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GPMS 8th-grade Football A Team vs Tuloso Midway

Photo By: Hailey Rasmussen

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September "color" by Devin Guevara

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Savannah Diaz displays her art in Mr. Sosebee's class.

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Students worked together at the first GPMS House Scavenger Hunt on Aug 30.

Photo by: Carisa Cinelli

Library News

By: Kylar Hudler

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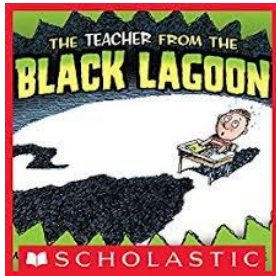


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The Black Lagoon- By Mike Thaler

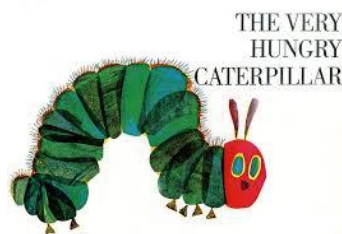
The Black Lagoon books have always been a fan favorite. There have been 20 of them; 3 of those won an International Reading Children's Choice Award. I have read all of the Black Lagoon books and loved them. They have the same ideas, but they are told in creative ways, which makes them all entertaining. In conclusion, if you haven't read any of the Black Lagoon books, I strongly recommend that you do. If you are going to read one, you should read *The Teacher of The Black Lagoon*.

Coleton Christman-



Goosebumps- R. L.
Stine

Goosebumps is one of the most famous book series on the planet, and it earned it. R.L. Stine makes all of his books different in many ways. If you read a Goosebumps book, the next one you read will be very different. R.L. Stine also makes the scare factor in his books great. If you're under the age of 4, then you're going to be having nightmares. In conclusion, if you haven't read any of the Goosebumps, give it a try. R.L. Stine is a great author, and puts a lot of time into his books.



Coleton
Christman-
The Very
Hungry
Caterpillar

Let's be honest; we all read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* in kindergarten, and we thought it was so good. If we read it right now, we would all agree that the book is for babies. I agree with that statement, but I don't think that's a bad thing. It's a good book for babies, and it has a lot of fundamentals that

babies should learn: like numbers, to eat veggies, and the life of a caterpillar. In conclusion, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* is definitely not a book for mature people, but for babies. Even so, it serves its purpose.

College Editorials:

Evan Rhodes- Ohio State University



I would love to go to Ohio State University for a great variety of reasons! One of them being the quality of the sports program. OSU's sports programs are highly regarded as one of the best programs in division 1 sports. Being a lover of sports, I would love to go to a college with a variety of sports to play, and a high-quality sports experience, which OSU provides. Another reason I would love to go to OSU is because it has an 84% graduation rate! This is good to note because this means the academics are taught well and

the students learn a lot at OSU. One final reason I would love to go to OSU is because of how passionate the students are about all sports. OSU is known for having one of the best football programs in the nation and having the most loyal and passionate fans in the NCAA. This lets me know I'll always have fun at an OSU sports event!

Bailey Clarke- University of Sydney



The college I want to go to when I graduate is the University of Sydney. There, I want to study medicine and health to become a midwife. I chose this university because it is ranked #1 for graduate employability in Australia and it's also one of the world's top 50 colleges. The university has working farms, a field station on the Great Barrier Reef, and an ongoing program to transform their buildings. The university is great, and that's why I want to go there.

What Makes GPMS Great?



Kylar Hudlør-
To me, the reason GPMS is great is because it has one of the best staff teams in the state. That's a fact; the school's

education system is amazing! I learn a lot of things at Gregory Portland Middle School. I have had a great school experience at GPMS, the teachers are very fun, and they teach in various ways and help many students throughout the school. I love being here because the electives we have are various and very optimistic. I love almost everything about this school; it is a great school. I hope you feel the same way.

One More Thing That Makes

GPMS Great Also by Kylar Hudlør

Another thing that makes GPMS great is the GPMS Press Corps. Our team at the GPMS Press Corps do all they can to make the Gregory Portland school web page as informative as possible for our students and staff members. We are always hard at work for people all over the world. We are not the only ones who make this school great; our teachers and staff and students make this school great. Without them, this school would not be as great. That's what makes GPMS great!

What Makes GPMS Great?



Colton Renfro-
I think GPMS is a great school to go to for 6th through 8th. I love the lunch they serve during the week, especially on

Tuesdays. Yum, Yum, chicken nuggies. The teachers are great, too. They are very direct with their teaching methods. Well, at least the teachers I've had. And there are two gyms, great for the amount of students in athletics. The track is very nice, too. It has a ton of grips. The field is great because it has turf, so it doesn't get muddy when it rains, and the yard markers stay. This is why I think GPMS is the best.

What Could Make GPMS Even

Better? Also by Colton Renfro

I think GPMS is a great school, but it could use some upgrades, maybe some downgrades, too. The paint on the outside is good, but it doesn't quite match the gyms or outside buildings. The base color could be white with red and blue stripes here and there. The doors aren't the best, too. The doors need to all be opening inside the class rooms. They could also be alternating from red to blue. That would be pretty cool. The pickup and drop off lines need to be better organized. There are multiple entrances and one exit. There needs to be at least two exits for better traffic flow. That would make GPMS better.

What Makes GPMS Great?



Colton Christman-
GPMS is a great school with many positives like new food. They also have great but outdated electronics. There

are also a lot of people in GPMS for you to make friends with. Many of the people in GPMS are nice and are easy to talk to. There are also many nice teachers that make learning fun and easy. In conclusion, this school has many more positives than negatives; so if you're deciding whether to come to this school, you should!

Read any good books lately?
Looking at any good colleges? Do you have an idea about what makes GPMS great, or what can make it even better? If you have anything you would like to share in the opinions section, please e-mail Ximena Garcia, *The GPMS Gazette* Opinions Editor.

Breaking News

Congratulations to our September House Challenge winners:

Best Trick:

1st Declan Woodall: Saturn
2nd Ryan Kish: Mercury
3rd Samantha Boyce: Neptune

Family Interview:

Noah Celeski: Jupiter
Allison McMahan: Venus
Hunter Haun: Venus

Nature Photo:

1st Shiloh Sawyer: Jupiter
2nd Jessica Abt: Jupiter
3rd Mariah Kelsey: Mars

Crazy Hair:

1st Mariah Kelsey: Mars
2nd Faith Ortega: Mars
3rd Jesus Sanchez: Mercury

Flip Flop Challenge:

1st Adrian Galvan: Venus
2nd DI Team
3rd Jayce Ollmann

Scavenger Hunt: House Jupiter

Thank you, everyone who participated in our September House Challenges!

For more information about past and present House Challenges, please visit the "Community" section of the GPMS website:

<https://www.g-pisd.org/gpms/community/house-challenges>

People

Jade Lucero, People Editor

Devin Guevara, Assistant People Editor

Coach Silvas

By, Hailey Rasmussen

What do you do at GPMS? Teaches 6th grade World Culture and Geography, Coach 7th grade football, Coach JV basketball.

Education: Graduated from TAMUCC, taught and coached the last 4 years

Hobbies: Hobbies are fishing from my kayak.

Favorite Book: Favorite Books are anything with pictures.

Favorite Games: Favorite Game are Red Dead Redemption 2 on the ps4 (Xbox is trash).

Favorite music/artist/genre: Favorite music/artist/genre is Country, Rap, and Rock.

Something about me that might surprise people: Something about me that might surprise people is I used to be a shooting coach when I was in the Marine Corps.



Ms. Costilla

By, Marky Trevino



What do you do at GPMS: I am the Librarian at GPMS.

Education/Experience: I have my bachelor's from Texas A&M Corpus Christi in Interdisciplinary Studies, and I have a master's from the University of North Texas in Library and Information Science. I taught 2nd grade for 10 years at TM Clark Elementary, I spent 3 years at the GP High School as a library assistant in order to get experience in a school library. This is my 3rd year as the librarian at GPMS and I love it!

Hobbies: I love spending time with my family, friends, and I love to float the FRIO!! ♥ □

My favorite book: My favorite book is *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein.

My favorite game: My favorite game is baseball/softball. I love to sit around the diamond and watch a good game.

My favorite kind of music: My favorite kind of music is Texas

Country.

Something about me that might surprise people: I am a GP graduate, and this is my 16th year working at GPISD.

Mrs. Trees

By, Gabriel Palacios



What do you do at GPMS? I teach reading and writing. My job is really to motivate students to do their best, so that they can achieve their goals.

Education/experience: The last degree I got was from TAMUCC, and it was a MS in Instructional Design and Educational Technology. I have been teaching for a handful of years and really enjoy being an educator.

Hobbies: Reading, researching, cooking, creating/designing, and when I have the time weight lifting.

Favorite Book(s): I am a big fan of Kurt Vonnegut books, the Tripod Trilogies, The Redwall series, and read everything by Roald Dahl growing up.

Favorite music, artist or genre: I love all kinds of music, except for jam bands and free form jazz. If there is no structure, and it lasts for more than ten minutes, it counts as torture for my ears.

Something about me that might surprise people: I was a florist for six years and love all kinds of design. I hope one day to get my PhD in Instructional design.

Mrs. Brooke Acker

By, Gabriel Palacios



What do you do at GPMS?

IN THE MORNINGS - I work in the cafeteria with Mrs. DeMartino for bus duty. Afterwards I go outside and I assist with all of the morning traffic, so everyone who drives through are safe.

IN THE CLASSROOM - I am a Special Education Inclusion Paraprofessional. In other words ... I assist students with their work and help them be successful. Usually by showing them little "tricks" to help them remember the content and to teach the material in a different way.

Education/experience: I have been working in education for a total of 19 years. This is my 12th year with Gregory-Portland ISD

Hobbies: Pageants, photography, scrapbooking, traveling, spending time with my friends. AKA "MY TRIBE"

Favorite Book: *Intensity* by Dean Coontz - scared me really bad because it was so realistic.

Favorite Game(s): Uno, Bunco, LCR and anything where a group of people can come together and just have FUN!

One Thanksgiving we had an UNO game that lasted over 3 HOURS!!!

Favorite music, artist or genre: I love all music! I am very excited that I am going to see one of my favorites on September 14th. My daughter and I have front row seats to see Justin Furstenfeld of Blue October

Something about me that might surprise people: I am a National Beauty Queen. I have competed in several local, state and National organizations.

I have been in a rock band and I can pick up practically ANYTHING with my toes! HAHAA

Ms. Elliott

By, Gabriel Palacios

What do you do at GPMS? I teach ELAR at the amazing GP Middle School!



Education/experience: This is my first year at GPMS teaching 8th grade ELA, but my 10th year teaching it in all. I previously taught it in a district in West Texas. I have also taught at the college Master's level for a university and I volunteer to teach English at the Adult Literacy Council in Corpus Christi. I am also finishing my coursework this fall for my PhD in Curriculum & Instruction and hope to start writing my dissertation in the spring.

Hobbies: I love to rollerblade, read, research, and go to the beach. I have tried to teach myself guitar, but I've determined I need an actual teacher for that.

Favorite Book(s): *The Bible*, *Buried Onions*, *Wuthering Heights*, Non-fiction in general, The Black Stallion series, the list is long!

Favorite Game(s): Monopoly, Canasta

Favorite music, artist or genre: Love all music but the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Bowling for Soup are my favorites, followed by the Beatles and Motley Crue.

Something about me that might surprise people: I have been an "extra" in a TV series called Unsolved Mysteries and I co-wrote the song "There goes Lucy" which is on the same Rembrandts CD and the theme to "Friends" 😊

Stairwells of Inspirational messages



In the D wing and M wing, you may have noticed the neon-colored paper taped to the stairwells. They have inspirational messages on them like "You can do it!" and "you've got this!". The person behind these messages is Mrs. Perez. She is a sixth-grade science

teacher and the one who decided to hang up the papers. ***Photos and story by Hailey Rasmussen.***



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Sports

Hailey Rasmussen, editor

Charlotte Richardson, assistant editor

Ladycat Basketball

By Jayden Moss

According to Coach Wilson, "Ladycat Basketball tryouts will be at the end of October. It will be held in the blue gym. Students need to be passing all classes and have a UIL physical by tryout time. The season will go through February so come out and support the Ladycats!"



Football



Colton Harrison throwing
a touchdown pass



Ethen Guzman making a
touchdown run



Davian Guevara on the
sidelines



Elijah Young and Nayeli
Reyna
(left)

Jackson Sutton,
kicker (right)



Photos by Hailey Rasmussen



Nayeli Reyna, Alayna
Villareal, Hailey
Rasmussen, and
Lauren Spencer at the
9/3 football game

Photo by Gracie Cox



7th grade Volleyball Roster



By Jenna Rodriguez




Shifa Ali

Elena Miller



Jalysa Alvarado

Sienna Miller



Desiray Ayala

Lauren Moody



Kiera Baker

Cayton Nesloney



Madalene Barrios

Kacy O'Neal




Braxley Brezina

Angel Ramos



Mackenzie Carmickle

Faith Rios



Madison Carmickle

Arianna Sanchez



Leilani DeLeon

Marie (Shiloh) Sawyer



Audrey Dierks

Kyleigh Shirley



Zoey Flores

Kaitlyn Solis



Makenzie Ivie

Nina Steele




Abigail Kelly

Michaela Theriault




Ashlyn Kelly

Clarissa Valdez



Savannah Lawson

Zoe Vasquez



Lilly Lofton

Macie Besinaiz



Kaela Luna

Cali Gregory (Manager)



LADYCATS



Cheer

Photos by Isaiah Salinas



Brianna Rush, Kiera Baker, Megan Griffith, Caroline Waldrop, Brynn Stacey, Rebekah Nolan, Emma Faught, Kensley Shirley, Jaden Velasco, Sophia Garcia, Maddie Makar, Kyleigh Shirley, Gabs Cavanos, and Cali Gregory (left to right)

Emma Faught, Jaden Velasco, and Caroline Waldrop pose for a picture during halftime



The GPMS cheerleaders cheer on A-team football

Cheer (cont.)

Photos by Hailey Rasmussen



**Brianna Rush
cheering on
the team**

**Brynn Stacey
on the sidelines**



**Megan Griffith
chanting for the
Wildcats**