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# GISD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*GISD – Achieving Excellence Together!*

## *Social Media Post Reflects School Culture & BEAR PRIDE!*

Often, social media posts about schools and school systems focus on the negative. The following post was forwarded to the Superintendent last week. It was posted by one of our Gladewater Primary Teachers. This post exemplifies how we want every employee to feel about their school/department and our district.

The Teacher posted, “I work with some amazing people at GPS. Students arrive at school and are greeted with smiles, high-fives, inside jokes and enthusiasm. Students who pass through the office are met with smiles and laughter – even in the midst of phone calls, deadlines and paperwork.

Teachers and staff at GPS truly care about each student and are led by an administrator who expects nothing less. I’ve thought a lot about it lately... - the teacher down the hall who didn’t take off work to eat a lunch with her daughter on her birthday because it meant leaving her students... - the principal who never rests and knows every student on our campus personally, academically, and socially... the teachers who stay at school until 6 and 7 at night to make sure students will receive the best learning experiences possible... - the teachers who reach into their own pockets to buy student supplies... - the teachers and staff who worry about kids and allow them to nap on their office floor because the student was simply exhausted I could go on and on.

These are the people with whom I work, and I am honored and thankful to be a part of GPS.”

This post specifically illuminates the culture and work that is established at Gladewater Primary. Undoubtedly, a climate of this stature exudes throughout the district and will continue to be the foundation of which we will nurture and build upon in every school and department in GISD. When you’re in the “trenches” you rarely get the thanks and recognition you deserve. Sometimes, you must do as this teacher has done -- encourage yourself and those in the trenches with you. GO BEARS!!!!

## ***GISD EVENTS***

Feb 12	<p>Feb 13 Bear Basketball @ Chapel Hill(A) 5:00pm</p> <p>Lady Bear Soccer vs. Tatum(H) 5:00pm</p> <p>Lady Bear Softball @ Hawkins (A) 6:00pm</p> <p>Bear Soccer vs Tatum (H) 7:00pm</p>	Feb 14	<p>Feb 15 District Leadership Meeting, 9:00am – 12noon, Boardroom</p> <p>Middle Lady Bear Basketball vs Bullard (H) 4:30pm</p> <p>Middle Bear Basketball @ Bullard (A) 5:00pm</p> <p>Gladewater Winter Classic Tennis Invitational</p>	Feb 16 Bad Weather Make-up Day	<p>Lady Bear Softball vs Harleton (H) 5:00pm</p>
Feb 19 President's Day Holiday No School	<p>Feb 20 District Mission Planning Meeting, 9:00am -2:00pm, Broadway Library</p> <p>Lady Bear Soccer and Bear Soccer @ Henderson (A), 5:00pm/7:00pm</p> <p>Lady Bear Softball vs Jefferson (H), 5:00p,</p> <p>Bear Baseball @ Jacksonville (A) 6:30pm</p>	Feb 21	<p>Feb 22 Texas Two Step Softball Tourney</p> <p>Harmony Baseball Tourney</p>	Feb 23 District Budget Meeting, 9:00am-12noon, Boardroom	<p>Eastman Tennis Tourney</p> <p>Lady Bear Soccer and Bear Soccer @ Carthage (A), 5:00pm/7:00pm</p> <p>Texas Two Step Softball Tourney</p> <p>Harmony Baseball Tourney</p>
Feb 26 GISD Board Meeting, 6:00pm	<p>Feb 27 Lady Bear Soccer and Bear Soccer @ Waskom (A) 5:00pm/7:00pm</p> <p>Lady Bear Softball @ Canton (A), 5:00pm/6:30pm</p> <p>Bear Baseball @ Hallsville (A) 7:00pm</p>	Feb 28	<p>March 1 Junior Bear Relays</p> <p>Elysian Fields Softball Tournament</p> <p>Tim Crowder Baseball Invitational</p>	March 2 Trinity Tennis Tournament	<p>Bobby Bernard Relays</p> <p>Lady Bear Soccer and Bear Soccer @ Spring Hill (A), 5:00pm/7:00pm</p> <p>Elysian Fields Softball Tournament</p> <p>Tim Crowder Baseball Invitational</p>