

The GPJHS Gazette!

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



Art Show of Hands
These manual masterpieces by Abigail Cummings, Coral Duguay and Faith Shelton are just a ..."handful" of the great Wildcat art featured at the GPISD Art Show on May 1st, in the G-PISD Central Offices, 608 College St.

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...and more!



Tennis

Pictures by Del Lindley

Wildcats served some great tennis at the district meet on March 24th.



1st Place Boys Doubles - Tristan Lindley and Julian Turruviate



2nd Place Mixed Doubles - Elian Pulido and Laney Bustos



1st Place Boys Singles - David Avalos
(with Coach Loyd)



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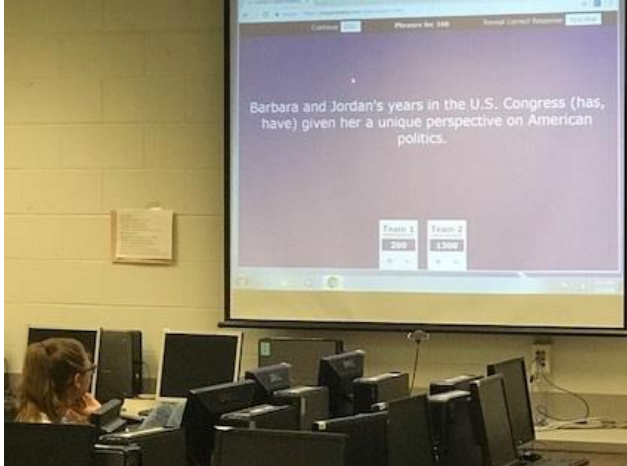
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STAAR Writing Workshop

On Saturday, April 7, Mrs. Hayward, Ms. Young, Mrs. Trees, Ms. Lindsay, and Mr. Thomas worked with students who wanted extra help preparing for the 7th-grade Writing STAAR on April 10. Students set out in groups to engage in exciting learning activities, including: grammar Kahoot, Jeopardy, and a scavenger hunt! Students and teachers who participated found it to be helpful and fun (and we had pizza afterwards)!



STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) continues for two weeks in May. Don't be scared; be prepared! Visit this website for actual STAAR materials from previous school years:

http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/STAAR_Released_Test_Questions

In addition to the online resource above, many teachers offer free tutorials for students before and after school.

Scheduled STAAR testing dates for GPJHS:

Monday, May 7 through Friday, May 11 – window for Algebra I and other high-school STAAR (many of which will be administered at the junior high school)

Monday, May 14 – 7th-grade Math & 8th-grade Math retest

Tuesday, May 15 – 7th-grade Reading & 8th-grade Reading retest

Wednesday, May 16 – 8th-grade Science

Thursday, May 17 – 8th-grade Social Studies

Friday, May 18 - testing for students who were absent earlier that week



Choir Notes

Mr. Champion reporting

The GP Junior High choirs had another great year at the Region 14 Middle School/Junior High UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest!

The Concert Boys (varsity tenor-bass choir) received all Superior ratings (straight 1's) from the three judges in the concert portion, and all Superior ratings (straight 1's) from the three judges in the sightreading room.

The Treble Girls (non-varsity treble choir) received all Superior ratings (straight 1's) from the three judges in the concert portion, and all Excellent ratings (2's) from the three judges in the sightreading room.

The Concert Girls (varsity treble choir) received all Superior ratings (straight 1's) from the three judges in the concert portion, and all Superior ratings (straight 1's) from the three judges in the sightreading room.

Please congratulate the choir students when you see them. All three choirs had FANTASTIC performances. I am so proud of them and their hard work to have earned these accolades.

All best,

Mr. Champion

Gregory-Portland Junior High Choir



Meet Mr. Munoz

What do you do at GPJHS? Guidance Counselor

Education/experience: 20 years' experience at G-P JH

Hobbies: Movies and camping

Favorite Book(s): The *Left Behind* series

Favorite Game(s): Football

Favorite music, artist or genre: Christian

Something about me that might surprise people: I have made mistakes. 😊



Mark Your Calendar

There are a lot of exciting events coming soon to a GPJHS near you; to see what they are when they will happen, visit the school's website, or click the link below!

<https://www.g-pisd.org/gregory-portland-junior-high-school/calendar/happening-now-event-calendar>



Wildcat Track




The sky's the limit for Jacob Thomas!

awesome photo submitted by Diane Thomas

(Read all about it on the next page)

Order Your YEARBOOK



Online sales for the GPJHS 2017-2018 Yearbook will be ending shortly!! This means the discounted price of \$35.00 per book will end too. Get your orders in while you still can; once the books are delivered, the price will be \$45.00. Save the memories & save money! Reserve your yearbook today! If you're reading this online, click this link:

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Wildcat Track

Coach Cox reporting

Jacob Thomas almost broke the school record of 13 feet in pole vault. He cleared 12 feet 6 inches, then attempted 13 feet 1 inch to break the record. He barely missed. Overall he had a great season.

The 7th grade boys track team ended their season the weekend of April 7 by winning the district championship. They had a total of 238 points. The closest team to them had 115 points. The boys had an overall great season. Michael Soto set 7th grade school records in the 100 meter dash and 200 meter dash. The team of Jaime Hernandez, Michael Soto, and Nick Hartley set the 7th grade school record for the 400 meter relay. The team of Jaden Duenes, Nick Hartley, and Brandon Redden set the 7th grade school record for the 800 meter relay. Great job Wildcats!



Pole Vaulters who took 1st through 3rd at district- L to R- Kody Bailey (3rd), Kaden McCoy (1st), Ross Dubose (2nd)

Wildcat Track

Continued)



(Standing L to R) Michael Soto, Brandon Redden, Jaime Hernandez, Josh Villela, Jaden Duenes, JC Meza, Jayden Terrell, Ross Dubose (Kneeling L to R) Kaden McCoy, Zach Guzman, Nick Hartley, Kody Bailey



(Back Row L to R) JC Meza, Jaden Duenes, Michael Soto, Omar Mariscal, Josh Villela. (Front Row L to R) Coach Cox, Zac Diaz, Zach Guzman, Jerimiah Diaz, Jaime Hernandez, Daniel Montoya, Coach Kasner.



NJHS (National Junior Honor Society)

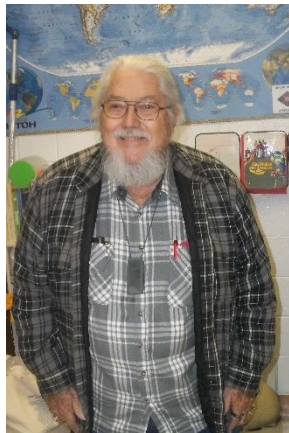
Mrs. Hayward reporting



On Saturday, April 21, the following NJHS members represented GPJHS in the Adopt-a-Beach Program at Sunset Lake Park: Alaina Aleman, Mia Aleman, Bren Forsythe, Scott Gilbert, Maddy Kocik, Yahaira Ruiz, Tyler Saathoff, Marely Samon, Jakob Smith, and Coyt Winckler.



Thank you to everyone who participated! Way to clean up, Wildcats!



Meet Mr. Nelson, Sr. (substitute teacher)

What do you do when you're not subbing at GPJHS? Working with schools (talking about the 1800's); doing work as a Mason – Scottish Rite - Shrine

Hobbies: Doing reenactments of the Texas revolution, hunting, collecting antiques

Favorite Book(s): murder mysteries

Favorite Game(s): card games, dominoes

Favorite music, artist or genre: Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, older Country & Western

Something about me that might surprise people: Nothing. What you see is what you get!



History Will Be No Mystery at GPMS!

Attention, future students of Gregory-Portland Middle School:
There will be a new club next year for our history buffs...

The WILDCATS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Do you like museums, trivia, fun facts, local history, time capsules, writing, speaking, getting out of the house, or just want something to do? Then, join us next year....

If you want more information, please e-mail or come see Dr. Turner in room D209.



Meet Totally Tubular Mrs. Trees – GPJHS Teacher of the Year!*

** In February, 2018, Mrs. Trees was nominated and elected “Teacher of the Year” by her fellow educators at GPJHS!*

What do you do at GPJHS? I teach ELAR with some awesome teachers and run around the campus taking care of business.

Education/experience: I have an AA in Liberal Arts, BS Interdisciplinary Studies, MS Instructional Design and Educational Technology

Hobbies: going to the gym, hanging out with my family, reading and researching, creating with technology, and just about anything in the water

Favorite Book(s): *Breakfast of Champions* by Kurt Vonnegut

Favorite Game(s): Mario Party, Exploding Kittens, and strategic board games like Ticket to Ride (Games in my house are also called Mom Wins)

Favorite music, artist or genre: I love all music except for the torturous free form jazz. My favorite is anything with an awesome walking bass line or grungy guitar riffs!

Something about me that might surprise people: I lived in Japan as a child and was a full time college student at 16.



Box Tops Continues Next Year



Please keep clipping, saving, and shipping your Box Tops for Education coupons over the summer.

When you return to school in August, please bring/send them to Mr. Thomas in room C112. Our school can earn \$.10 for each unexpired coupon, so we'll turn your trash into our cash!

In the meantime, please visit the website below, and become an online supporter of our school (which may soon be listed as “Gregory-Portland Middle School” on their website)!

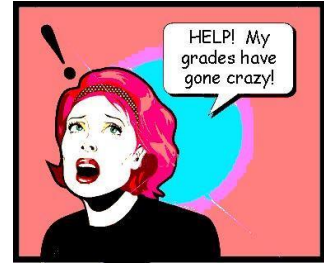
www.boxtops4education.com

Since we began collecting in 2014, GPJHS has earned over \$3,000.00 through this program!

Thank you, Box Tops clippers & collectors!



Grade Check with Skyward



Catch your grades before they catch you! Check your grades online; here's how:

1. Use the "Quick Links" feature at www.g-pisd.org , or (if you're reading a digital copy of the *Gazette*) click this link:

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

2. Your Student Skyward Login (Login ID) is: The 1st five letters of your last name (if your last name is less than five letters, you will need to type spaces - enough to equal five characters) and 1st three letters of your first name, followed by 000 (three zeroes). Some students may have a 001, 002, etc.

Here are some login examples:

gonzajau000 (Juan Gonzalez's Login ID)

gonzajau001 (newer student, Juanita Gonzalez's Login ID)

cox cou000 (Courtney Cox's Login ID)

3. Your password should be your student ID (lunch) number

4. Once you've logged in, click the "Gradebook" link in the left column.

5. If you want to know more about a posted grade, click it (the blue number), and you will see a list of the assignments/tests/quizzes that account for the grading period in that class.



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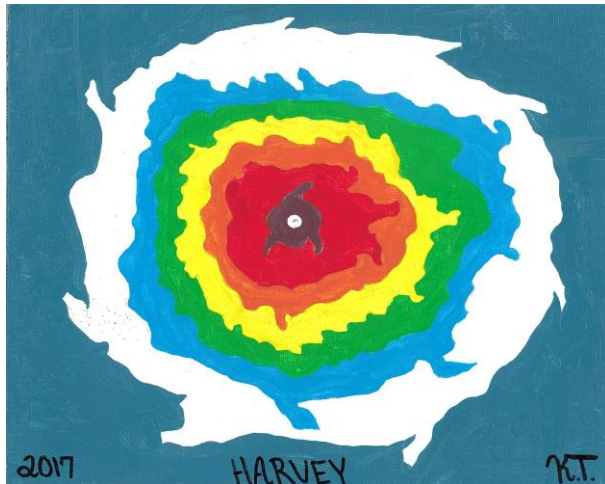
Do you want to help the planet and the robotics team at the same time?

Bring/send your printer's empty inkjet cartridges to room C108 and the robotics team will recycle them for you. Remember that inkjet cartridges will fit in the palm of your hand. We cannot recycle larger cartridges.

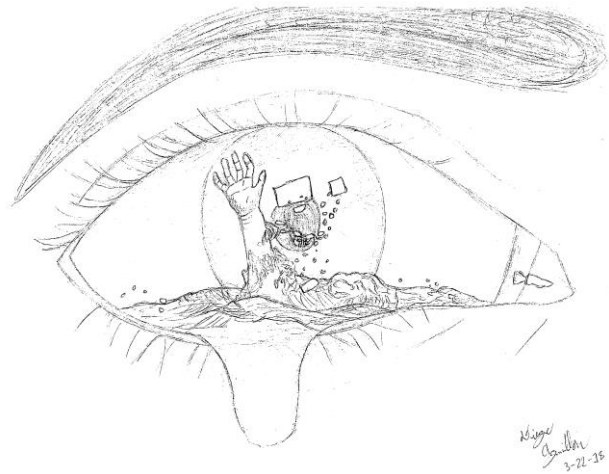


Wildcats Remember Hurricane Harvey

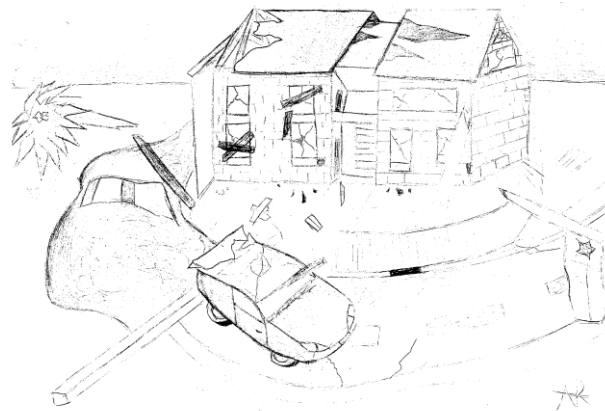
In the February Gazette, we reported that the Nueces County Historical Commission (which includes our own Dr. Turner) has been documenting stories from organizations, volunteers, parents, teachers, and community members connected with Hurricane Harvey in the Coastal Bend areas, including narrative artwork from students. These stories, photography, and artwork will be included in a book! All proceeds from the sale of the book will be given to College Relief Scholarships for our Harvey victims. The artwork will also be displayed at the Corpus Christi Library for the public to view.



Artwork by Kamryn Themis



Artwork by Diego Aguillon



Artwork by Ryan Rodriguez



Artwork by Taylor Leon-Guerrero

For more information about this project, please e-mail or come see Dr. Turner in room D209.



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Meet Mrs. Reininger



What do you do at GPJHS? I teach 8th grade ELA, am department head for the English department, co-coordinator for GT, pray for our students and staff, and try to bring hope and joy into every situation.

Education/experience: I have my Bachelors Degree in Communication, Teaching certificate in Theatre Arts and Reading, Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, Endorsements in teaching Gifted and Talented and English as a Second Language. This is my 14th

year teaching junior high.

Hobbies: My hobbies include spending time with family, traveling, and taking note of what God is doing in my life and the lives of the people around me by journaling, scrapbooking, and writing books.

Favorite Book(s): I'm a reading teacher, so there are literally too many to write down, but my most recent favorites are The Magnolia Story by Joanna and Chip Gaines, Between Heaven and the Real World by Steven Curtis Chapman, and Capital Gaines: Smart Things I Learned Doing Stupid Stuff by Chip Gaines has been sitting on my nightstand next in line - when I find time.

Favorite Game(s): Anything that gathers family and friends and involves lots of laughing.

Favorite music, artist or genre: Christian artists like: Bebo Norman, Hawk Nelson, and Lauren Daigle.

Something about me that might surprise people: To celebrate my first year teaching which was both crazy and fun, I decided to do something equally crazy and fun by going skydiving. Jumping out of a plane 10,000 feet high, going 80 miles per hour was ridiculously amazing!



The End of the GPJHS Gazette?

This is the final issue of *The GPJHS Gazette*; next year, there will be no more **GPJHS** either! Our new school, Gregory-Portland Middle School, will have a different newsletter: *The GPMS Gazette* – produced by students in our new journalism class! We'd like to thank all students, staff, and parents who contributed words and pictures for the Gazette this year. See you in August!

- Mr. Thomas
GPJHS Gazette Editor

