



Homecoming 2015

King's Court



Matthew McCallister, Edgar Fuentes, Cade Ferrell, Jake Whitteker, Cade Meyerdirk



Queen's Court



Palama Rodriguez, Mikayla Watson, Kelsey Nelson, Taylor Cheers, Hannah Husted

King & Queen

Cade Ferrell & Kelsey Nelson





(Left) A Hawaiian Homecoming brought many smiles to the faces of GHS and GMS students this week as they dressed up to the themes of the week. (Below) Hwy 289 turned into Tiger Lane for about 30 minutes while the Gunter Tigers paraded down the road to Tiger Field. The parade was exciting! There were great floats and so many participants. Naturally, candy was thrown, but we also had pumpkins being handed out to the crowd by the "Preston Trails Farms" float.



(Left) Tiger Field came alive with entertainment from start to end at the community pep rally. In addition to our GHS and GMS cheerleaders, we had mini cheerleaders, girl and guy hula dancers, speakers, and alumni.

(Below) We have a new cheerleader in our midst :) Is that our GHS Principal, Mr. Dodd, sporting a set of pom poms?



HOMECOMING
 HAWAIIAN
 STYLE

MEASURED BY CHARACTER



We are excited to host Wade White, the Director of Measured by Character, on Wednesday, October 7. Mr. White will be bringing a very powerful message centered on the legacy of a young person's life and how that message is shaped by their character. Mr. White will challenge our students to evaluate who they are, where they are going, and how they are impacting those around them.

This event will be attended by our 7th thru 12th grades and be one of several activities our students and staff will participate in this school year focused on character development and making healthy choices in areas of relationships and personal growth.

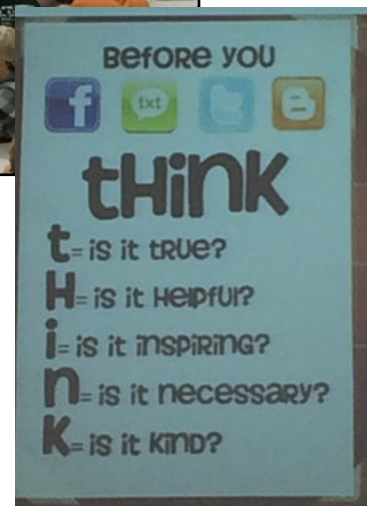
More information can be found regarding the Measured By Character program at MeasuredByCharacter.com and also on Facebook by searching "Measured by Character". Mr. White's program has positively impacted neighboring districts including Aubrey, Celina, Pilot Point, Tioga, and Collinsville. He is scheduled to speak at Van Alstyne High School later in September.

This program has been provided to our district through the gracious donation of a local business. Information on how community members can be a part of sharing this message and supporting our students beyond this event is available by contacting Mr. White through the Measured by Character website.

Cell Phones to Jail Cells

Can your cell phone really land you in jail? The answer is a resounding YES! Thursday, September 24th, students in grades 6-12 heard the presentation "Cell Phones to Jail Cells". Christie Hobbs, an attorney at Leasor Crass law firm presented facts on using cell phones in both, good and bad ways. She gave real life examples of how cell phones were used in good ways, and also how they were used in bad ways.

The reality is our students have the power to destroy their future with just one post, and we are trying to stop this from happening. Please use this presentation as a conversation starter in your home. Ask your child what they learned, and discuss the implications of inappropriate texts and posts.



Gunter ISD Board Named a 2015 Texas Honor School Board

Gunter ISD was one of only five school boards from across Texas to be named a Texas Honor School Board as part of the 2015 Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) School Board Awards.

Earlier this year, the Gunter ISD Board earned one of 16 regional nominations for Outstanding School Board. The Gunter ISD Board of Trustees is now a finalist for the program's highest honor: 2015 Outstanding School Board. The winner will be announced Oct. 2 at the TASA/TASB convention.

Gunter ISD Superintendent, Dr. Jill Siler, says the recognition is well deserved. "It has been an honor to serve alongside this group of individuals since 2012," she said.

"There is no question that the success of Gunter ISD is directly attributed to the strength and passion of our Board of Trustees. I am so thankful the committee saw what we get to see each and every day – a group of individuals who love this district and lead with integrity."



Since 1971, the TASA program has honored Texas school district boards of trustees that have demonstrated dedication to student achievement and that put students first. Each of the Honor Boards were selected due to their outstanding leadership and support for educational performance, their commitment to a code of ethics and for the strength of their relationships as a Team of 8.

In addition to Gunter ISD, the other school boards selected as 2015 Texas Honor School Boards are:

- Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, Region 4, Mark Henry, superintendent
- La Joya ISD, Region 1, Alda Benavides, superintendent
- North East ISD, Region 20, Brian Gottardy, superintendent
- Socorro ISD, Region 19, Jose Espinoza, superintendent

For more information on the Gunter Independent School District and its Board of Trustees, visit www.gunterisd.org.

Honoring Our Veterans



Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11th, and we would love to honor the veterans in our community with a community event and an assembly at the high school. If you are a veteran, and would allow us to honor you, please fill in the information in this online form: <http://tinyurl.com/gisdveterans>

We would love to have you present at the ceremony, but understand if you have other obligations. Even if you can't make it to the ceremony, please fill in the information so that we may recognize you.

Thank you for your service.

Patriots Day Remembrance

Those who lived it will never forget it! It is our responsibility to teach our children about the events of 9/11. The students who are in school today were too young to remember that day. At GISD, we think it's very important to teach this history lesson to our students.



In memory of Patriots' Day students at the elementary school created a quilt square. When united, we created a masterpiece!!



After Mrs. McCarty spoke to the students about 9/11, Ashley Bruner and Zoe Carlile sang *My Country 'Tis of Thee* to GMS in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11.



(Left) Students at GHS were very fortunate to have Veterans of recent conflicts/wars visit their English class on 9/11 to talk about the events of that day, and how it impacted their lives. From the classroom discussion, the students learned that many servicemen and women who now serve in the armed forces made a decision that day to join. Meeting someone who is fighting for your freedom definitely has had a huge impact on our students. Thank you for taking the time to tell your stories.





ICE CREAM CHALLENGE LEFT US SCREAMING FOR MORE NEXT YEAR!

The 1st-ever Ice Cream Challenge was a huge success. We had over 300 people taste and judge the many flavors of ice cream and earned nearly \$1,300 for student scholarships and campus grants. There were 17 teams in the challenge, and we think they all were winners! More results are listed below; see how your favorite flavor ranked!

2015 ICE CREAM CHALLENGE RESULTS

BEST THEME:
 Runner-Up: GMS Technology – S'Mores Campsite (Kari Bailey / Norma Clement)
WINNER: GMS 7th Grade – Ice Cream Truck
 Jill Rodarmer / Jennie Bullard

BEST ICE CREAM:
 3rd Place: GMS 7th Grade – Peanut Butter Cup (Jill Rodarmer / Jennie Bullard)
 GMS 5th Grade – Big Red (Sharon Bon, Kris Freeny, Reeca Huntsman)
 Runner-Up: GMS Technology – S'Mores (Kari Bailey / Norma Clement)
WINNER: GES Kindergarten – Peppermint
 Ruth Ann Bowen, Crystal Smith, Shannon Parker, Karen Cooke

BEST THEME:

- Winner** – GMS 7th Grade
(Ice Cream Truck)
Jennie Bullard / Jill Rodarmer
- Runner-Up** – GMS Technology
(S'More Campsite)
Kari Bailey / Norma Clement
- 3rd:** GMS 8th Grade –
(Roasting the Bearcats)
Inglis / Murphy / Pelzel / Marr
- 4th:** GES Bananas
(Go Bananas)
Hale / Arrington / Seay / Fielding
- 5th:** GMS 6th Grade
(Blueman)
Fletcher / Joiner
- 6th:** GHS Office
(Strawberry Shortcake)
Neely / Ruffle / Kulbeth / Crutchfield

BEST ICE CREAM:

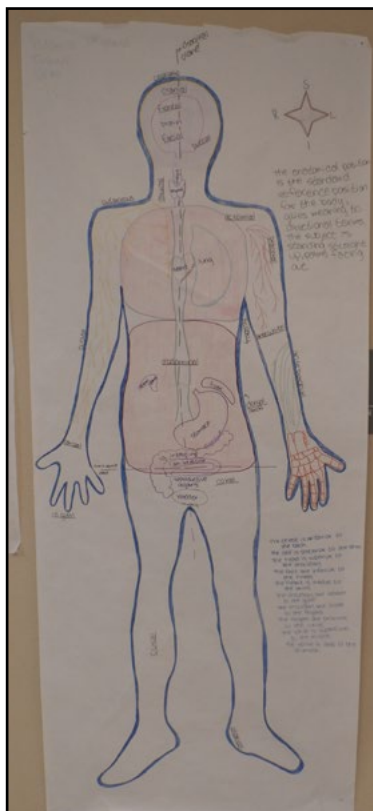
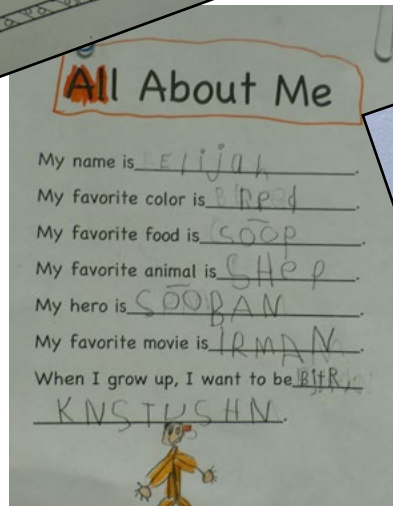
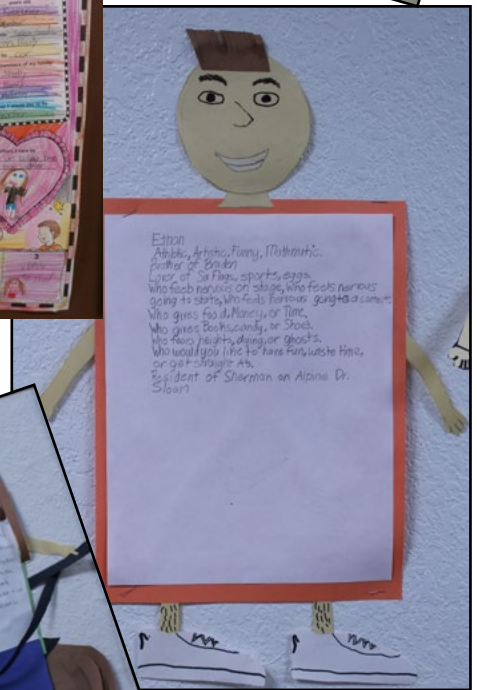
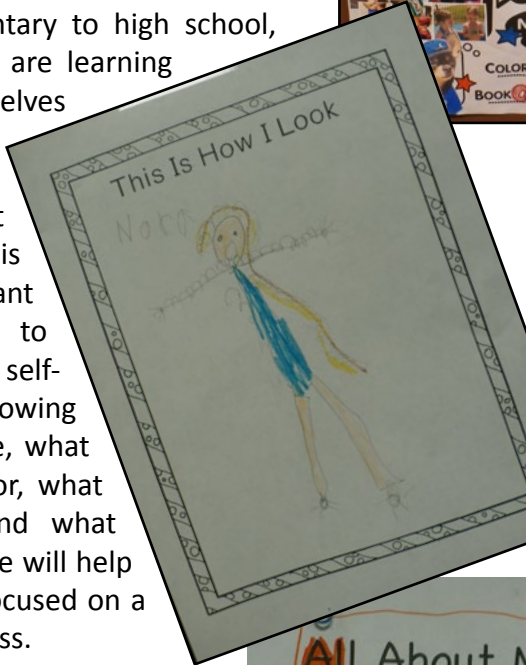
- Winner** – GES Kinder (Peppermint)
Bowen / Parker / Cooke / Smth
- Runner-Up** – GMS Technology (S'mores)
Bailey / Clement
- 3rd (Tie)** – GMS 5th Grade (Big Red)
Bon / Freeny / Huntsman
- 3rd (Tie)** – GMS 7th Grade
(Peanut Butter Cup)
Bullard / Rodarmer
- 4th** – GMS 8th Grade (S'mores)
Inglis / Murphy / Pelzel / Marr
- 5th** – HS English (Nutella/Pretzel)
Dodd / Lashley / Egger
- 6th** – HS Office (Strawberry Cheesecake)
Neely / Ruffle / Kulbeth / Crutchfield
- 7th** – Team GES (Banana)
Arrington / Hale / Seay / Fielding
- 8th** – GISD Miller Family (Maple Bacon)
Randy / Jacqueline / Debbie / Trube
- 9th** – GMS 7th Grade (Blueberry Cobbler)
Fletcher / Joiner
- 10th** – GHS Band (Thai Iced Tea)
Bremer / McNeil



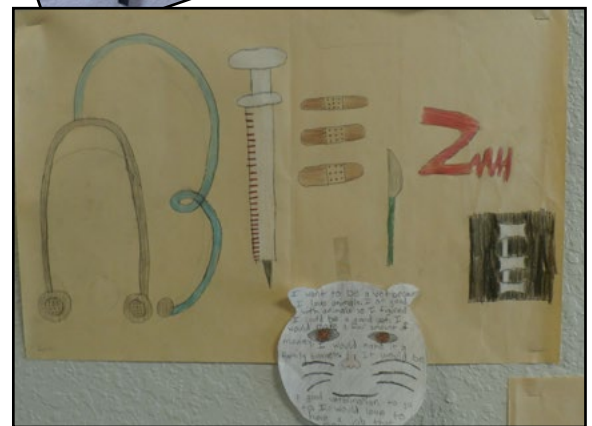
All About Me

Walking through the campuses, I noticed a trend in the posters hanging in our hallways. Posters depicting individuals with some great characteristics and goals cover the walls.

From elementary to high school, our students are learning to like themselves for who they are, and who they might become. It is so important for students to have a high self-esteem. Knowing who they are, what they stand for, what they like, and what their goals are will help keep them focused on a path of success.



(Left) High school students in anatomy & physiology took a look at themselves from the inside out. It's also important to know how the body works, and what will keep it healthy so we can attain our goals!



3RD GRADERS ARE "OUTTA THIS WORLD!"

The creativity amongst our 3rd graders shined in their Solar System projects. Look at all of these great projects!



Scavenging for Predicates

Instead of looking through books, our 5th graders are finding them on the walls. Mrs. Schroeter's class had to find predicates that were hidden in the hallways of GMS. With group determination, they scavenged and found them!



Thank YOU

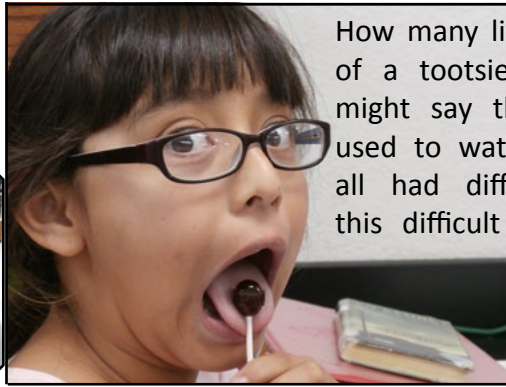
GMS students, Destynee Torres and Jose Chavez, are taking advantage of a comfortable places to sit in the library. Jose is enjoying his book in the recliner given to us by Larry Peters – a donation from Sam's Club in Sherman. We LOVE it, thank you so much!

On a hot day in September, Pre-K stays cool with a pretend sno-cone stand!



Learning the Scientific Method

Step I - Make a guess!
(Hypothesis)



How many licks does it take to get to the center of a tootsie pop? The “old-timers” out there might say three because of a commercial we used to watch. The 5th grade science students all had different guesses (or hypothesis) on this difficult question. They put their scientific method to work to figure out the answer. I’m pretty sure they found the answer to be more than 3.

A PENNY SAVED IS A
.... great science experiment!



Pennies may not buy very much these days, but they are still useful in Mrs. Bon’s 5th grade science lab. If

you had to guess (make a hypothesis), how many drops of water would a penny hold? 10, 15, 20... or more? The 5th graders found that after conducting the experiment, they came to the conclusion that the penny would hold much more than they guessed.

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E Before a class goes into Mrs. Bon’s science lab, they must first learn to work together as a team. Saving Fred is a team building lab where the students must work together to save Fred (a gummy worm) from his capsized boat. They can only use paper clips to get a life saver on Fred before he drowns. We are happy to report that Fred was saved!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Gunter Middle School 8th graders from Mrs. Murphy’s Pre-Ap Science Classes are educating students at all 3 campuses about the exciting changes in our recycling program.

We’re moving from just paper to include Type 1 and 2 plastics as well as aluminum. Environmental issues are an important part of our curriculum in 8th grade this year. We’re following the lead of the Lorax this year and hope to spread the message “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” Please join us as we get out the message – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

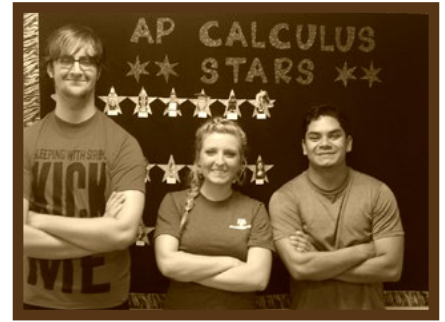


It's Coming! Don't miss out!
GMS Book Fair



October 16- 23

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Daily



Pictured above are Chase Fox, Megan Bullard, and Luis Betancourt who all, along with Derek Hall (not pictured), passed the AP Calculus exam with a score of 3 or higher. AP exams are scored from 1 to 5 with a 3 and above considered passing. Congratulations to these hardworking students who are now at their respective colleges continuing to make GHS proud!

Don't forget!

October 12th is
Staff Development Day

Students do not have
school that day.



PAPER AIRPLANES?

IN THE CLASSROOM?

In Mr. Fletcher's science room, the students made paper airplanes and took them out to the parking lot to fly them. Why? To learn the scientific method of course!

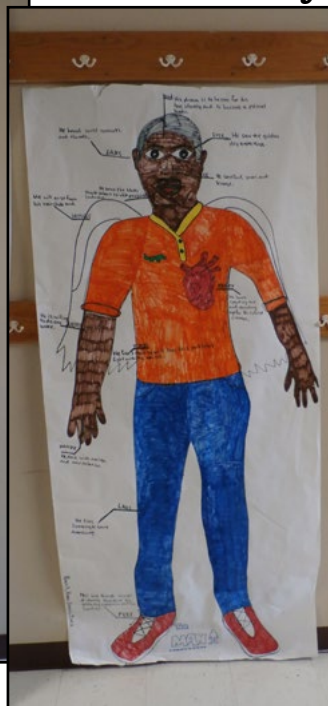
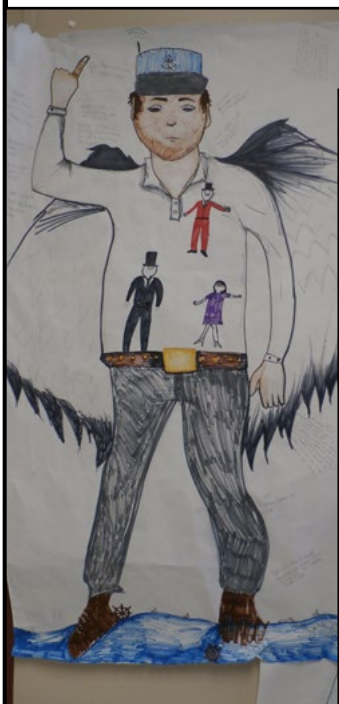
Students had to predict how far their plane would fly, and test their theory. Not only were they learning the scientific method, they were also working on their math skills as they measured the flight length using the metric measurements. Math and science are always fun at GMS!

Congratulations! The following students passed the AP Literature and Composition test this past summer. They were rewarded for their accomplishments with a field trip to see the latest movie released in the Maze Runner series. Abigail Bon, Sydney Morrison, Katey Campbell, Jake White, Taylor Crelia, Josh Potapov, Jessie Hancock, Allie Varns and Hannah Husted.



Post-Mortem Sketches

Tell a Story



9th Grade Pre-AP English students used their summer assignment to put their creativity to work. They had to create a Post-Mortem of the Protagonist from *To Kill a Mockingbird*. This is like a post-reading "autopsy" of the character where body parts represent different areas of the character. For example:

- The head might give us insight into the intellectual side of the character
- The eyes can show us a view through the character's eyes
- The ears let us hear what the character might be listening to
- The feet might show us where he/she is going
- The wings can show the future of the character



Tri-State Fair - Amarillo

Hunter Simco traveled to the Tri State Fair in Amarillo. Participants in this show came from 3 different states: Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. She did exceptionally well! Hunter received many awards for her hard work.



- Junior Show Reserve
- Grand Champion
 - 1st
 - 1st
 - 2nd
- Open Show
- Reserve Division Champion
 - 1st
 - 4th
 - 6th

West Texas Fair Abilene



Brandon Hunsaker
Junior and Open Show
- 1st in class



John Massey
Open Show
- 2nd Place
Junior Show
- 1st in Class
- Reserve Breed Champion

GHS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

by Chris Dodd, GHS Principal

Each month I will take the opportunity to highlight a student on our campus that is making an impact beyond the boundaries of our campus.

For this issue I want to introduce you to Ryan McHone.

Ryan is a Senior at Gunter High School.

On a recent evening trip to Sherman with his mother, Ryan encountered a situation that most could not predict how they would respond. But Ryan displayed extraordinary courage and decision making that most likely saved a life.



Ryan was on the service road that intersects Highway 82 and 75 near the Sherman Walmart. A four-door sedan driving at a high rate of speed struck the guardrail flipping on to the passenger side. Ryan noticed that the engine bay quickly ignited causing him and another motorist to leap in to action. The other young man broke out the sun-roof while Ryan climbed up on the vehicle to check the passenger who was hanging by the seat belt unable to free himself. Ryan sprinted back to his truck shouting instructions to onlookers to contact emergency personnel and secure the area. Ryan located a pocketknife and went back to the vehicle which was now noticeably on fire. He cut the straps of the seat belt and with the help of another young man pulled the adult male to safety. "He had major injuries to his abdomen," Ryan recounted. "I tried to simply talk to him to keep him alert and focused on staying alive." Ambulance and Fire units were slow to arrive and Ryan said that within one to two minutes from reaching safety the entire vehicle burst in to flames. "It was pretty scary," he admitted. "I didn't really think...I just did what needed to be done."

Responding under pressure is something that is most likely in Ryan's DNA. His father Gary is a member of the Prosper Police Department. Ryan is already set to join the Air Force upon graduation with the immediate goal of training to become an MP (Military Police). Long term, Ryan has no hesitation in following his father's footsteps (Gary was also an MP) by serving in a municipal police department or becoming a State Trooper.

I was able to dig deeper when talking with Ryan on this subject. Mike Dodd, my father, was a decorated Marine that served two tours in Vietnam. Dad would come home and eventually serve thirty years as a member of the Fort Worth Police Department. Early in his career he would work deep cover as a narcotics agent. My mother, Cathy, urged him to find a "safer" role when I was born and Dad would spend the rest of his career in uniform before retiring shortly after I finished up college.

I asked Ryan what it is like to be the son of "cop" as public perception of Law Enforcement Officials has drastically changed in recent times. "They are just doing their jobs," he reasoned. "Five-hundred thousand in uniform in the United States and there are going to be some bad ones." "There is a much lower incident of poor conduct among Police then in any other profession if you look at statistics." I probed Ryan about his "future" and asked if the current trends of officer support caused him to question his decision. "I know this is what I am supposed to do. Someone has to do it."

We have many students like Ryan with a vision and purpose. It was awesome to listen to this brave young man share his goals and reflect back to the days when I admired my "hero" for wearing that blue uniform.

Gunter ISD is pleased to announce that we will begin using the **Raptor Visitor Management System** on each campus to build on the district's program of campus safety for students and faculty. This system is used to help track visitors, students, staff, vendors, contractors and volunteers at our schools, thus providing a more secure and closely monitored environment for our students.



Beginning this month, please be sure to have your ID with you when you enter each campus. When a visitor, vendor, volunteer or contractor checks in, or when a parent comes into a school, we will ask them to present a valid ID which will be scanned into the system (any license, state-issued ID, military ID or most IDs from other countries will work in the system). Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit. You must wear the badge while you are in the building, and return to the office to check out. If you are coming onto the campus to pick up a child, you will also be asked to have your ID scanned.

The ID will be scanned into the system and will be checked against a national sex offender* database. This will provide an added layer of protection to ensure our schools remain secure environments for students, staff and approved visitors.

Each campus has its own database so you will need to scan your ID at each campus. Once you've scanned your ID the first time on a campus, you will be in our system and will only have to create a name badge the next time you come in.



Thank you in advance for your cooperation in presenting your valid ID when checking in at any of our campuses. We appreciate your patience and support as we implement this new system to increase security. Please know we will work with our staff to help with this new procedure and to ensure the process goes as smoothly as possible. If you have any questions about our updated procedures, please contact your campus principal.

If you would like to learn more about the new visitor system, please visit the Raptor website at www.raptortech.com/vsoft.html

This system only screens for registered sex offenders. Criminal background information is **not accessed with the system.*

City Hall Grand Opening

The Events Committee is excited we have a new City Hall; located at 105 4th Street. As Mayor Slattery stated; "The City Hall, Policy Department, and Fire Station form the new Public Safety Building; all functioning together." Look for the new signage proudly displaying the new City Logo by Angela Yosten.

We are hosting a ribbon cutting and open house Saturday Oct 3 from 9-11 for City Hall and our cities Leadership team. We encourage you to come join in the festivities.

By Shannon Slattery, ECM

National Night Out Tuesday October 6th

Please join us for National Night Out hosted by John & Sherry Carter of North Texas Plumbing. The event will be held at 6pm to 8 pm at the new Public Safety Building; (known as the fire station) at 105 4th Street on Tuesday October 6th. There will be Hotdogs, chips, drinks, and some other goodies for the kiddos. This is an opportunity to bring neighbors and the community together. Plus a bounce house for the kids.

By Angela Yosten, EC Chair



Live Broadcasting of GT Varsity Football

Can't get to the game, but you don't want to miss the action? Not a problem! CJ Sports Enterprises will be broadcasting the Gunter Varsity Football games, and there are two ways to listen. You can listen on your smart phone by downloading the Mixlr app and search for cjsports and follow us or you can listen from your computer by going to the broadcast page of our website: <http://cjsportsent.com/broadcasting.html>. The company is run by Chris and Amber Hickson who are doing this to support our Tigers. Local businesses have sponsored the broadcasts in order to cover costs and at the end of the season, CJ Enterprises will be using any extra money to give back to the football program! Thank you for providing this service for our family members and fans who might not be able to attend the games.

Football Scoreboard

JV Football
Gunter - 21
Pottsboro - 14

Varsity Football
Gunter - 0
Pottsboro - 42

Gunter - 30
Whitesboro - 22

Gunter - 41
Whitesboro - 10

Gunter - 27
Pilot Point - 20

Gunter - 16
Pilot Point - 21

Gunter - 6
Bowie - 28

Gunter - 49
Bowie - 21

MS Football
Gunter vs Whitesboro
MS White won - 16-8
MS Blue won - 30-8

Gunter vs Bowie
MS White won - 12-0
MS Blue won - 12-8



The surrounding school districts will combine in a unified effort to raise money to fight breast cancer on October 16th. Please wear pink to the volleyball and football games that night to show your support.



Volleyball Scoreboard

Gunter vs Sanger

JV White - (L) 20-25; 25-21; 7-15

JV Blue - (L) 7-25; 25-27

Varsity - (W) 25-23; 26-24; 26-24

Gunter vs Sherman

JV White won 25-14; 25-23

JV Blue lost 12-25; 25-20; 9-15

Varsity won 20-25; 25-13; 25-23; 25-15

Gunter vs Whitesboro

JV White lost 13-25; 24-26

JV Blue won 25-16; 25-19

Varsity won 25-16; 25-19; 20-25; 25-16

Gunter vs Howe

JV White lost 25-22, 17-25, 12-15

JV Blue won 25-14, 26-24

Varsity won 25-9, 25-14, 25-13

Gunter vs Pilot Point

JV White won 25-24, 25-17

JV Blue won 25-20, 25-14

Varsity won 25-9, 25-15, 25-18

Gunter vs Ponder

JV White lost 25-18, 12-25, 8-15

JV Blue lost 30-32, 16-25

Varsity won 25-10, 24-26, 25-13, 25-15

NCTC JV Tournament

JV Blue lost to Lindsay & Celina

JV White beat Whitesboro, lost to

Callisburg

Gunter vs S&S

JV White - won 25-23, 24-26, 15-3

JV Blue - won 25-13, 25-13

Varsity - won 25-11, 25-14, 25-5

Gunter vs Callisburg

JV White - loss 20-25, 22-25

JV Blue - loss 8-25, 15-25

Varsity - WIN! 25-23, 25-18, 25-13



ESPN Fall Classic in Florida (Varsity)

Mortimer Jordan, AL - Won 25-9, 25-11

Francis Lewis, NY - Won 25-14, 25-17

Splendora, TX - Won 25-15, 25-15

Marathon, FL - Won 25-5, 25-14

Fort Bend Christian Academy, TX

Lost 18-25, 17-25

Gulf Shores, AL - Won 25-12, 25-22

The Lady Tigers won 5 of their 6 matches

to emerge as **3rd Place** winners in this

tournament!



MS Volleyball

Gunter vs Whitesboro

7B won - 10-15, 15-7, 15-12

7A won - 25-7, 25-21

8B won - 15-12, 15-12

8A wpm - 25-19, 25-0

Gunter vs Howe

7B won 15-11, 15-9

7A won 25-13, 25-8

8B lost 11-15, 12-15

8A lost 25-15, 25-9

NCTC Tournament

7A - 2nd Place

Beat Bonham & Lindsay, lost to Krum

8A lost to Bonham & Anna

Gunter vs Pilot Point

7B won 15-10, 15-13

7A won 25-9, 25-17

8B won 12-15, 15-9, 15-5

8A lost 25-17, 19-25, 16-18

Gunter vs Ponder

7B lost 2-15, 11-15

7A won 25-15, 25-19

8B lost 13-15, 10-15

8A lost 11-25, 22-25



Important Volleyball Notes!

* All remaining Friday night volleyball games will begin at 4:30pm instead of 5:00pm.

* October 9th game location has been changed to Howe

Cross Country Results



Farmersville

Varsity Girls - 6th place

Abby Gilbreath - 6 - 14:24.87
 Tina Stevens - 24 - 15:27.74
 Jackie Valadez - 29 - 15:46.72
 Courtney Pryor - 37 - 16:08.98
 Chloe Walton - 43 - 16:41.29
 Alex Robinson - 45 - 16:51.71

Varsity Boys - 7th place

Brandon Hunsaker - 8 - 19:39.19
 Marcus Vulpitta - 33 - 21:51.58
 John Earwood - 46 - 23:08.77
 John Rowe - 52 - 24:37.39
 Garrett Brummett - 53 - 24:42.23
 Tyler Scott - 57 - 25:12.23

MS Boys - 3rd place

David Denton - 1 - 12:48.01
 Zander Turner - 6 - 13:28.88
 Gabe Wells - 8 - 13:46.18
 Mitchell Fugett - 15:24.18
 Cobi Koonce - 28 - 16:07.02
 Ty Trevino - 29 - 16:008.69



McKinney

Varsity Boys

Logan Nelson -106 - 20:43.58
 Garrett Brummett - 121 - 21:55.25
 John Rowe - 125 - 22:09.85
 Alex Covington - 127 - 22:22.89

JV Girls

Tina Stevens - 84 - 25:34.17
 Jackie Valdez - 86 - 25:36.97
 Chloe Walton - 95 - 26:16.81

MS Boys

David Denton - 5 - 13:11.7
 Gabe Wells - 15 - 13:43.58
 Cobi Koonce - 62 - 15:28.28
 Mitchell Fugett - 112 - 16:13.24

MS Girls

Bethany Gilbreath - 27 - 15:40.87
 Aubrey Wendt—141—18:37.32
 Andrea Montes - 158 - 18:55.43
 Bria Savage - 250 - 21:41.22

Grand Prairie

Abigail Gilbreath - 36 - 13:01.50
 Tina Stevens - 117 - 14:49.80
 Courtney Pryor - 118 - 14:51.80
 Jacqueline Valadez - 124 - 14:57:50
 Chloe Walton - 131 - 15:09.40
 Alex Robinson - 169 - 16:53.20



Pottsboro

MS Boys

David Denton 12:21 2nd place
 Zander Turner 13:02 9th place
 Codi Koonce 14:10 19thplace
 Sam Erwin 16:59 61st place

Varsity Boys - 4th Place

Brandon Hunsaker 17:18 8th place
 Nike Gonzales 17:58 15th
 Logan Nelson 19:13 30th
 John Earwood 19:20 29th
 Alex Covington 20:40 40th
 Kole Gillespie 20:55 48th
 Tyler Scott 20:58 49th



*Photo credits: Stacie Hunsaker (Thanks!)



Tiger Sharks Off to a GREAT Start!!

Frisco Sprint Invitational Meet Results:

Zach Magers
 12th out of 48 in the 100 free (56.53)
 14th out of 36 in the 50 backstroke (2:06.05)

John Dalton
 21st out of 36 in the 200 free (2:13.37)
 19th out of 34 in the 50 backstroke (32.89)



Buck Snort BBQ

903-482-6171
 224 East Jefferson Street
 P O Box 1241
 Van Alstyne, TX 75495
 Established 2009
 Jim Smith, Proprietor

The sophomore class would like to thank everyone who came out to support the Homecoming BBQ Dinner. They especially would like to thank Buck Snort BBQ from Van Alstyne for smoking the meat.



Flu Shots

Faculty and Students of GISD
 Tuesday, October 20th

- \$25 - cash or check
- School insurance is accepted
- Medicaid and Medicare accepted
- open to immediate family members of faculty

The flu shots are **OPTIONAL**, and available to students and faculty members of this district. This clinic is offered as a convenience for faculty and students.

Contact Casey Layman if you are interested in signing up for this service as a faculty member or for your child. Her email is: clayman@gunterisd.org.



Gunter ISD would like to extend a special thank you to The Bridges for donating school supplies to our campuses. They held a golf tournament and asked participants to bring \$5 or some school supplies as a donation to this project. They raised \$195 in cash and had several supply donations. Supplies were purchased with the money and presented to the campuses.



Crossfit Solus BarBenders has a benefit every year to help a family out that is in need of medical financial assistance. This year, they have chosen to benefit the Rigsby family from Gunter. They have had many medical emergencies in their family, and without health insurance, the bills are overwhelming.

The competition is for Solus members only, but they reach out to the community for sponsorships and donations from local companies, businesses, and individuals. Another fundraiser being planned for the Rigsby family is a 4-Man Scramble Golf Tournament along with a raffle for a \$2500 gift certificate for braces by Dr. Caskey. You can sign up for the golf tournament until the day of the tournament - October 16th. For more information, visit <http://www.crossfitsolus.com> and click on the "Support Rigsbys" link.

IT'S
TIME TO
BUILD
A
PLAYGROUND!



On Saturday, September 19th, The Gunter Parks Foundation hosted the 2nd annual Touch a Truck fundraiser. Despite the heavy rain, approximately 1800 people poured into the Gunter City Park for this event. Before Touch a Truck, \$195,000 had been raised towards the future community-built playground. At Touch a Truck, \$8,819.72 was raised, putting the total amount raised over the \$200,000 goal. The Gunter Parks Foundation and the community will begin a 5-day build May 17-21, 2016.

“This is Gunter Parks Foundation’s first project and, thanks to generous donations and sponsors, support of the Economic Development Board, the Jane Robinson Memorial, and a successful grant award from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, we have reached our goal in just under one year.” Nancy Nevil, GPF President
The Gunter City Park currently has an old swing set, broken monkey bars, an old fashioned merry-go-round, and some picnic tables. The slide was removed recently for safety reasons.

“For 4 years I have been driving my daughter to Prosper and Frisco to enjoy a safe playground environment. We are overjoyed that in just a few short months the perfect playground is going to be just 3 minutes away!” Lauren Miller, GPF VP

Gunter Parks Foundation is dedicated to preserving, protecting, enhancing and promoting our city park. Its purpose is to acquire financial resources through contributions to make park improvements that provide the community an opportunity to play, gather, celebrate and learn.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Lauren Tolbert Miller at (949) 697-8127 or email at info@gunterparksfoundation.com.



Texas Governor Greg Abbott has proclaimed October 2015 as “Principals Month” in Texas. As you know, school leadership is vital to the success of all students. The motto of the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals is, “Above All, Students First.” Please join with us during the month of October in recognizing the positive contributions of our principals at GISD this month.

GHS Principal
Chris Dodd (cdodd@gunterisd.org)

GMS Principal
Sara McCarty (smccarty@gunterisd.org)

GES Principal
Dara Arrington (darrington@gunterisd.org)

GUNTER LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



1st ANNUAL

\$250 Grand Prize!

GUNTER CITY PARK
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015
4:00-7:00PM

Dust off your favorite Chili recipe
and see how you stack up
against your neighbors!

PICNIC
IN THE
PARK

CRAFT
SHOW

FREE
LIVE
MUSIC

Contact Liz Jeffcoat for info on booths or to enter the contest:
lizjeffcoat@outlook.com or 903-433-1436
facebook.com/GunterLibraryandMuseum

Save the Date.....

November, 6, 2015

Gunter High School & Middle School Choirs

Annual Chili Supper

High School Commons

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

\$8.00 per person

Come out & enjoy a wonderful meal
of chili, hot dogs, chips & dessert!
Tickets may be purchased in advance,
from any choir member, or you can
purchase a ticket at the door.



Bingo

2015 FALL CARNIVAL

Come and try your
luck at BINGO
hosted by GIFT

Games - \$1 each

Lots of GREAT prizes!

October 17th
5:30 - 8:00 pm
Gunter High
School

FOOD
FUN
GAMES
PRIZES

All carnival proceeds directly benefit the classrooms.
Your support is appreciated!





Everything Disney Dining Experience
Saturday, October 3, 2015
High School Commons
6:00-7:30 PM
Cost \$10.00

The High School Commons will be transformed into a magical place on Saturday, October 3, 2015. Come dine and mingle with Disney Princesses and Pixar Characters! Mickey and Minnie Mouse will be hosting the evening. The night will be filled with fun activities, yummy food, enchanted characters, songs and excitement, so don't miss out!

The cost is \$10.00 per person. This includes dinner and a picture with the Disney Princesses.

For tickets, Contact Elizabeth Kulbeth at ekulbeth@gunterisd.org or
Fill out form below and return to school and tickets will be sent home with students.

Parents are more than welcome to come and enjoy the event, but you may also drop off your child to allow them to enjoy this amazing evening.

Name: _____
Teachers Name: _____
Parents Name: _____
Tickets Needed: _____

Tickets will be sent home the next day after forms are received.
Thanks for supporting the Gunter Select and Chamber Choirs!



**Gunter Independent School District
Board Briefs**

Monday, Sept. 14, 2015 - 6:00pm Regular Meeting

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 Mrs. Candy Leonard, Board Vice President.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members included: Jeff Banks, Dr. Gary Harris, Candy Leonard, Scott Meyerdirk and Steve Smith; L.D. Byrd and John Jonas were absent. District attendance included: Dr. Jill Siler, Mr. Kelly Teems, Ann Tolbert, Chris Dodd, Sara McCarty and Dara Arrington.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Gunter City Mayor Tim Slattery shared information about upcoming developments and road conditions. This included an update on the Elm Creek development (1,000+ acres), a potential development off of Wall Street (900 acres / 750 homes) and an expansion of the Bridges to include an age-limited gated community. Several businesses have opened included 289 Snoballs, Preston Trails Farms and an Urgent Care is coming.
- Tax Attorney Charles Brady presented the Delinquent Tax Report and discussed Resale Property. Delinquent tax collections are very strong and a minimal amount it still owed.
- Schneider Electric Group shared some Capital Improvements and a Reinvestment Program. This group offers a way to do long-range capital projects (HVAC, Lighting, Energy Management) up-front and to utilize the energy savings realized from the improvements to pay for the financing of the improvements. The company guarantees the savings over a 20 year period or will reimburse the district the difference. The board will meet again in Oct. to make a decision on whether to move forward.
- 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 a report from Workers Comp and a Quarterly Investment Report.
- Enrollment Update
 - Elementary 325
 - Middle School 240
 - High School 255
 - TOTAL 820
- Back to School Update was given. Convocation and In-service Week went great and the school year is off to a fantastic start! Dr. Siler shared that we are in the midst of transitioning our check-in system to the Raptor System which will increase the safety and security of all of our campuses.

- Dr. Siler shared that the Choir would be traveling out of state to Branson over Winter Break as they were invited to sing in their holiday concerts. No school days will be missed.
- Kerfoot Scholarship update was given
- 2015 ACT Results were given. Gunter High School saw significant increases in both participation and performance!
- Communications: Dr. Siler shared the following dates with the Board:
 - Sept. 22nd, Legislative Training
 - Sept. 23rd, Homecoming Tailgate
 - Sept. 24th, Board Wkshp - TASA/TASB Conference
 - Sept. 25th, Homecoming Parade and Game
 - Oct. 19th, FIRST Hearing, 5:45pm
 - Oct. 19th, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm
 - Nov. 16th, Regular Meeting, 6:00pm
 - Dec. 14th, TAPR Hearing, 5:45pm
 - Dec. 14th, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm
 - Jan. 19th, School Bd. Appreciation Dinner, 5:30pm
 - Jan. 19th, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm

BOARD MEMBER REPORT – TASA/TASB Convention
Oct. 2-4 – Dr. Siler shared the Convention Schedule

CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Minutes & Billing were approved for August 10th Hearing and Regular Meeting, August 27th Budget Amendment Meeting, August 2015 Billing & August 2015 Amendments

REGULAR BUSINESS



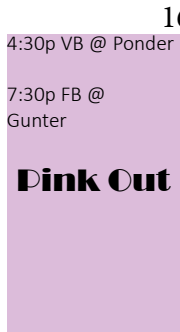



- The Board approved designating two properties located on Main Street to be auctioned off at the 2015 Tax Resale Auction. The board also designated one property in the Woods to be sold via a sealed bid sale facilitated by our tax attorneys. A 3rd property was maintained on our roll with no action (Burke Rd).
- The Board approved the District and Campus 2014-2015 Improvement Plan evaluations.
- The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between GIFT and GISD.
- The Board approved the purchase of 3 new buses. The total cost will range between \$260,000 and \$300,000 and will be financed over 5 years. The budget will be amended to cover this cost for the 2015-16 school year. This will allow all of our route buses to have air conditioning and provide cameras for all of our buses.
- Dr. Siler shared that Diana Ferguson (Part-Time Diagnostician) resigned from the Grayson County Special Education Co-op effective Sept. 8th and Jim Burton (High School Teacher/Coach) resigned effective Sept. 30th.

No closed session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

- Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:12pm

OCTOBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					GMS Picture Day  4:30p VB @ Pottsboro	CC Meet @ Round Rock 6p Disney Dining Experience Aubrey Marching Festival
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	5p MS VB @ Home	5p VB @ Home	Measured by Character presentation	4:30p MS VB @ Home 7p JV FB @ Home	4:30p VB @ Howe 7:30 VFB @ Howe	CC @ Melissa HS TMEA All Region Auditions @ Mt. Pleasant Princeton Marching Band Festival
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	5p MS VB @ Callisburg Staff Dev't Student Holiday Columbus Day	5p VB @ Pilot Point	PSAT Testing UIL Band Contest	4:30p MS FB @ Whitewright 7p JV FB @ Whitewright	4:30p VB @ Ponder 7:30p FB @ Gunter 	MS TMEA All Region Auditions @ Mt. Pleasant 5:30p Fall Carnival
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	District CC Meet @ Pottsboro 6p School Board Mtg @ GES Campus 7p GMS & GHS Fall Choir Concert	5p VB @ S&S Flu Shots 		4:30p MS FB @ Home 5p MS VB @ Pottsboro 7p JV FB @ Home	End 1st Week Grading Period 4:30p VB @ Home 7:30p FB @ Leonard	MS VB District Tournament
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Regional CC Meet @ Grand Prairie 2nd Grading Period Begins	GES Picture Day 	1p ASVAB Test	4:30p MS FB @ Home 7p JV FB @ Home	7p JV FB @ S&S	HS & MS TMEA All Region Choir Clinic and Concert @ Mt. Pleasant 

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

Gunter Independent School District