



NEED A HERO? GUNTER'S GOT SEVERAL!

The students and faculty of GISD gathered to honor our heroes in the annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th. The stands in the event center were packed with students wearing red, white and blue and waving the American flag. Veterans were seated, and the ceremony began. Colors were presented by local Girl and Boy Scout Troops and pledges were said.

Mr. Carruthers, a veteran himself, began and ended the ceremony with a moving medley of patriotic tunes played on his bagpipes. Choir students enlightened us with the National Anthem and a beautiful selection of patriotic songs. The band played each battle hymn and other selections to enhance the mood for the ceremony.

Mr. Dodd acknowledged each Veteran by stating their name, the branch and years of service, and interesting facts about their deployment. The stories never cease to amaze us year after year.

At Gunter ISD, we want our students to recognize that freedom is not free. Mrs. Egger's speech class helped to bring that point to fruition by acting out a scenario of students trying to earn a desk to sit in. In all of their efforts, they learned that the one thing that allowed them to have freedom to sit in those seats and learn was simply a soldier. If these men and women didn't do what they do, we would not be free to sit in a classroom and learn.

The band brought several people to tears with their rendition of TAPS. Jessica Smith ended the ceremony with the traditional TAPS solo, which was simply AMAZING!



(Above) The group of Veterans who came to our ceremony. Thank you for coming out and letting us honor you. (Left) Veteran, Jay Brummitt, speaking to the student body about the time he served in the armed forces. Mr. Brummitt credited the military for turning him around and making him the man he is today. He urged all of the young men and women to think about joining the military. Thank you, Mr. Brummitt for talking to our students on Veterans Day.



Reminders

- December 18th - Early Release
- December 19 - January 3 - Holiday Break
- January 4 - Staff Development
- January 5 - Return to School

Thank you for your service!

Community Honors Local Veterans



The Gunter Community Group gathered on November 10th to honor the local Veterans. The GHS band, 5th and 6th grade choir and local Girl and Boy Scout Troops all participated to help make the evening special. Tyler Buysse led the GHS Band in a moving rendition of TAPS.

Tim Arrington, the guest speaker for the evening brought military events to life as he spoke of the time he served in our military. He spoke of his father, Bill Arrington. His favorite veteran of all time, and said he “taught him values needed for life”. Tim also spoke of incredible events that happened during a terroristic attack while he was in Saudi Arabia. As traumatic as it was, his Christian faith kept him going. To end his speech, he said “The essence and soul of every veteran was a strong support system, and that the military spouse is the strongest person on the planet.

Thank you, Tim for such a moving speech. Thank you to all Veterans for everything you have done to keep our country safe. It seems like such a simple act; saying “Thank You”. Please remember to say this often to our military members, past and present. They have put their lives on the line for your freedom!

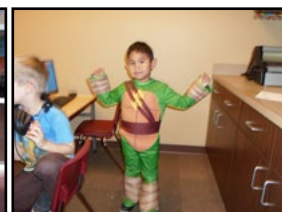


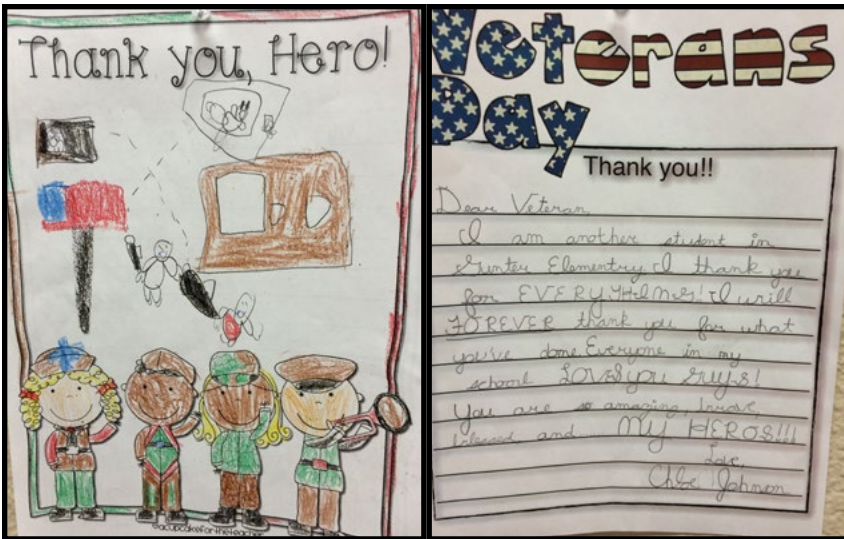
Reflections of Red Ribbon Superhero Day

The GES students celebrated Red Ribbon Week and learned how to respect their bodies by staying drug free. Each morning, selected students spoke to their classmates over the PA system about how they will be drug free. They all did a SUPER DUPER job! On Superhero day, the students learned that they all have SUPERPOWERS to choose good over bad. Way to go GES!



Photos by Mrs. Arrington





Pelzel's Pilgrims



Pictures and letters line the hallway at GES for the Veterans. This is just two examples of the many that hang to thank the heroes who serve/served our country.

Look at the great pilgrims Mrs. Pelzel's students made in relation to the story, "Molly's Pilgrim".

Gunter ISD Foundation Trust Awards \$10,000 in Campus Grants



(Gunter, Texas – November 8, 2015) Gunter ISD Foundation Trust (GIFT) awarded nearly \$10,000 in Campus Grants to support innovative teaching practices across Gunter ISD. GIFT is a public non-profit volunteer organization whose funds are directed toward educational programs. Funding priorities include both need and merit-based scholarships, innovative campus teaching grants and a permanent endowment fund.

Teachers across the district were surprised as the GIFT Board of Directors, campus and district leaders and members from the GHS Marching Band came to their classrooms to make the special presentation of grant funds.

The 2015 Campus Grants that were awarded include technology initiatives such as Kindle Fires for a small-group reading classroom, iPads and an Apple TV for the science classroom; science

equipment including an electrical circuit kit, light optic kit and additional lab equipment; an additional welder for the Ag program and funds for our ESL students to see the Dallas Symphony's performance highlighting Latino composers. In toll, 6 campus grants were awarded totaling \$9,573. In order to retain as much funds as possible for student scholarship this spring, Gunter ISD matched the grant dollars for these projects to fund the nearly \$10,000 in innovative grants.



October GES Students of the Month

Kindergarten- Kylie Hughes
 First Grade- Caleb Siler
 Second Grade- Eli Fisher
 Third Grade- Melissa Clowers
 Fourth Grade- Abby Elmore

Grandparents are GREAT!



Thank you to all of the grandparents who came out for Grandparents Day at GES. It was great to see you in the lunchroom enjoying a meal with your grandkids. We also want to thank you for supporting the book fair!

NEW BOOKS

The GES Book Fair was a HUGE success thanks to our avid readers cleaning out their piggy banks for new books, Donuts for Dads, Grandparents Day, and moms who came to treat their kids to new books. The PTO volunteers did an AMAZING job setting up, running, and keeping the fair organized and looking great all week. Big, big, big thanks to Lisa Marks, Courtney Rodges, Donna Standridge, Marta Fischer, Whitney Rainer, and everyone else that spent their week helping our school. It was an exciting week to see so many kids loving their new books!!!! The total in sales was almost \$7800, and the PTO gets to keep 25% of the total which gives them a profit of \$1929.16! Another book fair will be held in the spring, and the GES library will benefit after from that fair. Our students are always excited to find new books in the library! Thanks again for supporting us.

In the spirit of the season, Gunter Elementary will be collecting new, unused toys to be delivered to the patients at Children's Medical Center in Dallas. Please help to make Christmas brighter for the children who will be spending their holiday away from home.

The items most needed by Children's are those for teens and infants, but all donations will be greatly appreciated.

A list of items can be found on the GES website.

Donations will be accepted at GES from November 15 to December 11.

Thank you for your donation and making this Christmas special for the patients at Children's!



Where are the Turkeys?

Mrs. Price's Pre-K students worked with their families to find a way to keep the turkeys safe during the Thanksgiving season. They were very successful! I don't see any turkeys, do you?



Photo by Dara Arrington

Here they are... I found them in the freezer!



Photos by Jennie Bullard

In Mrs. Bullard's 8th grade class, the students were given the scenario that they were a frozen turkey in the grocer's freezer section. They had to write a persuasive essay from the turkey's point of view to convince the shoppers that they are not the right turkey for their Thanksgiving dinner. The persuasive arguments ranged from having deadly illnesses, being too thin to feed a large family, being too much of a diva turkey to carve, to offering easier dishes to prepare such as pizza or tacos or quesadillas. The essays were presented in class along with an advertisement that promoted the arguments in the essay. This was a fun assignment for the students to practice their writing skills, oral presentations, and team collaboration since this was done with a partner.



GMS HERO Reception

GMS Discovery students completed a project to recognize the heroes in our everyday lives. A discussion about the characteristics of a hero began the journey. People who are considered “famous heroes” for things that they have done to shape the world were identified and noted. Then the focus turned to those who are everyday heroes; the people with whom we actually have interaction. The students made a list of questions they would use to interview their chosen hero and created a character sketch of that person. The sketches will be used in a gallery titled “A Hero In My Eyes”. These heroes were honored during a reception in the GMS cafeteria. The students all took part in a visual presentation describing what a hero is, talking about their own hero, and presenting a video for each hero.



Congratulations to the following students who attended and competed in the Special Olympics Bocce Ball Meet in Sherman. We are proud to announce the following results:

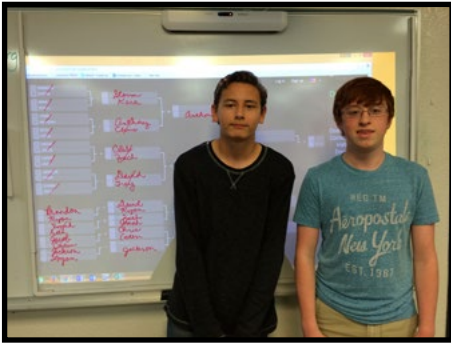
- ➔ Adrian Aviles and Bo Hooten, 1st place-team full court competition
- ➔ Lorenzo Rangel, 2nd place-team full court competition
- ➔ Jayden Tesdahl, 2nd place-individual half court competition
- ➔ Francisco Moreno, 1st place-individual half court competition
- ➔ Cole Reynolds, 3rd place-individual half court competition



Photo by April Loewen

Nitro Typing Champs!

How many words can you type per minute? I bet you can't beat these scores! Mrs. Bailey held a Nitro Typing Tournament at the start of her computer class. These two gentlemen each typed over 100 words per minute! Great job Zach Maynard and Caleb Wilson!



TALENTED STUDENTS ART WORK LINING THE GMS HALLWAY



Canned Food Competition

GMS Student Council Advisor, Sharon Bon contacted Sara Long, GHS Student Council Advisor to request a friendly battle. Each group led their campus in collecting foods for a canned food competition, and whichever campus collected the most non-perishable food items would win the right to wear sweats for an entire week. The competition began and ended within two weeks, and between the two campuses a fabulous amount of food was collected! The middle school ended up with a whopping 3,611 cans and the high school with 564. Items were sorted and sent to local families, churches and Grand Central Station in Sherman. GMS students won the right to wear sweats, but the real winners are the recipients of this donation.



Photo by Sharon Bon

Photo Credit: GHS Yearbook



FOOD DRIVE

Special Thanks



Thank you to the FCCLA students who put a special treat in the teachers lounge the week before Thanksgiving. The snacks were delicious!

And..... speaking of delicious! Thank you to the GISD cafeteria staff for working so hard on the annual Thanksgiving lunch. The lines were long, but well worth the wait. We appreciate your hard work!



This little piggy went IN STYLE!!

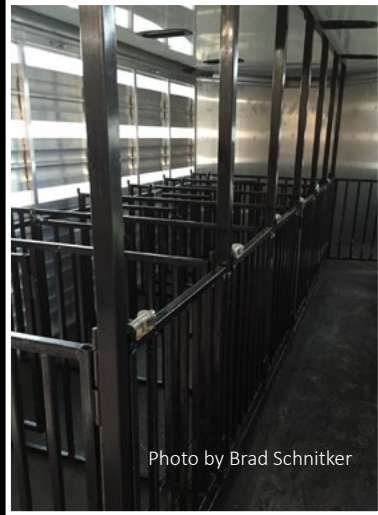


Photo by Brad Schnitker

The Ag Power and Ag Mechanics students have been busy putting the skills to use that they have been taught during class.

Pictured to the left are the pens they built for the new AG trailer. In a combined purchase, the trailer was purchased by the

Gunter FFA Alumni Association and Gunter ISD, and will be used to take livestock projects to jackpots, county shows and major shows.

Skills learned and utilized during this project included cutting metal, measuring, squaring, welding and painting. The trailer is a 16 foot aluminum trailer with a loading ramp and plexiglass slides. Nice job!

FFA Junior Chapter - Area Bound

Congratulations to the Junior FFA Gunter Chapter for advancing to Area in Conducting.

Junior Chapter Conducting

2nd Place- Advances to Area

Grant McClure, Halle Ward, Alyssa Jarrell, Zoey Brooks, Steven Menkhoff, Nicholas Rivera, Braiden Clopton

Junior Quiz- 4th place

Grant McClure, Halle Ward, Alyssa Jarrell, Zoey Brooks

Junior Creed Speaking - 6th place

Savanah Roane

Radio Broadcasting - 4th place

Emerson Eft, Hunter Simco, Braiden Clopton

Senior Creed Speaking- 5th place

John Massey

Senior Quiz - 9th place

John Massey, Brandon Hunsaker, Luke Willard, Leann Fox



Pre Area Choir Contest Results

Advancing to Area Competition:

Bass 1 Johnathan Avendano- 2nd Chair

Bass 1 Zach Magers- 4th Chair

2nd Alternate to Pre Area

Bass 2 Colten Enloe- 7th Chair

Community-built playground construction scheduled for May 17-21

The Gunter Parks Foundation is now in the process of developing a list of volunteers willing to help with construction over the 5-day period. Each day will consist of three shifts:

- Morning or "first shift"- 8:00am- 12pm (lunch served at 12pm)
- Afternoon or "second shift"- 12:30pm- 5pm (dinner served at 5pm); and
- Evening or "third shift"- 5:30-Close (between 8pm & 9pm)

Volunteers are encouraged to work as many shifts/days as they would like.

Duties of volunteers include:

- Construction (skilled and unskilled)
- Childcare Area
- Food
- Helper
- Material and/or Tools
- Art & Special Features



If you are interested in being a part of this exciting project, please go to <http://gunterparksfoundation.com> and complete the Volunteer Sign-up Form or send your contact info to volunteer@gunterparksfoundation.com. All volunteers will be contacted a month prior to construction to finalize shift(s) and duties.

Who has the biggest brain? Ewe Do!

by Jacob Waggoner

The psychology class at GHS recently finished up a discussion on biological psychology by getting into the heads of some sheep. Literally. The psychology classes recently spent about 2 weeks going over the different structures of the brain and the functions they perform in daily life. To make the lessons more tangible, students were given the opportunity to dissect a sheep's brain to identify and locate major structures while appreciating the complexity of this astounding piece of tissue. Students usually come away from this lesson with a greater respect for what's between their ears. If you see one of our psych students ask them what your brain can do for ewe, I mean you!

Photo Credit: GHS Yearbook



American Legion names winner in speech contest

Gunter High School, Gunter, Texas (11/15/15) —Jonathan Avendano is the winner of the 2015 GHS American Legion Oratorical Speech Competition!

Jonathan won the contest held at Gunter High School on November 15, 2015. Jonathan, a Junior, earned the right to be Gunter's representative in this national contest and will now compete at the district level against winners of contests in other communities.

Each contestant delivered a prepared oration as well as an oration on a randomly assigned constitutional topic. Jonathan impressed the judges with a speech titled A Nation of Equality.

Since 1938, The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program has encouraged the nation's high school students to study the U.S. Constitution and to hone their public speaking skills.

*For more information, please visit www.legion.org/oratorical



Photo Submitted by Jacob Waggoner

ACT Prep Class with Chuck Ladd!

When

Sunday, December 6th
1:00-6:00pm

Where

Sherman High School,
Cost: \$40

Contact

jwaggoner@gunterisd.org
if you are interested

The **ACT**[®]



Photo by Jill Dodd

The Pre-AP 10th grade English students visited Southeastern University. While they were there they took a campus tour and saw dorm rooms, classrooms, athletic fields, and much more. It's never too early to visit colleges to see where you might want to go!

Ready for
College.
Ready
for
Life.

Pawsitively -- A Heart of Gold



Photo by Chris Dodd

There was quite a buzz on campus Friday centered on “Buddy”. Many in town have gotten to know Buddy and it is safe to assume he gained that name by his friendliness and frequent visits to a number of residences, businesses, and campuses. Buddy was specifically interested in attending Gunter High or Middle School – he didn’t show a preference. Inquiries on Social Media for finding Buddy a permanent home were promising but left unfulfilled. Thankfully we have a student that was perfect for the job of providing direction for Buddy.

Karissa Pelfrey is a ninth grader at Gunter High School. She was recently nominated and awarded volunteer of the year by the Sherman Animal Shelter where Grayson County houses abandoned, neglected, or homeless animals. Karissa’s interest in dogs began in elementary school when she and her mother were searching for a hobby. She started as a volunteer helping walk dogs at an off site adoption event in the fall of 2012 and quickly become a regular at the shelter and other local events handling dogs and educating adopters about spaying, neutering, and shelter policies. For her last few birthdays she has requested people sponsor adoptions rather than buying anything for her. “Dogs are little weird,” she admits. “When you meet a dog they can be excited to meet you until the cage door is open and then they will run and hide. It is amazing how cruel and neglectful some people are with animals.”

Last year Karissa became the main photographer for the volunteer’s Facebook page after attending training sessions with the Dallas Animal Shelter. Social Media has become the most effective means

of Animal Advocacy. Karissa now spends her weekends taking pictures of the dogs while learning their personalities. She monitors the page and responds to questions about the animals and shelter policies. Karissa also frequents the local lost & found Facebook sites and helps reunite animals with their owners.

Karissa’s volunteer efforts extend in to her own home. Her family has taken in four dogs and also serves as a frequent half-way house until dogs can be transported or adopted. Riley and Rocket, sister and brother Heeler mixes, were adopted from the Sherman Shelter. Stitch is a rescued Boston terrier. Emmitt is a stray Pit mix that a neighbor wanted to shoot. Karissa spoke of each of these dogs as part of the family. “This all started as a hobby,” she admits. “But now it is just who we are.”

The Texas Animal Control received a nomination for Karissa from the Sherman branch and invited the family for “training” in Abilene last month. Come to find out they wanted to award Karissa for her efforts as the 2015 State Volunteer of the Year. Not bad for a student that can’t even drive. “Everyone should volunteer at something,” she explains. “You give of yourself but always get back way more than you received.”

If you haven’t seen Buddy in a while that is because he is staying with Butch and Amanda Godwin. Their boys fell in love with the dog and vice versa. Now he has a “home.” Thank goodness Buddy crossed paths with Karissa Pelfrey. For her outstanding service she is my December (how fitting – a month of giving) Tiger Times Student of the Month.



(Left) Pictured with Karissa is Bonnie Goodin, the animal control officer for Grayson County who nominated Karissa.



Photos submitted by: Kristi Pelfrey



(Right) President of TACA, Edna Stambaugh, presenting Karissa with her award.



Get in the Spirit



GHS Band Concert

December 10th
6 PM
GHS Commons

Come out and enjoy listening to some great holiday music!



Holly Jolly Christmas Craft Bazaar

December 5th
at the High School



Gunter High School Blood Drive

Friday
December 18th
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Be a community HERO!



Annual Christmas Choir Concert and Luncheon

Sunday, December 13th

12:00 Noon

Lunch includes
Ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll,
dessert, and drink

\$10.00 per person

5th & 6th Grade Choir, 7th & 8th Grade Choir,
Select Choir and Chamber Choir

This is the perfect start to your Christmas season! Come and enjoy the sounds of Christmas.



The Five Days 'til Christmas Break

Our students our incredible! They are Patient and Respectful of others. They show Integrity and Determination in all they do while striving for Excellence each and every day. **PRIDE!**

I am very proud of our students and would like to give our students a Christmas gift.....



Sung to the tune of The Twelve Days of Christmas

Monday, December 14th Candy Cane Day- On the first day 'til Christmas break Mrs. Arrington gave to me..... a wonderful Christmas story! Be sure and wear Red and White! ****Mrs. Arrington will read at 7:45 a.m. in the cafeteria**

Tuesday, December 15th Reindeer Games- On the second day 'til Christmas break Mrs. Arrington gave to me..... Ice Cream Friday! Wear your antlers, workout clothes/sweats! ****Please bring ice cream money as we will not have ice cream on Friday due to early release.**

Wednesday, December 16th Ugly Christmas Sweater or Bling Sweater Day- On the third day 'til Christmas break Mrs. Arrington gave to me..... NO HOMEWORK! ****Don't forget to wear your ugly or sparkly Christmas sweater!**

Thursday, December 17th Christmas Character Day- On the fourth day 'til Christmas break Mrs. Arrington gave to me..... extra recess! ****Enjoy dressing up as your favorite Christmas character.**

Friday, December 18th Polar Express Day- on the Fifth day 'til Christmas break Mrs. Arrington gave to me..... a day to wear your favorite pajama's to school! ****Wear your pajamas and enjoy lots of Christmas fun!** Today is also an early release day. **We will dismiss at 1:00 p.m.**

We wish each of you a wonderful and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you on January 5, 2016.

3rd grade Musical

"The Penguins Christmas"
Thursday, December 17th
7 PM on the Elementary Stage



5th & 6th Grade Presentation

"Jingle all the Way"
Presented during the school day
Wednesday, December 16th
2 PM in the GHS Commons



Great Seasons Come to an End

District 10-3A 2015 All-District Honors

Most Valuable Player	Mikayla Watson	# 23	SR	Middle Blocker
Co-Defensive MVP	Sydney Morrison	# 1	SR	Libero
Co-Setter of the Year	Katey Campbell	# 3	SR	Setter
Coch of the Year	Tonya Watson - 150 Wins			
1st Team All District	Camryn MacDonald	# 9	SO	Outside Hitter
2nd Team All District	Palama Rodriguez	# 7	SR	Outside Hitter
Honorable Mention	Kaycie Hamilton		SR	
	Abigail Bon		SR	
	Sasha Biehahn		SO	

Final Volleyball Standings

District Champs
Bi-District Champs
Area Champs

Playoff Games

Bi-District Game
WIN
Gunter vs. Bowie
25-22; 25-18; 19-25; 25-23

Area Game
WIN
Gunter vs. Brock
25-21; 20-25; 25-23; 25-19

Regional Quarter Finals Game
Loss
Gunter vs. Glen Rose
27-29; 21-25; 15-25

DISTRICT RECORD 14-0
OVERALL RECORD 33-3

Academic All District

Abigail Bon
Sydney Morrison
Katey Campbell
Emily Price
Rosie Tapia
Palama Rodriguez
Bella Zuniga
Mikayla Watson
Camryn MacDonald



Coch of the Year



Coch of the Year! Tonya Watson (Center)
Asst. Coaches: Reeca Huntsman/Brittany Roten



Photo by Marion Cole



Photos by Lee Franze



Final Football Standings

District - 2nd Place
Bi-District Champs

Playoff Games

Bi-District Game
WIN

Gunter vs. Grand Saline
66-0

Area Game
Loss

Gunter vs. Waskom
7-28

Gunter Tiger Football has been to the playoffs for 17 consecutive years. For the past 9 years they have advanced past the 1st round. We are proud of you!



Photo by Marion Cole



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District 5-3A All District Teams

Defensive Player of the Year - Cade Meyerdirk
Offensive Newcomer of the Year - Dylan Jantz
Defensive Newcomer of the Year - Zach Lowe

1st Team All District

Trey Carr - Quarterback
Jake Whitteker - Receiver
Cameron Hearn - Tight End/Kicker
Curt Reed- Guard
Daniel Flores- Defensive Tackle
Adam Chick- Defensive End
Cade Ferrell- Outside Linebacker
Edgar Fuentes- Corner Back
Tyler Rigsby- Strong Safety

Honorable Mention

Noah Williams - Offensive Line Backer
Mason Mazerolle - Wide Receiver
Christian Salazar - Offensive Line

Academic All District

Adam Chick, Cade Ferrell, Trey Carr, Carlos Rodriguez, Jake Whitteker, Edgar Fuentes, Alex Hales, Francisco Figueroa, Cameron Hearn

2nd Team All District

Cade Leach - Running Back
Colson Stovall - Receiver
Jesse Harris - Tackle
Adrian Martinez - Center



Senior Night

Photo by Britney Ehret

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Photo by Marion Cole

Thank you band and cheer, for supporting the team at each and every game. You add "greatness" to the Friday night atmosphere!



Thank you to the GTFC. From selling tickets, to running the concession stand, and so many things in between, you are priceless!



Thank you to the Friday Night Announcers for entertaining and informing us during the games.



Thank you to Marion Cole and Lee Franze for providing photos from the sideline and bleachers!

Thank you to the Tiger Handlers who transport the tunnel to every game and keep it from blowing away in the Texas winds. Also, thank you for blowing away the crowd with our awesome horn!

Thank you to the fans who travel the distance to the games to cheer on the Tigers!

ANOTHER CHANCE TO "MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

The high school students and faculty are collecting items to help those in need. See the list below according to classes. All items should be turned in by December 15th. Thank you for your giving spirit :)

Freshmen:

- ♦ pine cleaner
- ♦ paper towels
- ♦ dish soap
- ♦ dishwasher soap
- ♦ brushes
- ♦ combs
- ♦ socks
- ♦ sheets
- ♦ gift cards

Sophomores:

- ♦ blankets
- ♦ mops
- ♦ buckets
- ♦ deodorant
- ♦ shaving cream
- ♦ baby soap
- ♦ baby shampoo
- ♦ hand towels
- ♦ gift cards

Juniors:

- ♦ shampoo
- ♦ conditioner
- ♦ towels
- ♦ wash clothes
- ♦ brooms
- ♦ dustpans
- ♦ toilet paper
- ♦ baby wipes
- ♦ gift cards

Seniors:

- ♦ toothbrushes
- ♦ toothpaste
- ♦ bedpillows
- ♦ dish sponges
- ♦ windex
- ♦ diapers
- ♦ soap
- ♦ dish cloths
- ♦ gift cards



(Above) Tigers to Bears...Congratulations to Jake Oblas and Troy Watson who signed their letter of intent with Northern Colorado to play baseball.

(Left) Congratulations to Mikayla Watson! She has signed her letter of intent to play volleyball for Oklahoma Baptist University. We are proud of you!

Gunter graduate returns to campus with an important message

Former student, Chelsie Reed, and members from her nursing clinical group came back to Gunter to give a presentation about abuse. The subject matter included intimate partner abuse among teenagers in the forms of sexual, physical, and verbal abuse. She wanted to spread the message that this type of behavior is NOT okay.



IT'S TIME FOR BASKETBALL



Gunter Junior High Boys' Basketball 2015-2016 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
Nov 16 th	Howe	Gunter	7B,8B,7A,8B	4:30
Nov 30 th	Pottsboro	Gunter	7B,8B,7A,8B	4:30
Dec 7 th	Whitesboro	Gunter	7B,8B,7A,8B	4:30
Dec 14 th	Callisburg	Callisburg	7B,8B,7A,8B	4:30
Jan 7 th	Pilot Point	Gunter	7B,8B,7A,8B	4:30
Jan 9 th	Van Alstyne Tournament		7B,8B,7A,8B	TBD
Jan 14 th	Ponder	Ponder	7B,8B,7A,8B	4:30
Jan 21 st	S&S	Gunter	7B,8B,7A,8B	4:30
Jan 28 th	Howe	Howe	7B,8B,7A,8B	4:30
Feb 1 st	Pottsboro	Pottsboro	7B,8B,7A,8B	4:30
Feb 5, 7 th	District Tourn	Whitesboro	7B,8B,7A,8B	TBA
Feb 8 th	S&S	S&S	7B,8B,7A,8B	4:30

GMS Girls Scoreboard

11/12- Gunter vs S&S
7A won 18-15
8A won 24-12

11/16 Gunter vs Howe
B Team lost 9-20
7A lost 23-32
8A lost 17-50



GHS Girls Scoreboard

Varsity
11/17- Gunter vs Paradise 42-64 (Loss)
11/24- Gunter vs North Lamar (Loss)
11/28- Varsity vs Princeton 35-63 (Loss)
Ponder Tournament
Anna (Loss 37-48), Boyd (Loss 50-56),
Bridgeport (Loss 36-47), Valley View (Loss
53-55), Lake Worth (Win 61-25)

GMS Boys Scoreboard

11/16 - Gunter vs Howe
7th grade B won 14-9
8th grade B won 33-6
7th grade A lost 22-35
8th grade A won 53-28



GHS Boys Scoreboard

Varsity
11/24- Gunter vs Celeste 62-40 (Win)
Junior Varsity
11/24- Varsity vs Celeste 31-26 (Win)



(Left) Congratulations to Tyler Buysse whose Dallas Jr. Mavericks Wheelchair Basketball Team has recently won two tournaments played in Texas and Minnesota. Tyler was named MVP of both tournaments! Congrats Tyler!

(Right) Meet the GHS Bass Team! Austin Gaines, Cooper Enloe, Braiden Clopton, and Chandler Wade. The next competition for this group will be in February. If they finish in the top 60% of their division, they will have a chance to compete at a regional and statewide competition. Some great scholarship opportunities are available in this sport. Good luck!



Photo Credit: GHS Yearbook

Gunter Independent School District



Board Briefs

Monday, November 16, 2015
6:00pm – Regular Mtg.

GISD Regular Board Mtg.

6:00pm - *The Regular Mtg. was called to order by Mr. Jeff Banks, Board President*

A quorum was established. Invocation & Pledge was by Ms. Candy Leonard, Board Vice President.

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 and Ann Tolbert. Other staff and community members were present.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Student Recognition
 - Varsity Volleyball – Board recognized Varsity Volleyball Team for making Regional Quarterfinals.
 - Cross Country – Board recognized Regional Qualifiers.
- Landmark Bank, Lone Star Investments, a General Operating Report, I&S Report, Grayson County Coop Report and a report from Workers Comp
- Enrollment Update was given
 - Elementary School 329
 - Middle School 237
 - High School 253
 - **Total** **819**
- PBMAS – Dr. Siler reported that GISD had met all indicators under PBMAS (no 3s or 4s)
- NCLB Highly Qualified Report - Dr. Siler presented to the Board that GISD is 100% Highly Qualified
- Communications:
 - Upcoming Dates:
 - Nov. 19, Team of Eight Training, 6:00pm
 - December 14, TAPR Hearing, 5:45pm, Regular Mtg. 6:15pm
 - January 19, Board Recognition Dinner 5:30pm, Regular Mtg., 6:00pm
 - Feb. 16th, Regular Mtg., 6:00pm
 - March 17th, Regular Mtg., 6:00pm
 - April 7th, GIFT Reception
 - April 16th, FFA Auction and Dinner
 - April 19th, Regular Mtg., 6:00pm
 - May 9th, Spring Athletic Banquet
 - May 16th, Academic Banquet

- May 17-21, Gunter Parks Foundation – Playground Community Build
- May 23rd, Regular Mtg., 6:00pm

- Board Member Report
 - Discuss Tools for Superintendent Evaluation
 - Discuss process and calendar for January Superintendent Evaluation
 - Review Board Training Hours

CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Minutes, Billing & Budget Amendments were approved for October 20th FIRST Hearing and Regular Board Mtg. Minutes and October 2015 Billing and Budget Amendments

REGULAR BUSINESS

- The Board approved 2015 Tax Roll Values.
- The Board approved that the open-enrollment ALA Charter Schools of Texas is expected to have a major impact on the district.
- The Board approved casting all 95 votes to elect Charlie Williams to serve as a board member of the Grayson Central Appraisal District.
- The Board reviewed the GISD Investment Policy and approved the Resolution designating the Superintendent and Business Manager as the Investment Officers.
- The Board approved to table the bids for the parking lot project until December.
- The Board approved the Resolution Concerning Appointment of the Texas Commissioner of Education appointing Greg Abbott to appoint a Texas Commissioner of Education who possesses extensive experience in education leadership.
- The Board approved to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Services according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 103.

7:12pm Board went in to Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.001

7:51pm Reconvened from Closed Session.

- The Board approved to create a subcommittee to focus on a long-range facilities plan. Mr. Scott Meyerdirk will be the Chair of this committee.

ADJOURNMENT

- Regular Mtg. was adjourned at approximately 7:53pm

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From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another. The warmth and joy of Christmas brings us closer to each other.

~ Emily Matthews

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

~ Carol Dweck

Gunter Independent School District

December 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 (TBA) HS Girls BB @ Honey Grove 7p HS Boys BB @ Valley View	2	3	4	5 Holly Jolly Craft Bazaar
				Varsity Boys BB Tournament @ Celeste		
6 1p ACT Prep Class	7 ENG I STAAR Test 4:30p MS Boys BB @ Home 4:30p MS Girls BB @ Whitesboro	8 4:30p HS Girls and Boys BB @ Era	9 ENG II STAAR Test	10 Dual Credit Spring Enrollment 2p 5th Grade Relative Tea 6p GHS Band Concert	11 GES Toy Drive Ends	12
				Varsity Boys and Girls BB Tournament @ Madill		
13 12p Christmas Choir Concert & Luncheon	14 4:30p MS Boys BB @ Callisburg 4:30p MS Girls BB @ Home 6p School Board Mtg.	15 4:30p HS Girls BB @ Home	16 2p 5th & 6th Grade Musical (GHS Commons)	17 7p 3rd Grade Christmas Musical	18 8a Blood Drive @ GHS 1p Early Release 4p HS Boys BB @ Home 5p HS Girls BB @ Howe	19
						
20	21	22 1p HS Girls BB @ Pottsboro 1p HS Boys BB @ Pottsboro	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
						
Holiday - No School						
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2
		Chamber Choir Branson Trip				
	Varsity Girls BB Tournament @ Pilot Point					
	Varsity Boys BB Tournament @ Ector					
Holiday - No School						
3	4 Staff Development Day Student Holiday	5 Back to School	6	7	8	9