



# GISD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## **GISD TO ADOPT HARDIN-JEFFERSON ISD**

In the wake of the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, many school districts in southern Texas and Louisiana suffered great loss. In an effort to help, Gladewater ISD will focus its efforts to help the Hardin-Jefferson Independent School District.

Hardin-Jefferson ISD is located in the Beaumont – Port Arthur metropolitan area. The district serves approximately 2,200 students and was severely impacted by Hurricane Harvey. According to Sandra Womack, a local official, many students lost everything in the hurricane. Backpacks and school supplies are desperately needed.

“The Adopt-A-School initiative affords Gladewater ISD the opportunity to extend our support to schools that have succumbed to the devastation of Hurricane Harvey”, says Kim Chatman, Chief Operations Officer. “This is undoubtedly a testament to what our district and our community is all about.”

Glenda Hickey, Chief Financial Officer says, “adopting a district gives the students, teachers, staff and community an opportunity to help those in need and see the immediate impact of their efforts. Bear Nation is a caring, compassionate and giving family that I am proud to be a part of.”

Dr. Cliff Lightfoot, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning and Student Services had this take on the efforts. “By adopting a school district that was affected by the recent devastation of Hurricane Harvey, the Gladewater ISD family is extending a helping hand to those who are in the greatest need. This spirit of kindness and generosity is what makes Gladewater a very special place.”

GISD schools and departments will collect items and sponsor different drives to help the schools of Hardin-Jefferson through the end of October.

## **BEAR STONG!!!**

After a successful first two weeks of school, Bear Nation is in full throttle! We are making strides toward achieving one of our primary goals: ensuring student academic success in a caring and nurturing environment.

Amanda Langford, Principal of Gladewater Primary School says, “At the beginning of the school year, at GPS our top priority is procedures. Our students and parents have cooperated and learned our procedures so quickly that our drop off and pick up lines are already fast and efficient.” We appreciate parents that recognize rules and procedures for safety and they follow them with us”.

“Team Weldon is off to a fantastic start,” says Darren Richardson, Weldon Elementary Principal. “Our morning assembly focuses our students for the days events. Our faculty and staff our working hand-in-hand to meet the needs of our students.

Chris Langford, Gladewater Middle Principal, says “We are finding out more everyday about our students. We now know their obvious strengths and weaknesses. We will take the next few weeks to get a clear picture of all of their needs.”

“If the first two weeks are any indication of what this school year will be, we will be very successful”, says Cathy Bedair, Gladewater High Principal. “Our students and staff are excited to be here every day. Our vision for everything we do academically, athletically, and socially is “Bear Strong.” Our 2017-2018 school year is off to fabulous start!”

Superintendent Sedric Clark said he is very pleased with the way school has started. “There is a lot of positive energy and excitement in our district. Everyone is focused on student success. With this type of start, great things are in GISD’s future! We are truly - ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER!”

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>11</b> College Shirt Day	<b>12</b> Watch Dogs, GPS, 6pm	<b>13</b> Grandparent Lunches, GPS	<b>14</b> Grandparent Lunches, GPS	<b>15</b>
<b>18</b> GISD Board Meeting, 6pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Progress Reports Sent Home	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>

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## **Announcements from GISD Departments September 11, 2017**

### **Superintendent's Office**

Thanks to everyone for a great start of the school year! Let's stay – Bear Strong!

District Leadership Team Meeting: Thursday, September 28, 9:00am – 11:00am,  
Board Room

### **Student Learning & Student Services**

None

### **Finance & Technology**

None

### **Operations**

Happy Birthday to all Employees born in the month of September!