

# ***The GPMS Gazette!***

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



*Jackson Sutton, Marcos Gonzales, and the 7<sup>th</sup>-grade A-Team warm up for the big game!*

Photo by Hailey Rasmussen

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## September 2018

# GPMS NEWS

**Faith Pitts, Editor**

## GermBlast

**By: Jonathon Martinez**

*What is GermBlast? Alton Alexander, Director of Maintenance and Operations for G-PISD, shared this information with us:*

I am in charge of taking care of all the facilities throughout the district - repairing and maintaining anything and everything at your school and all the other buildings and properties that belong to G-PISD: Things like the air conditioning, the heating, the lights, the restrooms, the roof, painting, the parking lots, the gyms, cutting the grass, trimming the trees and plants, and things like that.

GermBlast is the name of a business which is located in Lubbock, Texas; you can look them up on the web. They are hired to come down here and spray an antimicrobial product throughout the district. They send a crew of about 10 people to go through and treat all the facilities in the district and all the buses. The treatment is quarterly - which means once every 4 months.

How do they treat the facilities? The crew goes in every single room and wipes all surfaces down with disinfectant wipes - all desks, tables, chairs, key boards, all hard surfaces that you touch. Then they come into the room with a machine that sprays out a mist; this is the antimicrobial product. The mist is statically charged and it is attracted to the surfaces. So, it basically puts a light coat all over everything in the room. This product is not a poison or an antiseptic or anything like that. If you use a microscope and look at the film left behind, it forms a bunch of tinny spiked and sharp edges. We cannot feel it and it does not do anything to us, but to a microorganism, it is like landing on and crawling through a huge field on giant glass spikes.

We have GermBlast to reduce the likelihood of students and teachers getting sick. We have all learned that we get sick from germs and a germ is nothing more than a little microscopic organism. We spread and pick up germs every time we sneeze, cough, wipe our nose or mouth, touch something, and actions such as that. So, as germs are spread around and they come in contact with the spikes left behind by the spray treatment, they are literally punctured and cut up so they die. If the germ is destroyed, then it can't be picked up by someone else and get them sick too. You may ask "Why does the school care if I am sick?" GPISD prides itself on providing the best learning opportunity that they can. If a student is out sick, then they are not in class learning. If a teacher is out sick, then the students are not receiving instruction from their regular teacher, which negatively impacts the students' learning as well.

*So you know about GermBlast! For more information, please visit <http://www.germblast.com>*

# GPMS NEWS

## Reasons for our Attendance

### Questions by Zoe Garza and Answers by Mrs. Dornak

Q: We know how you do Attendance in the mornings, but why exactly does she do the attendance?

A: *If kids are not at school, we can't teach them and they can't learn to their fullest potential.*

Q: How have our numbers been like so far?

A: *Our numbers have been pretty good so far. I read the numbers on the announcements to make people aware of our attendance and the importance of it.*

## School Board Meeting

**By: Noelani Judd**

At the school board meeting on Sept. 17, 2018, the first idea they discussed was feedback from the parents, tweaks, and survey results on what parents and students wanted.

Soon after that, the board posed for pictures with some of the representatives who sponsored the meeting. They also gave props to directors, support staff, and principals. Victor Hernandez spoke about his involvement. One of the main thoughts they talked about was ESL (English Second Language), the bilingual program and how they've progressed. They also mentioned a civil engineer contract and Dr. Clore brought light to the Texas Economic Development for the Train 3 project. For more information please visit the district website [www.g-pisd.org/district-info/board-of-trustees](http://www.g-pisd.org/district-info/board-of-trustees)

Photo: *Some of the trustees getting ready for the meeting.*

Photo taken by JoAnn Judd.



## Mark Your Calendar

**Find out what's happening at GPMS at this link:**

<https://www.g-pisd.org/gpms/calendar/happening-now-event-calendar>

# GPMS NEWS

## Red Ribbon Week

**By: Savannah Diaz-Korff**

Red Ribbon Week was made in honor of DEA Officer Camarena and his battle against illegal drugs. Neighbors, friends, and many others started to wear red badges after his murder. Many citizens were sick of all the destruction and tragedy from drugs and alcohol, so they started forming coalitions. Some of these new coalitions took Camarena in as if he were still with them; he was the group's role model. They embraced his belief that one person can make a difference. These coalitions also used and adopted the symbol of Camarena's memory; this was called **The Red Ribbon**.

All G-PISD Schools celebrate Red Ribbon Week by wearing different items throughout the week. For example: on Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup>, the theme will be to wear red. We will wear red in remembrance of the DEA Officer, Enrique Camarena, who was killed on duty. Wearing red on Oct 28<sup>th</sup> is to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America.

The Red Ribbon Campaign has touched many different students, teachers, and citizens. The Red Ribbon was established in 1985 and has inspired millions of people since!

### GPMS Red Ribbon Week Schedule

*Wednesday (10/28)-Wear **Red** Day*

*Monday (10/29)-Sock it to drugs Day, wear **Crazy Socks***

*Tuesday (10/30)-Champions Combat Drugs Day, wear **Camouflage***

*Wednesday (10/31)-Keep your future drug free, **College Day***

*Thursday (11/1)- Staying off drugs is no sweat, **Sweats Day***

*Friday (11/2)-Team up Against drugs, wear a **Team Sports Jersey Day***



## Academic UIL

Teams are forming; all grade levels at GPMS are welcome. Please visit the school's website.

[www.g-pisd.org/gpms/activities/uil-academic-competition](http://www.g-pisd.org/gpms/activities/uil-academic-competition)

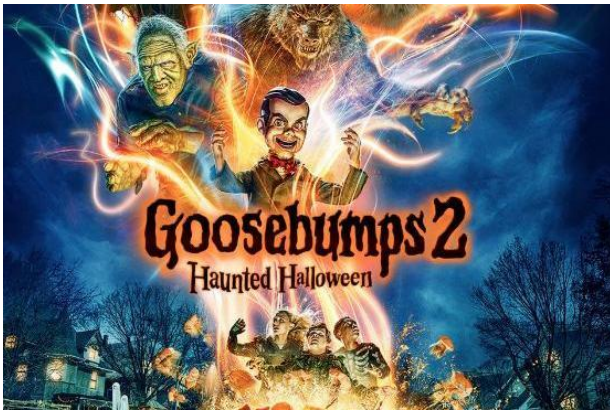


# GPMS NEWS

## Library Events

**By: ISABELLA BAIETTO**

When asked about any update to or about the library, Mrs. Doty said, “We have very many new and exciting books to read this year. We are also hosting the Goosebumps 2 movie field trip! The Goosebumps 2 field trip will be on October 12th, 2018.” When asked about the field trip Mrs. Costilla said, “This is exciting because R. L. Stine is a very popular author in our library. We can hardly keep our *Goosebumps* books on the shelf! As an incentive for outstanding work ethic and keeping library accounts up to date we want to invite those students who have worked hard to join us in watching this movie at Northshore 8. This will be a field trip hosted by our library.” Mrs. Costilla asked teachers to pick 5



outstanding students who love reading and who have the following qualities: integrity, politeness, kindness, hardworking, who turn in their work on time, who have no referrals, and no conduct marks. During the week of October 1st-5th of 2018, the library will select 6 students (Lottery Style) from each grade level to go on the field trip. Once the students are selected, Mrs. Costilla and Mrs. Doty will check those students' accounts to make sure they have no overdue library materials. If they have overdue materials a new student will be chosen.

***Goosebumps 2 Haunted Halloween - Sony Pictures Animation Inc.***

Have you ever wondered how you can find that certain book that you've looked for everywhere? Destiny is here to save the day. What is Destiny, you ask? Destiny is the library's online catalog for your convenience. To use destiny go to, <https://gpsid.follettdestiny.com>, then click the “Gregory-Portland Junior High School” tab. Look to the top right corner of the page and click on the white tab that says catalog, then look for your book! The Destiny website is the way to find your books at the library.

## Academic Booster Club

**By: Sean Charles**

The ABC (Academic Booster Cub) is full of parents and teachers who are wanting their child to get involved or a “boost” in their students' education. This is a program that is available for all students at GPMS as well as making the relationships between the parents and the teachers stronger. The ABC group plans to sponsor and help many attributes of the students' education. For more information, please contact Mrs. Uptergrove.

# ***Features Section***

**Madison Snody, Editor**

## **Meet: Mrs. Abby Rodriguez**

**By: Gabe Palacios (words and pictures)**

**What do you do at GPMS?** I am the Communities in School Coordinator. I help the students here with Academic Support, Guidance and Counseling, College and Career Awareness, Parent and Family support, Health and Human Services, and Enrichment Activities.

**Education/experience:** I have an AA in Early Childhood Development from Del Mar and a BA in Psychology from Saint Leo University

**Hobbies:** Going to the beach, Fishing, BBQ, reading, spending time with my family

**Favorite Book(s):** Anything by Dean Koontz

**Favorite Game(s):** Chess, Gin Rummy, board games

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** I am a lover of all music, but you can usually find me listening to Classic Rock and 90's Alternative.

**Something about me that might surprise people:** When I was 19 I spent a year backpacking in Guatemala, Belize, and Mexico and sailing the Western Caribbean.



## **Meet: Ms. Manville**

**By: Bella Rodriguez, Photo by: Eagle Imaging**

**What do you do at GPMS?** I teach 8th grade Social Studies

**Education/experience:** This is my 15th year at GP and 20th year teaching

**Hobbies:** Photography, scrapbooking, needlepoint, watching football

**Favorite Book(s):** Westerns

**Favorite Game(s):** Card games, computer games

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** Christian music and country music



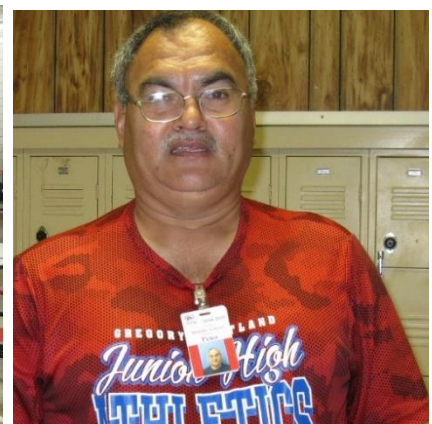
# Meet: The GPMS Custodial Staff

Words & pictures by Jesse Roijas

These wonderful people clean up the school and make the school a nice, clean, and safe environment. Next time you see one of them, say "hi" and/or "thank you"!



**Silvia Rivera, Carlos Nesmith, Pat Sanches and Minnie Rodrigues**



**Amelia Rodrigues & Ramiro Pena**





## Meet: Coach Esquivel

**By:** Madison Snody **Photo by:** Eagle Imaging

**What do you do at GPMS?** Physical Education

Teacher / Tennis Coach

**Education/experience:** Associates of Applied Science, Registered Nursing & Bachelor of Science, Physical Education

**Hobbies:** Reading, Couponing

**Favorite Book:** *Pride & Prejudice*

**Favorite Game:** Spikeball

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** 80's Classic Rock

**Something about me that might surprise people:**

I know beginner's sign language

## Meet: Ms. Amanda De La Garza

**By:** Kendall Lopez, **Photo by:** Eagle Imaging

**What do you do at GPMS?** 8th grade ELAR teacher

**Education/experience:** 5 years in the education system —4-ish years certified teacher

**Hobbies:** Family, football, naps, reading

**Favorite Book(s):** I have too many to list, but currently I'm enjoying *Brain on Fire* by Susannah Cahalan

**Favorite Game(s):** Do sports count? :)

**Favorite music:** Jack Johnson & John Mayer

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I've traveled quite a bit for my age, and spent 10 days in China my junior year of high school.



## Meet: Mrs. Doty

**By:** Isabella Baietto, **Photo by:** Eagle Imaging

**What do you do at GPMS?** Library Aide

**Education/experience:** Attended Del Mar College, Corpus Christi State & A&M Corpus Christi; I worked for 20 years at CPL. I have been in education for 15 years.

**Hobbies:** Traveling, gardening, and of course, READING!

**Favorite Book(s):** Too many to pick from.

**Favorite Game:** Playing Frisbee with my dogs.

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** Again, too many to list.

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I am shy.



## Meet: Coach Silvas

**By:** Maddy Gross, **Photo by:** Eagle Imaging

**What do you do at GPMS?** I teach 6th grade social studies (World Culture and Geography) and I coach 8th Grade football and basketball

**Education/experience:** I graduated in 2003 from Taft High School, Associates degree in Kinesiology from Del Mar College, Bachelor's degree from TAMUCC

**Hobbies:** I like to fish from my kayak and spend time in my backyard barbequing and playing with my daughters: Juliette (10) and Marilyn (3), when I am not teaching or coaching.

**Favorite Book(s):** Anything about basketball or coaching related. Many great coaches have written books, they have lots of wisdom to share.

**Favorite Game(s):** Fortnite on the PS4 (Xbox is trash)

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** Country, Rock, Rap

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I can sing every song in Moana



## Meet: Mrs. Harris

**By:** Victoria Smith, **Photo by:** Eagle Imaging

**What do you do at GPMS?** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

**Education/experience:** Bachelor's in Mathematics Education from FSU

**Hobbies:** Walk/Play with my boxer pup

**Favorite Book(s):** *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes

**Favorite Game(s):** Uno

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** Ed Sherran

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I'm from Florida & have only been in Texas for 3 months.

## Meet: Coach Zepeda

**By:** Mathew Goodlad, **Photo by:** Eagle Imaging

**What do you do at GPMS?** 6<sup>th</sup>-grade English

**Education/experience:** UTRGV

**Hobbies:** Coaching little league

**Favorite Book:** *House Rules*

**Favorite Game:** Madden 19

**Favorite music, or genre:** Rap and Hip Hop

**Something about me that might surprise people:** I own a car wash business



## Meet: Mrs. Michelle Moon

**By:** Sean Charles, **Photo by:** Eagle Imaging

**What do you do at GPMS?** Teach ELAR 8

**Education/experience:** This is my 27th year teaching. I just moved from San Antonio, Texas. I went to UTSA for my bachelor's degree and A&M San Antonio for my Master's.

**Favorite music, or genre:** My favorite band is Bon Jovi

**Favorite book:** *Rumblefish*

**Something about me that might surprise people:** In my free time, I remodel houses to resale



## Meet: Mrs. Henicke

**By:** Gracie Cox, **Photo by:** Eagle Imaging

**What do you do at GPMS?** I teach Intensive ELA6 and Coach three Destination Imagination teams.

**Education/experience:** I have been teaching for 25 years. I started teaching in Brady, Texas where I taught Reading and Gifted and Talented. After getting married, I moved to Portland and have taught 4th grade ELA at East Cliff, 5th grade English and Writing, and 6th grade ELA.

**Hobbies:** Cooking, gardening, and traveling. I love to travel to different destinations where I can hike and see natural wonders.

**Favorite Books:** *Bridge to Terabithia* and *Rebecca*

**Favorite Games:** SkipBo, Dominoes, and jigsaw puzzles

**Favorite music, artist or genre:** Ha, I like a little of everything, but the 70's soft rock is my go-to and soul music.

**Some things about me that might surprise people:** I am left-handed, was the fastest runner in 5th grade...even out of the boys. I went to the World's Fair in New Orleans with my Gifted and Talented class for research.



## STAAR Testing – Be Prepared!

Prepare for the future by learning from the past. Visit this website for actual STAAR materials from previous school years:

[http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/STAAR\\_Released\\_Test\\_Questions](http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/STAAR_Released_Test_Questions)



## Meet Coach Griffitt

**By:** Bella Rodriguez, **Photo by:** Eagle Imaging

**What do you do at GPMS?** I am the Gregory Portland Middle School Athletic Trainer

**Education/experience:** I grew up in Colorado and Graduated from Colorado Mesa University in 2016 with my Bachelor's of Science in Athletic Training and a Minor in Emergency Medicine. I have been a Certified Athletic Trainer since November of 2016, so almost 2 years.

**Hobbies(s):** Photography to Medieval Reenactment and various other things.

**Favorite book(s):** The Harry Potter Series

**Favorite Game:** Spoons

**Favorite music:** Country artist is Garth Brooks, Thunder Rolls

**Something that people don't know about me:** I love to travel and have been to 18 different countries so far in my life.



## Sun Baked S'mores

**By** Marky Trevino

On August 17, Mrs. Sands and her class used the power of the sun to make s'mores. They created a solar sun stove to bake the s'mores with solar energy. The experiment was a success, and the s'mores were heated. The class learned that solar energy could heat and power things with the sun.

*Justin Alvarez, Gilbert Casas, Sabrina Delacruz, Adam Flores, Cooper Giannamore, Ciera Normon, Micheal Ochoa, Oscar Pozos, Jacob Ryan Rodrigues, Oscar Delagarza, Laila Ortegon, Joey Chaves, Jenna Schulz, Aiden Flores, and Jacob Villerreal enjoy a tasty experiment!*

**Photo by:** Mrs. Sands



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# Sports

Editor: Lauren Spencer

## **Game Time Announcements By: Savannah Diaz-Korff**

Game Time Announcements is a program that we use to play music before any athletic competition, or contest. We also use the music during the athlete's workout, and you don't have to worry about inappropriate music being played, this program screens all the music that is going to play and makes sure that all the music is clean! The Game Time Announcements Program also has a feature that lets you message and make announcements about your community in a professional quality sound! Game Time Announcements also allows your school to have their very own Radio Station! "We have an entire team dedicated to screening all of the music playing on our stations so that you never have to waste another minute screening music. They not only check the language, but also the meaning of the lyrics, so that you don't have to." -Game Time Announcements Website. If you go to a game and hear music over the announcements, you should know it is the Game Time Program!

Picture provided by Game Time Website



### **FIRST GPMS FOOTBALL GAME**

**By Gracie Cox**

On September fourth, our first GPMS home football game was against Tuloso-Midway. Eighth grade played three games and did a fantastic job. C team played hard but in the end they tied 0-0. B team on the other hand, went through the first quarter with no points on both teams. The wildcats scored with a two-point conversion. TM made a comeback with a touchdown and a two-point conversion. In the end, GP

took the win. A team played an amazing game! The wildcats scored the first touchdown of the game. Jaime Hernandez scored the second touchdown of the game! A pass conversion was made to Ross Dubose, but not long after Tm scores their first touchdown of the game with a two-point conversion. The wildcats won all games. Way to go Wildcats!

### **GPMS FIRST HOME VOLLEYBALL GAME SEPTEMBER TENTH**

Seventh Grade A Team- Won Both sets

Seventh grade B Team- Lost Both sets

Eighth Grade A Team- Lost First and Third set

Eighth Grade B Team- Lost first set and won Second & Third set



Mckenzie Saathoff (#1) congratulating  
Caylor Nesloney (#9) and Illiana Cabello (#14).  
Photo by Brooke Moreno



Kendall Lopez(left) and Faith Pitts(right) get ready for their cross country  
meet in Flour Bluff. Photo by Gabe Palacios.



Coach Robinson talking to her winning volleyball team! Photo by Lauren Spencer

Mckenzie Saathoff passing the ball for G-P.  
Photo by Brooke Moreno.



## **Seventh Grade Home Football Game**

**By: Virginia Carey**

On September eleventh, Gregory- Portland 7th grade A team beat TM 14-8, we were up 8-0 at halftime. The first touchdown was scored by Gabriel Juarez, 2 point conversion by Colton Harrison. Colton Harrison scored the touchdown in the second half. Our offense was successful behind the blocking of center, Memphis Hill, and right guard, Ranger Weatherford. Defensively, middle linebacker Wilson Oseguera and outside linebacker Ryan Arredondo made big plays in critical moments.

## **Football Game Results from: Sep. 11**

**By: Rylee Martinez J**

**Information Given by: Coach Garza**

**7th grade C Team Results!**

The C team beat Alice 20 - 6. The Wildcats played a tough game vs the Alice coyotes tonight. RB Caleb Castillo ran on a 20 yard rush to the outside for the first score of the game. WR JW Thibodaux would catch a short pass from QB Grant Contreras for the two point conversion. Next to score was RB Derick Huerta with a long rush up the middle. He would score twice for the Wildcats and rushed for



over 50 yards. Also making outstanding receptions were WR Thomas Baddeley and WR Jordan Garcia. The Defense led by Jesse Trevino played an outstanding game. Great Job Wildcats!

### 7th grade B Team Results!

The B Team beat Alice 24 - 14. The Wildcats were leading 18 - 0 at the half but would connect twice with WR Elijah Young for two TDs in the game. RB Ray Reyes would rush for over 50 yards total in the game and score 1 TD. WR Jaydon Smith caught a couple of receptions and ran for over 40 yards in the game. WR Christopher Alexander would have over 100 yards rushing including reception yards and 1 TD in the game. On the Defensive side Justin Shepard came up with a fumble during the game and Diego Rodriguez and Antonio Trevino each had outstanding solo tackles in the game. Great Job Wildcats!

### **9/11/18 against Alice Coyotes**

#### **B team By Hailey Rasmussen**

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

Elijah Young, #85, scored multiple touchdowns for the team. His first touchdown had a successful pass by Aden Guidry. The second touchdown had a block by Ethyn Pena, #31. The team won in the end at 14-24. Jaydon Smith, #7, made touchdowns as well.

#### C team

They won 20-6. Way to go wildcats!

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

#### A team

Davian Guevara, #81, makes a touchdown after Colton Harrison, #11, makes an 89-yard touchdown. Past halftime, Brodie Mitchell, #22, makes a touchdown. The Alice defense unfortunately held the Wildcats back and the Coyotes win in the end.



Photo by Brandon Castilleja

Daniel Montoya, David Alfaro, Rylie Cruz, Keoni Pitchford, and Nathaniel Martinez are planning a play against Tuloso-Midway.

## **Box Tops for Education**

Please clip, collect and bring your Box Tops coupons to school. Money raised will support our school library! Box Tops collection bins are located in the front office, the library, and several teachers' classrooms. Please turn them in soon, as they have expiration dates!



For more information about the program and/or to register as a supporter of our school, please visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)



# Arts & Entertainment

Mathew Goodlad, Editor

## Yearbook

## Cover Art

## Contest

## Update:

By: Isabella Baietto

GPMS now officially has the school's 2019 yearbook cover art. This year's winning designers are Chloe Poenisch and Diego Aguilon. Chloe won 1st place with Diego close at her heels.

There were 33 submissions; there were 3 rounds of voting to determine our first and second place winning covers. Congratulations, Chloe and Diego! Thank you to all of the students who did their best and submitted their amazing artwork. It was a difficult choice.



*Chloe Poenisch and Diego Aguilon 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners of the yearbook cover art contest*

Photo By: Isabella Baietto

## Band News

By Jonothan Martinez

The middle school advanced band students have been preparing for the opening of our football season. The first event was held Friday, September 14 at the varsity football game. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students have been performing with the high school band. Band has afterschool rehearsals in the middle school parking lot with the high school band.

The band performs at each pep rally. Our advanced bands meet during 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> periods. The classes are a mixture of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mr. Anderson teaches the Blue band, Mr. Sanders teaches the Red Band and they work together with the Concert Band. Our high school directors, Mr. Morrow and Mr. Posada helps the band with both of these classes.



# Art

by Hailey Rasmussen

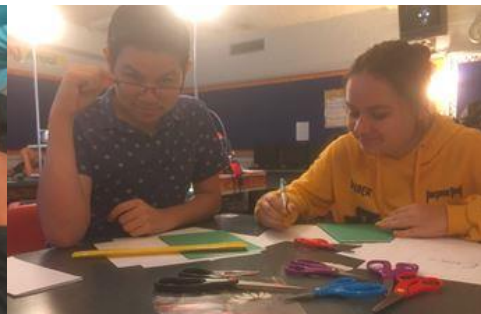
Here are some of Mrs. Anfosso's students creating some fabulous art:



Jens Quam, Brodie Mitchell, and Kameron LaFavers



Brodie Mitchell



Adrian Galvan and Erin Ebers



By Colton Renfro



## Truck Loader 4

Use the magnetic tractor to load crates into the truck.

We all remember the game Truck Loader, but they now have three sequels. My personal favorite is Truck loader 4. Many brain troubling problems. I like it.



## Don't Look Back

Survive the dangers of a spooky landscape.

This game is exactly how it looks. Spooky, creepy and scary. How the game starts out is a guy loses a loved one and leaves to face the creatures of the woods. Every time you pass a level, it gets harder. Some levels you can't even see the ground.



## Awesome Tanks 2

Blast the enemy tanks with all new weapons!

Awesome Tanks 2 is a very challenging game with 15 levels, getting harder as you go. (Hint: The Railgun maxed out is the best to have!!!



## Got Art?

The GPMS Press Corps is looking for original student art (including comics) for the Gazette, the yearbook, and/or the school website! Share your work with the world; please visit room C112 and pick up an application!

# OpinioNs!

Editor, Jayden Campbell



**Welcome to the September Gazette! Thank you students for doing your part in making this page happen! Not only is this my page, it is YOUR pages. Without all of you this page wouldn't be possible. We are so happy to hear your opinion.**

**Let's get started!**

## What Makes Gregory-Portland Middle School Great?

By: Isabella Baietto

What makes GPMS great? I went to a few different schools throughout my life. I went to a little farm school from kindergarten to ½ of 7<sup>th</sup> grade before I moved. After I moved to Texas, I went to another school before GP. My time at this other school was not the greatest. I didn't learn very much there, it was hard to pay attention when everyone there was so distracting. When I found out I was going to GP I was worried that it might be the same way. To my surprise it was nothing like my old school. I was so thrilled to find a school that suited my needs as well as GP did. GPMS is great because the teachers do their best to meet the needs of all their students individually. I also appreciate how they have such a sophisticated curriculum. In only the month that I've attended GP I have learned so much and every morning when I wake up I just cannot wait to get to school to learn more and see the amazing students and staff of GPMS. I cannot believe how much the staff cares for their students and their well-being. I have never felt more at home at school than here at GP.



GO WILDCATS!

## What Makes Gregory-Portland Middle School Great?

By: Madelynn Gross

What makes GPMS great? Is that our school is great and we do our best to make it a better school. I hope to help out the school a lot. I try to make this school a better place to be. I do journalism and clerical practice and I help some teachers if they need it. My opinion is that this school is a good school. I like how they separate the sixth-grade cause of bullying. I love how this school goes out of its way to make sure you're okay and getting your life on track. I'm glad that I go to this school. I am happy to go to this school. I'm going to miss this school so much after eighth grade.



## How Can We Make GPMS Better?

By: Zoey Lankford



How we could make GPMS a better Place? We could make GPMS better by not having the 6<sup>th</sup> graders separated from the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The reason I think that is because the 6<sup>th</sup> graders might feel left out. Also, by separating us we might not be as social and might cause fights because we don't know each other. When the 6<sup>th</sup> graders become 7<sup>th</sup> graders, we could know each other better if we were not separated. If they were integrated with us we could all be friends. Gracie Cox explains, "If the 7<sup>th</sup> graders can get along with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, why can't we get along with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders?" So therefore, we should all be together and not be separated.

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*Every Wednesday is college day; here are a few more college editorials:*

## Harvard!

By: Diego Aguillon

To put this simply, I've always wanted to go to Harvard. What's there to say about it? It's arguably one of the most recognized universities in the entirety of the U.S., and, dare I say, the best.



Harvard has amazing opportunities, both physically and socially. I want to become an aerospace engineer when I'm older, and I'm hoping this university can get me there. I've always been interested in space, but I'd rather not be the one going on the adventures. NASA's my main goal, working close to home for the biggest space agency in the world. However, I've heard that Harvard's undergraduate programs aren't the most lenient, so I might go somewhere else for that.

Harvard is one of the most prestigious colleges in America, with an incredibly low acceptance rate of 5.6%! Acceptance, however, is only one of the obstacles. Located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, it might be a bit tough getting used to the cold weather and distance from home. But if I truly want to be successful, I'll make it work.

Again, I want to go to Harvard, plain and simple. With acceptance and location being only two of the many barriers standing in my way, it won't be an easy feat. But that's a risk I'll have to take.

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In case you didn't already know, the word "gazette" can be used as a noun or a verb. This means you can get information from a gazette (like this one), or you can gazette information for others to see (like the good people sharing on these pages)!



# Columbia University

By Zoey Lankford

Columbia University is located In New York City with more than 40,000 students, faculty, and staff. Columbia offers several art programs such as dance, theatre, film, music, visual arts, and literacy arts. There is a large selection of sports such as golf, men and women soccer, and tennis. You are able to choose from a large dining selection where you can pay on your student account, cash, or check. Great housing where you can request to switch rooms is another one of their many perks. If you are not feeling good, on campus doctors and counseling are available to help you. The campus has lots of groups and communities to join. You can even create a website for your group. Some great places to visit include the gift shop and various restaurants. If you ever get the chance to visit, you can schedule a tour of the campus. For more information, go to <https://www.columbia.edu>.



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## University of Texas

By: Jonathon Martinez

The college that I want to go to is University of Texas. I want to go there because I heard good things about it. It's a college I always wanted to go to. Because, if I do, I will be the first one to go there in my family. I want to go there to become a welder. If I become a welder, I could make a monthly salary of \$3,662 or more depending on my qualifications. That means you can earn \$43,944 a year. However, you might want to go to that college for different reasons. Maybe because you like the football team. All in all, that is why I want to go to UT.



# Sam Houston State University

By: Ginny Carey

Sam Houston State University is a great campus to go to. I have wanted to be in Law Enforcement for as long as I can remember and if you want to be as well, Sam Houston is the place to go.



They offer Career counselors to help you decide which path to take. The career choices are Criminal Justice, Science and Engineering, Health Science, Business Administration and so many more, this is my choice for where to go to college and I'm certain I'm going to love being a Sam Houston Bearcat. Eat em' up, cats!

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*This concludes our opinions section of the gazette! Don't forget that your opinions could be featured in the next Gazette!*

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