

The GPMS Gazette!

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"Spirit Tree" - A well-decorated pine stands among thought-provoking statements on the 2nd floor of the D wing.

Photo by Ginny Carey

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January "color" by Faith Pitts

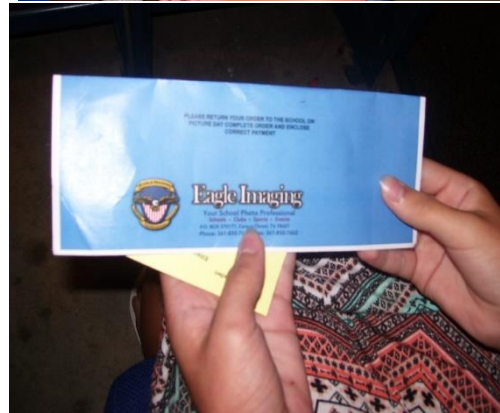
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GPMS NEWS

By: Faith Pitts

Picture Days

By: Zoey Lankford



These are people at picture day! It was in the auditorium. Some of the people's faces you see are Alex Elizondo, Gracie Cox, Yuriana Ruiz, and Ashley Berlanga. These people are getting ready to take pictures and having a good time afterwards. Picture Day was on August 31, 2018. There was another picture day in November.

The portraits will be in the 2018 school yearbook, which you can order (while supplies last!) using the yearbook link on the GPMS website, or (if you're reading this online) click this link:

<https://www.balfour.com/shop/yearbook?smi=71833>

GPMS NEWS

Open House

By: Zoey Lankford



Photo By: Mr. Alvarado



Photo By: Mrs. Dornak



Photo By: Mrs. Dornak

These are people at open house 2018. This year it is 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. In the first photo is Mrs. Uptergrove, Ashley Berlanga, and Mrs. Berlanga. It is Mrs. Uptergrove's 7th-grade science class. The second photo includes Mr. Alvarado and Mrs. Vaseliades. In the third photo is Mrs. Reininger in her 7th-grade ELAR class. The next open house will be on January 16, 2018. This is where you can meet your kids' teachers and see what they are doing in school.

All About Pickles

By: Jonathon Martinez

From "History in a Jar: The Story of Pickles" <http://www.pbs.org/food/the-history-kitchen/history-pickles>:

Pickles have been around for thousands of years, dating as far back as 2030 BC when cucumbers from their native India were pickled in the Tigris Valley. The word "pickle" comes from the Dutch "pekel" or northern German "pókel," meaning "salt" or "brine," - two very important components in the pickling process.

Instructions:

1. Slice cucumbers into 1/4-inch slices or spears. Set aside.
2. To make brine, combine water, vinegar, salt, and sugar in medium sauce pan.
3. Bring to a boil and swirl to make sugar and salt dissolve. ...
4. Add cucumbers to jars. ... This recipe made enough for me to fill two quart jars.

History Academic UIL

By: Gabriel Palacios

The 6th-grade History Academic UIL team is still looking for new members. The team meetings are at 3:40 pm to 4:25 pm on Thursdays in Ms. Guzman's room M212. If you have any questions please email Ms. Guzman at mguzman@g-pisd.org.

NJHS Canned Food Drive

By: Jesse Riojas

NJHS raised \$1,545 and collected over 770 pounds of nonperishable food.

6th-grade winner: Mrs. Quiroga's class

7th-grade winner: Mrs. Rhoades's class

8th-grade winner: Mr. Wooten's class



Gifts of food accumulated under the Christmas tree in the front lobby.

Photo by Jonathon Martinez

GPMS NEWS

Library News

By: Juan Hinojosa

Gregory-Portland Middle School Library will host a Scholastic Book Fair on January 14-18, 2019 from 8:00 am to 3:35 pm. Funds raised will help purchase books for the library. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

The Book Fair will feature a special Family Night during our Spring Open House on January 16th, from 6-7 pm.

When: The Book Fair will be open from 8:00am - 3:35pm January 14th-17th, but on January 18th it will be open at 8:00am - 9:30am.

Where: Located at 4600 Wildcat Dr. Portland, TX 78374 at the Gregory Portland Middle School library.

More: The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases, adult bestsellers, and other great reads from dozens of publishers.

Got News?

If you have a story, an idea for a story, or if you want more information about a story we've run in the Gazette, please let us know!

Sp rts

Editor, Lauren Spencer

GPMS 7th grade Ladycat Basketball Team

Savannah Aguilar
Victoria Alvarado
Hailey Bustos
Katherine Cabanas
Leila Carpenter
Carly Culbreath
Haley Gregory
Sami Gregory
Camryn Kahl
Madison Kilgore
Taylor Laughlin
Brenna Meier
Kathleen Miller

Rebekah Nolen
Rachelle Powell
Kylee Powers
Halle Jo Radford
Bella Rizo
Sienna Rodriguez
Kensley Shirley
Madison Snody
Lily Stuart
Morgan Suggs
Madison Tietze
Sakara Wade
Kamryn Zipprian

B Team Tournament

By Madison Snody, Information from Coach Lyssy

On December 7th and 8th, The Ladycats got 1st place. We defeated:

Alice 22-2, Beeville 14-8, Tuloso Midway 10-5

A Team Game:

By Madison Snody, Information from Coach Wilson

On December 29th, 28 to 18 Alice wins...Rachelle Powell 6 points, Kylee Powers 4 points, Morgan Suggs 2 points, Madison Kilgore 2 points, Halle Radford 2 points.

Got Game Photos?

If you take and/or have taken pictures of GPMS Sports, please come by room C112!

Tennis

By Brandon Castilleja, Information from Coach Esquivel

On October 11th, GP 7th and 8th Tennis team traveled to Tuloso Midway and competed in multiple divisions.

7th grade

Virginia Carey- 2nd place in Girls Singles- Consolation Bracket

Ashley Garcia & Abigail Sciba- 3rd place in Girls Doubles

Alex Elizondo- 4th place in Boys Singles

Conner Goodlad & Revel Wicks- 3rd Place Boys Doubles

8th Grade

Anyssa Castillo- 2nd Place Girls Singles

Anika Cluff- 3rd place Girls Singles

Abigayle Molone & Isabella Garcia- 1st Place Tournament Champions Girls Doubles

Kadon Howard- 1st Place Tournament Champion Boys Singles



Ethan Brymer & Dale Loveland- 1st Place Tournament Champions Boys Doubles

Kaiden Johnson & Ian Longoria- Consolation Champions

Overall the 8th grade team also took home the 1st place Team Championship Trophy.

*Kadon Howard- 1st Place Boys Singles
Photo by Coach Esquivel*

A+E (Arts and Entertainment) Section

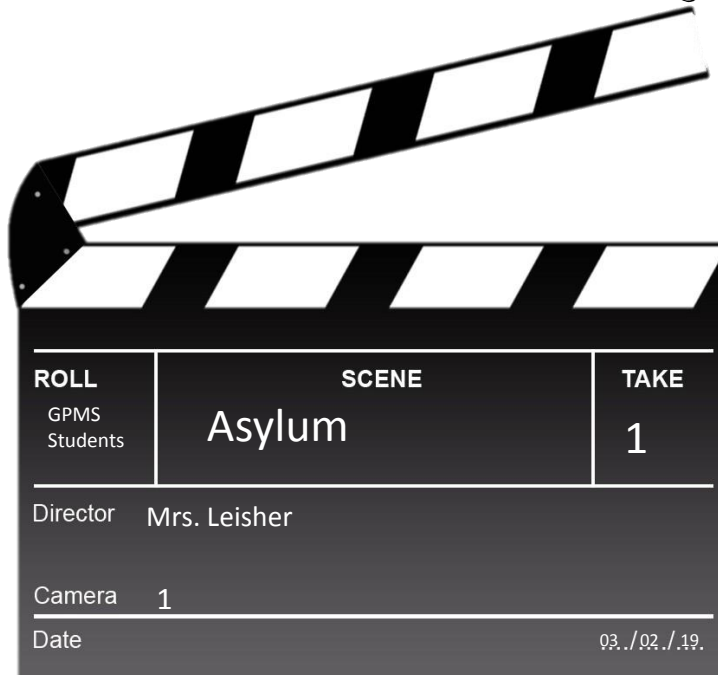
Editor: Isabella Baietto



One - Act Play

By: Allison Gaydos

Mrs. Leisher is doing a one-act play. The play is the "Asylum" by Jerome McDonough. It is an ensemble play with lots of action, movement and intense energy, so Ms. Leisher is looking for student very focused students who can work together for the full two-hour rehearsals. Rehearsals will be held 3-to-4 times per week from Tuesday, November 27th, 2018 - Saturday, March 2nd, 2019.



GPM'S Student Poetry

By: Isabella Baietto



Difficulty

By Angela Lumbreras

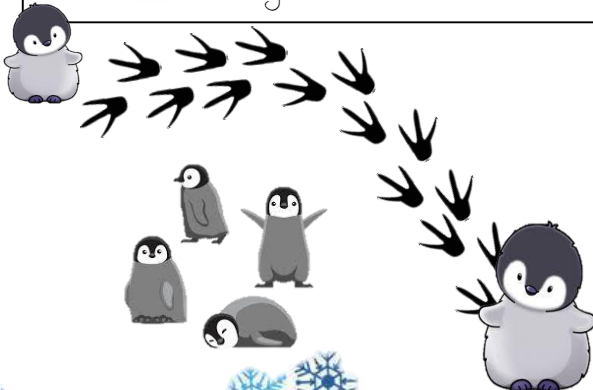
Love is difficult
But it's typical.
It's a beautiful thing, but our hearts are
like glass;
F r a g i l e
One hit & it shatters into a million pieces.
We try to put it back together
While we pretend we're better.



Halloween

By: Brooke Moreno

Jack O' Lantern, Pumpkin Pie
A good scare will make a grown man cry
Witches, Ghouls, and a Clown
Many scary things all in one town
Candy bars, Trick-or-Treat
Give me something good to eat
It's Halloween
But don't be mean
Dress to the extreme
And try not to scream



Zachary

By: Anika Cluff

I'll never forget the day,
I met my baby brother.

We'd waited for many years,
To hear this news from mother
A baby boy so small and sweet,
I'd love him like no other.

Mom and dad had more to say
Our brother was not healthy
The Doctor said his heart was weak,
Long life wasn't meant to be.

Trisomy of gene eighteen
Would take this gift from me.

Months went by and Zachary grew
Our prayers to God were answered
'Cause on the day he would be born,
His heart would still be heard.

Fifty-seven minutes long
Is all his life would be
But in that time my life was changed
And everyone could see.

That though a life so short and small
A baby incomplete
Had a beating heart and soul
And made my life so sweet.

I know the day will come again
My brother I'll embrace
His body will be perfect then
Because of God's good grace.

Each time October comes around
I'm reminded of family
Death is not the end of life
We'll have eternity!

"Half Cooked Hot Pockets"

-Jackson Gragg

Life is a half cooked hot pocket.
On the outside it's bland and uneven
When you first get into it it's warm
and inviting.

Absolute perfection.

Then you really get into it.

Everything suddenly becomes cold.
Uninviting.

It becomes all soggy and sad.

Then you have a choice.
Are you just gonna live with a half
cooked hot pocket?

Or are you gonna pop it back in the
microwave?

Even if you don't microwave it,
Eventually it warms up again
But the pain the cold causes
Never goes away.



Crunch, A novel

By: Cara Nichols

Crunch

Is me

I'm hungry

Munch

Still mee

Still hungry

bye

Hot Pocket

By: Kadon Howard

Life is a hot pocket.

It's bland on the outside
Just a sad brown color that
doesn't look
exciting.

But when you crack it open
It's warm, inviting, and
enjoyable.

Everything you would want.
Unless you're vegan.



Day vs. Night

By: Tala Marie

Day comes bright and bubbling

Night comes dark and serene

Day brings useless noise

Night brings calm silence

The day asks me to speak but say nothing

Hide pain away

The night accepts my quiet

Let pain be exposed

Act happy and loud, the light won't be tainted with my pain

Finally be free, shadows know how it feels

Meaningless words versus meaningful silence





Karlane McMahon

Everything was innocent
You and me
Everything was young
You and me
Our friendship could never end
Because you and I
Will always be best friends
Everything was loving
You and me
I wanted more of you
More of you and me
Our friendship will never end
Because you and I
Will only be best friends
Everything was conflicted
You and me
I wanted you
You with me
I didn't want this to end
But I wanted to be more than friends
Everything was scary
You and me
I was scared of you
Of what you thought of me
I don't want this to end
But you and I
Will only be best friends
Everything is broken
You and me
I isolated you
Isolated you and me
I knew that it would end
But you could always find
A new best friend
Everything was painful
You and me
I saw you there
With her and not me
I knew then it was the end
But that's ok
Because I will love you
'Til the end.



My Mulberry Tree
By Chloe Poenisch

The crunched leaves fall to the ground,
Taking pictures in my mind,
But my thoughts are swirling all around,
The angry, frustrated kind.

My feet squish the berries below,
Taking pictures in my mind,
The birds chirp to say hello,
But no one really minds.

The ants grab the berries with pace,
Taking pictures in my mind,
And the butterflies dance around my face,
But I envy how they're undefined.

I sit below my Mulberry Tree,
Taking pictures in my mind,
I want to remember being this free,
But tomorrow I'll again find.

There is no place like my Mulberry Tree,
Its pictures fill me all the time.

A different perspective
By: Landon Boyd

It is nice in this castle
Wish my brother was here
He coming to save me hope it's not much of a hassle

I'm trapped in this castle with a bunch of little people with little spears
The king is small but I will get out and see the light again
But I don't know when
It is nice in this castle

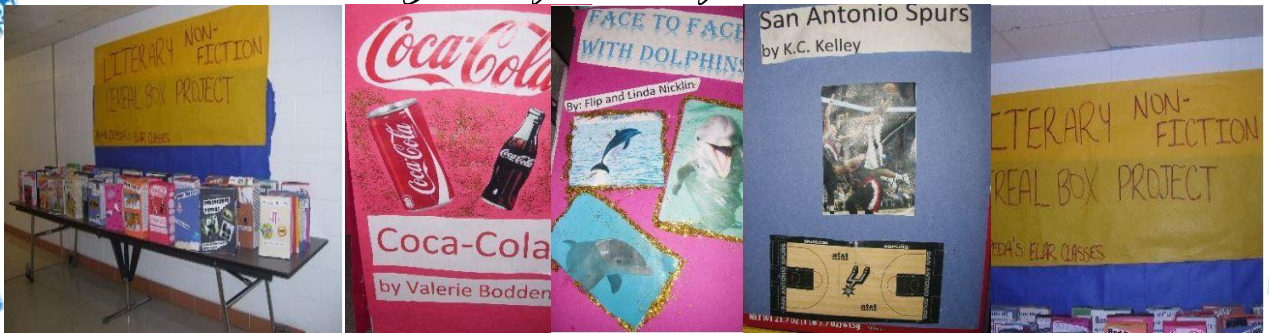
Mr. Zepeda's ELAR Non-Fiction



Cereal Boxes



Pictures by: Hailey Rasmussen &
Ginny Carey



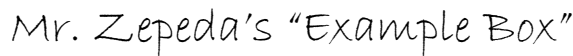
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Pictures By: Mr. Zepeda
Collected by: Isabella Baietto



Theater Mini Musicals (Pictures)

By: Victoria Smith and Isabella Baietto



Mrs. Leisher's 5th period theatre class taking a final bow after their group performances. (Top picture taken by: Victoria Smith)

Mrs. Leisher explaining the reason for the performances.
(Bottom picture taken by: Isabella Baietto)



Poetry Slam

By: Victoria Smith

On October 12, Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Reiningger's classes put on a poetry slam in the auditorium. There were many students who had the courage to stand up and share their own work. Students in their ELA classes composed original poems and first presented them in their class. Students had the option to go up and present in the Poetry Slam. Many students presented not only in front of their ELA class but in front of other classes that came in and enjoyed the presentations. The students had a wonderful time and were proud to present their works.

Some student poems were happy and light-hearted, others were darker and deep. Some students took the opportunity to spill out their feelings and share them. Others decided to sit back and write about something different. Of course, the Poetry Slam was optional, students did not have to participate in the slam. If they were not participating, then the students sat in the audience and enjoyed the other poems.



Jackson Gragg reading his poem "Half Cooked Hot Pockets".



Ariel Castellano reading Livia Smith's poem "The Cry of an Eagle".



Amber Clements reading her poem "Skewl".

January Opinions!

Editor, Jayden Campbell

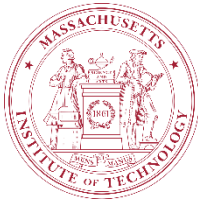
It's already almost a new year! Semester one is already over, personally I think it's went by way too fast! I hope your Christmas break is fun, have a great Christmas and a great New Years! Now, let's get into the January Opinions!

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*As you know, every Wednesday is college day; let's read some more great college editorials!*

## MIT

By: Kenzy McClellen-Self



Since I got interested in the engineering field, I had wondered what school I should attempt to attend. I quickly found Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Massachusetts Institute of Technology had a lot of good things said about it and had an excellent campus and great professors. It is a school sought by most and is a very highly rated institute. Though other colleges have reached similar achievements, MIT has made some of its students' ideas into actual products. Bill Clinton, a former president and somewhat controversial figure, praised the institute for the school's achievements. Most schools cannot say they have had a president praise them. Over five-hundred inventions were born there in 2011 alone. MIT's school colors are very nice as well. They are cardinal red, black, and steel gray. Their mascot is Tim the beaver. His name, Tim, is MIT backwards which I think is kind of interesting. MIT also had a good economics, political science, urban studies, linguistics, and philosophy. The school has a ninety-one percent graduation rate and a twenty-three-thousand-dollar average cost after aid. With an incredibly large campus and excellent faculty and staff it is easy to see why this is such a high rated college.

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Saint Leo University

Article by Lauren Spencer, with information from www.saintleo.edu

St. Leo university is the oldest higher education Catholic university in Florida. They accept persons of all faiths while educating several students. The university is also one of the top schools in central Florida.

Their liberal arts campus has around 2,200 students enrolled and is located North of Tampa. The total enrollment for all campuses and online is approximately 15,000 students. Saint Leo offers over 50 undergraduate degrees, master's degrees, doctoral, and certificate programs.



They have several schools that include science and arts, business college, and education & social services. Saint Leo is consistently ranked as one of the best universities in the southern region of the U.S. The school is very diverse and small. Their tuition is significantly lower than most other colleges and universities. If there are any troubles paying the fee, your financial aid and the Saint Leo counselor will work with you to help figure out how to pay.

Putting all the technical stuff aside, Saint Leo offers a top-notch education for all students. The school colors are green & yellow, and the mascot is a lion.

For more information, visit www.saintleo.edu or call 877-622-2009.

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# Texas A&M University

By Laura Bennett



When I think of college, I immediately think of Texas A&M University in College Station. I would like to go into a degree program for accounting. The campus in College Station has a great business and financial school, named Mays Business School. The business community has many successful people who got their degrees from Texas A&M. Graduates from Texas A&M receive an excellent education and are welcome additions to many businesses.

Furthermore, the people from Texas A&M understand tradition. The campus in College Station follows many old traditions, such as the Elephant Walk, Aggie rings, and saying “Howdy”. Aggie football games and midnight yells are well known traditions among the students.

There are many skills you can learn at Texas A&M. Leadership and integrity are just two important skills many graduates have acquired over their years at Texas A&M. Character is viewed as a major part of student’s education. Various student organizations offer opportunities for students to socialize with their fellow peers and learn to grow in their communities.

Texas A&M also offers students a way to stay healthy. When students aren’t studying or working, they can stay active in the recreation center. Many people stay fit by swimming, running, or lifting weights in their free time.

Texas A&M is the university that I plan to attend. Why would anyone go anywhere else? There are great educational programs, traditional events, recreational activities, and excellent job opportunities.

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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%20Released%20Test%20Questions)

Texas A&M

By: Landon Boyd

I want to go to Texas A&M, I have ever since I learned that they had the best veterinary system in Texas. ever since I learned that I have been trying to get good grades and be on top so I can get in. I know the acceptance rate of a 67% which is high, but I will still be proud to be accepted into A&M. I have wanted to be a veterinarian long as I can remember, and I haven't changed my mind about it. It the only college I have set my mind on getting into, and I don't think that will change. A&M has always been my dream, so I hope that luck and skill are on my side so that I can get in. I have realized that I am not the smartest of them all, but I think I'm high enough up there to qualify for this school. I'll keep trying to get though al the qualifications to get into this college. There is more than just a good veterinary system there are more thing to do on campus there is a lot of more academic things to do there. It is not just a good college for veterinarian but also it is a very good college in general and I hope that I can get in to this college.



Mark Your Calendar



There are a lot of exciting events happening at GPMS; to see what they are when they will happen, visit the school's website, or click the link below!

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

ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY

By: Noelani Judd

ASU stands in the middle of West Texas. ASU has also been ranked one of the nation's "Best Colleges" by *The Princeton Review* since 2010.

ASU offers over 100 majors for students at their six colleges:



- Archer College of Health and Human Services
- College of Arts and Humanities
- College of Education
- College of Graduate Studies and Research
- College of Science and Engineering
- Norris-Vincent College of Business

ASU offers 42 undergraduate degrees, 21 master's degrees and, 1 doctoral degree.

ASU was named one of the nation's "25 Best Student Union Centers" by CollegeRank. ASU has also been ranked for their residence halls. It was ranked No. 5 in "30 Most Inviting Yet Affordable College Dorms in America"

If that doesn't tell you something, I don't know what does. ASU has many choices and paths you can take. Other reasons I'd go to ASU is because my dad lives in San Angelo, so I'd have easy access to his house and the campus.

ASU is also Military Friendly, according to *G.I Jobs* magazine

If you can't quite pay for the dorms and actually going to the school, there are four payments ways: 1) Scholarships: 2) Grants [Which are awarded and do not have to be repaid]: 3) Employment [Study-work jobs]: 4) Or the more popular, loans.

ASU has two meal plans for the academic year and one for the summer.

-**Blue** Plan: Bella 80: 80 meals per academic year at any location. Includes \$25 of Ram Points, \$575 per semester. Roscoe 120: 120 meals per academic year at any location, includes \$50 of Ram Points, \$825 per semester.

-**Gold** Plan: Gold 21: 21 meals per week, 3 meals per day, includes \$100 in Ram Points, \$1,675 per semester or \$3,350 per academic year. Gold 15: 15 meals per week, 3 meals per day, includes \$100 in Ram Points, \$1,575 a semester or \$3,150 per academic year.

-Summer Plan: All through the summer, \$600 per summer semester

Of course, you do not have to get these meal plans; they're all optional.

In conclusion, ASU is a college with a variety of different majors, plans, payment methods, etc. ASU is a college of possibilities.

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We have a quote! Our first one of many to come! This one was submitted by Ms. Guzman:

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act; the rest is merely tenacity. The fears are paper tigers. You can do anything you decide to do. You can act to change and control your life, and the procedure; the process is its own reward."

- Amelia Earhart



Photo from the [Bettmann Archive](#)

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This has been the opinions section for January!

Happy New Year!



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Technology

By: Hailey Rasmussen

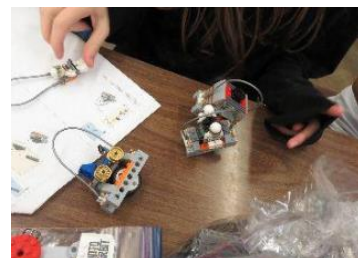
Robotics

Photos by Marky Trevino, article by Jesse Riojas



**Pictured to the left
is Damien Quesada**

The Robotics Team meets every Monday after school from 3:45 to 4:30. The team will be competing at a local competition held in Corpus Christi, Texas. The competition will be held on February 2, 2019.



Ozobots Photos

Photos by Madelynn Gross



Lily Stuart



Myra Anderson



Sophia Garcia

To find out more about Ozobots, check out the December *Gazette's* Technology section!

Kahoot!

By Rylee Martinez, with information from the Kahoot! website



Kahoot wants to improve education all over the world and help everyone – of any age, aptitude or circumstance – unleash the magic of learning.

Their founding principles are **Social, Play and Learning**. Driven by their mission, they've built a game-based platform that creates an emotional, playful, engaging and truly social learning environment. Instead of looking down into their textbooks or devices, learners are encouraged to look up while playing and connect with each other – Kahoot calls it a 'campfire moment'.

According to Kahoot, "Engagement is about unlocking everyone's potential. It means bringing that student from the back of the class to the front and letting everyone become the classroom superhero. We believe in giving our Kahoot!ers the ability to exercise autonomy, mastery, and purpose – and we apply the same principles to our company organization. We're a vibrant, diverse, hard-working bunch who are passionate about building something truly amazing and have a lot of fun doing so!"

Check it out at: <https://kahoot.com>

:+.*Style Section*.:+

Editor: Zoe Garza

Pink Out Pep Rally to Promote Breast
Cancer Awareness

Mr. Munoz



Photo By Zoe Garza



Liz Gonzalez, Presley Magee
And Julie Ibarra

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Mrs. Evans

Photo by Zoe Garza



Rylee Martinez



Photo by Allison Gaydos



Brynn German

Photo by Zoe Garza



Halloween Dance Costumes



Levi Welch, Anyssa Castillo, Katelyn Decker, Ryan Fudge,
Kadon Howard and Ian Longoria
Photo By Coach Esquivel



Mrs. Dornak, Mr. Alvarado,
and Mrs. Lindsay

Photo from Mrs. Dornak

Theater Christmas Flash
Mob B lunch





All photos by Ginny Carey



Students in B lunch Flash Mob

Jackson Gragg

Victoria Smith

Sage Moss

Deren Frieze

Jeremiah Diaz

Mackezie Applewhite

Nicolas Villerreal

Alexis Wolfe

Maria Solis

Alyssa McDaniel

Aj Arellano

Sydney Smith

Kaydence Phelps

Kamryn Zipprian

Alyssa Shaffie

Jackson Blasy

Autumn Williams

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Camryn Kahl

Mia Pena

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Did you know?...

Students do not have to be enrolled in a journalism class to join the GPMS Press Corps!


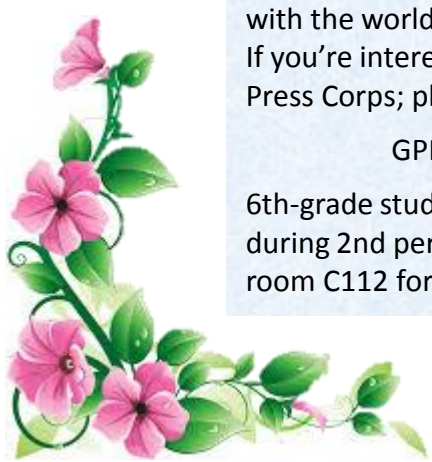
The GPMS Press Corps is a great opportunity for students to learn about journalism. It's also a fun way to improve your skills in: writing, photography, commercial art, marketing, and teamwork!

Build your portfolio of published work by lending your skills to the GPMS website, The GPMS Gazette and The GPMS Yearbook! Share your talents with the world!

If you're interested in any of the above, then you should join the GPMS Press Corps; please come by room C112 to pick up an application!

GPMS students from ALL grade levels are welcome!

6th-grade students may also schedule journalism classroom observations during 2nd period (with parent and teacher permissions). Please visit room C112 for more information and a parental consent form.



People Section

Editor, Madison Snody

Meet: Mrs. Leanne Biediger

By Colten Renfro photo by Eagle Imaging

What do you do at GPMS? Teach 6th grade intensive math & regular math; coach all UIL math teams grades 6-8

Education/experience: graduated Magna Cum laude from Texas A&M University @ College Station (Gig 'Em!!); 20 years teaching experience

Hobbies: gardening; jigsaw puzzles

Favorite Book(s): any books about the Bush family; political books

Favorite Game(s): Hand & Foot; Apples to Apples

Favorite music, artist or genre: country

Something about me that might surprise people: I have been on "The Today Show".

Favorite Trip: Alaskan cruise



Meet Miss Castellanos

By, Noelani Judd Photo by Eagle Imaging

What do you do at GPMS? Adaptive Ed Para
Education/experience: I am a current student at Del Mar College.

Hobbies: I love to make hair bows and bake.

Favorite Book(s): My favorite book is *A Stolen Life: A Memoir* by Jaycee Dugard

Favorite Game(s): I would have to say kickball and Scrabble.

Favorite music, artist or genre: My favorite band is Queen and my favorite genres are Texas country and rock.

Something about me that might surprise people: I can read Spanish, but I cannot converse in Spanish.



Meet Amy Ellison

By Victoria Smith

What do you do at GPMS? 7th Grade
Intensive Math and 7th Grade Math

Education/experience: BBA in Accounting from TAMU-CC, MS in Educational Leadership from TAMU - Kingsville, 1st-year doctoral student from Walden University

Hobbies: sewing, quilting, reading

Favorite Book(s): anything by John Grisham

Favorite Game(s): football, basketball, canasta

Favorite music, artist or genre: George Strait, Eagles, Adele

Something about me that might surprise people: big fan of "Sons of Anarchy" and "Mayans MC".



Meet Mrs. Jasso

By Zoe Garza photo by Eagle Imaging

What do you do at GPMS? I teach 6th ELAR and try to find the right books for reluctant readers. I love the challenge when students tell me they HATE to read. When I see them reading a book I've recommended, and they come to me for another I can say, "mission accomplished".

Education/Experience?

I taught at Rockport for thirteen years. I am a graduate of the University of Corpus Christi A&M.

Hobbies: I love to read, crochet, travel, and spend time with my family and friends

Favorite Book(s)?

Oh my, have you seen my classroom library???.....Choosing a favorite is hard to decide because I absolutely love to read every day, and then I recommend the books I have read to my students. Here are my favorite recommendations: The *Unwanted* series, The *School of Good and Evil* series, The *Maximum Ride* series, and The *Wings of Fire* series.

Favorite Game(s)?

I love to play traditional games like Uno, Skip-Bo, Battleship, Apple to Apples, and our family favorite is Sequence.

Favorite music, artist or genre?

I love all genres of music and my playlist right now has artists like Lionel Richie, Skid Row, Fleetwood Mac, Pearl Jam, Stone Temple Pilets, Metallica, KISS, Kid Rock, Blake Shelton, Kane Brown, Miranda Lambert, and Eddie Gonzales. My Playlists are constantly changing but one thing for sure: all genres will show up

Something about me that might surprise people:

In junior high and high school I was deathly afraid to speak in front of people and would go out of my way not to participate.

Meet Mrs. Sundy Leisher

By Victoria Smith photo by Mrs. Leisher

What do you do at GPMS? Theatre teacher (they told me “Chaos Coordinator” is not a real title...imagine!)

Education/experience: Texas A&I in Kingsville (1989) Bachelor of Science in Education in Theatre, English, and Speech.

Hobbies: Reading, movies, TV, researching things to share and experience with my Theatre classes

Favorite Book(s): too many to name, since I've been a voracious reader for as long as I can remember. I am currently re-reading *The Unwind Dystology*.

Favorite Game(s): Candy Crush, Words with Friends, This War of Mine, Design Home, theatre games, Monopoly, Scrabble, Uno, Skip Bo, Exploding Kittens, Cards Against Humanity

Favorite music, artist or genre: 60's, 70's, & 80's rock and early 90's country.

Something about me that might surprise people: I currently enjoy listening to bands like Tool and Seether. :)



Meet Sarah Lester

Words and photo by Bella Rodriguez

What do you do at GPMS? 7th grade ELAR-

Education/experience: Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi.

Hobbies: Reading, traveling, and being with family.

Favorite Book(s): One of my favorite authors is Patrick Rothfuss.

Favorite Game: Uno. My family takes the game very seriously.

Favorite music, artist or genre: Rock is usually my go to.

Something about me that might surprise people: I had a pet squirrel when I was growing up.



Meet Coach Lyssy

By Isabella Baietto photo provided by Coach Lyssy

What do you do at GPMS?

Science Inclusion Teacher/ Girls' Basketball and Track Coach

Education/experience: I got my Bachelor's degree from TAMU-CC in 2010, and have been teaching/coaching since then. I graduated with my Master's degree from Texas A&M University in 2017.

Hobbies: Going to the beach, fishing, hunting, watching Aggie football ☺

Favorite Book(s): *A League of Their Own*, *Texas Gulf Coast Stories*

Favorite Game(s): Softball, Basketball

Favorite music, artist or genre: Cody Johnson and Roger Creager
Something about me that might surprise people: I play guitar and trumpet.



Meet Mrs. Casas

By Noelani Judd photo by Eagle Imaging

What do you do at GPMS?: I am the GP Middle Math Gap Interventionist and Math Department Chair

Education/Experience: I have a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and have been teaching for 14 years

Hobbies: I love to read scary novels, camping, spend time with my family and binge watch Netflix

Favorite Book(s): I love to read so I don't have one favorite book.

Favorite Game(s): I love playing UNO

Favorite Music, Artist or Genre: Queen and Bruno Mars

Something That Might Surprise People: I am terrified of spiders!



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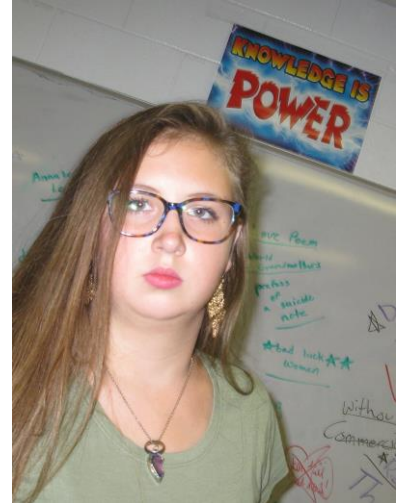
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