



# The Tiger Times

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Due to the perseverance and determination of the GISD administration, three and four year old children and their families have the opportunity to get a head start in the children's educational development.

matter a great deal to children's growth and development.

Superintendent Worthy and Gunter Elementary Principal Dara Arrington met with Region 10 on June 22 and soon began



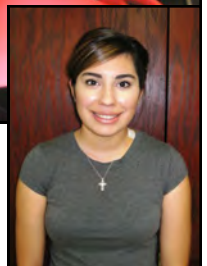
Mrs. Fielding shows her Head Start students around the school.

In June, Superintendent Worthy was notified by the Region 10 Education Service Center that funds were available for a Head Start program at Gunter Elementary, the first ever for the district.

Head Start provides federal grants to local public and private non-profit and for-profit agencies to provide comprehensive child development services to economically disadvantaged children and families.

Special focus is given to helping preschoolers develop the early reading and math skills they need to be successful in school. The Early Head Start program was established in 1995 in recognition of the mounting evidence that the earliest years

recruiting personnel. Diane Fielding was hired to teach the charter class with Joanna Ledezma as her instructional aide.



Joanna

In July, a parent meeting was held for the qualifying families. Seventeen children were admitted to the program and started school with the rest of the district on August 22.

Head Start is a comprehensive program that is designed to meet the needs of the whole child. Along with the preschool guidelines that every preschool program has, Head Start also adds specific services which address the health and nutrition needs of the child. Continued on page 2.

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The program provides services for the parent through parent programs and individual contact with the family service specialist. An emphasis on social and emotional development will be strong through a weekly planned mental health lesson.

Mrs. Fielding comes to Gunter having served as a consultant for Region 10 Preschool Education and several years as a preschool and resource teacher/director.

"I am quite excited about having the privilege of starting up the Head Start classroom here at Gunter Elementary," Fielding said.

"Having over 20 years of early childhood experience, I am totally convinced that the opportunity Gunter is providing these children will benefit them for years to come."

Gunter's Head Start will provide hands-on developmentally appropriate activities that many children would not be exposed to otherwise and Mrs. Fielding believes this will greatly benefit Spanish speaking children.

"They will have the opportunity to be in a rich print

environment with a great deal of vocabulary and exposure to the English language," she said.

"Since Head Start is a full day program, the children will have more time to hear and learn a second language."

Her instructional assistant, Joanna, has already proven invaluable in the communication between the teacher and the parents.

"They have been reassured that someone in the classroom will be able to understand their Spanish speaking children," Mrs. Fielding added.

A team of specialists from Region 10 will work with the teachers and families to provide the best possible preschool experience for the 17 children enrolled in the program at Gunter.

"The staff at Gunter Elementary has pitched in to help out greatly, especially on the first day with our little ones," Mrs. Fielding concluded.

"I look forward to working with both groups to make Head Start successful and enjoyable for all involved."

## GIFT celebrates 10 years

This school year, GIFT is celebrating 10 years of making a difference in the lives of Gunter students and teachers with the 10 Bucks Club.

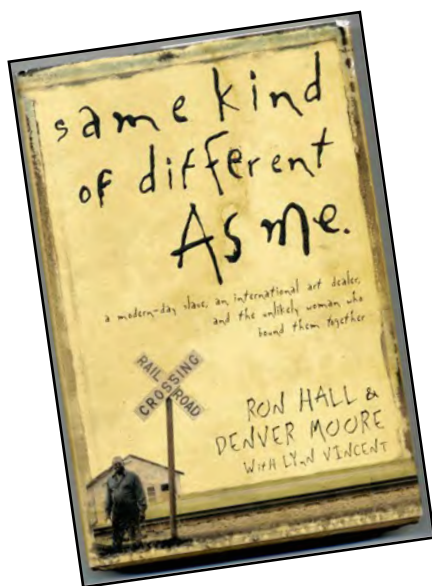
With membership into the club available only during this school year, the club will help raise money for continued scholarships and teacher grants.

Cost to join is — you guessed it! — \$10 and all members will receive an exclusive GT window decal and will be listed as members of the 10 Bucks Club on GIFT's Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/GIFTGunter>.

Membership forms for the 10 Bucks Club will be available soon. Also, look for events commemorating GIFT's 10-year anniversary this year.

For more information, visit [www.gunterisd.org/gift](http://www.gunterisd.org/gift) or phone Connie Williams at 903-433-4750.

Education  
is the GIFT  
of a  
lifetime.



## Book Club

All GISD faculty and staff along with GHS students are invited to participate in Book Club! This six weeks we're reading Same Kind of Different as Me, and will meet to discuss it from 6:45-7:45 pm on Tuesday, September 20, and also on Friday, September 23 from 4:30-5:30 pm. Both meetings will be held in Room 1 at the high school (on the far north end of the building).

Snacks and drinks will be provided at each meeting, so go pick up a book and start reading! You can come to whichever meeting works best for you; attendance at both is not necessary. Stay tuned to hear more!

*New Employees*

# Welcome to Gunter ISD!



### **Sonnie Beck** Kindergarten Teacher

Previous positions: Pre-K teacher, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, Special Ed teacher-Eagle Mountain/Saginaw ISD, an international school in Central Asia and a private school in Alabama.

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Elementary/Special Education-Stephen F. Austin University

Family: Kaleb-14, Josh-12, Mikal Ann-9, Ashlyn-7

Hobbies: cooking, traveling, family activities

Residence: Dorchester.

### **Diane Fielding** Head Start Teacher

Previous Positions: Region 10 ESC Preschool Education Consultant, Texoma Christian Preschool Director and teacher, Whitesboro Kindergarten teacher, Denison Resource teacher.

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Special Education/LD and Elementary Education from Oral Roberts University, Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education –TWU

Family: Married to Jim Fielding. Julie-23, Shannon-22, Lori-20

Hobbies: Reading scrapbooking, travel

Residence: Sherman



### **Carissa Gabbert** Geometry/GMS volleyball coach

Previous positions: Algebra I/Math Models–Celina High School, Algebra I/Math Models/coach-Whitesboro High School

Education: S&S High School, Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Family: Married to Brenton Gabbert. Isabel-4, Shayne-2

Residence: Whitesboro

### **Leslie Graziadei** Life Skills Teacher

Previous positions: Development Social Skills teacher for the McKinney ISD, Adaptive Behavior teacher for College Station ISD.

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Special Education-Texas A&M University.

Family: Married to Dean Graziadei

Hobbies: Watching college sports, dogs, golf, friends and family

Residence: Van Alstyne



# New Employees

## Kari Harris

### Elementary Life Skills

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies / Special Ed., Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

Hobbies: Reading, watching sports, running

Residence: Gunter



## Amy Porter

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English

Previous positions: Paradise ISD, Celina ISD, West Rusk ISD, Anna ISD, S&S CISD

Education: Gunter High School, Texas Christian University

Family: Married to Ashby Porter. Jolie-7, Knox-5

Hobbies: Reading, watching sports, running

Residence: Sherman

## Dana Racanelli

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies

Previous positions: Fifth Grade-Prosper ISD, DAEP-Frisco ISD, Sixth Grade-Legacy Christian Academy

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Business and Human Resources, Master's of Education from Texas Women's University.

Family: Married to Chris Racanelli. Colby-junior at Prosper High School, Will-6<sup>th</sup> grader at Celina ISD

Hobbies: Photography, surfing the internet, traveling.

Residence: Celina



## Charles Roten

### DAEP/ISS/Coach

Previous positions: Kerens ISD and Corsicana ISD

Education: Bachelor of Science - University of North Texas

Hobbies: Golf

Residence: Frisco

## Jeanne Thompson

### GHS Math

Previous positions: Secondary math at Union Grove, Longview, Big Sandy, Chireno, Ore City

Education: Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from University of Texas-Tyler

Family: Heather, Ian, Blyth

Hobbies: Gardening

Residence: McKinney



# *Public Education – Change, Change, Change*

By Superintendent Kevin Worthy



Mr. Worthy

Every two years, our Texas Legislators meet to develop new policies for public education. This year is no exception. Public education is full of change and GISD has been working hard to implement state mandated changes.

Two of the changes that will have the biggest impact on GISD are the **new state finance system** and the **new accountability system**.

Congress went into special session this summer and delayed public schools across the state in budget planning and revenue projections. Once the dust cleared and the session was over, Texas had a finance bill that cut all schools by a similar percentage in year one and in year two reduced all schools student target revenues. The overall reduction to public schools is estimated to be four billion dollars. What does this mean for GISD?

Gunter ISD will lose approximately \$400,000 dollars this year and additional amount to be determined next year. Our Board of Trustees and Administration have been working hard to develop a strategic plan that will cut spending over the next two years, while not preventing a negative impact on employees, students and programs. Our number one goal during the state revenue reduction was to save jobs and preserve the quality education that GISD provides. Our Board of Trustees did just that a couple of weeks ago, passing a balanced budget and preserving all employees' jobs.

One of the things that will help GISD during the change in finance system is the growth that the district has been experiencing over the past two years. We started the 2010-2011 school year with 791 students and ended the year with 807 students. For 2011-2012 we began the year at 832. That is an increase of 41 students from the start of last year. The student growth can help lessen the impact of the cuts in year 2 of the new finance system.

The second major change GISD faces is the new accountability system. STAAR will be the new student assessment that will roll out this year. STAAR takes the place of TAKS and both students and teachers will see two major changes. STAAR assessments will evaluate content and skills from objectives that will be at a greater depth and at a higher level of complexity. STAAR will also focus on readiness in terms of subsequent grades or courses and ultimately college and career readiness.

Also new for the High School will be the implementation of STAAR End of Course (EOC) exams. This year's ninth graders will be the first class to take EOC's and will graduate with a cumulative score on 12 exams. Each exam will be tested over the four cores; Math, Science, English Language Arts and Social Studies.

We are so excited about the start of a new year. We know change is difficult, but we also know that students are the number one priority and GISD will adapt to meet their needs. Creating a positive climate that supports student learning and promotes achievement will always be at the top of our priority list.

At Gunter ISD we want to make sure **ALL** students have the opportunity to be successful. Our number one goal is to provide opportunities for students that will ultimately produce productive citizens. Today's society is rapidly changing everyday and each day is different from yesterday. It's our job as educators to provide the tools that students will need to adapt to future challenges.

Thanks for all that you do as parents to support our school district, the success of Gunter ISD is a collaborative effort and we appreciate you sharing your kids with us.

# ***GISD School Board***

***August 1, 2011***

**6 pm: Special School Board Meeting**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Gail Utter from Wells Fargo Advisors presented information on the Kerfoot Trust Conflict of Interest Statement for School Board Trustees.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP:** Workshop was conducted providing a proposed budget for 2011-2012 school year. Revenue and expenditure comparisons were provided along with local certified property values. The Board was given updates on potential state revenue declines for the next 2 years. A lunchroom budget was presented. A copy of the proposed budget can be found on the Gunter ISD website at [www.gunterisd.org](http://www.gunterisd.org)

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Accountability Rating: District - Recognized, Elementary - Exemplary, Middle School - Recognized, High School - Recognized
- August 16, 2011
  - Budget and Tax Rate Public Hearing – 6:00pm
  - Regular Meeting – 6:30pm
  - Legislative Update opportunities: Board was given dates to attend mandatory legislative updates as presented by the legislative session
- GIFT Board Member Request: Rusty Arrington volunteered to serve on the GIFT Board
- GIFT Golf Tournament: Update on the August 8<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament to support the scholarship foundation
- Head Start Pre-K Program: Update was given on the start of the Pre-K Head Start program. This federal funded program will service 3 and 4 year olds that qualify.

**.REGULAR BUSINESS**

- The Board approved the proposed tax rate of \$1.58. Maintenance and Operation rate of \$1.17 and Interest and Sinking rate of \$0.41 which is the same rate as the 2010-2011 tax rate.
- The Board approved Tuesday, August 16, 2011 for the Budget and Tax rate Hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately: 7:30 pm

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***August 26, 2011***

**8:00am – Special School Board Meeting**

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Enrollment Update: Elementary 296, Middle School 243, High School 292 = 832
- Legislative Update Training: Thursday, September 1 at Whitewright

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

- The Board approved the Resolution for the Superintendent to execute the grant application for the Texas Cool Schools Grant.
- Renee Maples business manager presented the budget amendments for August 2011.

**FUTURE BUSINESS**

Regular Meeting: Monday, September 19, 2011, 6 pm

**ADJOURNMENT:** Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately: 8:35 pm



# GIFT golfers 'Swing for Education'

Fifty-five golfers braved early August heat to drive, pitch and putt for education during GIFT's "Swing for Education" Golf Tournament at The Bridges.

The tournament raised \$7,098 for GIFT, which gives scholarships to students and teachers and grants to Gunter schools. This spring, the non-profit organization awarded \$17,500 in scholarships and another \$9,738 in campus grants. GIFT also gives money annually to the Kerfoot Trust, which provides college scholarships to GISD graduates.

Really making an impression during the tournament was **Kevin Fairbrother**, who made a hole in one on Hole 15 to win Nike golf clubs. Fairbrother's great shot helped his team - Jim Bono, John Griffin and David Kemp - take first place in the tourney.

A very close second was Team Worthy, comprising GISD Superintendent Kevin Worthy, Bobby Worthy, Tommy Hunter and Troy Worthy.

Third place team was Corey Streetman, Justin Ferguson, Jake Metdker and Matt Johnson.

Troy Worthy also won the Closest to the Pin contest and Jeff Mitchell won Closest to the Line. Brooks Kelly had the longest drive and Billie Kendrick won the putting contest.



Other **golfers** during the event were: Brian Bell, Rick Cohagan, Trey Robertson, Roger Bell, Steve Meier, Kevin Weible, Scott Daum, Mike Gibson, Kelly Teems, J.J. Matzke, Louis Ferguson, Gregg Rogers, Josh Lowe, Aaron Gray, Greg Whittaker, Gavin Rogers, Risa Tyo.



Carolyn Beall, Susie Emory, Jerry Seay, Paul Dillard, William Dillard, Charles Stafford, Jim Vineyard, Ryan Adams, Jason Afkhami,

Tony Ramsey, Brian McCary, Eric Gonzales, Adam



Donahue, Richard Sciple, Gregg Manning, Charles Bradle, Ricky Watkins, Gary Spross, Steven Spross, Chris O'Neal, Martin Bruno, Bryan Phillips and Matt Brothers.

### A BIG thank you goes out to tournament sponsors:

First Financial Group of America, Bell Financial, Gary Z. Harris, DDS, Texas Star Bank, Daniel Ranch, Interline Mortgage, Christy G's Salon & Spa and Shari Meyerdirk, Ace High Ink Screen Printing, Charles Skeen, McDaniel Heating and Air Conditioning, Teresa Streetman and Tyo Cattle.

Also thanks to the many supporters who donated raffle and goodie bag items.



Putting in many long hours to organize the tournament was Event Chair Shari Meyerdirk. Other volunteers included Kari Bailey, Stacey Bower, Cynthia Bruner, Leigh Clopton, Lee Franze, Denise Ludlow, Becky Watson, Haunani Shipper, Kevin Worthy and Connie Williams.

For more information on GIFT, please visit [www.gunterisd.org/gift](http://www.gunterisd.org/gift) or phone Connie Williams at 903-433-7450. Individual donations are always welcome.



## We've Gone Wireless

In keeping up with technology trends, Gunter ISD is making the move to wireless internet capabilities.

As part of our commitment, we will allow the following individuals access to the wireless network: faculty, staff, middle school, and high school students. These individuals may access the wireless network using a laptop, smart phone, i-Pad, i-Touch, or similar devices.



With classroom teacher approval, students may use their own devices in the classroom to access the internet for learning purposes.

Students **must agree to sign into the wireless network with their assigned network log-in.** They are not allowed to connect to the internet using their service provider's connection.

CIPA laws require school districts to filter internet access to students and block inappropriate content from being accessed by students. The only way GISD can filter internet usage is through our content filter. The only way we can filter is if they log into the wireless, we cannot filter 3G/4G connectivity.

**If a student is caught using their device's wireless capability instead of logging into the school's wireless during school hours, their privilege of using their own device will be revoked.**

To view the Acceptable Use Policy that every child must sign in order to access our network, please visit <http://www.gunterisd.org/Student-Parent/handbooks/11-12handbooks/11-12AUP.pdf>.

In the BYOT Addendum, you will find a FAQ section that will probably answer any questions you may have regarding our policies.



### Parent Portal

The Parent Portal, where parents are given access to their child's attendance and grades, has re-opened. All accounts from last year should still be active. If you have forgotten your password to get into your child's account, please contact the PEIMS office at the school your child attends. They will be able to help you obtain access. If you have not ever signed up for the parent portal, you must visit the campus in person to sign a release for to obtain your username and password.



### Nutrikids Online Payments

The Nutrikids Online Payment option is available from our home page of the GISD website. If you choose to post payments into your child's cafeteria account, you will need to set up an account from there. You will need to know their student ID number which can be found on their report card or schedule. It is the number that they use when they go through the lines in the cafeteria. Your child probably knows his/her number. It is a very convenient way to make sure their account does not become overdrawn.

### Email

For the convenience of the student organizations and teachers at the middle school and high school, we like to keep a database of emails so the teachers and sponsors can better inform the parents of information that pertains to their child. We have several emails from parents of 5 – 12 graders already. Watch for an email stating you are in a specified group. When you receive the email, if you choose to remain in that email group, do nothing.

If you want to be removed from that group, simply reply to that email that you no longer wish to be a part of that email group. You might receive a couple of different emails; especially if you have more than one child and/or your child is in an organization that keeps a database. Please be patient while we gather the correct emails for our groups.



### Hindman honored

Leslie Hindman, GHS Math teacher recently participated in the Region 10 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Hindman teaches Algebra II, Pre Calculus, Calculus and Math Models.

Congratulations!

## Tiger Band says thanks

The Gunter Tiger Band would like to thank all of those who donated to the "Sponsor a Song" program last year. We raised almost \$1,000 between middle school and high school. A parent even gave the band a big blessing in the form of a \$1000 donation! This brought our "Sponsor a Song" total to almost \$2000! We are so thankful to each and every donor and the efforts they have taken in helping build this band program despite these tough economic times.

With such generous donations, we were able to purchase over 30 new pieces of band music through "Sponsor a Song." Much of the music that was purchased was for our annual UIL Concert and Sight Reading contest. This contest has a list of music that you must play from called the "Prescribed Music List" or PML.

Our band has been severely lacking in pieces on this list, making it very difficult to choose pieces that fit our band's strengths. We have nearly doubled the music that we have to choose from for this contest which will make band more enjoyable in the spring concert season.

Here are a few names of pieces that we have purchased:

*Doolittle's Raiders - Gallant Marines - Circus Days - As Summer Was Just Beginning (Song for James Dean) - A Longford Legend - Joy - March of the Belgian Paratroopers - Von Grrrhart's 613th Regimental March (yes, it's spelled correctly!) - Quintology - Kenya Contrasts*

The band was able to purchase one piece that everybody knows: the *Theme from Hawaii Five-0!*

A special shout out goes to Andrea Allen not only for her donation, but for her fantastic fundraiser idea. Thanks Andrea!



Percussionist Briscoe Fletcher and the Tiger Band perform at halftime of the Tigers vs. Valley View home game last Friday.

**GHS CROSS COUNTRY**

**Frisco Invitational**

Girls Division:  
Team - 5th place  
Medalists: Payton Baker - 2nd  
Ceallaigh Montgomery - 20th

Boys Division  
Team - 18th place  
Medalist- Cody Campbell - 4th place tie  
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Other participants included Matthew McMullan, Jesus Morales, Anthony Vulpitta, Jose Betancourt, Chase Mikulastik, Danny Hernandez, Jared Prock, Tyson Scott.

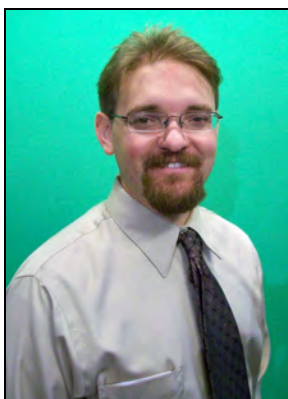
**GUNTER HIGH SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE**

**Monday, September 12 - 6:00 pm**

Parents will pick up their student's schedule and follow it while teachers give a short presentation on class rules, procedures and expectations.

# Resources for life after high school

By GHS Counselor Jacob Waggoner



Welcome Back!! Happy 2011-2012 school year! As this year gets started, I would like to make sure that all of our high school students have what they need to have a successful school year and a smooth transition to the world of careers and higher education.

Below you will find a list of resources that may be useful to students that are in the process of planning for post high school life. I will also be hosting several parent meetings to discuss college and career topics throughout the school year.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

[jwaggoner@gunterisd.org](mailto:jwaggoner@gunterisd.org) / 903-433-1542

### SAT Test Dates – [www.sat.collegeboard.org](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org) (866)-756-7346

<b>Test Dates</b>	<b>Oct. 1</b>	<b>Nov. 5</b>	<b>Dec. 3</b>	<b>Jan. 28</b>	<b>Mar. 10</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>Jun. 2</b>
Early Reg.	<i>Aug. 23</i>	<i>Sep. 27</i>	<i>Oct. 25</i>	<i>Dec. 20</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Mar. 27</i>	<i>Apr. 24</i>
Regular Reg.	<i>Sep. 9</i>	<i>Oct. 7</i>	<i>Nov. 8</i>	<i>Dec. 30</i>	<i>Feb. 10</i>	<i>Apr. 6</i>	<i>May. 8</i>
Late (+fee)	<i>Sep. 21</i>	<i>Oct. 21</i>	<i>Nov. 20</i>	<i>Jan. 13</i>	<i>Feb. 24</i>	<i>Apr. 20</i>	<i>May 22</i>

### ACT Test Dates – [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

<b>Test Dates</b>	<b>Sep. 10</b>	<b>Oct. 22</b>	<b>Dec. 10</b>	<b>Feb. 11</b>	<b>Apr. 14</b>	<b>Jun. 9</b>
Regular Reg.	<i>Aug. 12</i>	<i>Sep. 16</i>	<i>Nov. 4</i>	<i>Jan. 13</i>	<i>Mar. 9</i>	<i>May 4</i>
Late	<i>Aug. 26</i>	<i>Sep. 30</i>	<i>Nov. 5</i>	<i>Jan. 20</i>	<i>Mar. 23</i>	<i>May 18</i>

PLAN and PSAT testing will be offered at GHS during the school year. See Mr. Waggoner for questions.

### Why go to college?

<http://advocacy.collegeboard.org/fivewaysedpays>

### Research Colleges and Universities

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

[www.collegeportraits.org](http://www.collegeportraits.org) [www.collegeconfidential.com](http://www.collegeconfidential.com)

[www.collegefortexans.com](http://www.collegefortexans.com)

[www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)

[www.ctcl.org](http://www.ctcl.org)

### College Applications

Private Colleges & Universities - [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

Public Texas Colleges (inc. Junior) & Universities – [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)

### Paying for College

Federal assistance (Grants and Loans) - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) National Scholarships - [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

National Scholarships – [www.aie.org](http://www.aie.org)

Hispanic Resources – [www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org)

Ineligible for FAFSA but reside in Texas- <http://financialaid.unt.edu/sites/default/files/11-12%20TASFA.pdf>

### World of Work Exploration

Career Exploration – [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

Bureau of Labor Statistics- <http://stats.bls.gov/home.htm>

Occupational Outlook Handbook- <http://www.stats.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>

Career One Stop - <http://www.acinet.org/acinet/default.asp>

Career Currents- <http://careercurrents.com/DisplayStaticPage.do?url=/home/index.htm>

A Day in the Life of... - <http://www.vault.com/wps/portal/usa>

Are you ready for the Real World Test? - <http://www.jumpstart.org/reality-check.html>

Career Development Resources - <http://www.cdr.state.tx.us/>

## From Mr. Waggoner

### The College Search

www.collegeboard.com

#### Things you need to think about!

##### Step 1: Duration

2 year  
4 year  
2 transfer to 4 year

##### Step 2: Type

Public  
Private (Church affiliated or not)

##### Step 3: Size

Small (fewer than 2000)  
Medium (2000 – 15000)  
Large (more than 15000)

##### Step 4: Setting

Urban  
Suburban  
Rural

##### Step 5: Distance from Home

Regional  
In State  
Near out of state (NM, OK, LA, AR)  
Out of State

##### Step 6: Course of Study

Major  
Special Programs (ROTC, Study abroad, Double Major, etc...)

##### Step 7: Cost

Financial Aid  
Scholarships  
Out of pocket

##### Step 8: Exclusivity

High Acceptance Rate  
Medium Acceptance Rate  
Low Acceptance Rate  
Do they accept transfer credits?

##### Step 9: Extracurricular

Sports  
Activities/Clubs  
Fraternities/Sororities

##### Step 10: Housing Options

On campus only  
On campus with option to live off campus  
Off Campus only

##### Step 11: Student Population

Single-Sex  
Co-Ed

##### World of Work Exploration

www.careeronestop.org  
http://online.onetcenter.org/  
www.nycareerzone.org



### College and Career Timeline

#### Freshman Year:

Realize that your grades begin counting towards your overall high school GPA and class rank.  
Discuss with your parents and teachers the option of enrolling in advanced level classes. Are they right for you?  
Have conversations with the adults in your life about their college and career experiences.  
Explore and research the various types of jobs/careers that will be available to you.  
Explore and research the more than 4500 colleges and universities that are in the US.  
Volunteer when you can and keep a record of all your awards, accomplishments, and achievements.

#### Sophomore Year:

Take both the PSAT and PLAN. GHS may pay for you to take these tests. Listen for information concerning dates.  
Take some form of aptitude test to discover your natural aptitudes that may help you gain success in certain career fields. (Johnson O'Connor Institute of Fort Worth)  
Continue researching jobs.  
Try to narrow the field of colleges and universities down to 7-10 that you would like to attend.  
Contact them, get on their mailing lists and identify your regional admission counselor. Visit the colleges if you can. If you get the chance.  
Keep your grades where they need to be.

#### Junior Year

Retake the PSAT to enter yourself in the National Merit Scholarship competition.  
Consider enrolling in AP classes if you think they will work for you.  
Look up dates and locations to take both the SAT and the ACT. Take both tests.  
Narrow your selection of colleges to 5 and try to visit each of these before the end of the year.  
Parents- Make a "Brag Sheet" about all of the things that your student has done to give to the counselor at the beginning of your student's senior year.

#### Senior Year

Register to retake the SAT & ACT for a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> time.  
In August, narrow your college selections to your 3 favorites and 1 back-up. Research the application process and any institutional scholarships your schools may offer. **Pay attention to due dates and deadlines.**  
Approach 2 teachers and request letters of recommendation at the beginning of the school year.  
Begin your applications for admission and school specific scholarships **in September.**  
Fill out and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid at the start of the new year (January).  
Visit your top schools one more time to help make your final decision once accepted.



## **2011 Fall College Fairs**

**Wednesday 9/14/11 @ Frisco Centennial High School 6:00-8:00pm**

**Wednesday 9/21/11 @ McKinney Boyd High School 6:00-8:00pm**

**Board the bus in front of Gunter High School at 4:45pm on either or both of the dates above. This will be a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to interact with reps from 100's of colleges around the country. Please plan on joining us!! We will also be needing parent chaperones.**

**You may email Mr. Waggoner at [jwaggoner@gunterisd.org](mailto:jwaggoner@gunterisd.org) with any questions.**

**Pre-Register for the fairs at:  
<http://www.texascollegefairs.org>**

# Staying Connected

The GMS Summer Reading Program, Staying Connected, was a success!

49 Participants

21 read 8 books in 8 weeks

276 total books read during the summer

The 21 students who completed the requirement of reading 8 books were awarded prize packs and were eligible for the grand prize drawings of a Nook e-reader and an iPod Nano.



The following students read at least 8 books this summer to complete the summer reading program. SEATED: Abby Gilbreath, Brian Avendano, Karen Mauldin, Braiden Clopton, Chris Caperton, Marcus Vulpitta. MIDDLE ROW: Alex Covington, Elizabeth Schroeter, Mariah Hall, Karissa Pelfrey, Matthew Hunter, Zach Lowe, Remi Morris-Jackson, Hannah Kelly, Ana Mercado. BACK ROW: Rylie Hestand, Jonathan Avendano, Justin Mauldin, Nathaniel Michaels, Alec Whitemyer, Hannah Eldredge.



## Grand Prize Winners

ABOVE: Nathaniel Michaels won the iPod Nano.

RIGHT: Matthew Hunter won the Nook.



Seventh graders receive instruction from Technology Director Marilyn Davis on how to use the new COWS (computers on wheels) at GMS.

Gunter Middle School will host its annual **Open House** on September 6 from 6 - 7 p.m.

Parents of 7th and 8th graders should come at 6:00 so they can visit each of their student's classes. You will find it helpful to bring your 7th or 8th grader to show you around!

The 5th and 6th grade portion is a **Come & Go** to visit with each of the teachers.

Mr. Autry, Mrs. Hogan, the coaches and music directors will be in the cafeteria to visit with parents of middle school students.

Punch and cookies will be served.

We hope you'll join us!

## Meet Mrs. Arrington

### Elementary Principal

The new principal at Gunter Elementary is certainly not new to Gunter or the field of education. Dara Arrington brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to fill the position left vacant by the retirement of long-time principal Cheryl Cohagan.

Dara and her husband, Dean, are products of the Gunter school system, not only by graduating from Gunter High School, but also as children of Gunter ISD attendees. They have two sons, Josh and Jake, who graduated in 2006 and 2008 respectively, and daughter Jordan is a senior this year.

Dara attended Grayson County Jr. College and received a Bachelor's degree in Education from Howard Payne University. She earned a Masters of Administration from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Her career started in 1986 and she has taught all grade levels and subjects, including 3 and 4 year olds at Wheeler Air Force Base in Oahu, Hawaii from 1988-1990. She began teaching at Gunter Elementary in 1990, and then in 2005, she was named Curriculum Coordinator for the district until selected as the new elementary principal last spring.

"Being back at Gunter Elementary is like 'coming home'," Mrs. Arrington said. "This is where I started 21 years ago. I feel like I am the most blessed of people. I am working with an amazing staff, wonderful parents, and awesome students."

"What a wonderful adventure to be a part of at this stage in my life. I appreciate so very much being given this opportunity to serve GISD."



Mrs. Arrington

## September Core Essential

*By Counselor Tara Rice*

It's the time of year for new backpacks, sharpened pencils, colorful folders, and Kleenex boxes! We can't wait to discover all kinds of new things this year so we are starting the year off talking about the virtue of **Knowledge – discovering something new so you can be better at what you do.**

Did you know that we are ALL learners? Students, teachers, cafeteria workers..... grown-ups and kids alike....we all learn all the time. Every decision we make is part of a learning process. New things you learn today connect with what you already know to help you make decisions or improve your abilities.

Our value for September is **Knowledge**. Share with a friend what new thing you learned at the end of today!



## FIRST DAY for FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Mahana and her class of first graders are ready to start the new year as they arrive on the first day of school.

# Lady Tigers Volleyball

<b>Gunter</b>	25	20	25	25
Savoy	12	25	22	17

Morgan Watson - 33 assists. Harlee Johnson - 23 kills, 4 aces. Megan Lee - 4 kills, 6 aces. Casey Hicks - 4 kills, 1 block. Bethany Rodarmer - 2 blocks.

## CELINA TOURNAMENT 4<sup>th</sup> Place

<b>Gunter</b>	25	26	25
Van Alstyne	16	24	12
Gunter	24	25	15
<b>Aubrey</b>	26	17	25
<b>Gunter</b>	25	25	
Pottsboro	14	14	
Gunter	18	10	
<b>Prosper</b>	25	25	
Gunter	25	19	26
<b>Celina</b>	22	25	28

## PROSPER TOURNAMENT Silver Bracket 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

<b>Gunter</b>	25	25
Paris	21	17

Gunter	16	27	20
<b>Celina</b>	25	25	25

Gunter	25	22	18
<b>Sanger</b>	14	25	25

<b>Gunter</b>	25	25
NH Prep	23	21

<b>Gunter</b>	25	25
Aubrey	21	20

Gunter	25	21	22
<b>Kennedale</b>	20	25	25 (Second Place)

<b>Gunter</b>	25	23	25	25
Denison	16	25	14	16

Morgan Watson - 27 assists. Harlee Johnson - 21 kills, 3 aces. Lana Green - 10 digs. Morgan Harrison - 2 aces.

Gunter	22	25	22	10
<b>Celina</b>	25	17	25	25

<b>Gunter</b>	25	25	25
Lindsay	15	15	19

Harlee Johnson - 13 kills, 8 aces. Morgan Watson - 5 kills, 23 assists, one block. Bethany Rodarmer - 3 blocks. Casey Hicks - 10 kills, 2 blocks. Chelsie Reed - 1 ace.

**\*Bold denotes winner**

JV BLUE LADY TIGERS				JV WHITE LADY TIGERS			
Howe Tournament				Howe Tournament			
Gunter	14	6		Gunter	16	30	15
<b>Prosper</b>	25	25		<b>Trenton</b>	25	28	12
<b>Gunter</b>	25	25		Gunter	14	23	
Trenton	5	5		<b>Prosper</b>	25	25	
<b>Gunter</b>	18	25	15	Gunter	25	11	14
Howe	25	15	7	<b>Aubrey</b>	17	25	15
<i>Consolation</i>				Gunter	19	29	14
Gunter	25	22	17	<b>Denison</b>	25	27	25
<b>Lindsay</b>	12	25	25				
<b>Gunter</b>	25	25					
Savoy	8	9					
Gunter	23	24					
<b>Denison</b>	25	26					

LADY TIGERS CROSS COUNTRY	
Sept. 3	Plano Invitational
Sept. 10	Vandergriff Park @ Arlington
Sept. 17	UNT Golf Course
Sept. 24	Pottsboro Invitational
Oct. 1	Round Rock
Oct. 8	Open
Oct. 15	Lake Lewisville
Oct. 24	District @ Pottsboro
Oct. 29	Gary Burns 5K Run @ Frisco

# Friday Nights with Coach Fieszel

The Tigers enjoyed a great win this past Friday night for our home opener vs. Valley View. Valley View deserves a lot of credit for playing a tough, physical football game. I am proud of our boys for competing for four quarters and making big plays at the right time. We are going to need to improve this week in practice as we travel to Boyd to play Coach Cartwright's Yellow Jackets.

The Yellow Jackets return QB Jared Cate who threw for 2,000 yards last year as a junior. We are going to need a great week of preparation and focus to compete at a high level this Friday night. We are excited about the opportunity to travel to Boyd and play at their new facility. We hope all of you can make the trip and support your Tigers.

Come Early, Be Loud, and Wear Blue!



Coach Fieszel

**TIGERS vs. BOYD**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**  
**BOYD STADIUM**  
**7:30 PM**

## Gunter (2A 2 - District 5) vs. Valley View (1A 1 - District 5)

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
<b>Gunter</b>	0	21	14	0	35
<b>Valley View</b>	0	0	0	6	6

### Offense

#### Passing

R. Young 6-9, 96 yds, 2 TDs

#### Rushing

F. Montes 18-107 yds, 1 TD

R. Robledo 8-46 yds

D. Hunter 7-37 yds

R. Young 8-8 yds, 2 TDs

#### Receiving

C. Green 3-81 yds 1 TD

J. Meier 1-8 yds 1 TD

P. McConnell 1-7 yds

### Defense

#### Total Tackles

C. Cruce 14

R. Gibson 14

D. Hernandez 8

J. Lara 8

A. Martinez 8

#### Interceptions

C. Green 1

#### Sacks

R. Gibson 2

#### Fumble Recoveries

F. Montes 2



ABOVE: Senior Favian Montes avoids a tackle in the Tigers' home opener against Valley View.

RIGHT: Senior Chance Green prepares to catch a pass from Senior Quarterback Richard Young for another Tiger touchdown last Friday.



**TIGERS**

# Gunter Moms' "Bling" With Support!!

## Step 1: Choose Your Shirt



**Tee Shirt**

Adult Sizes

- \_\_\_\_\_ Small
- \_\_\_\_\_ Medium
- \_\_\_\_\_ Large
- \_\_\_\_\_ XL
- \_\_\_\_\_ XXL add \$2.00



**Football Jersey**

Adult Sizes

- \_\_\_\_\_ Small
- \_\_\_\_\_ Medium
- \_\_\_\_\_ Large
- \_\_\_\_\_ XL
- \_\_\_\_\_ XXL add \$2.00



**Dry Fit**

Adult Sizes

- \_\_\_\_\_ Small
- \_\_\_\_\_ Medium
- \_\_\_\_\_ Large
- \_\_\_\_\_ XL
- \_\_\_\_\_ XXL add \$2.00

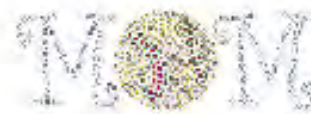


**Baseball**

Adult Sizes

- \_\_\_\_\_ Small
- \_\_\_\_\_ Medium
- \_\_\_\_\_ Large
- \_\_\_\_\_ XL
- \_\_\_\_\_ XXL add \$2.00

## Step 2: Choose Your Bling



Child Number on Back of Shirt add \$5.00: \_\_\_\_\_

## Step 3:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary \_\_\_\_\_

Middle School \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Order Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + \$5.00 Number on Back = Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Gunter High School

**Orders are due Friday, September 2nd**

# Homecoming Mini Cheer Camp

Sponsored by the Gunter  
High School Cheerleaders

Date: Saturday, October 1

Time: 6:00-8:00

Place: GHS Event Center

Cost: \$25

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To register please fill out, tear off and turn in to  
the School office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Age \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

# 4th Grade Fund Raiser

**\$22.00 each**



Short Sleeve round neck  
Fitted Women's Cotton/Lycra  
blend T shirt  
95% Cotton, 5% Spandex  
Paw design on front & back  
with rhinestones  
MADE IN THE USA



**black**

**S M L XL XXL XXXL**

**black**  
**royal blue**


**Total**

**\$**

Shirts can be viewed in color at [www.katydidcollection.com](http://www.katydidcollection.com)  
under Specialty Tees.



These shirts are dress code approved for all 3 campuses.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

Orders are due September 30th.

Please make checks payable to GES 4th grade.

If you have any questions about ordering other specialty t-shirts seen on the katydid website, please contact Debbie Locke at [dlocke@gunterisd.org](mailto:dlocke@gunterisd.org).



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# World Series Champions

Congratulations to the members and coaches who won the USSA 14U AA 2011 World Series this summer.

**BACK ROW (Left to Right):** Coach Joe Vulpitta, Josh Loper, Ross O'Hanlon, Garrett Hunter, Reagan MacDonald, Roman Arnold, Anthony Knight, Asst. Coach Rodney Bolin, Asst. Coach Morgan Arnold.

**FRONT ROW:** Troy Carrigan, Luke Osburn, Riley Bolin, Anthony Vulpitta, Reid Bolin, Zach Rolison.

## Summertime Hoops



GMS Fifth Grader Tori Gittens competed in the AAU National Basketball Tournament in Orlando, Florida this summer.

Her team, the United Ballers, was ranked #1 in the nation for 10 and under girls AAU Division I. They were the Southwest Region Champions and won third place out of 26 teams at the national tournament.

In the bronze medal game against the Lady Stars from Indiana, Tori had three blocked shots, five steals, 10 rebounds, and was 6 of 7 on free throws.

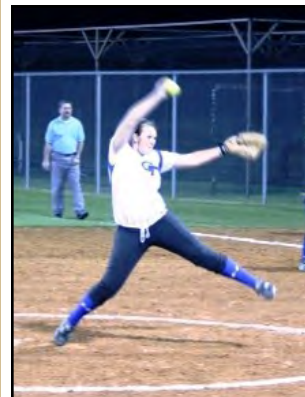
Way to go, Tori!

**CONGRATS!**

Morgan Harrison

and

Katlyn Holmes



# SEPTEMBER 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> MS VB @ Callisburg, 5 pm JV FB vs. Boyd, 6:30 pm VB @ Whitesboro Varsity Tournament School Board Training @ Whitewright, 6 pm	<b>2</b> V FB @ Boyd, 7:30 pm	<b>3</b> VB @ Whitesboro Varsity Tournament VB @ Aubrey JV Tournament Cross Country @ Plano, 8 am
<b>5</b> Labor Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>6</b> District FFA Meeting @ S&S, 3 pm JWV, JVB, V VB vs. Aubrey, 5 pm GMS Open House, 6 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> JV FB vs. Godley, 6:30 pm FFA Greenhand Camp forms due	<b>9</b> V FB @ Godley, 7:30 pm	<b>10</b> JWV, JVB, V VB @ Howe, 2 pm CC @ Arlington, 8 am
<b>12</b> GHS Open House, 6 pm MS VB @ S&S, 5 pm	<b>13</b> GHS Yearbook Pictures JWV, JVB, V VB @ Tom Bean, 5 pm	<b>14</b> Junior FFA Deadline FFA Alumni Mtg. 7 pm College Fair @ Frisco Centennial 6-8 pm	<b>15</b> MS/JV FB @ Callisburg 4:30 / 7:00 pm	<b>16</b> Pep Rally V FB vs. Callisburg, 7:30 pm V, JVB, JWV VB vs. Callisburg, 4:30 pm	<b>17</b> CC @ UNT- Denton, 8 am FFA Greenhand Camp @ Krum Robotics Kick-off, 9 am
<b>19</b> GISD School Board Meeting, 6 pm MS VB vs. Pottsboro 5 pm	<b>20</b> JWV, JVB, V VB vs. S&S, 5 pm	<b>21</b> College Fair @ McKinney Boyd HS 6-8 pm	<b>22</b> MS/JV FB @ Melissa 4:30 / 7:00 pm	<b>23</b> Pep Rally V FB vs. Melissa, 7:30 pm	<b>24</b> CC @ Pottsboro, 8 am JWV, JVB, V VB vs. Whitewright 2 pm
<b>26</b> MS VB vs. Bells 5 pm	<b>27</b> JWV, JVB, V VB @ Bells, 5 pm	<b>28</b> FFA Major Show Barrow Tags due	<b>29</b> MS FB @ Aubrey, 4:30 pm	<b>30</b> JWV, JVB, V VB vs. Pottsboro, 4:30 pm	<b>1</b> CC @ Round Rock, 8:30 am MS VB Gunter Tournament, TBD Mini Cheer Camp Band Marching Contest