



Superintendent's Honor Roll



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

Elementary School

Kinley Johnson
Taylor Latham

Middle School

Olivia Eft
Juan Bernal

High School

Alma Mercado
Jase Shakelford

(Austin) – Gunter ISD joined more than 6,000 school trustees, superintendents, and other education leaders Oct. 2–4 at the TASA/TASB Convention in the Austin Convention Center. The joint gathering of the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) focused on ways to meet the growing challenges facing public school districts. Participants learned from extensive training opportunities and distinguished speakers, and received the latest information on education issues, trends, and innovative programs. The annual convention is the largest training event of its kind for Texas school board members and chief administrators. 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. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Board of Trustees was named 2015 Outstanding School Board.

School Leaders Convene in Austin



Fall Ignite Awards



Congratulations to Ron Patton (District), Jessica Seay (GES), Tim Hardy (GHS), and Rachael Standerfer (GMS) for being chosen as the IGNITE Award Recipients. The staff of GISD elects one staff member from each campus / district who has gone above and beyond to make GISD a great place to be.



Elementary: Jessica Seay (ESL Coordinator)
Jessica has done a tremendous job with our ESL kids. She goes above and beyond when she has those students each day. She loves and cares for each one and it shows when she greets them with a smile each day. Jessica truly cares for the kids and is a great help to our teachers. She is always inquiring about what she can do to help the staff.



Middle School: Rachel Standerfer (Administrative Assistant)
Rachel goes above and beyond to keep the middle school office running smoothly. She takes care of everyone and always has a great smile. She can keep things calm, even in the midst of certain chaos. Most important, Rachel treats students with respect and care!



High School: Tim Hardy (Mathematics / Basketball)
Tim is a total team player! He is passionate about math as well as coaching and he is committed to the total girls program. He is firm but fair and caring of all his students. He is a huge help as a staff member too! He has come in and truly motivated the kids in class and on the court, especially with his daily inspirational quotes. He unselfishly helps whenever, wherever and by whomever needed.



District: Ron Patton (Maintenance)
Ron is always finding ways to go above and beyond. He always has a smile, no matter the task. Whether pitching in to help the choir students clean the stadium or transporting Disney characters between campuses, Ron is always willing to help!

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

GUNTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Staff Development

Can your cell phone really land you in jail? Sound familiar? Yes, Christie Hobbs, an attorney at Leasor Crass law firm returned to GISD for an encore presentation of "Cell Phones to Jail Cells". In September, she opened the students eyes and let them see the consequences of bad cell phone use. This time, she talked with the teachers about appropriate online behavior. Thank you, Christie, for your words of wisdom.



MEASURED BY CHARACTER

Measured by Character is dedicated to empowering our youth by encouraging them to recognize that their lives have purpose and meaning.

Legacy * Uniqueness * Accountability * Responsibility * Change of Direction * Man in the Mirror

Students in grades 7-12 were gathered in the Event Center to listen to a life changing presentation on October 7th. Whether we like it or not, we are measured by our character, and what we leave behind the moment we take our last breath is a snapshot of how we have lead our lives.

Wade White, a father from Denton, Texas began the journey with our students by reliving the death of his son, Ryan B. White, and the impact he had on others before his tragic car accident. He spoke of legacy and how each and every decision we make will impact the legacy that follows us. Our actions, whether positive or negative, will have an impact on others, and it should be a priority to act in an honorable manner.

Throughout the presentation, students learned about uniqueness and how important it is to like the person you are and to respect other people for their unique qualities as well. Students were given the opportunity to move around and find someone they might have previously hurt. Hugs were exchanged, and some tears fell while our students took responsibility for their prior actions. Accountability for good actions is just as important as being accountable for bad actions. Students learned that they must take responsibility for themselves and all that they do. Not wanting to take responsibility for the things you've done, may be a sign that you need to change the direction of your life.

Take the final quiz. Look in the mirror. Do you like the "Man in the Mirror"? Do others like that person? Does that person represent Love/Respect/Integrity/Courage or Hate/Fear/Corrupt/Dishonor.



What is
YOUR
legacy?

I'm starting with the man in the mirror
I'm asking him to change his ways
And no message could have been any clearer
If you want to make the world a better place
Take a look at yourself and then make that Change!
~ Michael Jackson



Thank you to the sponsors who made the presentation possible!



KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE



FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is an important topic to teach our children, and who better to teach it than the firefighters themselves. The Gunter Volunteer Fire Department took time to talk to the elementary students about fire safety. Students were able to see a firefighter put his gear on piece by piece. This was done so the students would see the person beneath the gear. This way, if a student ever needs assistance from a firefighter, they won't be afraid. After talking about how to prevent fires, and fire safety procedures, the students were able to tour the fire trucks, try on the gear, and spray the hoses. Thank you GVFD for taking the time to do this!



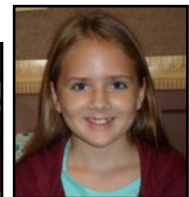
HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween is a fun night for kids of all ages. Unfortunately, there are situations that might lend themselves to danger within the holiday traditions. Fortunately for the kids in Gunter, our police department made a special visit to the elementary to teach them how to be safe. Thank you, Gunter PD for taking time out of your day to help our students develop positive habits to keep themselves safe.



(L-R) Cali Dodson, 2nd grade; Keyla Diaz Silva, 1st grade; Kari Kate Watkins, 3rd grade; Noah Saindon, Kindergarten; Pictured alone: Kendall Jolly, 4th grade.

GES September Students of the Month



November 2nd - 7:00am
Kick off the Book Fair
in a sweet way!

donuts
for **Dads**

November 2 - 6

The Elementary Book Fair will be held November 2-6. The fair will be held in the Art Room and will be open for business all week. Thank you to our PTO Volunteers who will be running the fair.



Two events planned in conjunction with this event are: Donuts for Dads on Monday morning and Grandparents Day - Wednesday and Thursday. Families with last name A-L will come to lunch on Wednesday, and those with the last name M-Z will come on Thursday from 10:45-12:30 (depending on their grandchild's lunchtime). Grandparents may purchase a tray lunch for \$3.25 or bring their lunch. ** Please let the school know ahead of time if you will purchase a lunch so they will have enough food. Come on out and support the book fair!

Fall Carnival

The Fall Carnival was a huge success again this year! Kids and adults alike, were entertained with games, activities, and lots of food. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the groups of individuals who had set up booths. All of the proceeds are used to help the GISD students learn and succeed in their classrooms.



Kindergarten Royalty

Meet our Kindergarten King and Queen of 2015. Queen Riley Zey and King Will Rainer sold the most raffle tickets in the whole kindergarten. Riley sold 188 and Will sold 340. Way to go!



GMS Book Fair

by Kelly Marr

Who loves books? Gunter Middle School!! The middle school held a Scholastic Book Fair from October 16 – October 23. \$2,750 worth of books were sold. The library will receive \$1,375 in books. Contests were held. The winners of the candy guess were Mitchell Fugett and Slade Parker. The winner of the page guess was Grace Whitney. There were also drawings each day for prizes. Mrs. Marr would like to thank her marvelous student crew: Taylor Boddie, Ashley Bruner, Brianna Carr, Bethany Gilbreath, Tristan Meadors, Bria Savage, Caitlyn Siler, Mary Smith and Natalie Stephan. Parent volunteers were a great help also. Thank you to everyone who bought books and contributed to our success.



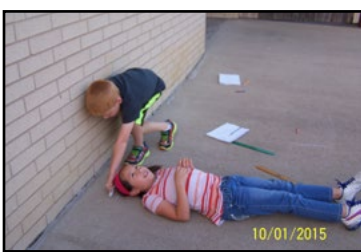
Sneak Peek into the Classrooms



4th Graders in Mrs. Smith's class are excited to use their new Chromebooks as a research tool in their classroom.



After experiencing the sensation of *Pop Rocks*, the candy that explodes in your mouth, Mrs. Schroeter's 5th grade students had to write a descriptive paragraph about the encounter. Looking at the faces above, it looks like the descriptive words might include: explosive, surprising and cool!



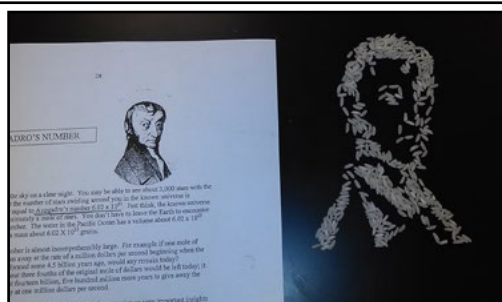
Mrs. Beaty's 2nd graders are learning how to measure things.



They are really measuring up to be great students!

Papel Picado

Papel picado means 'punched' or 'perforated' paper. This traditional cut paper folk art is found throughout Mexico and the former colonies of Spain as well as in the folk traditions of many other countries. You can find papel picado in Coach Castorena's classroom. His students tried their hand at it, and they did a great job!



ART & SCIENCE

A "mole" lab in chemistry turned into an art history display for GHS student, Eliza Allen. Eliza turned her grains of rice into an image of Amedeo

Avogadro. The students were learning about Amedeo Avogadro, a scientist best known for his hypothesis that equal volumes of different gases contain an equal number of molecules, provided they are at the same temperature and pressure.

Breaking News!



Bag of Cheetos Missing at GMS...

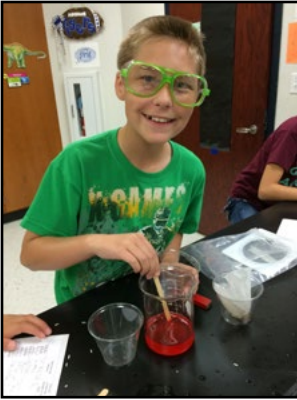


5th Grade students had to put their inferencing skills to use to solve a crime. iPads and QR codes were used to complete an inferencing scavenger hunt. The students then became reading detectives to solve the case of the missing Cheetos. Students investigated the crime scene, gathered evidence, used their inferencing skills, and solved the mystery.

AGRICULTURE

Coach Huntsman's students are exploring ways to stay fit as they age. They are learning to do some chair exercises! Might come in handy some day :)





Solutions and Sediments

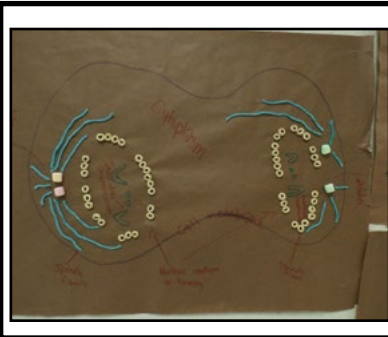
Mrs. Bon's 5th grade science students have been mixing up a few things in the lab. First they looked at mixtures and solutions to learn about solvents. (Solute + Solvent = Solution). Science is so important

for kids to have a basic understanding, and Mrs. Bon helps these students "get it". Next, they looked at a mixture of sand and iron filings. Iron filings are very small pieces of iron that that can be mixed with another substance for experiments. They are used to show the direction of a magnetic field. These particles form chains of filings parallel to the direction of the magnetic field. You can see in the picture the particles attaching to each other, end to end, to form a bar magnet.

The Walking Elements

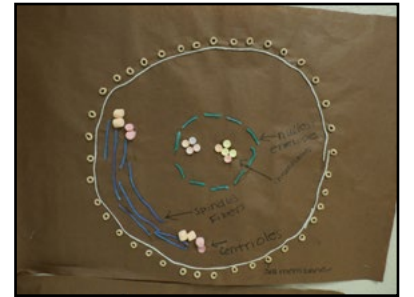


Sound like a new sci-fi movie? Nope, it is our new annual 8th grade event at the middle school. The 1st Annual Element Day happened last month at Gunter Middle School where elements from the periodic table were found walking the hallway and answering questions about themselves. Information collected from the elements was used to find answers in a scavenger hunt.



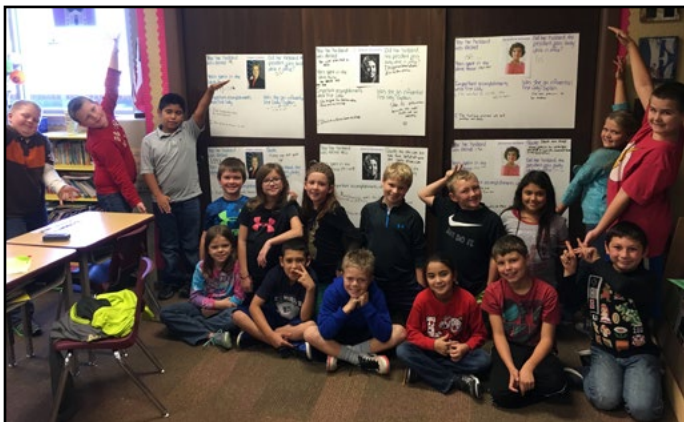
Candy Mitosis

Mixing creativity and science ends up with an artistic view of mitosis. GHS teacher, Mrs. McDonald assigned groups a phase of Mitosis to illustrate, a cup of candy and some yarn. Their task was to create the phase out of the materials they were given. She said, "They were very creative with their phase and candy, because whatever they had left after they finished building they could eat. Needless to say, I always got an empty cup back!!"



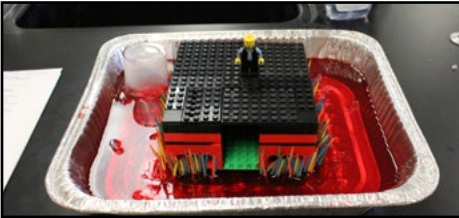
Famous First Ladies

Mrs. Pelzel's 3rd grade students took a look at some Famous First Ladies. They researched important information about Jaqueline Kennedy, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Hillary Clinton. After researching these important women, they compared and contrasted them, and created some colorful and informative posters.



Special thanks from the middle school staff to the GMS PTO for providing lunch and goodies on October 30th.





WHOLE LOTTA' SHAKIN'

Collapsing buildings can result in many deaths during an earthquake, and the GHS environmental science students are doing something about it. Each group had to construct a building atop a layer of jello. When the pan was shaken, it mocked an earthquake. The buildings I witnessed undergoing the "test" stayed intact. This science experiment might just launch a few career choices as building engineers.



American Legion invites high school students to compete in speech contest

Winners can earn scholarship money, chance to compete in national finals

High school students of Gunter have been invited by C R Simmons - C G Hardwicke Post No. 29 of The American Legion to compete in the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. The invitation to enter the competition was extended by Post Oratorical Chairman Howard Day.

The contest for Gunter students has been arranged with the full cooperation of local school officials and

Gunter High School faculty who will assist with the contest arrangements.

The subject in the prepared oration portion of the contest must be about some phase of the Constitution of the United States, emphasizing the duties and obligations of a citizen to the United States government. The prepared oration must be the original effort of each contestant and must be 8--10 minutes in length.

In addition to the awards by winners of the various elimination rounds of competition, college scholarships of

\$18,000, \$16,000, and \$14,000 will be awarded to the first through third places in the national finals. Each state winner who competes in the first round of the national contest will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. Participants in the second round who do not advance to the national final round will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship. The top three youth orators who have won all previous elimination rounds of the contest will vie for top honors in the national contest in April in Indianapolis.

The American Legion will pay the expenses of state winners at the national contest.

High school students in Gunter who are interested in entering the competition find complete rules and contest information by contacting Jacob Waggoner at jwaggoner@gunterisd.org or at 903-433-1542.

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



THE AMERICAN LEGION

CELL MODELS

A&P students had to research the organelles of the cell and then create a model using only recycled materials... Students were given an option to make the recycled trash cell or write a storybook about cells... the majority chose to build a model. They all turned out great!



Trash to Treasure!

ASVAB Aptitude Test



36 GHS students sat for the ASVAB Career Exploration Program on Wednesday, October 28th. Students that participate in this program will receive guidance on future career options based on their natural aptitudes and abilities. Students will receive their results in November and will sit with an ASVAB counselor as they interpret their results and receive information on how to use their results in a career search.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS



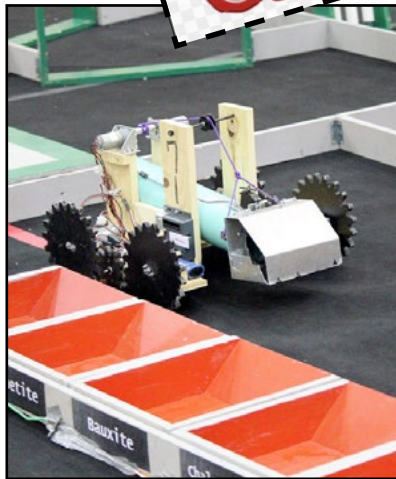
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State Fair Show - Gunter FFA Results:

Brandon Hunsaker - Class Winner & Reserve Division - Polled Hereford
 John Massey - Class Winner & Division Winner - Polled Hereford
 Hunter Simco - Class Winner and Division Winner

FFA Reminders:

- * Dress Rehearsal for FFA leadership team – November 2nd at 6 pm
- * District FFA Leadership Competition is November 9th at Bells.

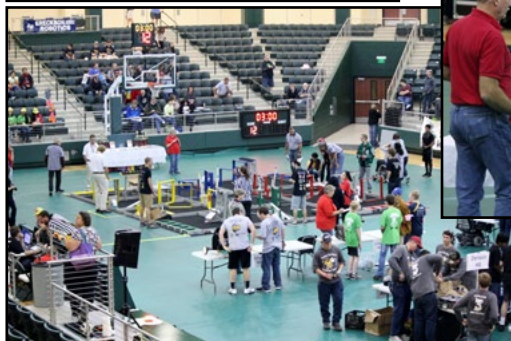


Robotics Competition

- Gunter Robotics 10th Place (19 Teams)
- Won Most Creative Award

Mrs. Foster said, "Our robot is completely kid built, kid programmed, kid everything. I am very proud of our kids for that."

Be watching for a Robotics Club. Mrs. Foster will begin meeting with students on a specified day after school to build their knowledge in robotics. Projects will begin with a non-motorized robot so they will understand the mechanics of how a motorized one would work. You do not have to be a part of Robotics to join this after school club.



TIGER BAND

UIL Region Marching Contest

- Division One Rating at District
- Advanced to Regionals
- 9th Place in Area



WAY TO GO!



GHS STUDENT OF THE MONTH TYLER BUYSSE

by Chris Dodd, GHS Principal



We converse with numerous people on a daily basis, but there are some conversations, regardless of how brief, that impact us in a way greater than we realize at the time. I had one

of those “brief” conversations with Gunter High School Junior Tyler Buysse.

Most in our community “know” Tyler. Tyler has been a fixture in numerous extracurricular activities throughout his entire career as a student in our school system. Tyler marches with the Tiger Band, competes in athletics, and excels in science and math. Tyler is a self-described “normal” Gunter student. But Tyler isn’t normal. He is exceptional.

When Tyler was in the first-grade he was with his mother, Jennifer, traveling north-bound on FM 289 towards Sherman. A distracted driver created a chain-reaction accident that left multiple vehicles in ruin and lives changed forever. Jennifer sustained serious injuries, multiple fractures and lacerations requiring grueling months of rehabilitation. Tyler sustained similar injuries including a crushed spinal cord in the base of his back. In nothing short of a miracle Tyler was back at school in less than three months. “I would have been back in two – but I got an infection – set me back a bit,” he quips. Going forward Tyler would have to navigate through life with the use of a wheelchair. “I was so young I don’t really remember walking anyway. It took a while to learn how to get around but eventually it just seemed natural.”

Tonya Watson, Tyler’s PE teacher, recalled that Tyler from the very beginning stood out as “athletic”. “He was the fastest kid on two legs and then became this dare devil on two wheels. Tyler didn’t acknowledge his injury. He just kept going.” Athletic genes are in Tyler’s DNA. His father Jon was a stand-out athlete at Celina High School and made appearances at the State Track Meet. His mother Jennifer was a member of the Drill Team. Being coordinated and moving quickly came natural to Tyler. “I just

like being independent. It’s not my nature to ask for help.”

Tyler acknowledged that the Gunter community has supported his every need including his desire to be treated like any other student. In true “Gunter” fashion Tyler was empowered to participate in every activity. Tyler “marches” on Friday nights and plays his trumpet. He has been a part of solo and ensemble that competed at the State level. One of his goals is to see the Tiger Band make it to State. “We are always going to be one of the ‘smallest’ bands. That can’t be an excuse.”

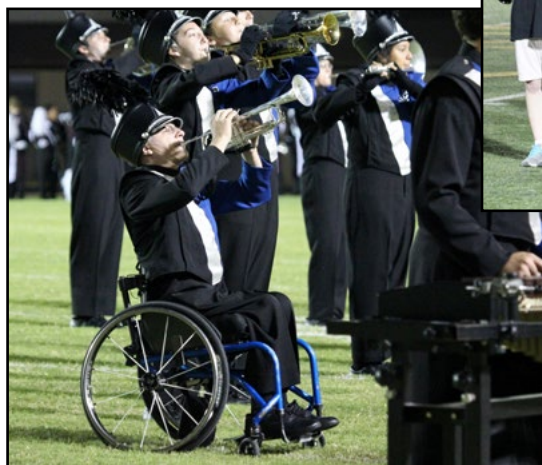
Tyler is one of a handful of students that navigates a demanding Band schedule along with a tough academic course-load in addition to his athletic pursuits.

When Tyler was nine years old he saw a flyer at Scottish Rite hospital detailing wheelchair basketball opportunities. “My mom encouraged me to try it. She was pushing me to take challenges.” Challenge accepted. Tyler currently competes at the “D3” level in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. Tyler’s team is considered “elite” and plays in tournaments that include collegiate and men’s teams. “Bloody noses and broken fingers are pretty common,” Tyler jokes. Tyler is viewed



as one of the top prep prospects in the United States. His goal is to earn a scholarship to the University of Missouri which is building one of the elite collegiate programs in the nation. Tyler wants to study aeronautical engineering.

Tyler plans on “running” track this Spring. The UIL recently added events for wheelchair athletes that includes sprints and throws. “Might as well compete,” Tyler said with a shrug. Compete he will. Tyler exemplifies the attitude of “no limits” and that is why he is my student of the month for November.



GHS Regional Choir Contest Results

Advancing to Pre Area

- Zach Magers: 2nd Chair Bass 1
- Jonathan Avendano: 6th Chair Bass 1
- Colten Enloe: 10th Chair bass 2

Regional Choir Qualifiers

- Lauren Baird: 11th Chair Soprano 2
- Kade McCarty: 2nd Chair Small School Choir

Advancing to Area

- Ross Vest: 4th Chair Small School Choir
- Eliza Allen 5th Chair small School Choir

Regional Choir Alternates

- Cade Meyerdirk: 1st Alternate Bass 1
- Kenna Curruthers: 2nd Alternate Alto 2
- Q Layman: 2nd Alternate Tenor 1

High School Region Treble Chorale

- Emily Loftis: 4th Chair Soprano 1
- Abbey Gilbreath: 2nd Chair Alto
- Savannah Roane: 5th Chair Alto
- Addison Mercer: 9th Chair Alto
- Sarah Franze: 12th Chair Alto

GMS Regional Choir Contest Results

Matthew Avendano: 11th Chair Bass;
 Jake Osburn: 11th Chair Tenor 2; Brandon Wilcocks: 10th Chair Tenor 2; Josh Magers: 5th Chair Tenor 2; Sam Erin: 4th Chair Tenor 2; Cade Carruthers: 3rd Chair Tenor 2; Ben Wilcocks: 16th Chair Tenor 1; Penn Seiberling: 8th Chair Tenor 1; Mac Whitteker: 7th Chair Tenor 1; Jacob Seiberling: 5th Chair Tenor 1; Ella Lotspeich: 14th Chair Soprano 1; Keel Ward: 9th Chair Soprano 1; Ashley Bruner: 11th Chair Soprano 2; Channing Clement: 6th Chair Soprano 2; Zoe Carlile: 3rd Chair Soprano 2; Elizabeth Lodico: 4th Chair Alto; Kara Curtis: 1st Chair Alto.

The Disney Dining Experience

Pixie dust transformed the HS commons into a magical place for our GHS choir students to host a fun filled evening for the younger students. Disney characters filled the room, stopped to take pictures, and sang their favorite Disney tunes while a crowd of little Gunter Tigers watched in awe. The event left all of the students with a full heart and a full tummy. Thank you for attending and making the evening a great success!

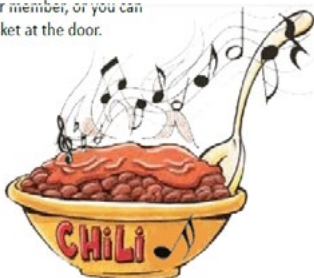


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NOVEMBER 6TH

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.



Princesses Taylor, Abigail, and Emily greeted GES bus students to remind them about the Disney Dining Experience. Magical moments happen when the two campuses interact!

Andy's Coming!

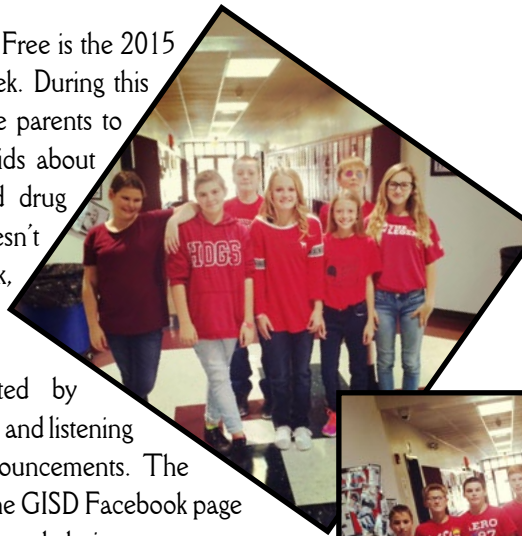
Q (AKA Andy) was caught helping elementary students out of their cars to make sure they knew about the Disney Dining Experience.



2015 National Red Ribbon Theme



Respect Yourself - Be Drug Free is the 2015 theme for Red Ribbon Week. During this week, we, as a district, urge parents to “have the talk” with their kids about the dangers of alcohol and drug use. We hope the talk doesn’t end at the end of the week, but continues on for years!



GHS and GMS celebrated by dressing up, watching videos, and listening to helpful hints on the announcements. The district placed messages on the GISD Facebook page and the website to promote good choices.

The GES campus will celebrate RRW at another time.



(Above) GHS students and a substitute “team up” against drugs.
(Left) GMS students kicked off RRW by dressing in red.



Photo Credit: Kari Bailey



Middle school students made a commitment to respect themselves by signing the bulletin board.

Photo Credit: Jessica Hogan



Teachers and students alike joined in the Hallow #ambush ween. This was our final day of Red Ribbon Week.

Taking a walk through the elementary halls, you get to see a variety of creative student projects! This is just a small sample.



GMS VS GHS

LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!

GMS students will be battling the GHS students beginning November 2nd to see who can collect the most non-perishable food items. The contest will go through November 17th. All items brought to the school will be donated to a local food bank. The winning campus will be allowed to wear sweats for an entire week, and each campus has "campus" incentives as well. Although the prizes are great, the real prize is learning how to help other people in need. The real "winners" are those people who will have food on their table as a result of this effort. * PLEASE do not donate expired food items.



'D' FOR DETERMINATION - ELEMENTARY AMBUSH

by Dara Arrington



Gunter Elementary had their first ever AMBUSH September 25th. Kindergarten through 4th grade had the privilege of hearing Gunter High School Band Director, Mr. Bremer, and several of the Gunter Tiger Mighty Marching Band members play. A few band members, including John Earwood, Christopher Jackson, and Jonathan Avendano, spoke to our elementary students about times they had to remain steadfast and determined to accomplish a goal. The students helped cover the D in determination which was the focus for our students the last few weeks. Our students were energized with the Gunter Tiger Fight Song and the school song. We hope to have another elementary AMBUSH in December with our focus on the E for excellence. We appreciate our band's support of our elementary students. GO TIGERS!

GMS ELECTION

Introducing the 2015-16 GMS Student Council! This is the first time in several years that the middle school has had a student council, and these fine leaders are excited to represent the student body.

President: Zoe Carlile (8th Grade)
 VP: Cindy Montes (7th Grade)
 Secretary: Peyton Graves (7th Grade)
 Treasurer: Aiden McDowell (7th Grade)

Members: (8th Grade) Brianna Carr, Ryan Lounsbery,
 (6th Grade) Malison Fisher, Lillie Matiko, Jake Schafer,
 Erin Seiberling, Grace Fortune, Dylan Marsh, Bianca Mercado, Kamber Puebla



GMS is an official drop off location for Toys for Tots this year. The toy drive will officially kick off on November 30th and end on December 17th. Please help us make this a great year for some deserving kids by donating an unwrapped, new toy.

Spanish Dancers

Coach Daniel Castorena's students are learning about a cultural aspect in their foreign language class. They are learning how to Salsa dance to the song "La vida es un carnaval" by Celia Cruz.



Gunter Elementary School

1st Nine Week Honor Rolls

A Honor Roll

1st Grade: Logan Barrientez, Kynlee Chalker, Marcus Crockett, Jordan Decker, Colt Elvington, Aydan Falcon, Milly Fraire, Grace Geisendorff, Finlee Gressett, Nathan Hale, Zachary Hales, Madison Haning, Braden Hilton, Gracie Jester, Brady Jordan, Taylie Latva, Alayna Linan, Colt Miller, Daniel Munoz, Allison Perez, Ashton Pinkernell, Brooks Rentz, Eylson Schafer, Caleb Siler, Sarah Smith, Sophia Streiff, Caleb Tucker, Jace Wade, 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, Brayden Fortune, Lacie Gray, Emily Hickman, Trace Howard, Tyler Madsen, Emma Marks, Wilson Marks, Camila Mendoza, Gisselle Mercado, Nathan Merrill, Colt Nelson, Hayden Nelson, Brooklynn Neufold, Mauricio Porres, Creed Rainer, Hayden Rodges, Benjamin Rodriguez, Talia Scroggins, Josalyn Smith, Kaitlin Stephan, Jasmine Tapia, Tatum Underwood, Montana Wheeler; 3rd Grade: Brock Boddie, Kane Bolt, Luke Bullard, Melissa Clower, Mitchell Gage, Reese Gibbs, Garrin Goetz, Tate Howard, Chloe Johnson, Madison Litz, Carter Miller, Angel Mercado, Cesar Montes, Colin Peacock, Ella Pinkernell, Kari Kate Watkins, Raiden Windlow; 4th Grade: Kai Altun, Jackson Burkholder, Kase Carlile, Luke Dodd, Cade Dodson, Makenna Fady, Alexis Gann, Kinley Johnson, Kendall Jolly, Brian Journagan, Zachary Litz, Jace Martin, Brelee Mauldin, Libby McCarty, Shey Menkhoff, Casey Ploch, Sitalaly Rodriguez, Chiara Streiff, Dixie Waligura, Bailey Watson

A/B Honor Roll

1st Grade: Brittany Balderas, Brody Bracewell, Jocelyn Chavez, Zaiden Choate, Erick Fraire, Garron Lorusso, Reid Lotspeich, Tristan May, Yulianna Narciso, Samiha Pittman, Keyla Silva Diaz, Emerson Stevens, Cecilia Tapia, Evelin Tavera, Nora Thomas, Pamela Torres; 2nd Grade: Legend Bounds, Tomas Garcia, Jayden Hernandez, Nevaeh Keeler, Norah Layman, Bella Lopez, Macie Mann, Lilly Martin, Jackson Mazey, Agustin Robledo, Erik Solis, Olivia Vargas; 3rd Grade: Bryan Balderas, Easton Beck, Brynne Craven, Leo Davis, Jackson Decker, Isaac DeLeon, Cristian Escalera, Hayden Farrell, Brenley Gibson, Avery Hale, Addison Hammer, Katelynn Merchant, Wade Payne, Logan Simon, Isabela Thomas, Reid Vest, Sailor Williams, Trevor Wright; 4th Grade: Rylie Bracewell, Avery Diers, Tanner Dobbs, Daniel Dominguez, Abigail Elmore, Hailey Foster, Lucas Frank, Grace Fugett, Brooks Griggs-Bell, Jaxson Jester, Carter Layton, Rylie Lounsbury, Tori Matiko, A J Mead, Jose Narciso, Brodee Parker, Houston Rehmet, Avery Roane, Andy Salazar, Taylor Self, Collin Vest, Griffin Ward

Gunter Middle School

1st Nine Week Honor Rolls

A Honor Roll

5th Grade A Honor Roll: Samantha Aiken, James Bullard, Aubrey Duarte, Lane Ferguson, Grace Fortune, Viviana Galvan, Finlee Gibson, Dylan Marsh, Rayanna Mauldin, Brody McDonald, Michael McDowell, Bianca Mercado, Mason Peacock, Kamber Puebla, Adam Reed, Caitlyn Siler, Ethan Sloan, Jonathan Smith, Collier Stovall, Madison Thigpen, Landon Waligura, Aubrey Walton, Donnie Walton, Elle Whitteker, Parker Williams; 6th Grade A Honor Roll: Ansley Baird, Laura Caperton, Audrey Curtis, Sarah Denton, Bennett Fady, Malison Fisher, Sarah Jackson, Grace King, Nicole Leach, Lillie Matiko, Sean McClure, Kasey McKee, Kiley Meadors, Sophia Mendoza, Landon Pleafrey, Kaden Rigsby, Mackenzie Roane, Jake Schafer, Erin Seiberling, Natalie Stephan, Rhiana Vincent; 7th Grade A Honor Roll: Matthew Avendano, Taylor Boddie, Jacee Childers, Samuel Erwin, Bethany Gilbreath, Makenna Kincheloe, Cobi Koonce, Marco Lopez, Sophie Mathers, Tyler Merchant, Slade Parker, Robert Rehmet, Mary Smith, Renatta Vincent; 8th Grade A Honor Roll: Cassidy Ahlmeyer, Ashley Bruner, Brianna Carr, Cade Carruthers, Tristan Cochran, Kara Curtis, David Denton, Jacquelyn Galvan, William Magers, Schuyler Marshall, William Marshall, Colton Mercer, Laurel Mulkey, Alexa Reichert, Erin Robertson, Braden Sloan, Reagan Spencer, Ainslee Stovall, Zander Turner, Keely Ward, Kyle Watson, Gabriel Wells, Sydney Wright

A/B Honor Roll

5th Grade A/B Honor Roll: Nolan Backschie, Myah Beauvoir-Reategui, Ashley Betancourt, Ava Cantrell, Jose Chavez, Sierra Dix, Jose Fraire, Roman Garcia, Raeden Jolly, Connor Lenderman, Abby Marks, Dalton McClain, Kaydennece Mead, Carley Merchant, Samantha Neufeld, Natalia Ramirez, Hanna Rubis, John St Clair, Madison Swink, Austin Trevino, Emily Vega, Issac Villanueva, Ashtyn Wade; 6th Grade A/B Honor Roll: Zachary Bigler, Adelle Brackeen, Kenneth Burkholder, Zachary Clemens, Bella Craven, Olivia Eft, Mark Garrison, Gabriella Geisendorff, Jacob Hales, Skylar Jones, Helena Martin, Eryn McHone, Micah Nevil, Trey Oblas, Dalton Payne, Sarah Perdue, Sofia Siciliano, Cloe Skipworth, Gabriel Turner, Taylor Vest, Cooper Wade; 7th Grade A/B Honor Roll: Hunter Beck, Juan Bernal, Scott Craven, Phoebe Fanning, Peyton Graves, Nyah Ingram, Hannah Keeler, Colten Lankford, Aidan McDowell, Cindy Montes, Yoselyn Montes, Neelie Parker, Lakin Satre, Bria Savage, Aubrey Wendt, Benjamin Wilcocks, Brandon Wilcocks; 8th Grade A/B Honor Roll: Nancy Castorena, Channing Clement, Mitchell Fugett, Anthony Garcia, Jessica Hawk, Natalee Hayes, Kolton Hinton, Elizabeth Lodico, Peyton Lowe, Zazahry Maynard, Tristan Meadors, Kyri Morris-Jackson, Ryan Morrison, Jake Osburn, Bleize Parker, Bryson Rigsby, Joshua Rogers, Abigail Rosas, Seth Schroeter, Siena Siciliano, Keaton Stephens, Logan Trevino, Ethan Watson, Mack Whitteker, Caleb Wilson

Tiger's Sports Report

GHS Tiger Football Scoreboard

Varsity Scoreboard

Gunter 19, Howe 21
 Gunter 38, Whitewright 6
 Gunter 45, Leonard 20
 Gunter 21, S&S 12

JV Tiger Football Scoreboard

Gunter 48, Howe 38
 Gunter 38, Whitewright 6
 Gunter 36, S&S 8

GMS Tiger Football Scoreboard

Gunter vs Howe

White won 8-6
 Blue won 30-0

Gunter vs Whitewright

Blue vs Whitewright 28-6 win

Gunter vs Prosper

White vs Prosper 26-6 win

Gunter vs S&S

White- 34-0
 Blue- 34-0



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Youth night allowed us a sneak preview of the future GHS football players and GHS cheerleaders.



Whitewright, S&S, Tom Bean, Howe, Leonard and Gunter all banded together to raise money for breast cancer awareness. Pink shirts were sold as part of the fundraiser and the total number of shirts turned in was 1289, which is over \$8000! Thank you to everyone who bought a shirt and wore pink. You have helped to make progress in our fight against cancer.



Melissa Invitational

MS Girls
 13 Bethany Gilbreath 6:48.9
 48 Aubrey Wendt 7:38.1
 55 Andrea Montes 7:46.6
 73 Bria Savage 8:04.4

MS Boys- 4th
 8 Ben Cole 5:54.8
 9 Brian Avendano 5:56.0
 11 Kole Gillespie 5:59.4
 25 Evan Gonzales 6:22.2
 57 Garret Brummett 6:59.2
 73 Tyler Jolley 7:20.3

Varsity Girls
 75 Tina Stevens 7:09.0
 95 Courtney Pryor 7:34.4
 96 Alex Robinson 7:34.7

Varsity Boys- 17th Place
 92 John Earwood 5:54.4
 98 Alex Covington 6:03.3
 104 John Dalton Rowe 6:08.9
 111 Brandon Brewer 6:31.0

Roundrock

Varsity Girls:
 306 Tina Stevens 15:00.90
 309 Courtney Pryor 15:02.50
 319 Jackie Valadez 15:11.70
 336 Chloe Walton 15:27.50
 361 Alex Robinson 16:08.30

Varsity Boys:
 142 Brandon Hunsaker 18:58.30
 359 Garret Brummett 22:16.30
 176 Nick Gonzalez 19:25.30
 373 Alex Covington 23:52.10
 212 Logan Nelson 19:49.20
 382 Kole Gillespie 23:52.10
 272 Marcus Vulpitta 20:27.20
 389 Tyson Scott 24:17.70
 350 John Dalton Rowe 21:50.50

District Meet

Varsity Boys- 4th Place

 Regional Qualifier
 7th- Brandon Hunsker 17:12

17th Marcus Vulpitta 18:37
 18th Nick Gonzales 18:39
 23rd John Earwood 19:22
 39th John Rowe 21:22
 43rd Alex Covington 21:54
 46th Brandyn Brewer 23:10

JV Boys
 12th Tyler Jolly 22:26
 13th Kole Gillespie 22:54
 15th Brian Avendano



Jr. High Boys 1st place at District

1st David Denton	12:07
4th Zander Turner	12:41
5th Gabe Well	12:42
9th Cobi Koonce	13:02
20th Mitchell Fugett	14:18
40th Sam Erwin	15:41

Varsity Girls - 6th Place

7th Abbi Gilbreath 13:26.80
 22nd Tina Stevens 14:48.70
 29th Courtney Pryor 15:11.10
 30th Chloe Walton 15:12.50
 41st. Alex Robinson 16:02.90
 44th Jackie Valadez 16:19.40



Abbi Gilbreath
 7th Place - District Finish
 Off to Regionals!



Brandon Hunsaker
 7th Place - District Finish
 Off to Regionals!



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Regional
 Competition



The GHS Bass Fishing Team had a great day on Eagle Mountain Lake last weekend. They were one of 76 teams out of 152 that caught fish! These young men have to depart around 3am and spend 8 hours on the water catching fish! Way to go Tigers!

GHS Bass Fishing Team (from left to right): Team Boat Captain Greg Gaines, Austin Gaines, Chandler Wade, Braiden Clopton, Boat Captain John Bryson. Not pictured: Cooper Enloe

GHS Volleyball Scoreboard

9/29: vs. Callisburg
 JV White lost 20-25; 22-25
 JV Blue lost 8-25; 15-25
 Varsity won 25-23; 25-18; 25-13

10/2 GT vs. Pottsboro
 JV White lost 17-25, 25-23, 22-25
 JV Blue lost 25-21, 20-25, 17-25
 Varsity won 24-26, 29-27, 25-20, 25-15

10/6: vs. Whitesboro
 JV White lost 20-25; 14-25
 JV Blue lost 12-25; 20-25
 Varsity won 25-23; 25-18; 25-10

10/9: vs. Howe
 JV White won 25-17; 25-10
 JV Blue won 2 games to 1
 Varsity won 25-12; 25-13; 25-11

10/13 GT vs. Pilot Point
 JV White lost 25-20; 14-25; 15-25
 JV Blue won 25-16; 20-25; 25-20
 Varsity won 25-12; 25-9; 25-10

10/16 vs. Ponder
 JV White lost 15-25, 17-25
 JV Blue lost 13-25, 15-25
 Varsity won 27-25, 25-21, 15-25, 25-23

10/27 vs. Pottsboro
 JV White lost 20-25, 26-24, 12-15
 JV Blue won 25-22, 20-25, 15-13
 Varsity won 25-12, 21-25, 25-18, 25-19



DISTRICT CHAMPS!

Varsity Girls District Record 14-0
 Overall Record 31-2



GMS Volleyball

10/5: Middle School vs. S&S
 7B won- 12-15, 15-1, 15-10
 7A won- 25-15, 25-7
 8B won- 12-15, 15-9, 15-6
 8A won 25-9, 16-25, 15-9

10/12 vs. Callisburg
 7B won 15-12, 15-11
 7A won 25-15, 25-10
 8B won 15-12, 15-11
 8A won 25-18, 16-25, 17-15

10/13 vs. Callisburg
 7B- won 15-12; 15-11
 7A- won 25-15; 25-10
 8B- won 15-12; 15-11
 8A- won 25-18; 16-25; 17-15

10/21 vs Pottsboro
 7B won 15-9; 13-15; 15-6
 7A won 25-14; 25-12
 8B won 15-10; 13-15; 17-15
 8A won 25-22; 25-20



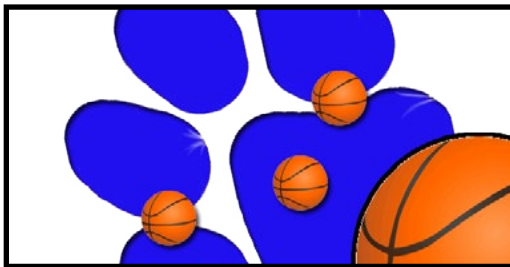
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Volleyball Playoff Game
 November 3rd
 @ Gainesville High School
 6 PM
 Come out and support the
 Lady Tigers!



7th grade - District Champs!

HIGH SCHOOL LADY TIGER 2015-16 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



Head Coach: Tim Hardy

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAMS	TIME
Nov. 07	Van Alstyne - Scrimmage	Home	JVG, VG	10:00
Nov. 17	Paradise	Home	JVG, VG	5:00
Nov. 19-21	Ponder JVG-VG Tournaments		JVG, VG	TBA
Nov. 24	North Lamar	Away	JVG, VG	1:00
Nov. 28	Princeton	Home	JVG, VG	4:30
Dec. 1	Honey Grove	Away	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	
Dec. 8	Era	Away	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	4:30
Dec. 10-12	Madill Winter Classic		VG, VB	TBA
Dec. 15	*Whitesboro	Home	JVG, VG	5:00
Dec. 18	*Howe	Away	JVG, VG	5:00
Dec. 21	*Pottsboro	Away	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	TBA
Dec. 28-29	Pilot Point Tournament		VG	TBA
Jan. 5	*Ponder	Home	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	5:00
Jan. 8	*Pilot Point	Away	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	5:00
Jan. 12	*S&S	Home	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	5:00
Jan. 15	*Callisburg	Away	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	5:00
Jan. 19	*Whitesboro	Away	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	5:00
Jan. 22	*Howe	Home	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	5:00
Jan. 26	*Pottsboro	Home	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	5:00
Jan. 29	*Ponder	Away	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	5:00
Feb. 2	*Pilot Point	Home	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	5:00
Feb. 5	*S&S	Away	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	5:00
Feb. 6	JV District Tournament	Howe	JVG	TBA
Feb. 9	*Callisburg	Home	JVG, JVB, VG, VB	5:00
Feb. 15-16	Bi-District			
Feb. 18-20	Area			
Feb. 22-23	Regional Quarterfinals			
Feb. 26-27	Regional Tournament			
Mar. 3-5	State Tournament			

Middle School Hoops

Thursday	11/12/2015	S&S @ Gunter
Monday	11/16/2015	Gunter @ Howe
Monday	11/30/2015	Gunter @ Pottsboro
Monday	12/7/2015	Gunter @ Whitesboro
Monday	12/14/2015	Callisburg @ Gunter
Thursday	1/7/2016	Gunter @ Pilot Point
Thursday	1/14/2016	Ponder @ Gunter
Thursday	1/21/2016	Gunter @ S&S
Monday	1/25/2016	Howe @ Gunter
Thursday	1/28/2016	District Tournament (in Howe)
Saturday	1/30/2016	District Tournament (in Howe)
Thursday	2/4/2016	Pottsboro @ Gunter

**District Tournament January 28th & 30th in Howe (seeding based off first 7 games)

**Order of games is (7B, 8B, 7A, 8A)

**Games will begin at 4:30 regardless of the number of games

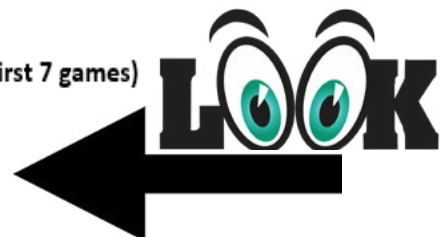
**B Games will be two 15 minute halves with a running clock

**A Games will be 4 six minute quarters with regulation timing



**YES, we
PLAY LIKE A
GIRL -
just try to
keep up!**

TIMES AND DURATION

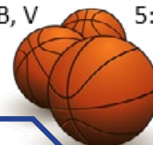


HIGH SCHOOL TIGER 2015-16 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



HEAD COACH - LONNIE SCOTT

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
Nov. 24	Celeste	Celeste	TBA	<u>TBA</u>
Dec. 1	Honey Grove	Honey Grove	JVB, VB	TBA
Dec. 3-5 th	Celeste Tournament	Celeste	VB	TBA
Dec. 3-5 th	Howe Tournament	Howe	JVW, JVB	TBA
Dec. 8 th	Era	Gunter	JVW, JVB, V	5:00
Dec. 10-12 th	Madill Tournament	Madill	V	TBA
Dec. 16 th	Nocona	Nocona	JVW, JVB, V	5:00
Dec. 18 th	Ector	Gunter	JVB, V	4:00
Dec. 28-30 st	Ector Tournament	Ector	V	TBA
Dec. 22 nd	Pottsboro	Pottsboro	JVW, JVB, V	5:00
Jan. 5 th	Ponder	Gunter	JVW, JVB, V	5:00
Jan. 8 th	Pilot Point	Pilot Point	JVW, JVB, V	5:00
Jan 9 th	Celina JV Tournament	Celina	JVB	TBA
Jan. 12 th	S&S	Gunter	JVW, JVB, V	5:00
Jan. 15 th	Callisburg	Callisburg	JVW, JVB, V	5:00
Jan. 19 th	Whitesboro	Whitesboro	JVW, JVB, V	5:00
Jan. 22 rd	Howe	Gunter	JVW, JVB, V	5:00
Jan. 26 th	Pottsboro	Gunter	JVW, JVB, V	5:00
Jan. 29 th	Ponder	Ponder	JVW, JVB, V	5:00
Feb. 2 rd	Pilot Point	Gunter	JVW, JVB, V	5:00
Feb. 5 th	S&S	S&S	JVW, JVB, V	5:00
Feb. 9 th	Callisburg	Gunter	JVW, JVB, V	5:00
Feb. 12,13 th	District Tournament	Pottsboro	JVW, JVB	TBA
Feb. 12 th	Whitesboro	Gunter	JVW, JVB, V	5:00
Feb. 16 th	Howe	Howe	JVW, JVB, V	5:00



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.



GMS boys basketball schedule will be available soon. Check the basketball website, the coach will post it as soon as he finalizes the games.



We have two Veterans Day celebrations coming up! The Gunter Community Group is hosting a community-wide event on Tuesday, November 10th at 6:30pm at GHS and the schools are hosting an event on Wednesday, November 11th at 9am. We need your help! If you know a veteran, will you have them fill out this quick online form (or help fill it out for them)? We are collecting information for both events through this link: <http://tinyurl.com/gisdveterans>



180 Degrees

Abstinence Education Program

180 Degrees is an abstinence education program that presents the startling reality of the consequences of premarital sex and the benefits of healthy relationships. The presentation will include: staggering statistics, how to set physical boundaries, and how to have great relationships in the future. This is *NOT* your typical sex education class...this is an interactive discussion that allows you to ask all the questions you never felt you could ask. (This is *YOUR TIME*.) You know a lot has changed...and you may just learn something that you never knew! This presentation is created to turn our thinking about sex around a whole 180 degrees. It's harder than ever to make good choices, but *YOU* can stand for purity and *SAVE* sex for marriage, but first you have to...

GET THE FACTS!

9th Grade Student Program

WHEN: November 9th, 2015

WHERE: Gunter High School

For questions, you can contact
Jacob Waggoner - 903-433-1545

jwaggoner@gunterisd.org

Rich Shelton - 972-424-5144

rshelton@realoptionsforwomen.com



Presented by Real Options for Women

Dear Freshmen Parents,

The 180 Degrees Abstinence Education Program will be presented to the Freshmen class in November. This program is provided through a Plano organization called Real Options for Women. Rich Shelton and his staff will be traveling to Gunter on the 9th of November to speak with our 9th graders about “the reality of the consequences of premarital sex and the benefits of healthy relationships.” Their program is specifically designed for high school students and will touch on many of the situations that students might encounter as they complete their journey towards a high school diploma.

If you as a parent/guardian would like to receive more information about the 180 Degrees Abstinence Education Program please consider attending a Parent Program that is to be held on the 5th of November in High School Classroom #6 at 6:30pm. Rich Shelton will be introducing the 180 Degrees Program and will be available to answer questions at the close of the evening.

Rich Shelton and Real Options for Women successfully presented the 180 Degrees Abstinence Education Program to over 15,000 students around the state last school year. The entire program is being provided free of charge so please come to the Parent Program and learn more about this service that is available to our students.

Information:

Real Options for Women – www.realoptionsforwomen.com

180 Degrees - www.my180degrees.com

Rich Shelton – rshelton@realoptionsforwomen.com

Even though this program is offered by Real Options for Women, 180 Degrees is designed for both male and female students.

Thank you for taking the time to review the flyer on the previous page. **I hope to see you in Gunter High School classroom #6 on the 5th of November @ 6:30pm for the Parent Program.** The student program will follow on the 9th of November. All student programs will occur during school hours.

Sincerely,

Jacob Waggoner, High School Counselor

jwaggoner@gunterisd.org

903-433-1542

Please contact Counselor Jacob Waggoner or Principal Chris Dodd if you do not want your freshman student to attend this program!

jwaggoner@gunterisd.org

cdodd@gunterisd.org

903-433-1542

GHS DAR Good Citizen

Gunter High School has again been invited to participate in the Daughters of the American Revaluation Good Citizens Program and Scholarship Contest (NSDAR Martha Jefferson Randolph Chapter). This competition requires the faculty and staff of each Grayson County high school to nominate three senior students from their schools that exhibit the qualities of Dependability, Truthfulness, Loyalty, Punctuality, Service, Cooperation, Courtesy, Consideration of others, Leadership, Self-control, Ability to assume responsibility, Patriotism, Unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation. The GHS faculty and staff nominated seniors John Earwood, Christopher Jackson, and Cade Meyerdirk for this year's award. Once the nominations were received a ballot was presented to the senior class for the final selection. The senior class of 2016 has selected Christopher Jackson as the DAR Good Citizen for Gunter High School!!

Photo Credit: Jacob Waggoner



College Admission and Scholarship Applications

Attention Seniors and Senior Parents! If you have questions about college applications, scholarship applications, financial aid, or any other college related topic please feel free to contact Jacob Waggoner at 903-433-1542 or jwaggoner@gunterisd.org. You can also find helpful resources on Mr. Waggoner's website at <http://www.gunterisd.org/Page/102>. Don't let deadlines sneak up on you this fall.





Gunter Independent School District Board Briefs

Tuesday, October 20, 2015
5:45pm F.I.R.S.T. Hearing / 6:00pm Regular Meeting

GISD SPECIAL HEARING

The Public Hearing to discuss the 2014-2015 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas "FIRST" was called to order by Mr. Scott Meyerdirk, Board Vice President. A quorum was established.

Dr. Siler presented the FIRST Report. Gunter ISD received a perfect score of 30/30 on the Financial Integrity Rating System report. The Hearing adjourned at 5:55pm.

GISD Regular Board Meeting

The Regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Jeff Banks, Board President. A quorum was established. Invocation and Pledge was conducted by Mr. L.D. Byrd, Board Member.

ATTENDANCE: Board members included: Jeff Banks, L.D. Byrd, Dr. Gary Harris, John Jonas, Candy Leonard, Scott Meyerdirk and Steve Smith; District attendance included: Dr. Jill Siler, Mr. Kelly Teems, Mr. Chris Dodd, Mrs. Sara McCarty and Mrs. Dara Arrington. Other staff and community members were present.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Student / Staff Recognition
 - Superintendent Honor Roll Awardees
 - GES – Kinley Johnson & Taylor Latham
 - GMS – Olivia Eft & Juan Bernal
 - GHS – Alma Mercado & Jace Shakelford
 - Staff IGNITE Award Honorees
 - GES – Jessica Seay, ESL Coordinator
 - GMS – Rachel Standerfer, Secretary/PEIMS
 - GHS – Tim Hardy, Teacher/Coach
 - District – Ron Patton, Maintenance
 - Dara Arrington, Sara McCarty and Chris Dodd were recognized for Principals Appreciation Month
- 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
- Enrollment: GES 330; GMS 238; GHS 253; **Total: 821**
- Bond Update: Dr. Siler shared that over \$900,000 had been spent out of the \$2 million of bond funds and outlined the remaining projects that are ongoing & upcoming.
- Communications: Upcoming Dates
 - Nov. 16, Regular Meeting, 6:00pm
 - Nov. 19, Team of Eight Training, 6:00pm
 - Dec. 14, TAPR Hearing, 5:45pm; Regular Meeting, 6:00pm
- Board Member Report & Training Hours

CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Minutes, Billing & Budget Amendments were approved for Sept. 14th Regular Meeting, Sept. 22nd Training Meeting, Sept. 24th/29th TASA/TASB Conference Prep. Mtg. Minutes and Sept. 2015 Billing and Budget Amendments

REGULAR BUSINESS

- The Board approved the resolution regarding finance agreements for the purpose of procuring school buses. The purchase of 3 buses was approved last month and the financing of that purchase was approved.
- The Board approved Schneider Electric Investment Grade Audit Energy Service Contract. This company will ultimately replace HVAC units, retrofit lighting, and install an energy mgmt system districtwide through a self-funded project. The savings to be gained as a part of these changes will pay for the financing of the project and the company guarantees that the savings marks are hit or they pay the difference back to the district. The IGA (audit process) will be complete early this spring and if the scope of work is approved, the work will begin immediately.
- The Board approved the Mission Statement as presented by Dr. Siler. Last year the Board spent some of their training hours working through a new mission statement that was later shared with our District Advisory Committee and district staff to gain feedback. Several changes were made and after final approval from the DATC, it was proposed back to the board. The new statement is: *The Gunter Independent School District will empower every student to attain an exceptional education that challenges them to exceed their own expectations and provides a foundation for success in life.*
- The Board approved EHAC (LOCAL) Off Campus P.E. Programs Policy. This will allow students to obtain PE credit through outside programs where students are training between 5 and 15 hours a week in their respective physical activity (swimming, gymnastics, etc.). Some students who are training at the pre-Olympic level (15 hours weekly) may qualify to miss a period of school a day for that training if their training protocol is approved by TEA.
- The Board approved the District and Campus Improvement Plans for 2015-2016.
- The Board tabled the Elm Creek Site Donation Agreement.
- The Board approved the 2015-2016 Migrant and PFS Action Plan
- The Board approved Christy Nolen and Salina Byrd as the Evaluators for GCSEC

7:52pm Board went in to Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.001

8:06pm Reconvened from Closed Session.

- The Board approved to accept Brad and Debbie Howard's bid in the amount of \$25,994.00 for the purchase of property located at Falls Creek Ln, Grayson County Appraisal District Property ID #208771.

8:08pm Board went back into Closed Session; 9:31pm Reconvened from Closed Session: No action

ADJOURNMENT: Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:31pm

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Fun Facts about some Gunter graduates!

The Grayson College Viking featured 2 of our students as writers this past week in their paper (John Earwood & Natalie Cochran).

Hayden Perry was named Texas A&M's Drum Major for this year.



GHS students who are members of NEHS traveled south to the elementary school to read to the students. We love to have our older students interact with the younger students at GISD!

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

~ Carol Dweck

Gunter Independent School District

November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends "Fall Back" 1 hour</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>7a Donuts for Dads 6p GMS Open House</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>6pm VB PLAYOFF GAME @ Gainesville HS</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:45a Grandparents Day at GES (A-L)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:45a Grandparents Day at GES (M-Z) 4:30pMS FB @ TB 7p JV FB @ TB</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:50a GHS Senior Pep Rally 5p Choir Chili Supper 7:30p FB @ Home Senior Night</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>TMEA Pre Area Choir 10a GBB Scr. @ Home</p>
GES Book Fair						
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>180 Degrees Presentation for 9th Grade Students</p>	<p>10</p> <p>GHS Picture Re-Takes 6p Community Veterans Program</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9a GMS/GHS Veterans Program</p>  <p>Veterans' Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:30p HS GBB @ Home</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>4:30p MS GBB @ Howe 6p School Bd. Mtg</p>	<p>17</p> <p>TMEA Pre Area Choir 5p HS GBB @ Home</p>	<p>18</p> <p>2p GMS Discovery Class HERO Reception</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1p Early Release</p> 	<p>21</p>
				HS GBB Tournament @ Ponder		
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1p HS GBB @ Paris N. Lamar</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>4:30p HS GBB @ Home</p>
		Staff Development			Thanksgiving Holiday	
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>4:30p HS GBB @ Pottsboro</p>  <p>GMS Drive begins today!</p>					