Homecoming 2016 has come and gone, and we truly had a “Party in the USA”. With so many challenges facing our nation, it’s good to know that we have such a strong spirit for the USA here in Gunter, Texas. All three campuses dressed in costumes to represent well known areas of the United States. The tailgate party on Wednesday night brought a huge crowd to Tiger Field. Organizations from our community served some great food and handed out sodas and water for free. The battle of the classes was brought back to life in a friendly game of tug-o-war. The sophomore and senior classes battled for bragging rights in the final round, with the younger team embracing the win! Davis Miller Fireworks provided a fantastic firework show to bring the party to an end.

Friday morning students, alumni, staff and parents filled the stands with American “RED, WHITE, AND BLUE” pride for the annual Homecoming pep rally. The flyover after the National Anthem was awesome! The Gunter Homecoming Pep Rally is not a normal pep rally. If you didn’t come, you definitely missed a fantastic show.

The Homecoming Parade did not disappoint! The floats and cars were decorated, the GHS Band rocked the street as they marched, the community lined Hwy 289 and lots of candy was collected by the children (and adults) watching the parade. The festivities continued with the volleyball team defeating Pottsboro, the BBQ Supper, the coronation, and the Tigers defeating S&S 37-6. An event this large requires several people working together. Thank you to everyone who had a part in making this Homecoming remarkable!

Pictured above: Returning home, the 2015 King and Queen, Cade Ferrell and Kelsey Nelson, crowned the 2016 Homecoming King and Queen, Tyler Buysse and Avery Reed. Congratulations!

2016 Homecoming Court
(L-R) Quinten Layman, Alex Robinson, Jonathan Avendano, Baylee McEwen, Tyler Buysse, Avery Reed, Zach Magers, Lauren Baird, Trey Carr, Chaney Elvington

Special thanks to Marion Cole for his awesome photography!
HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES

GTFC tailgate party was enjoyed by all!
Annual Community Pep Rally at Tiger Field and the outstanding Homecoming Parade! We do Homecoming RIGHT!
Thanks to everyone who participated in the GIFT Ice Cream Challenge. Over $1,100 was earned and the ice cream was AMAZING!

In addition to the cash prizes and gift cards that top teams won, we also have 2 extra-special GISD prizes.

- Dr. Siler will be taking the reigning champs – KINDERGARTEN – to lunch one day next week.

- The campus with the highest percentage of participants was... GUNTER MIDDLE SCHOOL! (Kari Bailey, Norma Clement, Mark Pelzel, Jacqueline Miller, Tom Bremer, Amanda Grubb & Heather Hale) They will be treated to lunch as well!

“Tackling” Germs!

Gunter ISD has taken the initiative to “tackle” infectious germs in all of our athletic facilities. We contracted with GERMBLAST to treat all of our locker rooms and sports equipment district-wide with their research-based and proven germ-killing technology. GERMBLAST’s on-site disinfection process has a remarkable kill rate of up to 99.9% of bacteria, viruses, fungi and mold, including Staph and MRSA, Strep A and H1N1. The active agents work fast and go far beyond conventional cleaning methods and store-bought disinfecting products by penetrating the biofilm (a film that typically protects bacteria) on every surface, including the difficult to reach areas. They have treated all of our fieldhouse facilities including the football, softball and baseball facilities (locker rooms, coaches’ offices, restrooms and showers). They also treated the weight room and gym locker rooms for both gyms at the high school. Weight equipment/benches and all sports equipment has been treated as well. The contract calls for GERMBLAST to repeat their application two additional times this year at 90-day intervals. Our goal is to protect our students from these harmful germs and bacteria that can lead to serious illness.
Dallas Cowboy Mascot, Rowdy, came to our GES campus to talk to our students about the importance of reading.

He challenged our students to read 15 minutes per day (or be read to if they don’t know how to read yet).

Thank you, Rowdy, for reminding our little tigers that “Reading definitely makes you SMARTER!”

GES Tigers - Are you remembering to read 15 minutes each day and marking it on your log? Rowdy wants to remind you that reading exercises your brain! Remember: the magic number is 675 minutes per 9 week grading period.

When you see a hot air balloon in the sky, what do you see? A scientist might see the concept of hot air being less dense than cold air, an artist might see the beauty in the balloon’s colors and design, or an engineer might think about the mechanics of operating the balloon. How ever you see it, when you look past the actual balloon, and watch the joy it brings to others, you know you’ve seen something special! The Remax Hot Air Balloon visited Gunter Elementary, and judging by the smiles and cheers, it was a “huge” hit! Thanks so much to the Remax Balloon Team for your awesome presentation!
GES 3rd graders learned about our solar system. At the completion of the unit, each student created a project putting the planets in the correct order from the sun. Each project was unique and they did a fabulous job!

The kindergartners have been very busy and active the first month of school. They celebrated Letter Oo with eating Octopus on seaweed. They dressed up for the colors of the week and mixed colors with shaving cream. After learning about Community Helpers, Nurse Casey came to talk about what a nurse does, and what her favorite thing is about being a nurse. We might just have some future nurses in this bunch!
Birthday Book Club
Celebrating an August birthday with a book from the Birthday Book Club are:
Colt Nelson, Nathan Merrill, Paxtyn Graves and Callie Maxey

GUNTER ELEMENTARY HAS HEART! Gunter participated in Jump Rope For Heart last spring. Shout out to Dara Arrington, Tonya Watson and Stacia Graves for making this event a great success... raising over $1900 in the fight against heart disease! They also earned $100 in gift certificates for new PE equipment. I am so proud that we are a healthy and service-minded community!

Are You 63 or Older?
Gunter Tiger Senior Sports Passes are available. Contact Stacy Watson at the Administration building to get your pass today. Even if you have one already, contact her to get the new pass for this year.
Phone: (903) 433-4750
Email: swatson@gunterisd.org

Gunter Elementary Fall Festival
October 28th
6:00 - 8:00 PM
located at the GHS Campus
GAMES * FOOD * FUN * PRIZES

Things That Go!!!
Join us at the Library for exciting explorations of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, plus Art!

October 11: Make a Light Up Roto-Copter
October 25: Make Glowing Jack-o-Lanterns & Whirli-gigs
November 8: Make a Glow Boat
November 22: Make a Light Up Ramp & Roll
December 13: Build a Glowing Christmas Lego Town

STEM
Science-Technology-Engineering-Math

Calling All 3rd & 5th Graders
EXPLORE STEM

2ND & 4TH Tuesdays 3:45 p.m.
Gunter Library
110 S. Highway 289, Suite 4
**Kindergartners**

**Meet Chief Curtis**

Chief Curtis from Gunter police department came to talk about his job as a police officer. He talked about his tools and responsibilities. The students were able to see the police car and received cool footballs from him. This is part of the Kindergarteners study of community helpers.

The 4th Grade has begun a t-shirt sale to help raise money for our Gunter Police Department. All money raised will be donated to help them acquire a K-9 unit for our city.

“We have sold 170 shirts so far,” said Mrs. Locke, “and we are hoping to raise $3000.”

Shirts can still be purchased if you’re interested. Order forms will be available during the National Night Out and during the Fall Carnival on the 28th. An order form is also available at the end of this newsletter.

**“Paris Participates”**

Paris is a star at GMS! She has participated in the pep rally dress up days and the homecoming dress up days. The students and teachers always look forward to see what she is going to be wearing for each event. She dressed as a KISS member for the 80’s pep rally and a young starlet for Homecoming Hollywood day. GHS students Paige Garner and Brooke Hogan were two of her fans at the 80’s pep rally!
Kim Patterson, GMS Principal

Why did you become an educator?
As a kid, I loved school! I loved everything about it. From the school work to the teachers, coaches, friends and extra-curricular activities, I enjoyed and looked forward to going to school. Initially, I thought all I knew was school and sports so I decided to go to Nursing School after I graduated High School. A year and a half in, I knew nursing just wasn’t it for me. Something was missing. It was school! I was born to be a momma and a teacher, but more times than not, I find the kids teach me far more than I ever taught them.

What did you do before becoming the GMS Principal?
I started off coaching basketball and track and teaching High School Physics and Chemistry in Thrall, TX and Pittsburg, TX. Later, I moved into administration where I served as the Middle School and Elementary Principal at S&S. Last year, I had the opportunity to serve as the Secondary Curriculum Director for Anna ISD.

Why did you want to come to GMS?
I wanted my kids to be Tigers! As a graduate of Gunter High School, I knew GISD was about setting high expectations and working hard. I had experienced first-hand the support the community offered. Middle School aged kids are my absolute favorite so when the opportunity to be a part of GMS presented itself, I knew this was where I was called to be.

What is your vision for GMS?
At GMS, we share a vision for the TIGERS WAY. We will work together, with integrity. We will set goals and work diligently to achieve them. We will teach and model empathy. We will be responsible and safe.

Favorites:
- Food: Mexican
- Color: Gunter Tiger Blue
- Movies: 8 Seconds, Top Gun, Remember the Titans
- Books: Muscle and a Shovel
- TV Shows: Survival Shows
- Music: Texas Country
- Family Activity: Sunday Family Lunch, Camping and Skiing
- Hobbies: CrossFit, Mountain Biking
- Sports Team(s): Rangers, Mavs, Cowboys

THE MAYFLOWER VOYAGE

In September 1620, a merchant ship called the Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, a port on the southern coast of England. Typically, the Mayflower’s cargo was wine and dry goods, but on this trip the ship carried passengers: 102 of them, all hoping to start a new life on the other side of the Atlantic. Mrs. Inglish’s history class learned first hand what the passengers felt as they “relived” the voyage in the GMS bookroom. Students were crowded into isles, seated in close quarters, without much light. The re-enactment gave the students empathy for what the pilgrims endured on that voyage.
Salt Maps

Learning about Texas is fun in Mrs. Inglish’s class. They have made salt maps by mounting self-hardening dough onto cardboard, forming the mountains and other physical landforms. Once dried, the maps are painted.

Regions of Texas
Great job!

Tigers of Integrity

This year at the Middle School, Mrs. Murphy’s leadership classes are working hard to teach all of our students the T.I.G.E.R.S. way. On Friday afternoons, our leaders can be found in each of our study hall classes teaching students the importance of Teamwork, Integrity, Goals, Empathy, Responsibility and Safety. The leaders are trained throughout the week and they then share with their fellow students through lessons and activities. Our first weeks focused on teamwork, including the wonderful lessons we learn from geese. This week, leaders taught our students the importance of integrity – knowing and doing what’s right (even when no one is watching). They shared that becoming Tigers of Integrity would require them to be committed, courageous, honest, disciplined and resilient.

Leadership Formation

When geese fly in the “V” formation, as each bird flaps it’s wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. When you walk into our middle school, you will understand that our students are like geese. They are headed in the same direction and help each other along the way. Thanks to Mrs. Murphy and her leadership team for this great display to remind the students to be more like geese.
The 5th grade reading classes have been studying how to be good readers. Betty Badreader, aka Principal Patterson, paid a visit to demonstrate the strategies good readers use.

Lining the hallway are some awesome Bio Poems written by Mrs. Schroeter’s 5th graders. Each student wrote a poem about themselves and created a “mini-me” to display the poem.

Congratulations to the 2016 - 2017 GMS STUDENT COUNCIL

Science “Rocks” in Mrs. Bon’s 5th grade classroom. Hands on activities tend to help students learn and remember concepts from the lessons. This month, the students began by learning how to work with and cooperate as a group. Students are given a lifesaver, a cup, paper clips, and a gummy worm (Fred). The object is to save Fred from the capsized boat. Students must get the lifesaver on Fred’s abdomen using only the paper clips. They also began learning about the scientific method. They learned how to make a hypothesis (a guess or estimate) of what the result of a science experiment’s results will be.

Several labs helped them understand the concepts covered this month:
- Estimating the number of licks it takes to get to the center of a tootsie pop.
- Using their senses (other than sight) to figure out what was in a bag.
- Guessing the number of skittles in a package, and figuring the percentage of each color, and graphing it.
- Reading the net weight label of Sour Patch Kids, and weighing the package on a scale to test their label.
- Dropping water onto a penny. How many drops will a penny actually hold?

Above: Do you rely on labels to be accurate? The students realized that the number of candies varied from package to package, and the weight on the scale of this package is more than what the package says.
Bacteria -- Good or Bad?

Can bacteria be good for our health? Mrs. Clarke’s Medical Microbiology students went on a scavenger hunt around the school to locate bacteria. They used a cotton swab in several areas around the building where they thought bacteria might be growing. They swabbed under fingernails, microwaves, keyboards, showers, and many other places. Once collected, the samples were placed in a petri dish and watched for several days. What did they learn? Some places had more bacteria than others, but mainly they learned that bacteria is all around us. For example, bacteria in our digestive tract helps to break down our foods, bacteria grow in foods like yogurt and cheese, bacteria perform photosynthesis, which helps to produce oxygen, and we also use bacteria to clean up toxins from industrial waste. So, to sum up, although the pathogenic bacteria gives the name a bad rap, we really rely on bacterial growth to keep us healthy.

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Choir Events
Mark Your Calendar!

⇒ Fall Concert is Oct. 17th at 7:30 PM HS Commons

Former Choir Students - LOOK
It’s Mrs. Kulbeth’s 25th year at GHS! She would love to connect with her former students. Please email her at ekulbeth@gunterisd.org so that she will have a contact email for you!

Everything Disney Dining Experience
October 15th
High School Commons
6:00-7:30 PM
Cost $10.00

Look for the registration form at the end of the newsletter!

Save the Date...........
November 4th
GHS & GMS Choirs
Annual Chili Supper
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
$8.00 per person
Chili, hot dogs, chips & dessert!

Choir members will be selling tickets and you may also pay at the door.
Gunter High School would like to announce that Alex Hales and Jonathan Avendano have been named Commended Students in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2017 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2017 competition by taking the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential of academic success,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.” Congratulations Jonathan and Alex!

GHS Choir
CAR WASH
Saturday, Oct. 1st

10am to 2pm
@ Gunter Elementary
*Donations Accepted*

National Merit Scholars Announced!

LABOR DAY BLOW OUT
Myers Park, McKinney
Saturday, September 4th

Hunter Simco and CCR Tina’s Girl aka Tina won Champion Shorthorn Breed Female and Overall Breed Champion. She came home with a brand new port-a-cool unit for Overall Champion and a belt buckle for Shorthorn Breed Champion, Yeti Cup and Cash! Congratulations, Hunter (and Tina)!

It’s Coming... Mark Your Calendar

Annual Veterans Day Celebration

November 11th
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
GHS Event Center

Musical Presentation by 3rd Grade
2:00 PM
Gunter Elementary


Three positions in pro sports are reserved for icons: shortstop for the New York Yankees, center for the Boston Celtics, and quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys. That’s not just an opinion but fact because the great Al Michaels (Do you believe in miracles?) recently said it. Being a high school quarterback may be pretty darn close in the state of Texas. It is a lot of pressure for a teenager, especially in a place where winning is not enough, but winning all the time and by large margins is the expectation. The stereotype is for that position to be filled by the ‘joe cool’, full of ‘swag’, and the too self-assured ‘big man on campus’. It is a position of great envy and often much greater ego.

Tough, unselfish, loyal, the hardest worker, leader, committed...quiet. Words often reserved for the selfless offensive lineman or blue-collar linebacker. But these words were used by Coach Kerry Clement to describe what he calls “a true Gunter Tiger”, Senior Trey Carr.

The 5’9 (on a tall day), 175 pound, three-year Varsity player is not on anyone’s watch list for a Division I FBS or FCS scholarship. The only ‘stars’ next to his name are likely found on scouting sheets of opposing coaches that see the play of number twelve backing up the words his coaches and teachers use to describe him. “Speed and strength,” Carr admits, “not my greatest assets. I try to lead by example. I’ve worked hard to be more vocal, but I’ve always relied on my play to lead the team.” Carr makes it clear by listing his personal goals: “State Championship...individual awards don’t matter.”

The Tigers are coming off successive years of being eliminated by the two-time State Champion Waskom Wildcats. The regional final match-up in 2014, in which Carr played a limited role, was one sided. Last year the Tigers ‘outplayed’ the eventual champ for three quarters. The Wildcats were virtually untested the rest of the way. “Playing Waskom that close showed what we were capable of,” Carr states.

This year the Tigers opened the season on a revenge tour - dropping three division one local rivals that got the better of them in 2015. Momentum slowed a bit against Whitesboro and a late rally was needed to hold-off Pilot Point. Carr diagnosed the issues in simple terms, “we were too uptight – not playing to have fun. Friday (a 53-0 humiliation of Whitewright) we were playing loose but hard and fast. It showed.” Carr, whose left wrist has been heavily casted since the second week, carved up the overwhelmed gold Tigers through the air and running the quarterback centered veer offense. What looked like a six-week stint holding a clip board turned out to be only one missed practice. “I could go (play) so I did.”

The first few weeks with the cast proved to be an adjustment period, both physically and mentally, as Carr admitted he pressed too hard. “He is the hardest working kid I have ever coached – not even close,” says Tiger offensive coordinator Charlie Roten. This work ethic along with overcoming tough times is a main stay for the Senior. Carr started playing flag football in Kindergarten and moved on to pads in 1st grade. Other than a short stint in McKinney as a 7th grader, he has been under center wearing the royal Tiger blue. It was during those early years in middle school that Carr believes he developed mental toughness. “My parents divorcing was very difficult for me. Leaving Gunter, my mom and dad who are the world to me not being together, not knowing where we were going to be long term – it was hard.” Carr developed lasting bonds with his Gunter teammates that are still visible today, but even more so, won the hearts of the adults around him. He credits Chris Hickson, his youth league coach, for creating a second father-like relationship with him. The bond is ever present today as Carr volunteer coaches a team of 5th and 6th graders led by Hickson. “He loved me like his own,” Carr says of Hickson. “It cemented my desire to coach. I feel like not only am I learning something out there with the kids but also giving back.”

Carr also identifies older Tiger teammates for setting the example of what at Gunter Tiger football player looks like. “Garrett Hunter (2014). I learned that effort is more important than skill. Garrett practiced hard every day. He played hard every snap. He lifted weights non-stop. Garrett exemplified being a Gunter Tiger.”

In typical Carr fashion, he credits his mom Brandi, an outstanding athlete in her own day at Community High School, and his father Bucky, a solid high school athlete himself, for working through hard times to meet his and his siblings every need. Carr may be as big a fan of his ninth grade sister Brianna and sixth grade brother Trent as they are of him. All of them don the number twelve – a throwback to Brandi. “Mom was quite the baller,” Trey laughs. “She is the toughest person I know – twelve – that is about mom.” Another ‘member’ of the family is Lexi, Carr’s long-time girlfriend. The freshman at TWU, and former Pilot Point Bearcat, can be seen in the stands wearing royal blue instead of orange and black in full support of Trey. “She is my best friend,” Trey says proudly. “She wants the best for me – she is always worried about me getting hurt but is probably my biggest supporter. I believe we have a promising future.”

For right now the future can wait. Carr (continued on next page)
Grayson County students selected for Rep. Ratcliffe’s Congressional Student Leadership Program

WASHINGTON – Rep. John Ratcliffe (R-Texas) selected 22 students from Grayson County to participate in his newly launched Congressional Student Leadership Program (CSLP). The students join 86 total high schoolers from across the 18 counties in Texas’ 4th District who are participating in the CSLP for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Grayson County students participating are: Avery Hall, Baley Brown, Bobbie Arnett, Boston Byerly, Catelynn Boldra, Coleman Muirhead, Jack Condit, Layne Hensley, Marleen Cherry, Mitchell Kisel, Regan Mcclure and Taivian Rucker from Denison High School; Zach Magers from Gunter High School; Dalton Wieck, Hayden Pesina, Marlee Russell and Reynard Burnet from Sherman High School; Abby Hill, Cage Sawyers, Reggie Smith and Samuel Mosby from Van Alstyne High School; Anthony Morrell and Justin Estes from Whitesboro High School; and Preston Horowitz, home-schooled.

The CSLP students gathered for their first-ever meeting Wednesday in three physical locations: Sherman, Rockwall and Texarkana, using Internet streaming to connect together. To kick off the meeting, Ratcliffe streamed in from Washington for an introduction. The remainder of the meeting focused on the functions of the federal government as defined by the U.S. Constitution, laying the foundation for the in-depth policy discussions planned for the remainder of the school year.

“I’m inspired by the high level of interest in our political system demonstrated by the 86 students who took initiative to participate in this program,” Ratcliffe said. “The students all bring diverse talents and perspectives to the table, which makes me confident about the positive impact they’ll have on the future of our country.”

There will be three more CSLP meetings in the 2016-2017 school year, as well as a district-wide service project aimed at helping local veterans in November.

The CSLP aims to teach high school students in Texas’ 4th District about the role of the federal government and functions of a congressional office while allowing them to engage with their congressman and discuss public policy issues affecting our country. Participants are selected based on their academic achievement, extracurricular involvement and demonstration of leadership. Applications 2017-2018 school year will be available in Spring 2017.

Further details on the CSLP are available online at: ratcliffe.house.gov/congressional-student-leadership-program, and additional questions may be directed to Cole Moore at 972-771-0100 or cole.moore@mail.house.gov.
Chamber & Select Choirs invited singer/musician, Dennis Garner to their class on the 9th of September to bring some history from a musical style. Dennis Garner shared information about 9/11 from two different songs and slide shows that showed the impact of 9/11 and the Pride of America. He visited with the students about the impact on America and then performed “Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning,” written by Alan Jackson. In return, the choir sang a patriotic song for him. To end the visit, Mr. Garner sang “God Bless America” and the choir joined him on the last chorus. The choirs would like to thank Dennis Garner for showing them 9/11 through the eyes of music.

“I thought that having Mr. Garner in class was a good reminder of what 9/11 means to America as a whole and how it has impacted our daily lives.” ~ Brian Avendano

“It was really cool to hear someone else’s perspective on 9/11 and to be able to sing about our country is always awesome.” ~ Ashley Bruner

“Though I have personally heard the story of 9/11 told many times by many different people, it was portrayed so much more clearly when Mr. Garner came and sang for our choir. Music can oftentimes express emotions or memories better than words alone, and with him it was certainly the case. It was very enlightening experience.” ~ Kenna Carruthers

In learning about the events of September 11th, the 3rd grade classes created a patriotic quilt and wrote acrostic poems to dedicate to those who lost their lives, the survivors, and the family members of the victims.
**Red Ribbon Week**

**October 24-28**

District Wide Dress Up Days - Plan your wardrobe now!

- **Monday**
  - **Fight Against Drugs**
  - Wear Camo to support the FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS!

- **Tuesday**
  - **Being Drug Free is No Sweat**
  - Wear your sweats to school because Saying NO is NO SWEAT!

- **Wednesday**
  - **Put a Cap on Drugs**
  - Wear a hat or cap to support putting a CAP ON DRUGS!

- **Thursday**
  - **Be a SUPERHERO, Have the power to say NO**
  - Dress as your favorite superhero to support saying NO TO DRUGS!

- **Friday**
  - **Team Up Against Drugs**
  - Wear your Gunter Tiger Gear as we TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS!!!!

**App Sense**

A helpful guide for parents to be more proactive in their child’s online presence; whether it’s on a computer, a tablet or a phone.

Let’s face it, it’s hard to be a parent these days. Our children have access to more things than previous generations ever had access to. Handing a child a phone, tablet, or laptop opens up the world for them, which is awesome. But, remember that those doors can lead anywhere. Technology can be a wonderful tool for learning, organizing, and fun, but things that are created for “good” can also be used as “bad”. You, as a parent, need to be diligent in keeping your child safe in the cyberworld.

Let’s talk about phone apps this month. If you provide a phone for your child, you know that they will be installing apps. You will have to choose who is able to download apps to the device. If you allow your child to download apps themselves, you should regularly (unannounced) review the apps that are installed. Be mindful of what permissions an app requests upon installation. As you install an app, it may ask you whether it can do such things as access your calendar, contact list, or location or whether it can post on your behalf to a social networking service. In many cases, you can choose not to, but with some apps, your only choice is to agree to all the permissions or cancel the installation. Either way, you have a choice.

As you are looking through the phone to see what apps are installed, you might want to look more deeply than the onscreen icons. These can be deleted, but the app still remains on the phone and may be accessed by searching for it. Also, understand that there are ways to disguise apps and make them look like something else. With such a variety of phones out there, there is no definitive way to tell you how to view the apps installed. If you do a simple Google search “viewing the apps on my phone” (input iphone, android, etc...) you can find directions on how to see what is installed.

Here is a great resource that covers many areas of parenting strategies for mobile phones. Please read this article for more information: http://www.connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/mobile_english.pdf

**Suggested apps:**

- **Mama Bear App**
  - It’s not a bad thing to want to keep tabs on your kids and make sure that they’re staying safe, and MamaBear Family Safety makes doing this much easier. Families can send messages to each other, and parents can monitor their children’s social media accounts, location, and even their speed while driving. You can be notified when your child gets to school in the morning (or they can check in with a selfie!) or when certain words show up in their text messages.

- **OurPact**
  - OurPact is a breakthrough parental control app that enables parental involvement in children’s device habits through Internet and application blocking. Our parental control solution allows parents to manage their child’s screen time at any time, and from anywhere. Enforcing bedtime, dinnertime, study time and family time throughout the day has never been easier. By pairing your family’s iPads, iPhones, and iPods to OurPact, you have the power to manage your entire family’s screen time & device use from one powerful application.
“WHAT’S COOKING”  
BY: LAUREN ROGERS, CHILD NUTRITION DIRECTOR, GUNTER ISD  

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! October 10th-14th is National School Lunch Week and we will be celebrating with various daily events, taste testings, and menus. Check out the menus on GISD webpage http://www.gunterisd.org/Page/337.

We are all so glad to see all of you!! I thought that I would start the school year by sharing news articles that will be of interest to you and I encourage all of our students to eat lunch and breakfast in our cafeterias and feed their bodies with good, healthy and delicious meals each day!!

BROWN BAG VS. CAFETERIA TRAY: SCHOOL MEALS MAY SURPRISE  
By Dani Sheffield on 08/08/2016  

Being a child nutrition services executive director, making sure that my more than 70,000 students eat healthy every day is near and dear to my heart. Many parents and health professionals underestimate the amount of work it takes to ensure that our students are being properly fed day in and day out. Regulations, budgets and even the school day schedule all affect how our students eat.

Plus, more and more students are eating more of their meals at school. For some, school meals may be the only meals some students regularly eat. Currently, 32 million students in the United States participate in the school lunch program and more than 12 million participate in the school breakfast program.

As nutrition professionals, we know that good nutrition is important for students. We also know that there is a lot of misinformation out there about the state of school lunch. You may be surprised to learn how much quality, appeal, variety and benefits that school meals provide to children.

Tags: Obesity, Nutrition, Research, Breakfast

SCHOOL LUNCHES MEET HIGH STANDARDS

Many of the misconceptions about school meals come from a misunderstanding of what students are placing on their trays. School meals feature whole grains, fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy. While school meals have always had nutrition standards, in recent years, there has been a focus on lowering sodium and saturated fat. School meals also focus on meeting children’s calorie needs based on their age. While some portions may be smaller, kids still get the nutrition they need to keep them growing and in good health.

Parents may think they are packing the right foods, but school lunch standards are developed from evidence-based guidelines. Studies show that school meals are healthier compared to those prepared at home:

- A 2014 study found that packed lunches from home were often foods that were energy-dense but nutrient-poor. Only 25 percent of those lunches met the same nutrient-rich standards as the National School Lunch Program.
- A 2016 study looked at diet quality between those who packed lunch and those who ate school lunch. The study found that students who chose school lunch had better diets compared to those who brought their lunch from home.

BREAKFAST SHOWS BENEFITS, TOO

Besides offering wholesome lunches that keep students fed and focused, many schools offer school breakfast as well. Some parents and health professionals have been concerned about whether these programs offer too much nourishment for students. Researchers have found that students who eat breakfast at home and at school are less likely to be overweight than those who don’t eat breakfast at all. Plus, eating breakfast plays a large part in the learning connection, the relationship between good nutrition, physical activity and academic achievement. And, of course, there is the component of student education to instill healthy, lifelong eating habits.

You can follow our cafeteria on Facebook! https://www.facebook.com/GunterTigerCafeteria/
Thanks to the GHS Cheerleaders for pumping up the crowd and delivering such awesome pep rallies and sideline action!

The Gunter HS Bass Fishing Team finished 26th and 37th out of 264 teams on 9/24 at Hidden Cove Park in Lewisville. Congratulations!
**Volleyball Scoreboard**

9/2 Gunter VS Bells  
V (W) 25-15, 25-16, 25-15  
JV (W) 25-12, 25-17  
Fresh/JV2 18-25, 10-25

9/3 9th/JV Van Alstyne Tournament  
JV W Gunter vs. Sherman 12-25, 12-25  
JV W vs Van Alstyne 13-25, 15-25  
JV W vs Denison 25-21, 25-20  
JV W vs. Princeton 20-25, 25 -18, 15-17

9/6 Gunter vs Aubrey  
V (L) 16-25, 19-25, 12-25  
JV (L) 18-25, 11-25  
Fresh/JV2 19- 25, 13-25

9/9 Gunter vs Whitesboro  
V (L) 16-25, 25-22, 20-25, 26-24, 10-15  
JV(W) 15-25, 27-25, 25-18  
Fresh/JV2 22-25, 25-16, 9-15

9/13 - Gunter vs. S & S  
V (W) 25-11, 25-11, 25-9  
JV (W) 14-25, 25-16, 25-16  
Fresh/JV2 (L) 16-25, 22-25

9/16 - Gunter vs Pilot Point  
JV (L) 15-25, 12-25  
Fresh/JV2 6-25, 14-5

9/20 Gunter vs Ponder  
V (L) 9-25, 17-25, 17-25

9/23 Gunter vs Callisburg  
V (L) 8-25, 16-25, 16-25

9/30 Gunter vs Pottsboro  
JV (L) 15-25, 20-25

GHS Athletes honoring our National Anthem.

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**GHS Volleyball**

9/8 Gunter vs Whitesboro  
7B lost 6 - 15, 4 - 15  
7A won  25 - 17, 25 - 15  
8B won 15 - 6, 15 - 6  
8A won 25 - 21, 25 - 10

9/12 -vs S&S  
7B 15-8, 15-10  
8B 15-11, 15-13  
7A 25-13, 25-18  
8A 25-6, 25-11

9/16 - 7A & 8A Volleyball Tourn  
NCTC Gainesville  
7A 1st in Silver bracket  
8A 1st in Gold bracket

9/19 vs Pilot Point  
7B lost 13-15, 14-16  
8B lost 15-13, 8-15, 6-15  
7A won 25-3, 25-17  
8A won 25-7, 25-17

9/26 Gunter vs Ponder  
7B won 15-7, 10-15, 15-12  
8B won 5-10, 15-7  
7A won 25-19, 25-16  
8A won 25-17, 25-16

Special thanks to Lee Franze and Marion Cole for their awesome photography!
KXII and Texoma Chevy Awards

A double award was presented at the Homecoming Pep Rally on September 30th. Our football team was named Texoma Chevy Team of the Week, and Coach Janice Thomas was named Texoma Chevy Teacher of the Month. The Chevy dealers and KXII partner to award deserving teams and coaches with this great honor. Congratulations to our team and Coach Thomas; we are PROUD of you!

SOUNDS OF JOY

Friday night lights wouldn’t be the same without a little noise! (Left) The Tiger Band makes a great noise on Friday nights! They do a great job during the game and at the halftime performances! The horn and tunnel crew always make our Friday nights a BLAST! Thank you both for adding to our spirit!
FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

9/2 vs Pottsboro (W) 37-21
9/9 vs Whitesboro (W) 27-17
9/16 vs Pilot Point (W) 27-21
9/23 vs Whitewright (W) 53-0
9/30 vs S&S (W) 36-7

GHS Athletes honoring our National Anthem.

SUB VARSITY FOOTBALL

Junior Varsity
9/1 vs Pottsboro (L) 6-12
9/8 vs Whitesboro (T) 12-12
9/15 vs Pilot Point (W) 27-15
9/22 vs Whitewright (W) 30-25
9/29 vs S&S (W) 39-0

7th Grade Football
9/8 vs Whitesboro (W) 8-14
9/15 vs Pilot Point (W) 14-6
9/22 vs Whitewright (W) 14-8
9/29 vs S&S (W) 20-0

8th Grade Football
9/8 vs Whitesboro (W) 20-0
9/15 vs Pilot Point (L) 16-8
9/22 vs Whitewright (W) 20-0
9/29 vs S&S (W) 28-12

Special thanks to Marion Cole for his awesome photography!
Cross Country

Girls

9/17 Princeton
Jackie Valadez 48th
Chloe Walton 77th
Monse Velázquez 84th
Middle School:
Aubrey Wendt 15th
Natalie Stephan 19th
Bria Savage 51st
Alandra Ortiz 104th

9/10 Grand Prairie
Varsity Girls: 1st Place
Abby Gilbreath 1st
Chloe Walton 4th
Alex Ferguson 6th
Jackie Valadez 12th
Monse Velázquez 14th

9/17 Pottsboro
Jackie Valadez 43rd
Chloe Walton 57th
Middle School:
Sarah Denton 3rd
Bethany Gilbreath 7th
Jacee Childers 14th
Natalie Stephan 18th
Aubrey Wendt 19th
Bria Savage 33rd
Kiley Meadors 73rd

Guys

9/10 Grand Prairie
Varsity 14th place
Logan Nelson, Marcus Vulpitta, David Denton, Zander Turner, Alex Covington, John Rowe, Gabe Wells, Tyler Scott, Tyler Jolly

9/17 Princeton
Logan Nelson 14th, Nick Gonzales 15th, David Denton 32nd, Gabe Wells 73rd, Zander Turner 74th, John Rowe 79th, Tyler Scott 83rd
JV - 5th Place
Jose Montes 32nd, Alex Covington 43rd, Tyler Jolly 41st, Josh Rogers 49th, Mitchell Fugett 46th, Bryan Avendona 72nd, Scotty Tubbs 73rd, Jake Reed 83rd, Seth Schoeter 104th
Jr. High - 3rd place
Cobi Knooce 4th, Landon Pelfrey 21st, Bennett Fady 29th
Kaden Rigsby 44th, Gabe Turner 68th, Cooper Wade 75th, Jacob Merrill 83rd, Greyson Toney 84th

9/3 Madill
Varsity Boys - 3rd Place
Marcus Vulpitta 4th
Logan Nelson 7th
David Denton 19th
Zander Turner 30th
John Rowe 34th
Alex Covington 39th
Tyler Jolly 42nd
Jose Montes 42nd

Jr. High Boys - 3rd Place
Cobi Koonce 7th
Bennett Fady 15th
Gabe Turner 18th
Kaden Rigsby 19th
Sam Erwin 24th
Cooper Wade 27th
Jacob Merrill 30th
Trey Oblas 31st
Hunter Kruzie 36th
Greyson Toney 37th

9/24 Pottsboro
Varsity 5th place
Marcus Vulpitta 9th, Logan Nelson 11th, David Denton 28th, Zander Turner 32nd, Alex Covington 33, Gabe Wells 37th, Bryan Avendano 46th
JV - 5th place
Jose Montes, Josh Rogers, Tyler Jolly, Tyler Scott, Mitchell Fugett, Jake Reed, Seth Schoeter
Jr. High - 4th place
Cobi Knooce 4th, Bennett Fady, Landon Pelfrey, Sam Erwin, Kaden Rigsby, Gabe Turner, Greyson Toney, Jacob Merrill

The Denton siblings at the Madill CC Meet. This was the first CC meet as a 7th grade junior high student and the first CC meet as a high school freshman. Congratulations on your medals!

Special thanks to Amy Scott for submitting some awesome photos!
ATTENDANCE (for all meetings)
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, Ann Tolbert, Kelly Teems, Chris Dodd, Kim Patterson, Dara Arrington and Heather Hale.

GISD Special Meeting
5:45pm – The Special Meeting was called to order by Jeff Banks, Board President
A quorum was established.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:
• The Board approved Resolution to Consider Designation as a District of Innovation.
• Special Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:49pm

GISD Public Hearing
5:50pm - The Public Hearing was called to order by Mr. Jeff Banks, Board President
A quorum was established.

SPECIAL BUSINESS
• Public Hearing to discuss the Local Innovation Plan for the Designation of the District as a District of Innovation
• Hearing adjourned at approximately 6:02pm

GISD Regular Meeting
6:02pm – The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Jeff Banks, Board President
A quorum was established. Invocation and Pledge were conducted by John Jonas, Board Member.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
• 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
• A Quarterly Investment Report was presented
• Communications: Dr. Siler shared the following items with the Board:
  o Enrollment Update –
    Elementary School -  324
    Middle School - 236
    High School - 258
    TOTAL 818
Data Center Generator Needs – Dr. Siler discussed the need for a generator to provide back up for any power outages.

Wall Street Development – Dr. Siler shared the plans for this development; the timetable for development is unknown at this time.

GBF Facilities Update – Dr. Siler shared some needs for the GBF facility including roof repair and AC repair. Quotes are being requested to determine cost of upgrades.

2016 Performance Based Monitoring Analysis System Report – Dr. Siler shared the highlights and areas for improvement in the 2016 PBMAS Report.

Upcoming Meeting and Events –
- September 28th, Homecoming Tailgate / Sept 30th, Parade & Game
- October 13th, Board Training, Dinner 5:30pm, Training @ 6:00pm
- October 24th, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm @HS
- November 17th, F.I.R.S.T. Hearing, 6:00pm / Regular Meeting, 6:15pm
- December 12th, TAPR Hearing, 6:00pm / Regular Board Meeting, 6:15pm
- January 17th, School Board Appreciation Dinner, 6:00pm / Meeting, 6:30pm

BOARD MEMBER REPORT – Board Training Opportunities Shared

CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE BUSINESS:
Minutes & Billing were approved for August 11th Tax and Budget Hearing, August 11th Regular Meeting and August 25th Special Meeting Minutes, July 2016 Billing & September 2016 Amendments

REGULAR BUSINESS
- The Board approved to Appoint a Committee to Develop a Local Innovation Plan to Pursue Designation of the District as a District of Innovation.
- The Board approved the District and Campus 2015-2016 Improvement Plan Evaluations.
- The Board approved TASB Policy Update 105, affecting (LOCAL) policies.
- The Board approved FFAC (LOCAL) Wellness and Health Services/Medical Treatment Revisions.
- The Board approved the Resolution Stating Review of Investment Policy and Investment Strategies and Designation of Investment Officers.
- The Board approved the School Health Advisory Committee Members for 2016-2017.
- The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between G.I.F.T. and Gunter ISD for the 2016-2017 school year.

Closed Session in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.001.
7:35pm Board went in to Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss personnel.
7:39pm reconvened from closed session. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:43pm
GES & GMS students honoring our Nation’s Flag.
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**Bullying Prevention Month**
Join with the staff to stomp out bullying!
* Wear BLUE on Mondays to show your support

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**National School Lunch Week**

**GMS Book Fair**

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**Red Ribbon Week**

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**Halloween**
Everything Disney Dining Experience
Saturday, October 15th
High School Commons
6:00-7:30 PM
Cost $10.00

The High School Commons will be transformed into a magical place on Saturday, October 15th. Come dine and mingle with Disney Princesses and Pixar Characters! Mickey and Minnie Mouse will be hosting the evening. The night will be filled with fun activities, yummy food, enchanted characters, songs and excitement. DON’T MISS OUT!

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

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

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

Name: ________________________________

Teachers Name: ________________________

Parents Name: _________________________

Tickets Needed: _______________________

Tickets will be sent home the day after we receive the form.

Thanks for supporting the Gunter Select and Chamber Choirs!
Our 4th grade is teaming up with Ruby’s Rubbish to support our Gunter Police Department. The money we raise will be put toward a K-9 unit for our police.

Short Sleeve Navy T-Shirt with white and light blue text (Add $3.00 for 2XL/3XL)

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GES PTO

Forms due Tuesday, November 1st

Return to Elementary school