

The GPMS Gazette!

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Rylee Guzman, Mr. Sosebee, and Sahara Robbins in Art class.

Photo by Jayden Moss

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November "color" art by Angel Garcia

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News Section



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NJHS: Fall Festival

On October 26, 2019, NJHS volunteered at the East Cliff Fall Festival. The students helped with games and outside inflatables. Inside the kids would play games. If they won, the kids would earn either a toy or candy. In one game you could even win a 2-liter soda bottle while playing a soda ring toss! There were 9 indoor games including; basketball, ring around the pumpkin, cornhole, beanbag toss, penguin catch, and a cake walk. There were 6 inflatables including a slide and a wrecking ball. Outside, there also was a dunk booth. The kids had so much fun! Outside the kids used wristbands to go on the inflatables, while inside you had to use tickets, the wristbands didn't work inside. The wristbands were \$15 presale and \$20 on the day. There were over 300 volunteers, including NJHS, High School football, cheer, softball, NHS, and High School speech and theater department. The police department gave young kids challenges for when people are drunk. They had goggles that made their vision blurry. The fire department was there and were giving kids a tour of the firetruck. There was a silent auction, photo booth, and a DJ. Mr. Rigaroo was selling his snow cones, and there was a food truck. A face painter would paint animals and butterflies on kids' faces! It's safe to say everyone had a blast!

Information provided by: Christine Castellano

-By: Avery Hayward

October Student of the Month

By: Marky Trevino

Photo By: Ms. Price-Henry



Top Row Left to Right

6th - Corbin Rutherford

6th - Erle Vatlan

8th - Tulsi Bhatka

8th - Kamryn Zipprian

8th - Meenakshi Nair

8th - Kylar Hudler

Bottom Row Left to Right

7th - Broc Talamantes

7th - Jayden Moss

Building Trades

Building Trades is a hands on learning experience dealing with the fundamentals of wood shop. The building trades teacher is Mr. Davis, who is very helpful with letting the students figure problems out themselves. Building trades is available for 7th and 8th graders. 7th graders have less intense projects like building a bridge and making a car, while 8th graders can build stuff like desks and other furniture.



-Coleton Christman

Mr. Davis

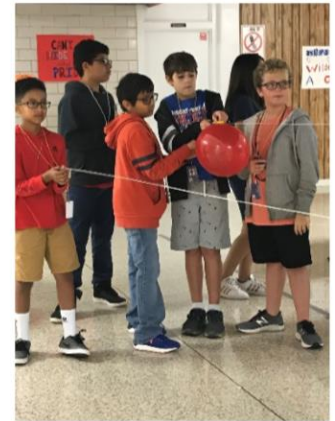


Nicholas Salinas



SCIENCE NEWS

Mr. Levensailor's 6th grade advanced science class is propelling a balloon down a string using air power. The class is taking measurements of time and distance to find out the speed. According to Mr. Levensailor, "No records were broken."



Custodian News

These are our custodians! They help us keep our school clean and tidy. They maintain our campus by keeping our restrooms clean, they even clean up after everyone, as well as move furniture. This is a little of what they do to help our campus!

- By: Hailey Nguyen



Joe Pena

Ronald Naidas

Pat Sanchez

Aaron Wise

Amelia Rodriguez

Got News?

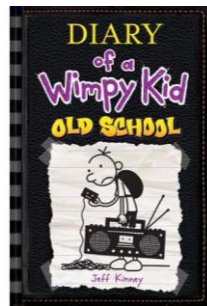
Please send your news tips, info, and photos to Jayden Moss, using your school e-mail. If you send photos, please include the name(s) of ALL students pictured.

Opinions Section

By: Ximena Garcia and
Assistant Editor: Angelica
Constante

Book Reviews:

Bailey Clarke: Diary of a
Wimpy Kid- BY Jeff Kinney



Diary of a Wimpy Kid Old School is a good book for people who want an easy and fun read. The book tells about a boy and how the power goes out in his town. He and his friend find ways to try and have fun while the power is out. The book is written as his diary. The book is funny and if you do enjoy this book there are others in the series.



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Christman-
Captain
Underpants-
BY Dav
Pilkey
Captain

Underpants is a book series made by Dav Pilkey. Captain underpants have sold over 80 million books world-wide. DreamWorks



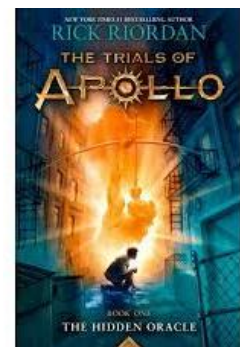
Animation acquired rights to the Captain Underpants series to make an animated feature film adaptation; which was released June 2, 2017 to positive reviews. Captain Underpants might not be very well received from parents because of the toilet humor but almost all kids adore the series.



Evan Rhodes-
The Trials of
Apollo BY-
Rick Riordan

The Trials of Apollo by Rick Riordan is a Fantasy series

that is action filled and has 4 different amazing books to the series. Apollo is a former god from Olympus who got banished for angering his father, Zeus, and goes on many quests trying to earn his spot



back in Olympus. In all these books the adventures that Apollo goes on are action filled, funny, and enjoyable by all audiences. This book is great for mythology and Greek god lovers.



College Editorials:

Evan Rhodes-

Texas Tech: Texas

Tech University is an undergraduate school located in Lubbock, Texas. This school has a very popular reputation for being one of the biggest party schools in America! I would love to go to Texas Tech because I can get a good education and also have lots of fun! Texas Tech also has a very good sports program. I would love to go Texas Tech because I know I will be getting a good education and having a good time while doing it.

Bailey Clarke- Del Mar College:



The college that I would like to attend is Del Mar College. The reason I want to go to this college is because it offers Cosmetology.

Cosmetology is the study of makeup, hair, and skin. Another reason I want



to be a Cosmetologist is because I love doing hair, and makeup. Also I want to be a Cosmetologist is because it's a fun

working environment and it makes a good income with the job of a Makeup/Hair stylist. I also like to meet and work with people from various backgrounds. Another thing about being a cosmetologist is that you don't have to work in a small office. Also I get to meet and work with people every almost every day I can also start my own business being in the cosmetology industry. That is some of the reasons I want to be a cosmetologist in the future.

What Makes GPMS

Great:

Evan Rhodes-



What makes GPMS great? GPMS is great because of the people who are in the building every day, the people who work hard to be successful and the

people who learn. GPMS students are the reason GPMS is so great. With such great teachers you must have great students to go along with it! The

GPMS students are the reason the world functions! All of us make the environment of this school feel like home and feel welcoming for new people at GPMS. When a student is down at GPMS, everyone knows we will all come together and pick the person back up. At GPMS, you're always welcome.

What Makes GPMS Even Better: Evan

Rhodes-Even the greatest schools and students in the world can always improve themselves. One great way we could improve GPMS is by being a friend to people who maybe get picked on by others or people who are different from us. Being a friend is very important because it could just make someone's day better or maybe even their whole life better. At GPMS we have such amazing students I believe we could adapt to being friends to new people and help people strive together!

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

People

People Editor, Jade Lucero

People Assistant Editor, Angel García

Keith Thompson

By, Coleton Christman



What do you do at GPMS? I'm a paraprofessional for the AE classroom.

Education/experience: I am currently in my last year at Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

Hobbies: My hobbies are playing basketball and spending time with my family.

Favorite Book: My favorite book would have to be Miles Morales by Jason Reynolds.

Favorite Game: My favorite game is NBA 2K.

Favorite music, artist or genre: My favorite artist is J. Cole.

Something about me that might surprise people:

Something that might surprise people is that I love to draw.



Stephanie Ramirez

By, Marlen Vazquez

What do you do at GPMS? : 8th grade Pre-Algebra

Education/experience: 15 years teaching

Hobbies: hunting, fishing, traveling, watching sport

Favorite book(s): Anything by Edgar Allen Poe

Favorite games(s): Volleyball, Football, Card games, Family Fued

Favorite music, artist, or genre: I like all kinds,

Tim McGrow, System of the clowns, Metalica, Tupac, Luke Combs, Snoop dog, Ice cube, Taylor Swift, John Legend, Motely Crue

Something about me that might surprise people: I enjoy speaking in a different accent, I would like to be in Theater! :)

Mrs. Martini

Article By: Baylor Stephens



Name/Title: Mrs. Caroline Martini

What do you do at GPMS? I am a Gap Intervention Specialist for 6th and 7th grade Math.

Education/experience: I have a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. I am certified to teach 4th-8th grade. I have taught 6th-8th grade math for 12 years. In my former school district I was an Instructional Coach for Math and Science for 5 years.

Hobbies: I love to go to the beach...it's my happy place! I am also a huge fan of live music so I go to as many concerts as I can. I am also a football and baseball fanatic so I am always watching a game or going to a game if I can.

Favorite Book(s): I am not an avid reader, but I did read *The Lightning Thief* many years ago and enjoyed it.

Favorite Game(s): I don't often play games but I like Uno and Trivial Pursuit.

Favorite music, artist or genre: I LOVE MUSIC!! I listen to everything but my favorite is 80s music. I grew up in the 80s, so I love Bon Jovi to Billy Joel to The Cure. I am also a Texas Country fan. William Clark Green and Whiskey Myers are two of my favorite.

Something about me that might surprise people: I am the only person in my family born in the United States. I am a proud Texan and American, but my heart is in Scotland where my dad was born. I spent all of my summers when I was younger in either England or Scotland. Great Britain is my second home.

Mrs. Solis

By Angelica Constante

Mrs. Solis is a math teacher at GPMS. She went to school at Texas A&M where she has her bachelor's degree in being a middle school math teacher. She loves being creative by making shirts and paper flowers and her favorite games are Uno and Connect 4. Her favorite book is *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio. She likes to listen to little bits of everything, but her favorite right now is Kane Brown. One surprising fact about her is that she was close to achieving a degree for mechanical engineer, but then she switched to teaching math.





Sports

Hailey Rasmussen, editor

Charlotte Richardson,
assistant editor

Tennis Ladder

7th girls

- 1) Addison Cluff
- 2) Madison Cabrera
- 3) Sophia Borchelt
- 4) Riley McVaney
- 5) Braelin Cates
- 6) Bobbi Catalano
- 7) Eva Huckaby
- 8) Michaela Theriault
- 10) Holly Hatch
- 11) Stevie Moss
- 12) Angelica Constante
- 13) Kailyn Harrell

7th boys

- 1) Lleyton Davidson
- 2) Nicholas Loveland
- 3) Riley Laws
- 4) William Watts
- 5) Luke Sanford
- 6) Mikal Cervantes
- 7) Trent Braley
- 8) Henry Butler

8th girls

- 1) Abigayle Sciba
- 2) Meenakshi Nair
- 3) Ashley Garcia
- 4) Janelle Garcia
- 5) Layla Lopez
- 6) Sage Moss

8th boys

- 7) Matthew Elizondo
 - 8) Richard Cadriel
 - 9) Christopher Sanchez
 - 10) Alejandro Elizondo
 - 11) Aiden Sheehy
 - 12) Tristan Guzman
 - 13) Tomas Pacheco
- 6) Brayden Desrosiers-Gonzalez



**Holly Hatch, Michaela Theriault, and
Angelica Constante (left)**

**Meenakshi Nair
(right)**



Jordon Wolfe (left)

Photos by Hailey Nguyen

Boys Basketball

By Gabriel Palacios

7th and 8th-grade basketball team tryouts for the 2019-2020 season began on October 31. The first game of the season was November 14 against Calallen. For a game schedule, please check the basketball section of the G-PISD website linked below.

<https://www.g-pisd.org/gpms/activities/athletics/basketball-boys>

Got Game Photos?
Please use your school e-mail and
send them to Hailey Rasmussen!

8th Grade Volleyball Roster

Information from coaches collected

By Jenna Rodriguez

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|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Taylor Baker | Courtney Holifield | Rachelle Powell | Sakara Wade |
| Laela Carpenter | Madison Kilgore | Kylee Powers | Caroline Waldrop |
| Jesenia Castillo | Taylor Laughlin | Halle Radford | Kamryn Zipprian |
| Gracie Cox | Tayeden Leith | Bella Rizo | Haley Gregory, mngr. |
| Carly Culbreth | Madelyn Makar | Kensley Shirley | |
| Erin Ebers | Brenna Meier | Madison Snody | |
| Aislyn Fake | Kathleen Miller | Lilly Stuart | |
| Emma Faught | Abigail Moreno | Morgan Suggs | |
| Sami Gregory | Rebekah Nolan | Madison Tietze | |



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Pep Rallies

Information collected by Bailey Clarke

9/17/19 - Football Pep Rally - Twin Day Theme

10/8/19 - Volleyball Pep Rally - Pink Out Theme

10/31/19 - Cross Country/Tennis Pep Rally - Halloween/College Day Theme

12/19/19 - Basketball Pep Rally - Blackout Theme

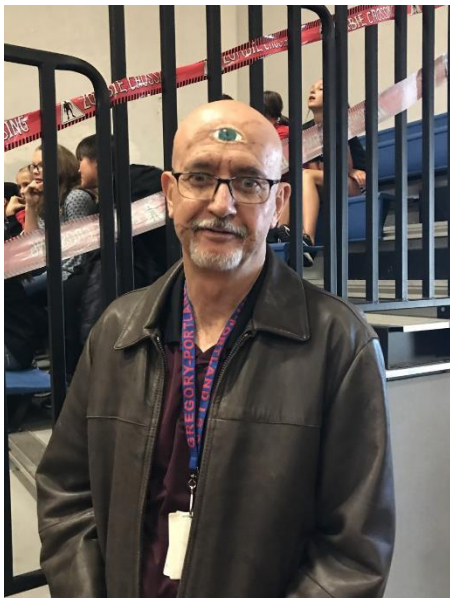
4/17/19 - Special Olympics Pep Rally



**Principal Mr. Alvarado dressed as an
avocado for the Halloween pep rally**



Mr. Levensailor



Mr. Sosebee



Track Schedule

Information gathered by

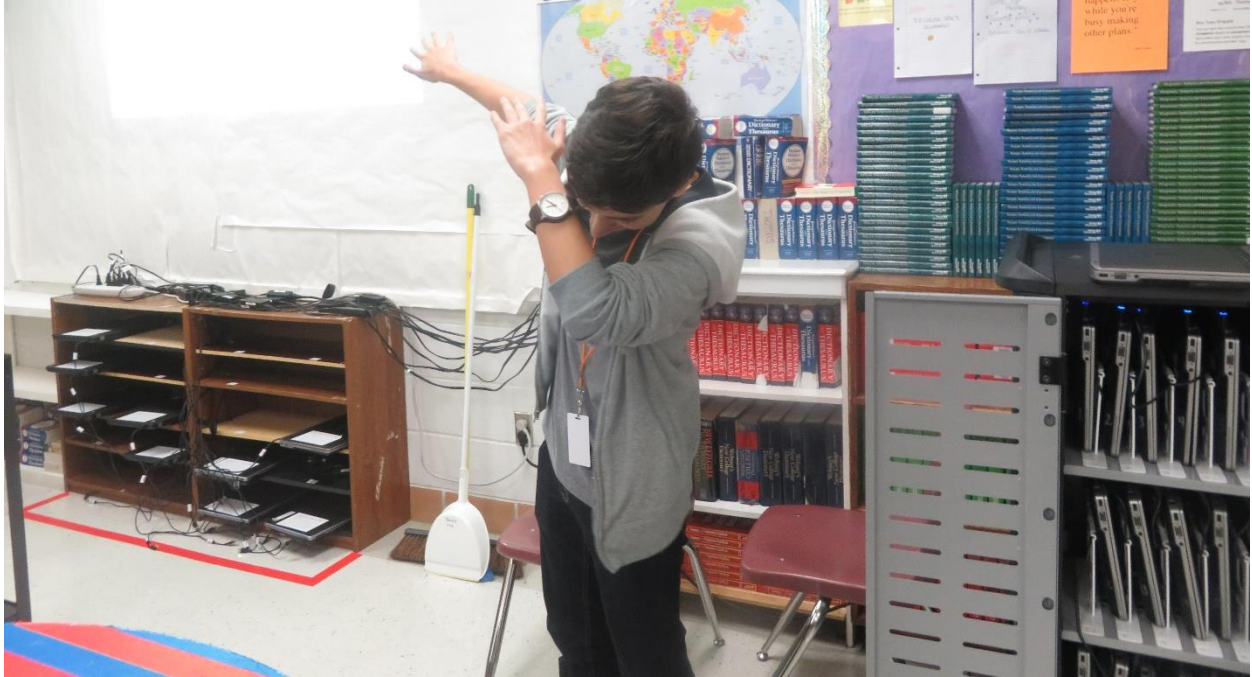
Evan Rhodes

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Site</u> | <u>Schools Attending</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2/27 | GP | Calallen, IWA |
| 3/5 | Flour Bluff | GP, Alice, Calallen |
| 3/19 | TM | GP, Flour Bluff |
| 3/26 | GP | Flour Bluff, IWA |
| 4/2-4/3 | Alice | District Meet |

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Marky Trevino, Yearbook Manager, celebrates Earth's victory. Photo by Kylar Hudler

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