

# ***The GPMS Gazette!***

*The Official Newsletter of Gregory-Portland Middle School: Home of the World's Greatest Students!*



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# GPMS NEWS

News Editor: Faith Pitts

## Accessibility Solutions to crutches/wheelchairs

Information from Kaylee M. Stone, BSN-RN written by Rylee Martinez

The wheelchairs/crutches in the campus clinics are for emergency use only and designed for transport, not daily use. If your student requires temporary use of crutches or a wheelchair, they must be provided by the parent with a physician's note. These mobility devices will not be provided by the clinic. Anyone who requires crutches or wheelchair use while at school does have access to the elevator if needed. They can swing by the clinic with a buddy to grab the key and their buddy can return it to Mrs. Stone.

## School Board News

**By: Hailey Rasmussen**

SAFETY & SECURITY UPDATES CONTINUE ACROSS G-PISD “We’ve made significant progress to improve Safety in the last few years,” said Superintendent Dr. Paul Clore. “I commend our School Board, Administrators, staff and students ... and also our parents and community who have been supportive of this effort. While a few changes may result in an inconvenience for some, we are thankful for the support we’ve received toward making every learning environment as safe as possible.” Most recently, the Board approved a recommendation to continue the use of metal detectors at G-P High School following a pilot test this year. The investment includes a one-time purchase of equipment for an estimated \$40,000, with a five-year full warranty from the manufacturer. “During the pilot phase, we received a lot of feedback from staff and students as well as parents,” said Michael Thieme, Director of Safety & Security. “This has been extremely helpful to us, and we are taking those thoughts into consideration as we streamline the process.” Also at G-P High School, a new

vestibule has been constructed and procedures tightened at the main entrance to improve security. Enhancements have also been made at all schools, including technology upgrades. Safety training continues with support from our School Resource Officers (SROs). Thieme said each G-PISD campus has also completed at least 10 safety drills to date this school year, with more to come. “Training is a vital part of ensuring we create a safe learning environment,” said Thieme. “The first step to being safe is being prepared. We want our students and staff to know what do, when to do it and how to do it ... so when a situation may arise, they respond well and stay safe.”

“We also want everyone to know how they can help,” said Velma Soliz-Garcia, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction. “Anonymous Alerts has been a great tool for reporting concerns, and we have an email address for Safety as well. If you ‘See something, say something’ -- always -- and let’s teach our students to do the same.” To submit feedback, email [safety@g-pisd.org](mailto:safety@g-pisd.org), or submit an Anonymous Alert any time at: [www.g-pisd.org/alerts](http://www.g-pisd.org/alerts).

Information from: [https://www.g-pisd.org/uploaded/ District/Board Briefs/Board Briefs - March 8 2019.pdf](https://www.g-pisd.org/uploaded/District/Board%20Briefs/Board%20Briefs%20-%20March%208%202019.pdf)

## **The “Opt-Out” List**

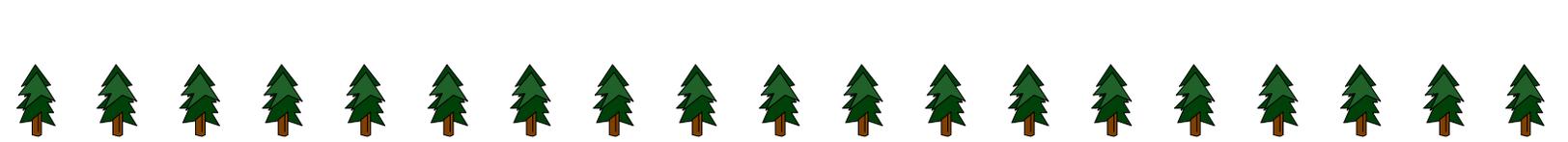
You may be asking, “Why am I (or my friend, or my child) not listed and/or pictured in a *Gazette* article?”

Some parents have requested that their children not be pictured nor listed in school publications, on a form they completed during student registration; this applies to the school yearbook, as well as the *GPMS Gazette*. The list of students whom we are not allowed to mention nor picture in school publications is called the “opt-out” list.

**We are not allowed to include “opt-out” students in the *GPMS Gazette* nor the *GPMS Yearbook*.**

G-PISD respects the rights of parents to protect their children's privacy. Parents may contact the school's front office to have their children removed from the list, or to obtain more information.

- GPMS Press Corps



# People Section

Editor, Madison Snody

## Meet: MS.RIVERA

By: Kendall Lopez photo by Ms. Rivera

**What do you do at GPMS?** HELP THOSE WHO MAY NEED HELP in 6th GRADE

**Education/experience:** 3 1/2 years @ TAMUK  
4 years' experience

**Hobbies:** ANYTHING I DO I DO WITH MY CHILDREN .  
(Sports, trips, anything outdoors)

**Favorite Book(s):** I love love love any  
inspirational books

**Favorite Game(s):** hmmm Fortnite haha jk, I'm not a  
gamer of any sort ... but I do love sports and  
watching my oldest play .

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** REGGAE AND COUNTRY

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I HAVE 3 AMAZING  
and HANDSOME BOYS! Ooo and I have some basketball skills that  
might surprise some of our lovely students 😊 lol!!



## Meet: Mrs. Morris



By Jonathan Martinez

**What do you do at GPMS?** I teach 8th Grade Pre-  
Algebra and Math Reinforcement

**Education/experience:** I graduated from Texas A&M  
Corpus-Christi in December 2016 with a Bachelors  
Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies Math 4-8

**Hobbies:** Hanging out with my family and friends,  
watching Grey's Anatomy and Friends, bowling,  
and photography.

**Favorite Book(s):** The Bible

**Favorite Game(s):** Uno, Monopoly, and Madden or  
The Show on PS4

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** I prefer Texas  
Country. My absolute favorite artist is Cody Johnson.

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I graduated from  
G.P. in 2011 and went to Jr. High right here on this  
campus. Several of my teachers from Jr. High still work here.



## Meet Madison Snody

By Madison Snody Photo by Eagle Imaging

Favorite class/subject (& why?): Science because it is my strongest subject and it is super easy

School Clubs/Activities: I do volleyball, basketball, hurdles, and pole vault.

Hobbies: Pole vault, basketball, sleeping, playing with my dogs, spending time with my friends, swimming, and listening to music.

Favorite Book(s): Refugee

Favorite Game(s): Papa's Scooperia

Favorite music, artist or genre: Billie Eilish

Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.): I plan to go to Texas A&M and become a vet, but if I ever get a sports scholarship then I would most likely take it. 😊

Something about me that might surprise people: In third grade I wore my headgear to school!



## Meet: Jaden Duenes

By Allison Gaydos photo by Eagle Imaging

Favorite class/subject (& why?): Choir because I love Mr. Champion and I am pretty good at singing, also Athletics because I love sports

School Clubs/Activities: Choir and Athletics

Hobbies: Riding my scooter at the skate park, singing, and sports

Favorite Book(s): *Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Rodrick Rules* and *Holes*

Favorite Game(s): Fortnite is my favorite game because you never know what's gonna happen

Favorite music, artist or genre: I listen to a lot of old music and new like New Edition, Bobby Brown, George Micheal, Micheal Jackson, Queen, new music I listen to a lot of hip hop and R&B

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Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.): I want to play college basketball or football, career well see if I could go pro. I just want to be famous; if not, I want to be a Barber.

Something about me that might surprise people: I could be really shy

## Meet: Jeremiah Diaz

By Allison Gaydos

Favorite class/subject (& why?): Athletes because my coaches push me to be great and the best

School Clubs/Activities: Recycling club

Hobbies: I like to play football, basketball, and track

Favorite Book(s): Don't have one

Favorite Game(s): I hate playing games; I think they're bad for your brain.

Favorite music, artist or genre: Old Town Road, Lil Nas-X

Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.): I want to go to the Olympics for track

Something about me that might surprise people: I have a twin brother



## Meet Mr. Jones

By Kendall Lopez, photo by Eagle Imaging

What do you do at GPMS? I actually work at Central Office for the Instructional Technology department, but I also work with GPMS on classroom technology integration.

Education/experience: Bachelors of Science and Masters degree in Instructional Technology;

Both from Texas A&M University Kingsville  
Hobbies: Golf, Kayak fishing, Anything beach related

Favorite Book(s): Science Journals or Articles (I don't read many books)  
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Favorite Game(s): Halo, GTA V, Red Dead Redemption (1 & 2),  
Mindless game apps  
Favorite music, artist or genre: Rock, Alternative, Old school  
hip hop  
Something about me that might surprise people: I was part of  
Drum Corps International (Marching band major league) in 2003  
and worked with a Corps in 2012

## Meet: *Brandon Redden*

*By Ginny Carey photo by Eagle Imaging*

**What is your favorite class or subject?**  
*Science, it's the easiest.*

**Are you in school clubs or activities?** *I'm  
in football, basketball, and track.*

**Do you have any hobbies?** *I play basketball  
or hang out with my friends.*

**What is your favorite book?** *Monster.*

**What is your favorite game?** *Fortnite.*

**What is your favorite music artist or  
genre?** *My favorite song is "Jungle", My  
favorite artist is Jucice WRLD, and my  
favorite genre is hip hop/rap.*

**Do you have any plans after High School:** *Go to college, then  
hopefully to the NBA.*

**Something about you that may surprise people?** *I'm really good at  
baseball.*



## Meet Mr. Joe Sosebee

**What do you do at GPMS?** I teach 6th grade art  
**Education/experience:** This is my 29th year as a  
teacher. I was a GP graduate. I attended several  
colleges. They are: Texas A&M, Del Mar, Corpus  
Christi State University, Texas A&M Corpus  
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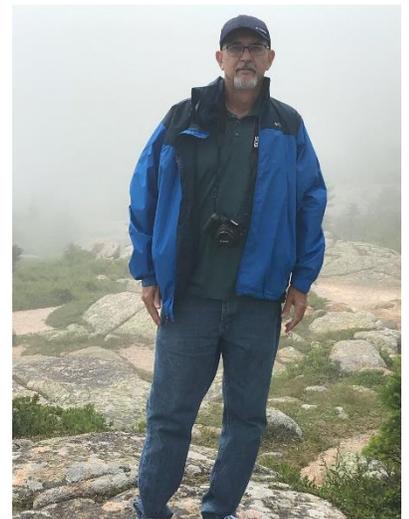
**Hobbies:** My hobbies are art and disc golf

**Favorite Book(s):** Favorite books growing up were  
the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. My favorite from  
the last few years is *All the Light We Cannot  
See*.

**Favorite Game(s):** disc golf and pool

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** classic rock

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I  
used to be a serious jogger and completed 3 marathons



## Meet Ms. Stanford.

By Maddy Gross Photo by Eagle Imaging

I teach ELA for 6th grade.

I have been teaching for a total of 34 years.

I have my master's degree in counseling.

My hobbies are: listening to music, hanging with my friends when I have time, and taking part in Bible studies.

My favorite book: is any book by Max Lucado.

My favorite games are: card games such as "hand and foot".

My favorite music: is Christian Music and I really enjoy Mercy Me.

Something that might surprise people is that I sing in the Praise Team at my church and I enjoy singing solos and duets at church when I am given the opportunity.



## Ms. Cathleen Sands

By Brandon Castilleja photo by Eagle Imaging

What do you do at GPMS? Adaptive Education Teacher

Education/experience: 10 years Teaching

Hobbies: refurbish furniture

Favorite Book(s): *Oh, The Places You'll Go*

Favorite Game(s): none

Favorite music, artist or genre: Country Music

Something about me that might surprise people: I love the beach



# Meet Isaiah Perez

BY Juan Hinojosa

**Favorite class / subject:** History, because I like knowing what has happened before our time.

**School Clubs/Activities:** Anything and everything sports related.

**Hobbies:** Skateboarding and playing video games.

**Favorite Book(s):** I like Football books, especially NFL ones.

**Favorite Game(s):** Football, Baseball and Fortnite

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** I like Rap/Hip-hop, my favorite song is Freddy Krueger.

**Plans/goals for after high school:** I dream of going to college and hope to be drafted by the NFL. If not, I would love to be a police officer or correctional officer.

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I started playing Football at the age of 4. My mom had to sign a waiver because I was so young, that gave me a lot of time to practice!!



# Meet: Kendall Jay Lopez

**Favorite class/subject (& why?):** I can't decide between Math and Intensive ELA because of the people in the classes

**School Clubs/Activities:** I was in track this year and went to finals in district, I also did hurdles after school

**Hobbies:** listening to music and running

**Favorite Book(s):** I don't have a favorite

**Favorite Game(s):** Flappy Birds, Piano Tiles, Paper.io, Monopoly

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** Pop and rap; my favorite artist is Ariana Grande

**Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.):** I want to work with famous people (continued on next page)



Something about me that might surprise people: My OCD is bad, and I tend to clean my whole house by myself and reorganize everything as well when I see things out of place

## Meet Terri Rhodes

By Brandon Castilleja, photo by Eagle Imaging

**What do you do at GPMS?** Paraprofessional for the Paces classroom

**Education/experience:** 4 years at GP Middle School

**Hobbies:** Running, swimming, camping

**Favorite Book(s):** none

**Favorite Game(s):** Phase Ten, Boulderdash

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** Top Forty, New and Old Rock

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I worked in an automotive factory



## Meet Coach Pfluger

BY Colton Renfro

**What do you do at GPMS?** I am the new Head Girls Basketball Coach at GP High School. I teach 8<sup>th</sup> grade Speech and Athletics at GP Middle School.

**Education/experience:**

HS: Gregory-Portland High School

Bachelor's Degree: University of the Incarnate Word

Master's Degree: Abilene Christian University

**Hobbies:** Spending time with my husband and two kids

(Ryan - age 3, and Ruth - age 1), coaching basketball, & going on vacations with friends and family

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Favorite Book(s): *Raise the Roof* by Pat Summitt

Favorite Game(s): Basketball (of course) ☺

Favorite music, artist or genre: Country Music

Something about me that might surprise people: A lot of the GPMS students do not know that Nurse Stone is my sister. It is fun to be back at GP and working together in the same school district!

## Meet: Ginny Carey

By Ginny Carey photo by Eagle Imaging

**Favorite class/subject (& why?):** I love History; it's so much fun to learn about. Without those people so much of this country would be different.

**School Clubs/Activities:** I'm in Journalism and I play on the Tennis team.

**Hobbies:** I love surfing. I like to be in the water; I don't care where I am.

**Favorite Book(s):** I love to read books by Sarah Dessen, I also love Gabriella Zevin.

**Favorite Game(s):** I am overly obsessed with Legend of Zelda. I play Breath of the Wild on my Switch. I also play Super SMASH Bros and main as Link, or Sheik. I will also sometimes play as Paultena

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** I love Kpop, I also listen to Rush, Van Halen Iron Maiden and Lincoln Park . I love P!nk and Avril Lavigne. My favorite song would be "Riptide" by Vance Joy, The Baddest Female by CL, and Aurthur's Farewell/The Wicker Man by Iron Maiden.

**Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.):** I plan to go to Sam Houston State University to study Law Enforcement.



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Something about me that might surprise people: I am a very outdoorsy person. Love to surf, camp, and swim. Every year, my parents and I try to go to NHRA Spring Nationals in Houston. I enjoy hunting when I won't get arrested for it. I can fish my limit in about 10 minutes.



## Meet Mrs. Kristi Cullison

By Ginny Carey photo by Eagle Imaging

What do you do at GPMS? *Tx History Teacher*

Education/experience: *Graduated from Corpus Christi State University, 16 years teaching at GP.*

Hobbies: *My hobbies are reading, sewing, and camping.*

Favorite Book(s): *I don't have a favorite book.*

Favorite Game(s): *I love playing cards with my family.*

Favorite music, artist or genre: *Country, BDs*

Something about me that might surprise people: *In '93 my husband and I were on a jet skis at Lake Corpus Christi. He ran into me, breaking the lateral condyle off of the femur in my left leg. I have had 5-knee surgeries to try and fix my knee.*

## Meet Jaden Velasco

By Jaden Velasco photo by Eagle Imaging

Favorite class/subject (& why?): *Math and science because I enjoy the subject*

School Clubs/Activities: *I did track and hurdles. Also, I did cheer and I am a cheerleader for next year too.*

Hobbies: *listening to music*

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Favorite Book(s): I don't have a favorite

Favorite Game(s): Helix Jump, Twister, monopoly and Piano Tile

Favorite music, artist or genre: pop and rap

Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.): I want to be a doctor (not sure what type yet)

Something about me that might surprise people: I am Dyslexic and I kind of have OCD because I have to know what I am going to do for the day or I will get upset.

## Meet: Nina Steele

By Noelani Judd, photo by Eagle Imaging

**Favorite class/subject (& why?):** Science class because we always learn new things and I have a great teacher named Mr. Levensailor

**School Clubs/Activities:** I played the Giant in *Stinky Cheese Man* and D.D in *Asylum*.

**Hobbies:** I love to play volleyball, sing, make new friends, and make people laugh.

**Favorite Book(s):** I love reading books by Margo Kelly, for example, *Who R U Really* and *Unlocked*.

**Favorite Game(s):** I like to play cards with my Brazilian grandmother and Mouse Trap with my sister.

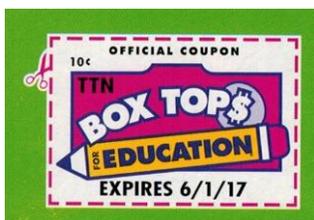
**Favorite music, artist or genre:** I love to sing and dance to hip-hop and new songs on the radio.

**Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.):** I want to be an actor and be a professional volleyball player.

**Something about me that might surprise people:** Nina is not my real name. My real name is Carolina, but some people don't know how to say it. I can also speak fluent Portuguese.



## Box Tops for Education



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## Meet: Reece Roach

By Noelani Judd, photo by Eagle Imaging

**Favorite class/subject (& why?):** Math because it is fun and easy

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**School Clubs/Activities:** Intramurals, UIL science and number sense, and Boy Scouts

**Hobbies:** Reading

**Favorite Book(s):** *Harry Potter*

**Favorite Game(s):** Rainbow Six Siege

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** I don't really listen to music

**Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.):** Going to A&M at College Station to become a Marine Biologist

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I have two nieces that are older than I



## Meet Madison Tietze

By Savannah D Korff Photo by Eagle Imaging

**Favorite Class/Subject (& why?):** Social Studies, because I find geography and history interesting.

**School Clubs/Activities:** I sing in the school choir, I am in GT, and I play Volleyball and Basketball.

**Hobbies:** Playing the violin, reading, and traveling.

**Favorite Book(s):** *The Lorien Legacies* by Pittacus Lore.

**Favorite Game(s):** I love playing gaga ball, pandemic, and ticket to ride.

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** I listen to Pop music.

**Plans/Goals for after High School (college, career, etc.):** I want to go to college and become a marine biologist.

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I love to travel





## Meet Anthony Kelly

By Zoe Garza, Photo By Eagle Imaging

Favorite Class(& why?): We watch movies, play games, create play, and project!

School Club: N/A

Hobbies: Drawing

Favorite Book(s): *DIARY OF A WIMPY KID*

Favorite Game(s): Memory, Hide & Seek, and Relays

Favorite music, artist, or genre=: Rap and Country

Plans/Goals for after high school (college, career, etc.):  
Become a Mechanical Engineer

Something about me that might surprise people: Fortnite and PUBG is trash! (No Joke) and I was voted most artistic boy for 6<sup>th</sup>



## Meet: Patty Hughes

By Zoey Lankford, photo by Melany Castillo

What do you do at GPMS? Teach Touch System Data Entry & Career Investigations; Rosetta Stone facilitator

Education/experience: 32 years teaching; Master's degree Texas A&M Corpus Christi

Hobbies: gardening; jigsaw puzzles; reading

Favorite Book(s): *The Bible*

Favorite Game(s): Card Games; Train

Favorite music, artist or genre: Contemporary Christian; Jeremy Camp, Mercy Me; Toby Mac

Something about me that might surprise people: I love to Country and Western dance (two-step, three-step, polka).



## Meet: Zoey Lankford

By Zoey Lankford, photo by Madison Snody  
Favorite class/subject (& why?): Science (it is my strongest and Mrs. Uptergrove is the best.)

Hobbies: Gardening, Baking, Listen to Music, Talk to my sister and bother her

Favorite Book: *It's Kind of a Funny Story* (Craig)

Favorite Game: Mario Kart

Favorite music, artist or genre: Billie Eilish, alternative

Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.): I guess go to college idk

Something about me that might surprise people: I like to FaceTime my friend (Jaden) while doing a makeup tutorial and eating a pickle.



## Meet Zoe Garza

By Zoe Garza photo by Eagle Imaging  
Favorite class/subject (& why?): Theater, It's fun and it lets me adventure out of my bubble to find new talents I have.

School Clubs/Activities: Journalism, Theater rehearsals, and Recycling Club.

Hobbies: Babysitting, and softball

Favorite Book(s): Comics, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Old Yeller*, and *The BFG*

Favorite Game(s): Uncanny Valley, Roblox, The Witness, Forza 5 Motorsport, and Cooking Mama.

Favorite music, artist or genre: Clario, Mxmtoon, peachy, Cuco, Shiloh Dynasty, Alec Benjamin, Heathers, Hamilton, Dear Evan Hansen and Panic At The Disco.

Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.): (not certain) Artist?, Singer?, Photographer?, Animator?.

Something about me that might surprise people: I can sing, draw, dance and I'm obsessed with clothes.





## Meet Nolani Judd

By Noelani Judd, Photo by Eagle Imaging

Favorite class/subject (& why?): I don't have a favorite subject.

School Clubs/Activities: Recycling Club.

Hobbies: Watching *21 Jump Street* [the TV show]

Favorite Book: *Painting from The Cave: Three Novellas*

Favorite Games: ROBLOX, Uno,

Favorite music, artist or genre: Call Me Karizma, YUNGBLUD, GHØSTEMANE, Lady Gaga, Alec Benjamin, Anarbor, and Joji.

Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.):  
Become a cool kid.

Something about me that might surprise people: I used to live in Germany.



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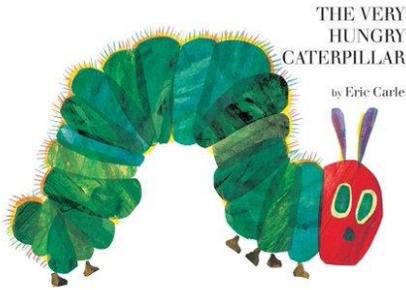
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# A&E Section

Editor: Isabella Baietto



Book Review by: Jesse Riojas

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by: Eric Carle

This story follows our main character, the courageous and beautiful, caterpillar as he eats many different fruits in this colorful world by Eric Carle. The Caterpillar's character arch is wonderful! He is never satisfied with his constant eating of fruits until he eats enough and turns into a butterfly. The art style is pleasing to the eyes; the story is compelling, engaging and even educational!

10/10 -The Very Hungry Caterpillar is a good read for **ALL** ages

# Speech

By: Madysen Whitfield



## Why did you Join?

For food and speeches  
-Ryan Sabo 8<sup>th</sup>

## What's your favorite part?

The food

## What's your favorite speech so far?

how to

## how many speeches have you done?

3 speeches

## Do you like speech?

Yes

## What's your favorite speech so far?

How to

## Why did you Join?

Because my friends joined  
-Krista Redden 8<sup>th</sup>

## What's your favorite part?

Watching the speech movies

## how many speeches have you done?

3 speeches

## Do you like speech?

Yes

## What's your favorite speech so far?

The how to speech



## Why did you Join?

To talk in front of people better

## What's your favorite part?

Learning to do a speech

-JC Meza 8<sup>th</sup>

## how many speeches have you done?

3 speeches

## Do you like speech?

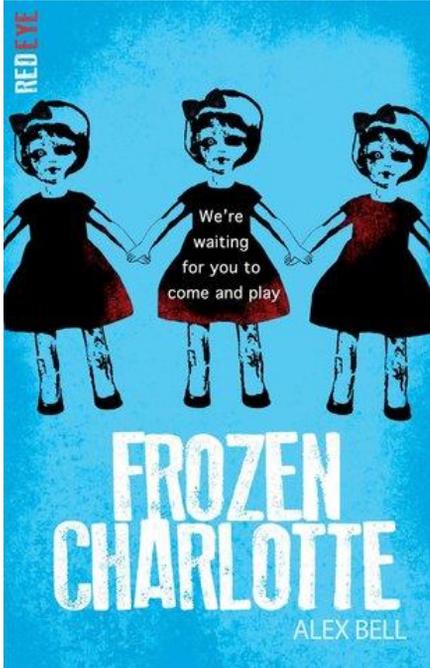
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## What's your favorite speech so far?

The Super Bowl



# Book Review

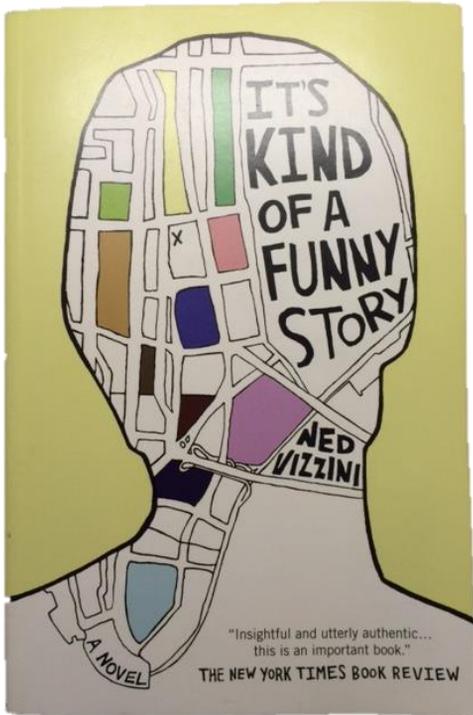


*Frozen Charlotte* By: Alex Bell

Review by: Victoria Smith

*Charlotte* is one book that I have read more than twice. I love this book so much. If I had to write a summary to go on the back of the book this is it: Sophie is spending the summer with her cousins. Cameron loves to play the piano but lost his ability in a terrible accident, Lilas, the youngest, who is deeply afraid of bones, Piper is like the perfect person.... maybe too perfect. The cousins live in an old schoolhouse that was an all-girl school. The teachers and girls are long gone.... but they left something special behind. The family is going through a terrible loss of a loved sister. Sophie isn't allowed in her room. But why? Shhh... don't listen, don't move, they might just leave you alone. The book itself is well written and one that I couldn't put down. I loved the way the characters were written, each of them had their own personality and I felt that they were an actual family. Seeing how the book played out from beginning to end was a great experience. I highly recommend the book to anyone who loves a good thriller. The book had good reviews according to Goodreads.com, 4.20 is the rating. The book also has a prequel called *Charlotte Says* also written by Alex Bell, I would recommend *Frozen Charlotte* first.

# Book Review



## *It's Kind of a Funny Story*

by: Ned Vizzini

Review by: Zoey Lankford

One book that I enjoy is *It's Kind of a Funny Story*. It is about a character named Craig. Craig is depressed and must go to a mental hospital. He has trouble living in the hospital. Craig learns how to cope and makes some friends there. That is why I think it is a good book to read.

## *Don't Stop Believin': GPMS Talent !* By: Victoria Smith

On April 18th GPMS held the school wide talent show. The HS credit class (or Theatre 1) held the entire show! Theatre 1 worked on sets, lights, in-between acts, and the flash mob. All other theatre classes participated in the flash mob. Students and parents were welcome. Hope you enjoyed your night!

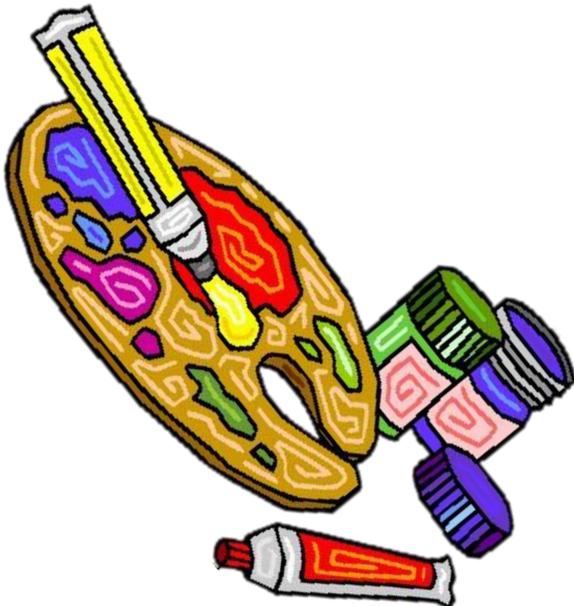
# Art by: Natalie De Leon

(With Ms. Anfosso and Mr. Sosbee)

Art classes here at Gregory - Portland are taught by two teachers across three grade levels, 6<sup>th</sup> grade is taught by Mr. Sosbee while Ms. Anfosso teaches 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. The school offers regular classes along with Art I so students can get their fine art credits for high school.

As of right now in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes students are working on monochromatic pop art portraits of themselves, family members, friends, and even pets! And if you feel like the other grades aren't doing something as exciting, you're wrong. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders are all either working on pop portraits as well or creatures merged with shoes.

One thing all grades are a part of is art show, towards the end of the year all artwork any of the students have done go into a gallery for parents, students, and teachers can observe, it's just a showcase for each student's hard work.



# Spanish!

By: Jayden (Sky) Campbell

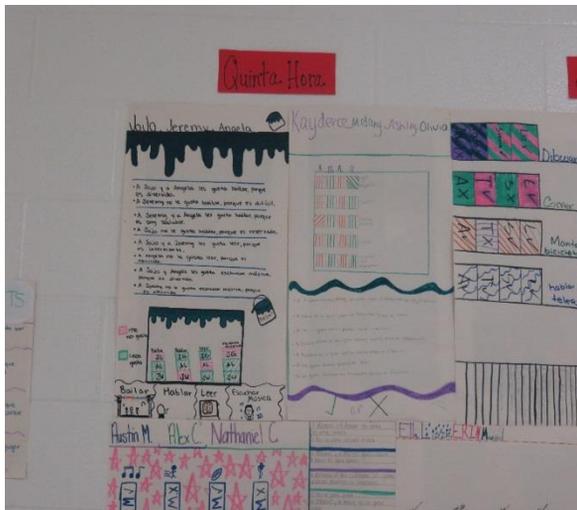


Here we have lots of Spanish projects this year. The students were assigned to make a chart about likes and dislikes, each group labeled who liked and disliked an activity.

Spanish is an elective that counts as a high school credit. If you take Spanish 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, you go straight to Spanish 2 when you start high school. In Spanish, you get to do many fun activities and projects that teach you about a new culture, while teaching you a new language.



Here we have Mrs. Beatrice Puente, the Spanish teacher. She's been here for sixteen years. She is an outstanding teacher.



In Mrs. Puente's Spanish Class, you learn a lot more than a new language. You learn to work with others to learn and think about something that is completely new to you and your partners.

Mrs. Puente is a very good teacher; she might be just a bit strict, but she always makes sure her students get their work done. If students refuse to work, she won't hesitate to give a zero. She's a very nice lady, however, she takes her job seriously.

# Spanish!

By: Jayden (Sky) Campbell  
(continued)

## Student Quotes:

**Sharinett Chavarria** says: *“Mrs. Puente always gives her students extra chances to turn in their work, even if the students don’t cooperate.”*

**Jayden Campbell** says: *“Spanish class is a good opportunity to learn a new language and learn about a new culture.”*

**Natalie De Leon** says: *“I don’t take Spanish, but I have good friends that are in the class. It seems like Spanish is a very fun, educating class.”*

**Ginny Carey** says: *“I think the class is cool, I can’t wait to take it next year!”*

## What Happens In Spanish Class?

In Spanish, we do warm ups every morning. We do lots of projects as well. There is a lot of team work in Spanish class; you learn to work with others with a difficult topic. You learn about a new culture, and you learn a new language that could be very useful.



# CHOIR



By: Bella Rodriguez

All three choirs gave tremendous performances on stage, and all three choirs received straight 1's for those concert performances. Both of today's varsity groups, the Concert Girls and Top Cats, also received straight 1's in the sight-reading room as well. The Treble Girls came up a little short in the sight-reading room, but still received a coveted plaque for their SUPERIOR results on stage.

It was a LONG day, but each of these choir students did a fantastic job. Their musicality was top-notch. All that they had, they gave, and they left their hearts on stage. If and when you see any of those students, please congratulate them on a job well done!

# Features

By: Madelynn Gross

## GT Trip to King Ranch Marky Trevino

Information by Ms. Reininger

GT students toured the King Ranch on March 26th as part of their cultural workshop. They were able to hear about the life and family of Captain Richard King and how the King Ranch has been an integral part of the history of this area. Students were also able to stop by the museum, as shown in the bottom picture, to see some of the artifacts and photographs that span the incredible history of the King family. Gt student learned a lot from this trip and had a lot of fun. They have made many memories here, and we hope that they make many more as members of GT.



Starting at the left:

Aiden Aguinaldo, Ella Spencer, Madysen Whitfield, Braxley Brezina, Aleena Roy, Skyla Martini

Top Row: Shifa Ali, Matthew Rush, Ryan Fudge, Quinn Smith, Vincent Nguyen,

Bottom Row: Luke Kohleffel , TJ Elliott, Aaron Lowry, Chloe Smith, Elena Miller, Aaron Nguyen, Alex Elizondo, Lleytonn Davidson, Camden Woodall, Braxton Ledet and Ariel Castellano

Kneeling: Paul Sellers, Olivia Kohleffel, Sabrina De La Fuente, Diego Aguillon, AJ Arellano, Jayden Schmidt



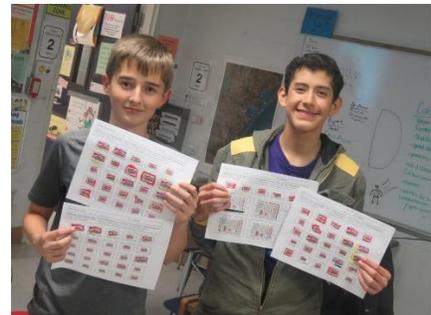
Farah Standley and Julian Warren in the front row. Gael Garza in the middle row, and Colton Harrison, Frank Gonzales, Brodie Mitchell, Hunter Sowell and Trey Cates in the back row

## Box Tops Brigade By: Noelani Judd

The Box Tops Brigade is a subdivision of Mr. Thomas's army of students. They cut and clip these box tops to raise money for our school.

If you happen to have hold over these mystical items, bring them to Mr. Thomas's room - C112.

You can go here and learn more about Box Tops: [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)



Left to right: Bella Rodriguez's hands as she tapes down box tops. Brooke Moreno, Anika Cluff, Kenzie Saathoff, and Amber Clements flaunting their completed box tops pages. Kadon Howard and Diego Aguillon showing their completed pages.

# ATTENDANCE

BY: ZOEY LANKFORD

February 28,2019 - March 7,2019 93.78%

March 8,2019 - March 21,2019 95.23%

March 22,2019 - March 28,2019 95.86 %

These are the attendance totals for February and March. Please make sure you come to school as soon as possible.

## HOW TO CHECK YOUR GPA AND CLASS RANK

BY. MARKY TREVINO

If you've ever wanted to check your class average, then all you need to do is e-mail Ms. Price-Henry and ask her.

## *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration* Alexandria Rodriguez



On April 1, the 8th graders went to the library with their ELA teachers to get their high school registration paperwork. Counselors from the High School explained in further detail how to fill out the registration paperwork. If you have any questions regarding high school registration look on the high school website under campus info for counselor/scholarships.

<https://www.g-pisd.org/gphs/campus-info/counselors-scholarships>

Mrs. West counsels soon-to-be Freshmen. Photo by Bella Rodriguez.



## Mr. Levensailor's DI team interview

By Jaden Velasco Photo by Madison Snody

What's your DI team's name? GP-Igges

What do you do? We are collecting donations for the Midwest flooding victims

What length of time will you be collecting? April 17th to May 17th

Where will you be collecting this? Throughout the district

What are you collecting? Cleaning supplies such as gloves, rubber boots, trash bags, mops, shovels, soap, and bleach

## Academic Booster Club

zoey Lankford

The Academic Booster Club could always use parent volunteers. If you want to become a parent volunteer, then go to the front office to pick up the paper work. The ABC appreciates all parent volunteers. If there are any events coming up the ABC could use some parent volunteers.

# Opinions!

*By: Jayden Campbell*

*Welcome to the Opinions section of the May gazette! Can you believe that it's already May? It's already pretty much the end of the year. Anyways! Let's get into the content!*

## *College Editorials!*

### *A&M is the College I Want to go to!*

**By: Colton Renfro**



Hello and welcome. If you are reading this, then I must have got your attention. Anyway, I wanted to tell you what college I want to go in the future. The Dallas A&M College! When I graduate from GP High School, I will want to move to Dallas. At the college, I will try to get a master's degree in mechanics and designing. After I graduate from the college, I am going to make my own rock crawling garage. I will help people who like going off road and help them build their rigs (trucks and Jeeps). Thank you!!!

## Toronto!

**By: Jayden Campbell**

The University of Toronto is a college that tries to create the most supportive environment possible. Professors do their best to help students in any way possible. Toronto has of the best research teams and they've done a lot to discover new things and learn new information. Their acceptance rate is about 70,000 students per year. The application fee is about \$250. The school has great housing options, they have the option to live on campus, or they have the option to live close by off campus. They have 24hr emergency telephone/alarm systems. The campus is always patrolled by trained officers, but especially at night.



# Alternative College

*By: Melany Castillo.*



Hi I'm Melany Castillo. Do you ever think about what you want to do or be after high school? If you haven't don't stress. After high school I plan to go off into the Airforce or the Navy. The Airforce has some great opportunities such as, living on base in Air Force dormitories with no charge and receive a free food ration. All medical and vision expenses are paid for. The Air Force also offers several educational opportunities, including on-base classes and tuition reimbursements for outside universities. The basic training salary of an E1 Air Force recruit is the equivalent of \$17,892 a year, or about \$1,491 a month. The Navy also has great benefits as an O-2, a lieutenant junior grade has a starting salary of \$3,580.50 per month. After two years in the Navy, basic pay increases \$497.40 to \$4,077.90 per month. With three years of service, monthly pay increases \$618.30 \$4,696.20, and with four years, it increases \$158.70 to \$4,854.90.

## GPMS !

### What Can Make GPMS Even Better?

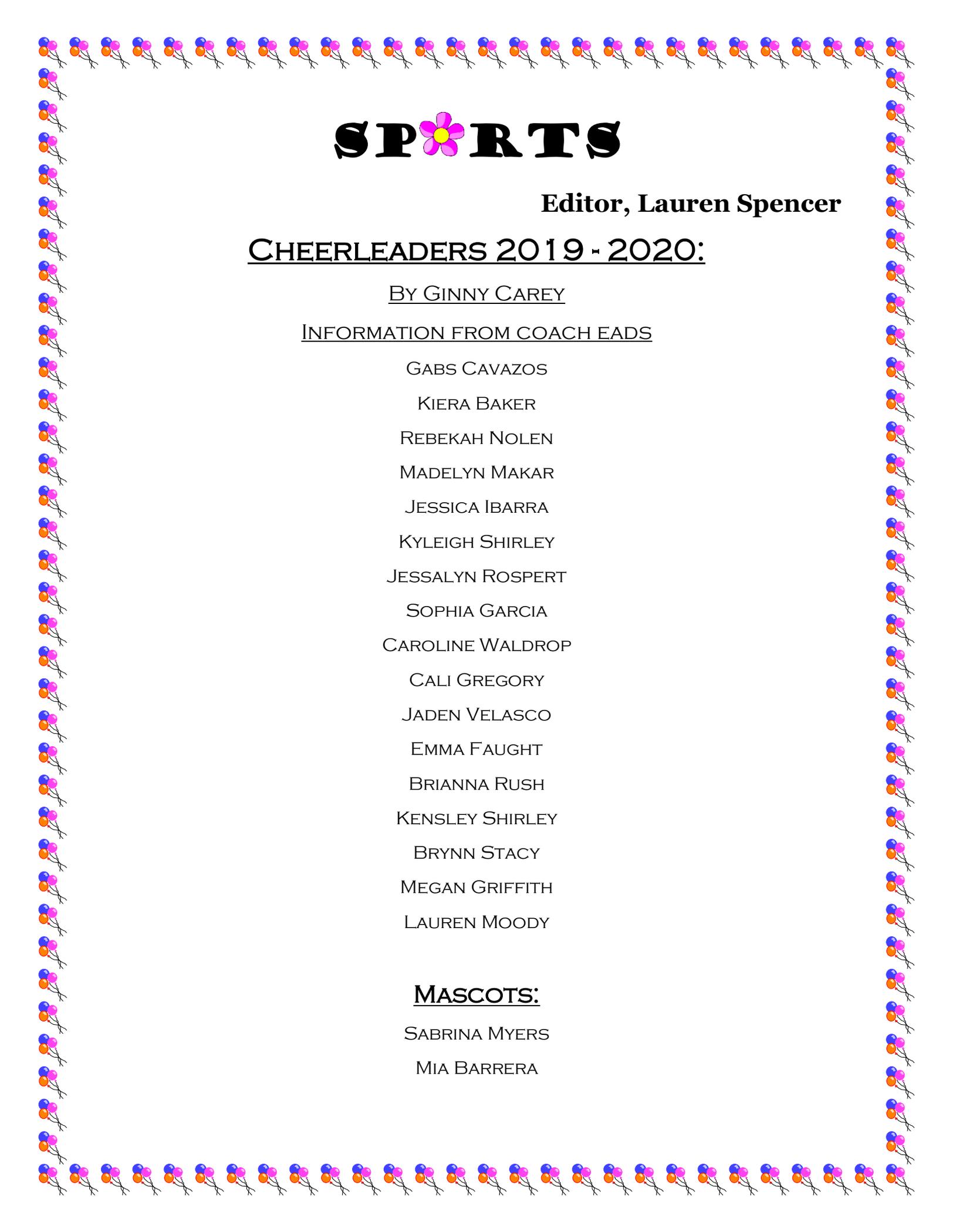
By: Kendall Lopez

Our school is already great, but I have a suggestion on how to make it even better. As you know, sixth graders have joined us here in GPMS. We seventh and eighth graders should be combined with the sixth graders so when the sixth graders see us, they won't be intimidated. If the sixth graders combine, then there would be less left out kids at lunch and in the halls. I believe that when we all come together, we will eventually get along with each other. Nobody is against anyone, and that is what will make GPMS a better place.



*This has been the Opinions section! Thanks for reading!*

*By: Jayden Campbell*



# SPORTS

**Editor, Lauren Spencer**

## CHEERLEADERS 2019 - 2020:

BY GINNY CAREY

### INFORMATION FROM COACH EADS

GABS CAVAZOS

KIERA BAKER

REBEKAH NOLEN

MADLYN MAKAR

JESSICA IBARRA

KYLEIGH SHIRLEY

JESSALYN ROSPERT

SOPHIA GARCIA

CAROLINE WALDROP

CALI GREGORY

JADEN VELASCO

EMMA FAUGHT

BRIANNA RUSH

KENSLEY SHIRLEY

BRYNN STACY

MEGAN GRIFFITH

LAUREN MOODY

### MASCOTS:

SABRINA MYERS

MIA BARRERA

# DISTRICT TRACK MEET

BY KENDALL LOPEZ

THE LADYCATS AND WILDCATS HAVE BEEN DOING PHENOMENAL. ON APRIL 4TH AND 5TH OF THIS YEAR, GP LADYCATS AND WILDCATS WENT TO DISTRICT. GP ATHLETES THEN HAD THE CHANCE TO GO TO FINALS BY GETTING TOP EIGHT IN THEIR EVENT. LUCKILY, A LOT OF GP ATHLETES MADE IT TO THE FINALS. OUR 7TH GRADE GP LADYCATS GOT FIRST IN DISTRICT, AND A RECORD WAS BROKEN.

MADISON SNODY BROKE A DISTRICT RECORD IN POLE VAULT, A HEIGHT OF 8' 1". UNFORTUNATELY, DURING TAKING THE LEAD IN THE 100 M HURDLES, SHE BROKE HER ARM AS WELL. I WANT TO SHOUT OUT HER FOR HER AMAZING WORK SHE HAS DONE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. EVERYONE ON THE TEAM CONTRIBUTED TO OUR WIN, AND EVERYONE SHOULD BE HONORED FOR THAT. I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE 8TH GRADE GIRLS AND BOYS, AS WELL AS 7TH GRADE BOYS, FOR PUSHING THEIR LIMITS OUT ON THE TRACK. GREAT JOB THIS SEASON, WILDCATS!



LAILA CARPENTER AND BELLA RIZO  
PHOTO BY: ELISABETH MILLER



VALERIA CASILLAS AND ANIKA CLUFF  
PHOTO BY: ELISABTH MILLER



RECORD-BREAKING MADISON SNODY  
PHOTO BY: LEANN SNODY



# **Technology**

**Hailey Rasmussen, editor**

## **Keyboarding**

**By Brandon Castilleja**

“We live in a digital society,” says Mrs. Hughes, “Learning to key by touch is an important skill to have. It will help you develop speed and accuracy when inputting data into the computer. Most students who learn and use the touch system are superior typists to those who do not have formal training. In TSDE (Touch System Data Entry), you will also learn important document formatting such as letters and reports that will help throughout your lifetime. I recommend that everyone take TSDE or a keyboarding course because it will be to your academic and personal advantage.”

## **Math Teams**

**By Hailey Rasmussen**

The GPMS 6th, 7th, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math teams meet with Mrs. Biediger in room D201. They competed in the Academic UIL competition in February. The students work very hard to get better and faster at math, calculator skills, and more.



# Career Cruising

*By Jaden Velasco*

Career Cruising is a website that helps you find jobs that you might be interested in.

Here is how to go to the Career Cruising Interest Survey:

1. Go to Internet and type [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

Username: GPHS-your lunch # (Ex. GPHS-123456)

If you have logged in before, your password is probably your lunch #

If you are a new student, your password is as follows:

Your birthday in the format mmddyyyy

(Ex. February 6, 1998 would be 02061998)

If it is your 1st login, you will be prompted to change your password – make sure you will remember this password. You could make it your lunch number!

2. Click the “Assessment” tab at the top of the page.

3. Click “Start Matchmaker.”

4. Enter a name under the “Matchmaker Label.” Today’s date would be fine. Click “Start Now.”

5. Read each question carefully and answer them honestly as they pertain to your interests – a brief description will appear next to each question for clarification. There will be 39 questions.

6. When complete, a list of 40 careers should appear. The best matches are at the top. Click “Save to my Plan.”

7. Click on the “Printer Friendly” Icon (The little printer picture.) \*\* Highlight from the top to the number 10 career. \*\* Go to the Tools Button top right, click “Print.” Select the correct printer. Go to Paper Range then choose “Selection.” Then you can click “Print”

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8. To learn more about a career, click on one of the careers in the list. Or click on the “Careers Tab” at the top of page and search for a career you have in mind. Also, save this to your plan. Any career you researched should also be saved to your plan.

9. You then need to pick one career. Either one from the list or the one you researched. Then click on Education” and the click on “Printer Friendly” Icon.

10. To print this, you will highlight from the top of this page all the way to “Important: and the two bullet statements there.

11. Click on the Tools button top right. Make sure you select the correct printer and go to “Paper range” and choose “Selection.” Then you can click Print.

12. When done, be sure to “Log Out” from the “Drop Down Menu” under “My Account” at the top of the page.

13. You will place these papers in your folder. Also write your username and password on one of your forms so you don’t forget. You can also write this somewhere else so that you can visit this site anytime you want. This web page can be used to research education, colleges, financial aid, earnings, and much more. I hope you will use this free resource all through high school to help guide you to a meaningful career choice. You can access this web page from home as well.

## **Diego Aguillon’s Experience With Robotics**

***By Diego Aguillon***

Robotics was a huge learning experience for me. It taught me, among other things, the value of teamwork. Without the team and me working together, we never would have accomplished anything, and we certainly wouldn't have made it to state. Robotics was also a good place to just have fun! I made new friends, and I had the chance to reunite with old ones (specifically Jeremy, the robot we used for both last year's and this year's competition).

# Bella Rodriguez's Experience with Robotics

By Bella Rodriguez

The robotics team has taught me so many things, especially patience. Anytime we would program the robots, it always took time for the robot to do its mission. When I first joined there were so many people, but when we got closer to competition people dropped out left and right. Even though we had very few people we made it in the top Five which got us to state. When I think of robotics I will always think of the best learning experience I could have ever received.

## Skyward

By Hailey Rasmussen

Some students are unsure on how to log in to their Skyward and check their grades. Here are the steps to doing this:

- 1) Type g-pisd.org into the search bar at the top of the web browser.
- 2) Click enter
- 3) Scroll your cursor over the words "Quick Links" and click on "Skyward Family Access"
- 4) Your username is the first 5 letters of your last name, the first 3 letters of your first name, and three 0s. (Ex: If your name is John Johnson, your username is JohnsJoh000)
- 5) Your password is your student ID (lunch number)
- 6) Once in, click on gradebook to view your current and previous grades.



<https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsedugregporttx/fwemnu01.w>

# ❖ Style Section ❖

Editor: Zoe Garza

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Masquerade Formal

May 18th from 7- 10:00 PM in the high school cafeteria. Only 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are allowed to attend the formal. The cost \$20.00 pre-sale and \$25.00 at the door. Cost includes ticket into event, a masquerade mask, refreshments and dessert bar. Tickets are available to purchase at the front office.

This is a formal Dance and the following dress code applies:

We ask girls wear dresses in good taste and that boys wear nice slacks or a nice pair of pants with a button down shirt and tie.

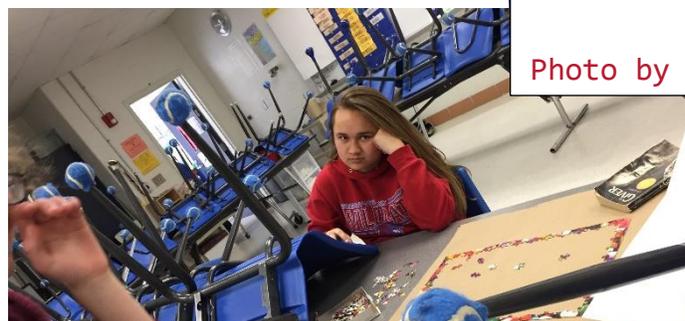
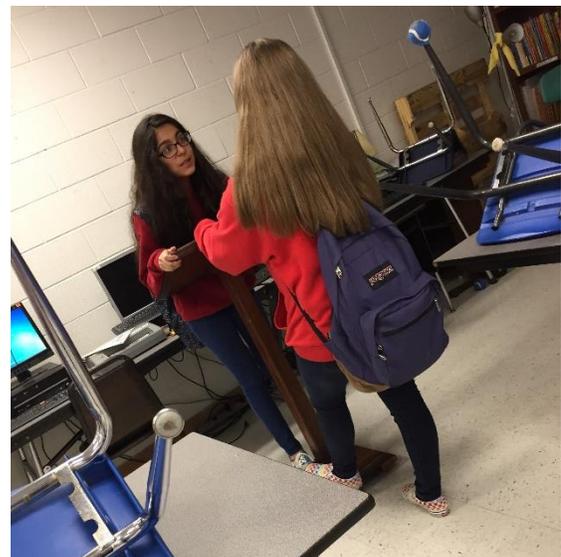
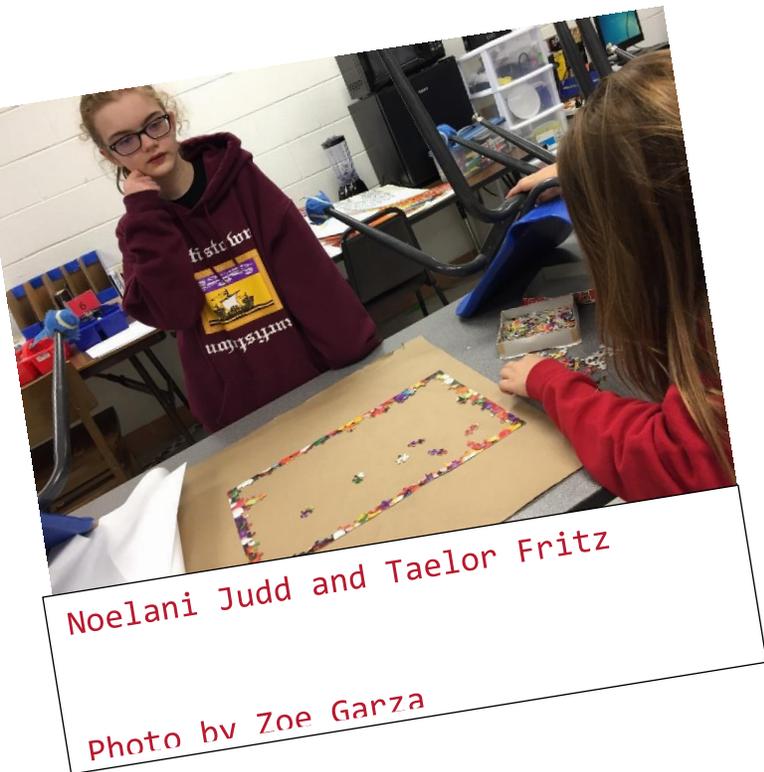
Hope to see you there!!

# Recycling Club

By Zoe Garza

On Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Some students went to Mrs. Trujillo's classroom (C115) after school and made some paper bricks, played games, and solved puzzles.

You should totally come by and see what we have going on!! Especially if you love recycling and saving our Earth!!



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“She’s Beauty, She’s Grace.” A photo of Kariane McMahon by Noelani Judd

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