Grade: Ansley Baird, Adelie Brackeen, Kenneth Burkholder, Bella Craven, Olivia Eft, Bennett Fady, Gabriella Geisendorf, Jacob Hales, Skylar Jones, Grace King, Helena Martin, Eryn McHone, Trey Oblas, Dalton Payne, Jake Schafer, Sofia Siciliano, Cloe Skipworth, Mitsy Solis, Jason Swink, Greyson Toney; 7th Grade: Matthew Avendano, Hunter Beck, Scott Craven, Sam Erwin, Martin Garcia, Bethany Gilbreath, Peyton Graves, Nyah Ingram, Hannah Keeler, Colten Lankford, Ella Lotspeich, Aidan McDowell, Tyler Merchant, Jacob Merrill, Andrea Montes, Lakin Satre, Jacob Seiberling, Robert Seiberling, Aubrey Wendt, Ben Wilcocks, Brandon Wilcocks; 8th Grade: Channing Clement, Anthony Garcia, Jessica Hawk, Natalee Hayes, Elizabeth Lodico, Peyton Lowe, Tristan Meadors, Kyri Morris-Jackson, Ryan Morrison, Jake Osburn, Bleize Parker, Trey Phillips, Bryson Rigsby, Erin Robertson, Abigail Rosas, Seth Schroeter, Braden Sloan, Reagan Spencer, Ethan Watson, Mack Whitteker, Caleb Wilson, Sydney Wright

## GMS Gifted \& Talented Students Lend Helping Hand

As part of a class service project, 11 gifted and talented students traveled to Sherman to lend a hand to the Grand Central Station warehouse. Their task was to open and sort boxes of food.

Mrs. Bullard learned about Grand Central Station through her church and how they needed volunteers. The students learned that the rewards of helping others weren't only received by those who are on the receiving end, but the "givers" also were rewarded with a sense of well being. They learned that it doesn't take a lot to help others, and if people work together, much can get done.

All the food donated to the warehouse is used for the GCS dining car lunches and Children's Express meals. This program prepares food for students who qualify for the free and reduced lunch program, and provides meals when school is not in session.

Learning to give back is a lesson worth teaching. Thank you, Mrs. Bullard, for showing our students the importance of helping others.


## 5th graders have fun learning with cereal



Mrs. Bon's science students used cereal and coffee to learn about sedimentary rocks and fossil fuel formation.

Coffee grounds mixed with cereal simulate coal which is a fossil fuel. Other crushed up cereals will model the foundation of rocks. Another layer of crushed cereal will simulate sand. Layered together in a clear plastic cup, the students can see what happens to the layers when pressure is placed on it. Genious!


# Reading, Writing \& Reporting 

by Landon Pelfrey, 6th grade
Have you ever dreamed of being a writer for a newspaper? Well, neither had I. Mrs. Morrison, my 6th grade English teacher, assigned us the challenge of making a newspaper based off of the book Where the Red Fern Grows. I thought the project would be hard, but as long as your group members did their part, it was actually not that hard.

We were assigned to groups of three to four students. We all had to work together to complete all of the tasks assigned to the
 newspaper. Some of the articles we had to include were a lead story, character profile, advice column, and a book review. We also were able to choose from some optional ideas such as an obituary, wanted ad, weather section, and advertisements. The only real hard parts were writing the lead story and making the pictures and stories fit in the space. The pictures were pretty tough to fit in since you had to take a lot of steps to get them. Even though they were tough, they were the best part of the project. It gave us a new appreciation for everything that goes into publishing newspapers and newsletters. The assignment was really not that bad and was even a little bit of fun.

This was definitely one of the best projects we have done so far this year. I was lucky and had a good group who worked well together and worked really hard. This project was pretty fun, and I hope that Mrs. Morrison will assign us another project like this.


Another great example of how students and teachers are putting our Chromebooks to good use!

Students worked together using Google Drive to complete their projects.

Collaboration is a skill that will come in handy throughout their lives.

Great job on the newsletters :)


On September 11th, eleven middle school students gathered in the middle school cafeteria to compete in the 2nd Annual GMS Spelling Bee. It was a tough battle for the first place spot, taking 22 rounds before 8th grader Erin Robertson spelled the championship word totake 1st place. 5th grader, Gray McDowell was the runnerup. His performance was outstanding!

On Wednesday, February 3rd, Erin and Gray will go to the Grayson County Spelling Bee which is held at Grayson College. Erin will compete against the champions from the other participating schools in our county. The winner of this spelling bee will then travel to the Dallas Morning News Regional Spelling Bee which will be held on March 26. The Regional champion will represent the 38 -county Dallas Region at the National Spelling Bee in Washington DC.


Good Luck Erin! We know you will "bee" terrific!


## Danmis' Danvsitive Danls



Pals 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 Volume 7, Issue 7
but she still has a smile that lights a room. Each week 2 students are selected to be "Paris' Paws-itive Pal" based on demonstrating qualities such as thoughtfulness, kindness, trustworthiness, and friendliness. Paris presents the awardees with their certificate and they take their picture together, which is then proudly displayed on the bulletin board. The goal 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 everyday.


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## GMS Choir Solo E Ensemble

These outstanding GMS choir students performed at Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday, January 30th. There were a total of 17 singers, 14 received a 1 , and 3 received a 2. There are two more students set to sing on Tuesday. Great job representing GMS Choir!
**Not only did they sound great, they looked geat too!


## Ft. Worth Livestock Show Results

- John Massey - Polled Hereford, Class Winner and Division Champion
- Brandon Hunsaker - Polled Hereford, 4th place
- Hunter Simco - Shorthorn, 2nd place
- Jake Osburn - Maine Anjou, 3rd Place
- Luke Willard - Red Brangus, 5th Place
- Anthony Pelley - Shorthorn, 12th place


Hunter Simco pictured with her 2nd place Shorthorn, Tina.

(Above) John Massey with his Polled Herford that won Class and was named the Division Champ.


## Texas Shorthorn Lassie Princess



FFA member, Hunter Simco, is one of the 2015-16 Texas Shorthorn Lassies. Lassies encourage and extend the influence of Shorthorn Breeding, promote the interest of its membership, stimulate greater activity, and cultivate closer relationships. The Lassies also arrange exhibits at shows, present awards, publicize the breed provide reception committees, and conduct activities that pertain to the Queen contest and other promotional activities.

## February GHS Student of the Month

by Chris Dodd, Principal

Our Class of 2016 is making choices that will set the foundation for the rest of their lives. The decision of "where do I go now" is never an easy decision and for some the process of selecting their choice for further education began many years ago.
Jake Whitteker is the son of two Canadian immigrants who relocated to the Metroplex. Jake was born in Plano. He is a "first generation American/ proud Texan" and indicated so on his applications to our Nation's esteemed military academies.
The "process" started in Mrs. Inglish's class during his 8th grade year. A "sailor" that served in the Navy visited as part of the careers curriculum. "I knew I didn't want a desk job trapped in the corporate world - trying to provide for a family but limited in options," Jake recalled.
"I also knew I wanted to do something impactful, something challenging."
Jake set his sights on the Naval Academy. His father Greg bought him a book about what it took to get in; to get an "appointment".
"It was over 300 pages and it laid it all out there for you," Jake explains. "There was no question I wanted in."
Later on Jake would meet someone with ties to the Air Force and suggested they check out Colorado Springs. "I hate to say it was about 'location' but I am a 'mountain' guy having Canadian roots. I was hooked."
During Jake's 10th grade year he met with a liaison officer from Prosper that was a former Academy grad. The meeting would seal Jake's fate. "He gave me a reason to do things that were not popular; strive for the best grades possible, do more activities and do them well, just 'try' harder because that's what it took to get that opportunity." Jake's long term goal would have short term results. Jake's GPA rose and so did his class rank in to
the top ten percent. He went from role player, to special teams contributor, to starter, to all-district player on the football field. Jake attended RYLA camp and found new direction as a "leader". Instead of just going to school, Jake found ways to make the school better. His junior year he applied to Summer Seminar, a summer program at the Air force Academy for prospective candidates. An opportunity to attend the prestigious Academy prep event would greatly boost his opportunity for an "appointment". He was denied. "Initially I was crushed but just for that moment. I saw it as another obstacle but not a closed door."

Jake applied for "pre-screening" which is annually solicited by over 20,000 US students. Less than 10,000 are deemed "eligible" for further review. The exhausting application process includes numerous essays, evaluations from school personnel, letters of recommendation, a physical, documented transcripts demonstrating success, and hopefully an interview. Most students never complete the application due to the rigor. "I took the ACT six times in order to get the 'average' score needed for consideration," Jake recalls. "I met with a tutor weekly. I took the test every time they offered it for two years."
The application wasn't the hard part. A "candidate" must also receive a nomination from our Congressman's office or from one of our two United States Senators. Each district can nominate two candidates. Only thirty seniors per year are reviewed as applicants for each district. Hundreds, and in our region thousands, apply.
"Somehow I got an interview. It was the day of the Waskom game (playoffs). I had 15 minutes." The panel comprised of former Academy graduates pepper candidates with a number of questions requiring rapid-fire responses. Jake had sought the help of Peggy McKee, a local

resident with students in Gunter. Mrs. McKee is an author and specializes in assisting people with public relations, advancement in career, and achieving personal goals. "I was prepared. Mrs. McKee had me ready. I didn't even have to think. I just responded with confidence."
Several weeks later Jake would receive word that he had secured a "nomination" to the United States Air Force Academy, the Merchant Marine Academy, and the Unites States Military Academy at West Point (Army).
Half way there.
"I was considering every military academy in the United States. I was looking at ROTC options with colleges. I was spending an hour a day filling out applications and seeking recommendations. There were no guarantees I could get in to an Academy even with a nomination."

December 31st was the first break through. The Merchant Marine Academy in King's Point, New York wanted him. He had secured an "appointment." Jake now had a strong option.
Three weeks later the call would come. "I got a call that went to voicemail and I immediately called it back because I didn't recognize the number." It was Congressman John Ratcliffe. "I couldn't believe he was calling me in person. You rarely get to talk to or meet the
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Congressmen or Senators. Their staff people handle everything." Congressman Ratcliffe told Jake the Superintendent of West Point wanted him. Jake had impressed the review committee. Congressman Ratcliffe wanted to meet in person soon.
"West Point, man...the history. To think you can go walk the same path of the greatest leaders that shaped this Nation. And be with other guys like you...better than you. People who will push you," Jake pondered. "Humbling"
Congressman Ratcliffe made a surprise visit to Gunter on January 28 and on that special occasion explained to Jake it was more than just making good grades. "The things that got you to this point can't be graded. It is something deeper." "Jake you were not just a solid candidate," Congressman Ratcliffe would admit. "You were the \#1 applicant coming out of reviews, and that is why I am here today."
It all started with a Navy veteran visiting an 8th grade teacher's classroom, impressing a boy with two Canadian parents, in small town Gunter, Texas. What a country. And that is why Jake Whitteker is the Gunter High School February Student of the Month.


Congressman Ratcliffe pictured with the Whitteker family.

## Congressman Ratcliffe Honors Senior, Ryan McHone



Being called to the office isn't always a good thing, but in Ryan's case, it was. He was not aware that when he walked into the conference room at GHS that he would be greeted by Congressman Ratcliffe.
The US Congressman made the special trip to honor two of our outstanding seniors, and Ryan was one of them. In the October issue of The Tiger Times, we highlighted Ryan for an act of bravery. He and his mother came upon a vehicle that was in an accident, and on fire. Ryan jumped into action to free the passenger by cutting the seatbelt that was holding him in the vehicle. He pulled the victim to safety and kept him alert until emergency vehicles arrived.
Congressman Ratcliffe presented Ryan with the Lone Star Award. He has only given two of these awards, and Ryan is the 2nd. Congratulations, Ryan, and thank you for your service to the community. Ryan plans to continue to serve his country in the military after graduation.



Pictured (L to R): Alyssa Smith, Taylor Smith, Cameryn Warren

## GHS Fall Semester A Honor Roll

9th Grade: Brian Avendano, Hailey Baird, Emily Loftis, Melanie Loftis, Kennon Magers, Ana Mercado, Lauren Nobles, Karissa Pelfrey, Austin Rue, Elizabeth Schroeter, Kaylee Smith: 10th Grade: Eliza Allen, LeAnn Fox, Sarah Franze, Remi Morris-Jackson; 11th Grade: Jonathan Avendano, Lauren Baird, Terry Carr, Bryson Jolly, Rylie Lashley, Zachary Magery, Will Martin, Taylor Prosser, Kamee Roberson, Alyssa Smith; 12th Grade: Abigail Bon, Katey Campbell, Arnulfo Gonzalez, Jessie Hancock, Sydney Morrison, Sharayah Mullins, Palama Rodriguez, Mikayla Watson, Jake Whitteker, Izabella Zuniga

## GHS Band Advances 3 to All-State

Only the top 3\% of musicians achieve this level. We are very proud of this group of students for their hard work and dedication. Congratulations!

## 2016 ATSSB All-State Band

- Jonathan Avendaño 2nd Chair - 4A Track
- Alex Leach - 1st chair - 4A Track
- Will Martin - 1st Chair 3A track


## Honorable Mentions

- Chris Jackson - 4th Chair Band - All-state Alternate
- Edgar Fuentes - 3rd Chair Area Band- All-State Alternate
- Melanie Loftis - 4th Chair Area Band

Three members of the UIL Math Team traveled to Flower Mound High School on January 9th for a Practice Meet. For two of the three contestants, it is their first year on the Math Team and the first time competing along with other schools. Not only were we in a huge facility that would hold five or more of our building, we were one of only two schools below 4A classification. Our goal for attending the meet was experience and that was certainly the case. We will be attending a few more of these practice meets prior to the UIL District Academic Competition on April 6th at S\&S High School. With each experience, the team members become more comfortable with the testing environment and adhering to all of the contest rules.
The Math Team members are Chris Jackson, Sr., Josh Potapov, Sr., Taylor Smith, Jr., Alyssa Smith, Jr., and Cameryn Warren, Jr. They compete in Number Sense, Mathematics, and Calculator Applications and are coached by Leslie Hindman. We are looking for new members for next year as we will be losing our two seniors. If you are interested, come see Mrs. Hindman at the high school, and for the 8th graders, see Mrs. Miller at the middle school.

## GHS Fall Semester A/B Honor Roll

9th Grade: Clay Banks, Joseph Bremer, Anna Busch, Ryan Caskey, Carlos Chavez, Grant Gilbert, Abigail Gilbreath, Tori Gittens, Evan Gonzalez, Mariah Hall, Taylor Howard, Dylan Jantz, Alyssa Jarrell, Kanon Keeler, Trinity Layman, Kade McCarty, Grant McClure, Steven Menkhoff, Emilie Nelsen, Katherine Petri, John Dalton Rowe, Kaden Satre, Hollis Smith, Jessica Smith, Mya St. Clair, Madison Varns, Chloe Walton, Halle Ward; 10th Grade: Addison Ahlmeyer, Kenna Carruthers, Alex Chick, Gage Davis, Alexis Ferguson, Angel Fuentes, Kole Gillespie, Rylee Hestand, Brooke Hogan, Lexie Lenderman, Heidi Locke, Zach Lowe, Camryn MacDonald, Addison Mercer, Makenzie Perry, Tyler Phillips, Ryan Reed, Russell Reed, Will Roane, Zach Rogers, Hunter Simco, Ryan Tolbert, Addison Turner, Ross Vest, Samantha White, Luke Willard; 11th Grade: Dwayne Alford, Austin Baker, Tyler Buysse, Hannah Eldredge, Chaney Elvington, Nicolas Gonzalez, Markus Hales, Pablo Jaramillo, Carson Martinek, Mason Mazerolle, Baylee McEwen, Kourtney Miller, Anthony Pelley, Victor Prado, Avery Reed, James Riddle, Nicholas Rivera, Carlos Rodriguez, Kenneth Shipper, Taylor Smith, Jacqueline Valadez, Cameryn Warren, Noah Williams, Larly Yang; 12th Grade: Destiny Caperton, Taylor Cheers, Adam Chick, John Earwood, Aidan Fairchild, Francisco Figueroa, Briscoe Fletcher, Edgar Fuentes, Kaycie Hamilton, Samantha Hawk, Cameron Hearn, Blakely Hogan, Nathaniel Michaels, Molly Mikulastik, Kelsey Nelson, Jake Oblas, Sheldon Parkman, Emily Price, Courtney Pryor, Curt Reed, McKenna Smith, Tina Stevens, Rosie Tapia, Paige Wilson, Chase Wilson

## Important Dates to Remember!



February 21st - 2pm
The Gunter Education Foundation will be hosting its 3rd Annual talent show, Gunter's Got Talent, on Sunday February 21st at 2 pm . Auditions will be the morning of Saturday, February 6th. Mark your calendar to witness some awesome talent in our GHS Commons!

## Don̊ Miss It:

February 13th 12:00 Noon

## Annual Alumni Laseball Game



Registration begins at 10:30. There is a $\$ 25$ fee for participants which includes the official Alumni Game T-shirt.

For more information, please contact Coach Clement.
School: 903-433-1542
Email: kclement@gunterisd.org
Text: 903-436-7727


## Tiger Tennis - 2016 Schedule

Thursday, February 18 Friday, February 19
Saturday, February 20
Thursday, February 25
Friday, February 26
Tuesday, March 15
Wednesday, March 23
April 7-8
April 18-20
May 16-17

Trenton Tournament @ Princeton (Boys \& 1/2 mixed doubles) Trenton Tournament @ Princeton (Girls \& $1 / 2$ mixed doubles) Trenton Tournament @ Princeton Finals Anna Tournament @ Princeton (Boys \& mixed doubles) Anna Tournament @ Princeton (Girls) Princeton Tournament @ Princeton (Girls \& Boys) Prosper Tournament @ Prosper (Girls \& Boys) DISTRICT TOURNAMENT @ Denison
REGIONAL TOURNAMENT STATE TOURNAMENT


## Special Olympics Skills Mbeets <br> GMS students competed at the Whitesboro Special

 Olympics Individual Basketball Skills Meet. They represented Gunter well, and we are proud of their success! (Pictured to the left are Bo Hooten and Adrian Aviles)
$\rightarrow$ Adrian Aviles: Silver Medal
$\rightarrow$ Paris Crosby: Gold Medal
$\rightarrow$ Sara Driggers: Gold Medal
$\rightarrow$ Bo Hooten: Gold Medal
$\rightarrow$ Francisco Moreno: Bronze Medal
$\rightarrow$ Lorenzo Rangel: Bronze Medal
$\rightarrow$ Jayden Tesdahl: Silver Medal

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the Sherman Special Olympics Individual Basketball Skills Meet.
$\rightarrow$ Adrian Aviles: 4th Place Ribbon
$\rightarrow$ Paris Crosby: Gold Medal
$\rightarrow$ Sara Driggers: Gold Medal
$\Rightarrow$ Bo Hooten: 4th Place Ribbon
$\rightarrow$ Francisco Moreno: Bronze Medal
$\rightarrow$ Lorenzo Rangel: Gold Medal
$\rightarrow$ Cole Reynolds: 4th Place Ribbon
$\rightarrow$ Jayden Tesdahl: Gold Medal
(Pictured to the right are Lorenzo Rangel, Paris Crosby, and Francisco Moreno)


## All Texomaland Honors

## Congratulations to the following girls who were named to the All Texomaland Volleyball 2015 Team:

## First Team

- Mikayla Watson, Sr., MB, Gunter TGCA all-state pick was MVP in 10-3A. ( 636 kills, 397 digs, 418 assists and 74 blocks)
- Katey Campbell, Sr., Setter, Gunter TGCA all-state pick was Co-Setter of the Year in District 10-3A. (521 assists, 321 kills, 299 digs and 34 blocks)

Honorable Mention - Sydney Morrison, Sr., Gunter
Congratulations to the players selected to the All-Texomaland Class 2A-3A Football Team of 2015

## First Team

Offensive line - Curt Reed, Sr.
Defensive end - Cade Meyerdirk, Sr.
Punter - Cameron Hearn, Sr.

## Second Team

Quarterback -Trey Carr, Jr.
Tackle - Daniel Flores, Sr.
Defensive back - Edgar Fuentes, Sr.

## District Swimming Results

Advancing to Regionals:
Zach Magers

- 200 free
- 100 free

John Dalton Rowe

- 500 free
- 100 back

Congratulations, and Good Luck!

## Fall Athletic Bancinet

Athletes who participated in football, volleyball, cross country, and cheerleading were honored at the fall athletic banquet in January. Coaches spoke highly of each participant and shared stories of triumph and hard work during the season. Our teams had a tremendous showing during the season, and we are looking forward to next year!

Also during the banquet, Shari and Scott Meyerdirk were honored for their dedication and commitment to GTFC. Through outside donations, they were given season tickets to the Oklahoma State football home games. Thank you, Shari and Scott for helping to make our athletic program soar!


## Thank you to all the fans who came out to support our fall teams!


(Left)
Congratulations to the 7th grade Boys A Team for earning 3rd place in the VA Basketball Tournament.

## In Memory of Dennis Bostick



Always there, rain or shine, Ready for the game. Next year's football sideline Just won't be the same.

His tasks were endless. He worked for the team. Whatever needed "doing" Was done with a gleam.

When the lights come back up In the fall of ' 16
The chains will still move But he won't be seen.

He will be there, Just look for a sign. In a breeze or a shadow You'll find him... ... an Angel on the sideline.

You have probably seen him on the field many times standing behind the line marker. Dennis Bostick gave many years of service to the GHS athletic department running the chains on the sideline and helping out in the field house, but his service didn't stop there. He could also be found in the parking lot before the game helping elderly citizens get to their seats via the golf cart. He simply had a servant's heart. He began his journey in 1991 and continued to run the chains until the middle of the 2014 season. When he no longer could run the chains, you could still find him on the sideline / end zone cheering the team on.

Dennis made a lasting impression on the coaching staff and students, and his memory will not be forgotten. This is evident in the statements below.

"I can remember Dennis from when I participated in the football program here at Gunter. My teammates and I all called him "Our biggest fan." We really didn't know his name we just called him that for the longest time. His support for the program has meant a lot to many generations of football players that have played for Gunter."
~ Daniel Castorena

Dennis Bostick is one of the most pure hearted men I know. He had a heart of gold and loved our kids here in Gunter. He was behind the kids and coaches $100 \%$ of the time. He served and helped in whatever capacity he could and was truly a great example for our young people. I never knew anyone to say anything negative about Dennis because there was nothing negative to say. He will be missed greatly by many here in Gunter.

## ~ Jake Fieszel

Dennis was a tremendous asset to the football program. And he was without a doubt, our biggest fan. He was at every game as well as every scrimmage. From running the chains to helping count plays at scrimmages, Dennis was always there for the football program. The memories of Dennis that I will always remember are the post-game locker room celebrations. Dennis loved the wins just as much, if not more than the players and coaches. It was always a very enjoyable experience to be around Dennis after a big win. There is no doubt that he will be missed. However, Dennis will always be a Gunter Tiger.
~ Charlie Roten


## February Powerlifting Meets

Feb 11th (girls)
Feb 13th (boys) - Tentative - S\&S
Feb 20th - Howe

Boys:
Will Roane
Raul Rico
Earl Winkle
Mason Snow
Cade Meyerdirk
Brandon Perdue Sheldon Parkman Jesse Harris Jose Montes

Girls:
Alex Robinson
Baylee McEwen
Chaney Elvington
Destiny Caperton
McKenna Smith
Sharayah Mullins


January 16th Meet - Anna

## Boys results:

- Sheldon Parkman-2nd place in SHW with a 1355 total on squat, bench and deadlift and Best lifter on Squat with a 615 lb squat. This also places him in 2nd place in the regional standings so far.
- Earl Winkle-7th in 220 class with a 1000 lb total
- Raul Rico-6th in 148 class with an 825 lb total
- Mason Snow 10th in 148 class with a 655 total
- Others competing were Will Roane and Brandon Perdue.


## Girls Results:

- Sharayah Mullins- 8th in 181 class with a 610 total and is sitting at 5th in regional standings.
- Chaney Elvington-7th in 132 class with a 505 total and is sitting at 7th in regional standings.
- Destiny Caperton-9th in 148 class with a 495 total
- Baylee McEwen-10th in 132 class with a 475 total
- Others competing were Alex Robinson and Mckenna Smith.



## January 23rd Meet - Princeton

Boys Results:

- Cade Meyerdirk placed 8th in the 220 class with a total combined squat, bench and deadlift of 1050 and is sitting at 13th in the region, one spot away from regional qualification.
- Earl Winkle placed 10th in the same class with a total of 975.
- Will Roane placed 20th in a competitive 181 class with a new total PR (personal record) of 800lbs.
- Brandon Perdue placed 19th in the 165 class which was the largest class at the meet with a total of 795 .
- Raul Rico placed 9th in the 148 class with a new PR total of 870
- Mason Snow placed 16th in the 148 class with a total of 685.
- Sheldon Parkman placed 2nd in the SHW with a new PR on squat of 650 lb . He is now 2 nd in the region and is qualified currently for the regional meet.
- Jesse Harris took home 3rd place with a total of 1275 lb . He is now 4th in the region and is qualified currently for the regional meet.

Girls results:

- Destiny Caperton placed 13th in the 148 class with a total of 475.
- Chaney Elvington placed 9th with a total of 545 in the 132 class and is qualified for regionals sitting in 6th so far.
- Alex Robinson placed 10th in the 123 class with a total of 470 and is sitting at 13th in the regional standings so far.




# Gunter Independent School District Board Briefs 

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

## GISD Board Recognition Dinner

5:30pm - The Miller Family prepared and served a delicious dinner to the School Board members and administrators.

## GISD Regular Meeting

6:00pm - The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Jeff Banks, Board President. A quorum was established. Invocation and Pledge were conducted by Mr. L.D. Byrd, Board Member. GHS Chamber Choir sang the National Anthem and performed one of their medleys that was showcased on the main stage in Branson over the holidays.

## ATTENDANCE

Board Members included: Jeff Banks, L.D. Byrd, Dr. Gary Harris, John Jonas, Candy Leonard, Scott Meyerdirk and Steve Smith; District attendance included: Dr. Jill Siler, Kelly Teems, Chris Dodd, Sara McCarty, Dara Arrington, Shelli Neely and Ann Tolbert. GISD Employee and Community Member also in attendance.

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- School Board Recognition - The Board and Dr. Siler received cards, and "Super Hero" gifts from students and staff.
- Enrollment Update was given

| $\circ$ | Elementary | 333 |
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| $\circ$ | Middle School | 236 |
| $\circ$ | High School | 252 |
| O TOTAL | 821 |  |

- Update from Schneider Electric - A mid-year update was given from Schneider about the proposed energy savings project. Schneider is focusing its efforts on Building Automation Systems, Interior \& Exterior Lighting, Replacing HVAC Equipment and Utility Meter Consolidation. This would be about a \$1 million project and Schneider would guarantee savings from these changes to pay for the entire project over 30 years. A final proposal will be made to the board at the February meeting.
- 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
- Communications: Dr. Siler shared the following upcoming dates with the Board:
- February $16^{\text {th }}$, Regular Meeting, 6:00pm @ HS
- March 17 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, Regular Meeting, 6:00pm
- April 7 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, GIFT Reception
- April $16^{\text {th }}$, FFA Auction and Dinner
- April 18 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, Regular Meeting, 6:00pm @ HS
- April $27^{\text {th }}$, FFA Banquet
- May 9 $^{\text {th }}$, Spring Athletic Banquet
- May $12^{\text {th }}$, Regular Meeting
- May $16^{\text {th }}$, Academic Banquet
- May 17-21, Community Playground Build Project


## BOARD MEMBER REPORT

- Election Update - First day to pick up packet is January $20^{\text {th }} /$ Last day to pick up and turn in packet is February $19^{\text {th }}$.


## CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS:

- Minutes, Billing and Amendments were approved for December 2015


## REGULAR BUSINESS

- The Board approved to bring parking lot bids from the table to the floor. The Board then approved to deny all parking lot bids and put out a revised scope (to alleviate some flooding issues and add more sidewalks to the project) and timeline (now summer 2016).
- The Board approved the bid for educational broadband services for license WLX587. Gunter ISD worked with Select Spectrum to collect bids for our broadband lease and the bid from Amarillo Wireless was accepted. This will bring about $\$ 17,000$ in annual revenue for a total of $\$ 836,967$ in revenue over the life of the 30 year lease.
- The Board reviewed proposed changes to Board Policy GE (LOCAL) and voted to table the draft in order to continue revisions and make a final recommendation at the February meeting.
- Dr. Siler shared a draft of the 2016-2017 school calendar, highlighting the impact of the shift from required "instructional days" to "instructional minutes." The final proposal will be reviewed at the February meeting.
- The Board approved Joint Election Agreement with the City of Gunter for the May 7, 2016 Election. The Board then approved contracting the Grayson County Election Administration for the May 7, 2016 City and School Election.

CLOSED SESSION in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.001.
7:27pm Board went in to Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss personnel and 551.072 discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. 9:35pm reconvened from closed session.

- The Board approved to extend the Superintendent's contract to 2020.
- The Board approved to put property located at Burke Rd., GCAD \#135226 up for sealed bid.
- Dr. Siler shared that Elementary Library Aide Kimber Elmore resigned effective 1/29/16.

Board Adjourned 9:36pm


GISD has added 3 new buses to our fleet. Each bus is equipped with cameras and air conditioning.


| Date | Opponent | Place |  | Time |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February | 5 Anna Scrimmage | Home |  | 5:00 |
|  | 6 Sunnyvale/Farmersville Scrimmage | Farmersville |  | 12:30/2:00 |
|  | 9 Collinsville Scrimmage | Collinsville |  | 4:30 |
|  | 12 Ector/Leonard Scrimmage | Home |  | 5:00/7:00 |
|  | 16 Tom Bean | Home | JV, V | 5:00 |
|  | 23 Van Alstyne | Van Alstyne | JV, V | 5:00 |
|  | 25-27 NCTC Angels in the Infield Tournament | Gainesville | V | TBA |
| March | 1 Melissa | Melissa | JV, V | 5:00 |
|  | 3-5 Van Alstyne Tournament | Van Alstyne | V | TBA |
|  | 7 Howe | Howe | V | 6:30 |
|  | 8 Whitesboro | Whitesboro | V | 6:30 |
|  | 15 Pottsboro | Pottsboro | JV, V | 5:00 |
|  | 18 Ponder | Home | V | 6:30 |
|  | 22 Pilot Point | Pilot Point | JV, V | 5:00 |
|  | 24 S\&S | Home | JV, V | 5:00 |
|  | 28 Callisburg | Callisburg | JV, V | 5:00 |
| April | 1 Whitesboro | Home | V | 6:30 |
|  | 5 Howe | Home | JV, V | 5:00 |
|  | 8 Pottsboro | Home | JV, V | 5:00 |
|  | 12 Ponder | Ponder | V | 6:30 |
|  | 15 Pilot Point | Home | JV, V | 5:00 |
|  | 19 S\&S | S\&S | JV, V | 5:00 |
|  | 22 Callisburg **Senior Night | Home | JV, V | 5:00 |

Head Coach: Reeca Huntsman
Assistant Coach: Tim Hardy Athletic Director: Jake Fieszel
Principal: Chris Dodd Superintendent: Dr. Jill Siler



| DATE | VARSITY | JV BLUE | JV White |
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| 2/8 | ++ @ Celina 4:30 |  |  |
| 2/12 | ++ vs Aubrey @ Gunter 4:30 |  |  |
| 2/13 | ++ Alumni Game @ Gunter 12:00 |  |  |
| 2/15 | ++ @ Sanger 4:30 |  |  |
| 2/20 | ++ @ Chisholm Trail TBA | @ Chisholm Trail |  |
| 2/25-27 | Celina Tourn | @ Little Elm- Tournament |  |
| 2/29 |  |  | @ Aubrey 5:00 |
| 3/3-5 | Gunter Tourn | @ Bells- Tournament |  |
| 3/8 | *vs Whitesboro @ Gunter 7:00 | vs Whitesboro @ Gunter 4:30 |  |
| 3/10-12 | Windthorst Tourn | @ Dallas Jesuit- Tournament |  |
| 3/14 |  |  | @ Bonham 5:00 |
| 3/15 | * @ Pottsboro 7:00 | @ Pottsboro 4:30 |  |
| 3/18 | * vs Ponder @ Gunter 7:00 | vs Ponder @ Gunter 4:30 |  |
| 3/21 |  |  | vs Howe @ Gunter 6:00 |
| 3/22 | * @ Pilot Point 7:00 | @ Pilot Point 4:30 |  |
| 3/25 | * vs S\&S @ Gunter 7:00 | vs S\&S @ Gunter 4:30 | @ Chant 5:00 |
| 3/28 |  |  | @ Whitesboro 5:30 |
| 3/29 | * @ Callisburg 7:00 | @ Callisburg 4:30 |  |
| 4/1 | *@ Howe 7:00 | @ Howe 4:30 | vs Chant @ Gunter 5:00 |
| 4/4 |  |  | @ Aubrey 6:00 |
| 4/5 | * @ Whitesboro 7:00 | @ Whitesboro 4:30 |  |
| 4/8 | * vs Pottsboro @ Gunter 7:00 | vs Pottsboro @ Gunter 4:30 |  |
| 4/11 |  |  | @ Boyd 5:30 |
| 4/12 | @ Ponder 7:00 | @ Ponder 4:30 |  |
| 4/15 | * vs Pilot Point @ Gunter 7:00 | vs Pilot Point @ Gunter 4:30 |  |
| 4/16 |  |  | @ Howe (DH) 10:00 |
| 4/18 |  |  | vs Boyd @ Gunter 5:30 |
| 4/19 | * @ S\&S 7:00 | @ S\&S 4:30 |  |
| 4/22 | * vs Callisburg @ Gunter 7:00 | vs Callisburg @ Gunter 4:30 |  |
| 4/25 |  |  | TBD |
| 4/26 | * vs Howe @ Gunter 7:00 | vs Howe @ Gunter 4:30 |  |

* District
++ Scrimmage
Head Coach: Kerry Clement
Assistant Coaches: Daniel Castorena \& Mark Pelzel



## 2016 Gunter Track

DATE
March 1 (Tuesday)
March 3 (Thursday)
March 14 (Monday)
March 15 (Tuesday)
March 17 (Thursday)
March 21 (Monday)
March 24 (Thursday)
March 30 (Wednesday)
March 31 (Thursday)
April 5 (Tuesday)
April $13-14$ (Wed.-Thurs.)
April 21 (Thursday)
April $29-30$ (Fri.-Sat.)
May $12-14$ (Thurs.-Sat.)

MEET
Whitesboro (Running Only)
Bells
Pottsboro
Whitesboro
Whitesboro
Gunter
Pottsboro
Howe
Pilot Point
JH District @ Whitesboro
HS District @ Pottsboro
Area @ Whitesboro
Regionals @ Whitehouse HS
State Meet @ Austin

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## GUNTER TRACK ORDER FORM

NAME: $\qquad$
PHONE: $\qquad$

PARENT NAME: EMAIL:
$\qquad$
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*Black Performance Shirts will have back logo
Sweatshirt and Hoodie will not have back logo

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T-SHIRT
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GUNTER TRACK

TOTAL $\qquad$

Name: $\qquad$
Teacher: _ Lady Tigers Softball
Phone: $\qquad$


## Short Sleeve $\$ 12$

| Color | YS | YM | YL | S | M | L | XL | 2 X | 3 X |
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| Deep Royal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Quantity $\qquad$ @ \$12.00 each = $\qquad$ Sub-total
Quantity @ \$14.00 each = $\qquad$ Sub-total
Long Sleeve $\quad \$ 15$

| Color | YS | YM | YL | S | M | L | XL | 2 X | 3 X |
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| Deep Royal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Quantity__ @ \$15.00 each = $\qquad$ Sub-total
Quantity @ \$17.00 each = $\qquad$ Sub-total


Quantity $\qquad$ @ \$20.00 each = $\qquad$ Sub-total
Quantity @ \$22.00 each = $\qquad$ Sub-total

Order forms are due by: Mon. Feb. 8th $\qquad$ Make Checks Payable to: Gunter ISD THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

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During the month of February, as we eat our boxes of chocolate, never forget Forrest Gump's famous line...
"Mama always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."


## Seniors: Download your GIFT Scholarship Application from http://www.gunterisd.org/Page/445

Scholarship Applications are due 2/26


