

# ***The GPMS Gazette!***

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



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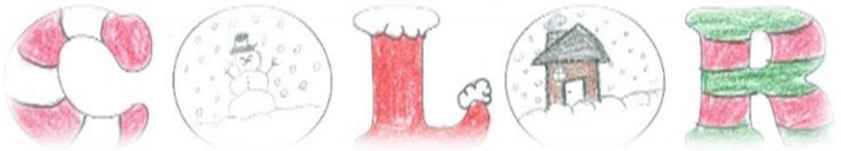
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# WINTER NEWS SECTION

BY ANGELICA CONSTANTE

Also by assistant editor Ximena Garcia

## Latido de noticias en español

By Coleton Christman

The Spanish elective is run by Sra. Punte. She makes Spanish fun and easy to learn. In Spanish you're supposed to learn how to construct sentences, while learning new words. We've done many projects in Spanish. Just to name a few, we've done ofrendas (table of offerings) for Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead), and we also have made horarios (schedules).



Left to Right: Jaylin Ortegon, Nina Ramirez, Jens Quam, Kamryn Zipprian, and Kensley Shirley with their horario projects

## Press Corps

By: Marky Trevino

The GPMS Press Corps is currently working very epically on the GPMS Gazette and the GPMS Yearbook. At this time over 150 yearbooks have been sold, and it's only \$20. We would like to thank everyone for the feedback on the Gazette. We look forward to you all getting the new Gazette and yearbook.



Photo by Ximena Garcia

In the photo is Marky Trevino

# Health BEAT

By Hailey Nguyen

Displayed in these photos GPMS health students learned about cardiopulmonary resuscitation. It is a very hard procedure, which takes a lot of patience, effort, and strength.



Rufino Medado

Two students practicing CPR



## January's Students of the Month

By: Marky Trevino

Photo Taken By: Charlotte Richardson



Left to Right  
6th grade: Emiliano Rivas  
and Mario Pino Delgado  
7th grade: Emily  
Trevino, Isabella Harsh,  
Jacob Garcia, and Joseph  
Moebius  
8th grade: Revel Wicks  
and Catye Williams

# new Middle School Construction BEAT

Words & pictures by: Hailey Nguyen

Our New Middle School is starting to be made! They have brought out pipes with other construction equipment to start building. They are currently leveling out the dirt to even out the floor to work on.



## Got News?

Using your school e-mail, please share news tips and/or photos of school events with our News Editor, Angelica Constante!

## Destination Imagination

Photo and words by Colton Converse

Mrs. Reiningger's 7th grade D.I. team showcasing one of their props going to U.I.L. competition.

Left to right: Tyler Pearson, Zack Hasserodt, Logan Rizo, Tyler Bergman, Gabriel Garcia, JT Moebius



## Cats Club

On January 16, students took a trip to Bowlero for Cat's Club. While they were there, they played bowling, arcade games, and laser tag. They had a really good time, and hopefully you will be there for the next Cat's Club trip!



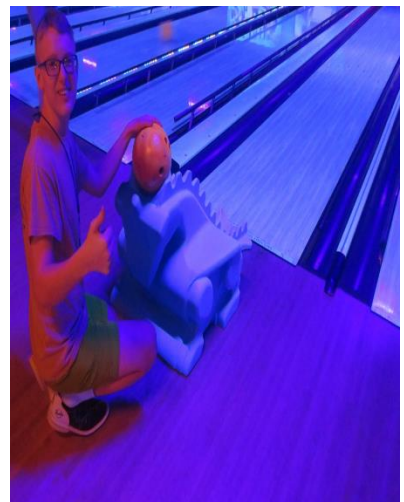
Marky Trevino is being a gamer.



Mr. Wooten is gaming.



Ruben Flores and Braxton Ledet are getting ready to game.



John Vaughan is about to bowl.

Cats Club (Continued)



Jaiden Vo is about to bowl.



Colton Converse bowling

Adrian Galvan is about to bowl.



Marky Trevino dabbing.

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Additional photos by Colton Converse

# Winter Opinions Section

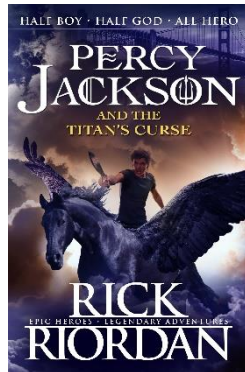
By: Opinions Editor – Ximena Garcia and Assistant Editor – Angelica Constante

## Book Reviews –

*Evan Rhodes: Percy Jackson: The Titans Curse*



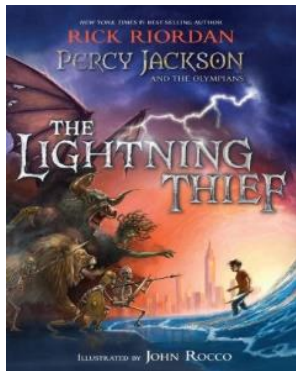
*Percy Jackson: The*



*The Titans Curse is a fantasy book created by Rick Riordan and is seen at almost every library. In the Titans Curse Percy, The Hunters, and Thalia must go save the Goddess Artemis and the daughter of Athena, Annabeth because they have been captured by Luke, the son of Hermes, who betrayed the camp to work for the evil Titan named Cronus. This book is very action filled and has plenty of twists that make for a good read.*

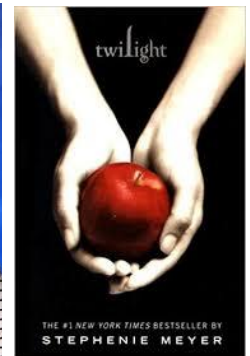
## Also by Evan.....

*Lightning Thief*



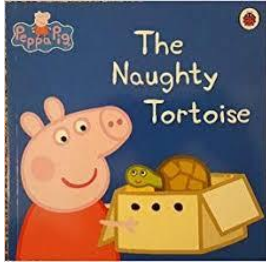
*Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief is a fantasy book made by Rick Riordan and has sold over 15 million copies, for a good reason. The way the book is paced is perfect and I think the plot twists all come together to make a great book. At the beginning Percy portrays himself as a dyslexic, ADHD having juvenile delinquent. But then his best friend Grover reveals himself to be a Satyr and protector, and must take Percy to a camp for half-god, half-human children to train. At the camp he learns that his father is the god of the sea, Poseidon.*

## Bailey Clarke's Book Reviews



*Twilight - By Stephenie Meyer*

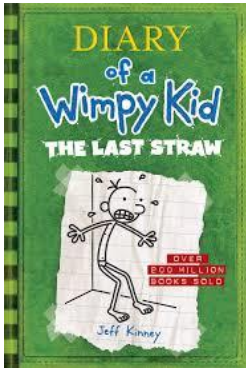
*If you're interested in a good fantasy and romance novel, I would suggest Twilight. It's an amazing book filled with vampires, adventures and so much more. The story is about a girl who moves to a new town to live with her dad. There she meets a boy that she later finds out to be a vampire along with his family. Her safety becomes a worry when they must keep their blood last under control for her. I really liked this book. Even though it was very long, it was worth the read. You can find this book along with the other books in this series at the library.*



Peppa Pig the Naughty Tortoise: By Neville Astley

Peppa Pig the Naughty Tortoise is a good book for young children. If you have younger siblings, I would recommend it for them, or you could read it for your own entertainment. The book is about a naughty tortoise that climbs a tree instead of going into hibernation and everyone tries to help get him down. There are also other books in the Peppa Pig series, if you want more.

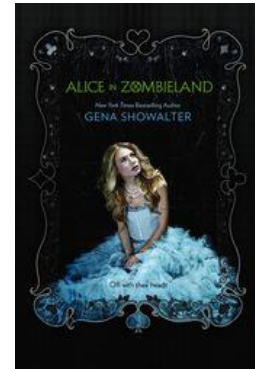
Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Last Straw: By Jeff Kinney



Diary of a Wimpy Kid Last Straw is a funny and entertaining book. The book begins with the boy's family talking about their resolutions for New Years and the boy's dad also tries to change him by making him tougher and manlier like his bosses' son. I like this story because it makes you want to read more. This book is the journal of the main character. There are other books in this series if you enjoy this. You can find it at the school library if you are interested!

Alice in Zombieland: By Gena Showalter

Alice in Zombieland is a very interesting and suspenseful book. It is about a teenage girl that goes to stay with her grandparents after a tragic accident. Ever since the accident she starts seeing monsters. Later in the book it talks about how she goes to a new high school and gets mixed in with all the action, monsters, and romance. I really liked this book because it has a bit of every genre in it. There are also more books in this series if this interests you.



College Editorials

Evan Rhodes: Ohio University (OU)



Ohio University is a university located in Athens, Ohio and is one of the most well-known party schools in America. I would go to OU for two reasons, to get a good education in my home state and have a great time while getting the education. OU has a 67.4% graduation rate which is not bad and shows that most people graduate. At the same time I work on graduating I would also be having a fun time partying with my friends.



Evan Rhodes: Florida State University

Florida State is a college located in Tallahassee, Florida, and is well known for its great education. The college has an outstanding graduation rate of 80%. Meaning 80 out of 100 students graduate from Florida State. I would also love to go to Florida State because a majority of my family actually lives in Florida and I would love for them to come see me play basketball for Florida State. Overall, I would love to get an amazing education with a good chance of graduation while living close to my family.



Melinda Sword: Texas A&M

After I graduate high school, I would like to go to Texas A&M University. I'm hoping that I will get go there because I would like to get a better education in a lot of things, like my art skills. My 5th grade science teacher, Mrs. Schindler went there, and she really enjoyed her time there. I hope that I can experience what she did. I hope that I get to go because of all the opportunities I will have there.



Colton Renfro: University of Houston



One college I would want to go to is the University of Houston. None of my parents or family members that I know of have gone there, so I would be the first one to go. One reason I want to go is because I love Houston, especially their baseball team. I've heard that they have a great mechanics class to take, which is perfect because I love to work on cars. I do very well with Jeeps. Plus, I love the schools logo. Go Cougars!!!



What Makes GPMS Great and Even Better?



What Makes GPMS Great? By Evan Rhodes

GPMS all around is an amazing school and has a positive environment. But one of the best aspects of the school is the sports program. You can guarantee when you come to GP that you will get better at the sport you love and get overall more athletic and disciplined. The coaches and the quality of the sports complex all come together to make an amazing program for kids of all ages and athletic ability.

What Makes It Even Better?

GPMS is an amazing school, but every great school can always be improved. One way I think it could be improved is by focusing more on the students' happiness and well-being before focusing on their education. Because if a student doesn't have a happy home life, they may not be able to learn well at school. I understand that the school has counselors but lots of kids at this age are scared to talk about their issues. Simply asking what is wrong inside/outside of school could help a lot.

## Colton Converse

### What Makes GPMS Great?

*I think that the thing that makes our school great is that, no matter what you want to do in life, GP has the resources to take you to that goal. If you need special classes, the school will send you to a different facility to get you the education you desire. I think that GP is one of the best schools to learn new trades and find activities that interest you. For these reasons I think GP is one of the best schools in the South Texas region.*



### What makes GPMS Even Better?

*If I were to suggest one thing to make our school better, it would be getting rid of the housing system at lunch. If GP is trying to stop separation of students, using segregation (langard housing) is not the way to do this it defeats the purpose of including people. It makes the situation feel forced and uncomfortable. If GP wants to stop separation, they should find new ways to make people feel included. I think the best way to make students feel included would be to let them participate in teams and clubs events. This would make people feel as though they were part of the team.*

## Game Review

### Colton Renfro: Cool Math Game Idle Dice



*Cool Math is a very popular site for school-appropriate games. Recently, I've been playing a game called Idle Dice. In this game, you earn money by rolling dice. You start with one single die and get the amount of money (pretend money) that the number of the die lands on. Later on, you can upgrade your dice, and buy more dice. You can have a total of five dice. It's kind of like Yahtzee. After you buy all the dice, there are extras that you can buy that multiply your total to get you more money. There are settings in the top right corner that set how many times you upgrade the dice. If choose 100, and upgrade the dice, an ascend button pops up. If you click on it, it lets you draw a card. Certain cards help you earn more money or faster automatic rolling. You can also earn BP to buy different things. There are a lot of extras, so you're going to have find that stuff for yourself. Have fun!*

Do you want to share your opinions with the school (and the world)? Book review? College editorials? Using your school e-mail, please send your editorials to the GPMS Gazette's Opinions Editor - Ximena Garcia!

# Sports

**Hailey Rasmussen,**  
**editor**

**Charlotte Richardson,**  
**assistant editor**

## **Cross Country**

**Information**  
**from Gabriel Palacios**



Photo by Tomami Cate

Hadassah Garza, Mia Pena, Kendall Lopez, Mallory Hendryx, Madison Kilgore, Sami Gregory, Hailey Bustose, Megumi Cate, Alyssa Shaffie, and Victoria Alvarado won second in their district meet at West Guth Park with the girl with the highest place is Madison Kilgore.



Photo by Tomami Cate

Hunter Davis, CJ Hart, Gabriel Palacios, Gael Garza, and Colton Renfro won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their district meet at West Guth Park. The highest score was Gael Garza.

## **Football**

**By Angel Garcia**

This list of 7th grade boys went on a trip on 12/17/19 to see a semifinal football game in San Antonio. They checked in to their 7th period and headed to the bus at 2:45 pm. They were responsible for any work missed.

**Gilbert Casas, Brady Cotton, Reed Doms, Robert (Brayden) Flores, Braedyn Galvan, Jaymen Galvan, Gabriel Garcia, Jacob Garcia, Bryce Hardwick, Colson Haubelt, Ethan Johnson, Luke Kohleffel, Aaron Lowry, Dylan Mauch, Evan McConnell, Micheal Miles, Ben Palacios, Reece Roach, Broc Talamantez, Eric Valdez, Austin Vasquez**

# **Boys' Basketball**

**Collected by Gabriel Palacios**

## **A-Team 11/14**

The GP Wildcats start their basketball season strong against "Calallen Wildcats." Gregory Portland leading the entire game making it hard for the Calallen Wildcats to catch up! Taking the "Dub" over Calallen making them 1-0. Congratulations, Wildcats; great way to open the 2019-2020 season. Come support our Wildcat basketball November 21 at home against Tuloso-Midway.

## **A Team 11/21**

It was raining threes Thursday, November 21. The Wildcats were hosting Tuloso-Midway for their second game of the season hoping to be 2-0 and they did not disappoint. They demolished Tuloso-Midway, with an end score of 19-69. The Wildcats were up by the half but they were not done yet. Trevor Jones was draining threes. He

was on fire after the half, shooting a step back three over a TM defender to score his 3 consecutive three pointers. They played Alice (away) when they got back from the Thanksgiving break.

## **A-Team 12/5**

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, the Wildcats traveled to Alice for their third game of the 2019-2020 season. The Wildcats were hoping to win their first game back from Thanksgiving break. They had some trouble with shooting but they ended up beating Alice and making their record 3-0.

## **A-Team 12/12**

Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> was a close game. The Wildcats were ready to play and get the win against Baker, CCISD. The Wildcats had some trouble with scoring, but they ended up with the win. The end score was 56 to 50. The Wildcats are 4-0 now. They played Flour Bluff the next week at home.

# People Section

People Editor, Jade Lucero

Assistant People Editor, Angel Garcia



**Name/Title:** Coach Garza  
**What do you do at GPMS?** Teach 8th ELAR, Coach 7<sup>th</sup>-grade football, basketball and track.  
**Education/experience:** I have been teaching for 19 years and 15 years here at GP.  
**Hobbies:** Reading and Barbecuing  
**Favorite Book(s):** The Alienist  
**Favorite Game(s):** Football, Baseball, Basketball  
**Favorite music:** Classic Rock, Country, Classical  
**Something about me that might surprise people:** I was active duty in the US Navy from 91-98, and retired from the Navy Reserves as a Chief Petty Officer in 2011 after serving for 20 years. **By, Angel Garcia**



**Name:** Mrs. Baker  
**What do you do at GPMS?** : 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies  
**Education/ experience:** Graduated from U.T.P.A & have taught for 7 years  
**Hobbies:** Going to the movies, enjoying the outside, & family  
**Favorite book(s):** “The Giver”  
**Favorite Game(s):** Basketball  
**Favorite music, artist or genre:** Country  
**Something about me that might surprise people:** I was born in Alaska :) **By, Marlen Vazquez-Castro**

## The GPMS Ugly Sweater Contest

### Teacher Edition

This year’s (last December’s) ugly sweater contest had many participants and the Press Corps would like to thank all of them. The participants put on a great showing as they came out of their rooms, lining the halls with holiday festivity. Sadly, not all participants could be deemed winners. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place, we had Ms. Mclary with her amazing sweater, and in first place, we had Ms. Wilburn with her great sweater.

Colton Converse reporting

# Halloween Epic Costumes

Skeleton Meme,  
Mrs. Harris



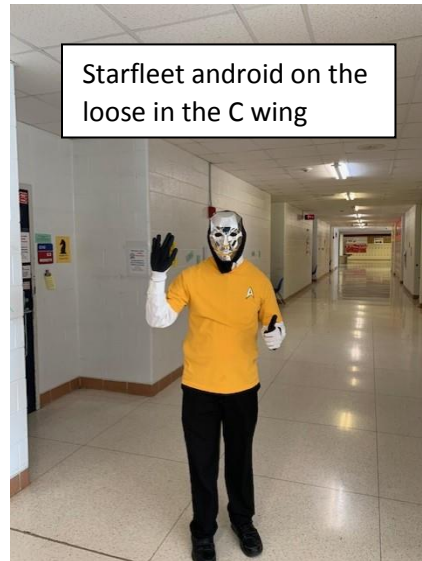
Mask, Mr.  
Thompson



Diary of a Wimpy  
Kid squad



Starfleet android on the  
loose in the C wing



Hydro Flask, Ms.  
Vaseviades



Pumpkin, Mrs.  
Hayward





Pilgrim, Mrs. Manville



ID card, Coach Rodriguez

Student Interviews



**Name (First & Last):** Gabriel Palacios  
**Favorite class/subject (& why?):** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Athletics because it is fun  
**School Clubs/Activities:** Basketball, Cross Country, and Track  
**Hobbies:** Playing outside, sports, and hanging out with my family  
**Favorite Game(s):** Madden NBA 2K  
**Favorite music, artist or genre:** Rap and country  
**Plans/goals for after high school (college, career, etc.):** Go to college  
**Something about me that might surprise people:** I am the oldest male on my mother's side of the family (mainly because I have a lot of female cousins). **By, Colton Renfro**

# GPMS GAZETTE

All students are welcome to contribute original writing, photography, and/or art to the GPMS Gazette (the official newsletter of Gregory-Portland Middle School!) Just use your school e-mail to send your work to the appropriate editors (listed on the front cover of this issue)!



**Name (First & Last):** Jade Lucero

**Favorite class/subject:** I really like English at the moment. I am not the best at it, but I do really like to read. : )

**School clubs/activities:** I am in the after school theater program and in NJHS. I am also the People Editor for the GPMS Gazette!

**Hobbies:** My hobbies consist of reading, playing video games, watching anime, all kinds of types of art, and photography.

**Favorite Book(s):** I don't really have an overall favorite book, but at the moment I really like the series Alice in Zombieland.

**Favorite Game(s):** My favorite video game is Persona 5 and I don't really play any board or card games, so I don't have a favorite one of those.

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** I mainly listen to EDM music, but I don't specifically have a preference.

**Plans/goals for high school:** I want to learn more about nursing.

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I was born in Oxnard California, though I don't remember living there, and I grew up in Iwakuni, Japan. **By, Bailey Clarke**

## YEARBOOK

### The 2020 GPMS Yearbook Saves Memories, Trees and Money!

While other schools charge \$35 - \$100 for a yearbook, you can reserve your copy of *The 2020 GPMS Yearbook* for the amazing low price of... (Are you sitting down?)... \$20

Yes, you read that correctly; it only costs \$20 to own a piece of GPMS history!

Last May, there were no unsold copies of *The 2019 GPMS Yearbook* by the last week of school... Don't miss out this year; reserve your copy now!

When you order, you'll be reserving 72 full-color pages of GPMS memories (the 2019 yearbook had 64 pages)!

You may choose between a flexible, economical soft cover, or you may upgrade to a hardcover edition, for the small fee of \$6.95! There's no "catch" (no shipping & handling fee)! Yearbooks will be delivered to students & staff at school in May, 2020