



# GISD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*GISD – Achieving Excellence Together!*

## 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR OFF TO A GREAT START AT GLADEWATER MIDDLE

After ending the 2016-2017 school year with two distinctions from the Texas Education Agency, Gladewater Middle is even more focused on meeting the needs of its students this year. In an effort to do so, the school has created a block of time during the day. Focus Time, as it is called, will serve as both enrichment and intervention time for students. Principal Chris Langford says, “Focus Time is off and running. As a campus, we have a picture that is more clear about what we need to do to meet the needs of our students. We can't wait to make a difference for our students this year.”

Other exciting things are happening at GMS. School spirit is as high as athletics is in full swing. “Our 7th and 8th Graders are off to a great start in athletics this year”, says Coach Scott Clower. “Our volleyball teams are doing well and our football teams are rolling! Basketball season will be upon us really soon. We love seeing our kids participate in sports. Go Bears!”

In addition to academics and athletics, GMS offers students a top notch performing arts program. Assistant Principal Derrick Floyd says, “the bands and choirs at GMS sound great. We can't wait until they perform. You don't want to miss those performances!” The GMS theater class is currently putting together a production for the Gladewater Primary School. It is Ms. Scott's adaptation of "The Three Little Bears". What a perfect production for BEAR NATION. GO GMS! GO Bears!

## NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

October is National Principals Month, a month set aside to recognize the essential role that principals play in making a school great. Each October, the national principal organizations seek to honor principals for their tireless efforts in pursuit of excellence in education. However, the most important National Principals Month celebrations are the ones that take place at individual schools.

Dr. Paul Young, author of *Principal Matters* and *Lead the Way!* suggests these five strategies:

1. **Plan a celebratory program or assembly.** Effective principals are kid-focused, and seeing and hearing what their students feel about them and their support of the after school program will be certain to touch their hearts. Good planning and execution will make this program unique, remarkable and unforgettable!
2. **Give them flowers.** Allow your students and staff to make their own flowers as a special art project.
3. **Give them candy.** Be creative and make “candy” into a healthy snack or celebratory food that can be made, served and shared with the principal by the students in your program.
4. **Sing their praises.** Create your own song, jingle or rap, or cover a recognizable song or tune that the kids can easily perform.
5. **Share the celebration.** Encourage students to create special invitations to the program for the principal and invited guests. Encourage kids to make their own awards and certificates of appreciation. Capture the special celebratory moments on video to archive and share in a variety of ways through social media and other outlets.

These strategies provide opportunities for kids and adults to showcase what is best about their schools and their principals. Principals relish genuine and heartfelt appreciation. Let them know how your program – and their support of it – is remarkable! A different GISD principal will be featured in this newsletter for the next four weeks.

## GISD EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 College Shirt Day	3 Volleyball vs Chapel Hill, 5:00 (A)	4	5 Staff Development/ Student Holiday	6 Fall Break/No School  Volleyball vs Kilgore, 4:30 (H – Senior Night)
9 Fall Break/No School  7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Volleyball vs Bullard, 4:30 (A)	10 2 <sup>nd</sup> Six Weeks Begins  Volleyball vs Bullard, 5:00 (A)	11 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Cross Country @ Gilmer	12 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Football vs Spring Hill, 4:30/6:30 (H)  F/JV Football vs Spring Hill, 5:00/6:30 (A)	13 Volleyball vs Gilmer, 4:30 (H)  Bear Football vs Springhill, 7:30pm (H)
16 TAKS Testing  7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Volleyball vs Gilmer, 4:30 (H)	17 TAKS Testing  Volleyball vs Spring Hill, 5:00 (A)	18 TAKS Testing	19 TAKS Testing  7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Football vs Gilmer, 4:30/6:30 (H)  F/JV Football vs Gilmer, 5:00/6:30 (A)	20 Volleyball vs Chapel Hill, 4:30 (H)  Football vs Gilmer, 7:30pm (H)
23 Red Ribbon Week  7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Volleyball vs Spring Hill, 4:30 (A)	24 Red Ribbon Week	25 Red Ribbon Week	26 Red Ribbon Week  7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Football vs Atlanta, 4:30/6:30 (A)  F/JV Football vs Atlanta, 5:00/6:30 (H)	27 Red Ribbon Week  Bear Football vs Atlanta, 7:30 (A)

## GISD ANNOUNCEMENTS October 2, 2017

### Superintendent's Office

Thanks to all who have helped cover bus routes.

Enjoy your Fall Break!

### Student Learning & Student Services

None

### Finance & Technology

None

### Operations

None