

## From the Superintendent's Desk

We would like to thank all of the parents who attended their children's conference in early November. Parental involvement in their child's education is one of the most important factors in a child's school success and the opportunity to communicate about a child's progress is instrumental in establishing and maintaining a strong school and home partnership. Working together, we can provide support and more effectively meet the needs of all of our students.

The school board, with the help of the Community Facilities Committee and DLR, have developed a facilities plan that includes a proposed new high school campus and renovations to the elementary and current high school buildings. The Committee is now organizing sub-committees to move this discussion forward to the broader Gilbert community.

### We have many student and staff achievements to celebrate since our last newsletter. Congratulations to the following:

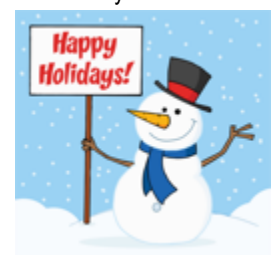
- The Boys' and Girls' Cross Country teams qualified for the state meet on October 30 at Fort Dodge. The boys finished 8<sup>th</sup> in Class 2A and the girls finished 10<sup>th</sup> as a team. Sadie Timms was 5<sup>th</sup> individually for the girls and Mason Powers placed 6<sup>th</sup>. In the boys' race, HOIAC All-Conference honors went to the following: Girls: Sadie Timms, Hilary Mosiman, Delaney Boldman & Boys: Mason Powers, Jake Lamkey, and Kevin Anderson  
Congratulations to our cross country teams and coaches Aaron Thomas and Laura Kautman on a great season.
- Congratulations to Coach Aaron Thomas for being selected as the Class 2A Boys' Cross Country At-Large Coach of the Year by the Iowa Association of Track Coaches.
- The Volleyball team lost in the Regional semifinals to Gladbrook-Reinbeck to end its season. They finished second in the HIAC conference large school division. The following were named to the HOIAC Large School division. Congratulations to all-conference selections Taylor Mirka – 1<sup>st</sup> Team; Gabby Stearns – 1<sup>st</sup> Team; Kaitlin Kuntz – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team; Katie Klingbeil – Honorable Mention and Michaela Gibson – Honorable Mention
- Jared Haverdink (vocal) and Sarah Baker (band) who participated in the All-State Music Festival during the weekend of November 19-20.
- The Varsity Football Team finished the season with a 5-5 record (3<sup>rd</sup> place in district 7) with a loss in the sub-state round to Bondurant-Farrar. Named to the Class 2-A, District 7 All District Team were: Cory Morrissey (1<sup>st</sup> Team-linebacker); Thomas McGuire (1<sup>st</sup> team-offensive line); Tyler Osmundson (1<sup>st</sup> team-defensive line); Christian Reed (1<sup>st</sup> team –defensive back); Troy Peterson (2<sup>nd</sup> team – offensive line); Brian Owings(2<sup>nd</sup> team-defensive back); Brian Owings (2<sup>nd</sup> team –punter)  
Cory Morrissey was named District Co-Most Valuable Player.  
Honorable Mention All-District: Luke Kerns, Karl Nicholson, Tyler Booms, Jared Oelmann  
Academic All-District Team: Kaiden Billings, Mack Boothe, Ethan Bowers, Carlton, Jones, Luke Kerns, Thomas McGuire, Brian Owings, Eric Pahl, and Alex Samson
- Many thanks to the drama department for its recent presentation of "Fame." Lots of time, effort and hard work go into the preparation for these stage productions and your efforts are appreciated.

Planning for the Gilbert Education Foundation's 2011 Rock Hop is underway. Save the date: Saturday, April 2, 2011. This year's Hop sports a western theme "**Lassoin' a Legacy.**" The mission of the Foundation is to make an impact on as many students as possible by funding educational needs such as teacher requests, student scholarships, reading, math, science and technology materials and equipment. The Rock Hop is a great evening of socializing, dining and fundraising to celebrate our district and benefit students in the Gilbert District. Please see a related article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our winter sport student-athletes and fine arts program participants are preparing for a very busy winter full of activities and performances. Large group speech students are starting to prepare for future competitions and musical groups are preparing for upcoming concerts and other performances. Be sure to attend the winter music concerts held this month at the middle school and high school (see enclosed calendar for dates and times). We look forward to enjoying the many talents of our students at these events. Our students very much appreciate your attendance and support of their endeavors. On behalf of the district, thank you for your continued support of the Gilbert Community School District. **Best wishes to you and your family throughout the busy month of December and the upcoming holiday season.**

Sincerely,

*John Kinley*, Superintendent



# The Iowa Core

Hope Bossard, Director of Curriculum and School Improvement

The Iowa Dept. of Education began its journey in 2005 to assure all students in Iowa had the same opportunity to a rigorous, relevant curriculum appropriate for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Many stakeholder groups worked together to generate a set of essential concepts and skills for high school reading/language arts, math, and science (called the Model Core Curriculum). Though the original intent was for these expectations to be voluntary for Iowa schools, the State Board chose to make the Model Core mandatory for all high school students. At that time, the Department of Education was directed to expand the Model Core to social studies, K-8 language arts, math, science, and add K-12 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, thus the model core became the Iowa Core for all K-12 students.

In 2009, Iowa was one of 48 states, 2 territories and the District of Columbia that signed a memorandum of agreement committing to the Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI). Unlike the Iowa Core, the Common Core includes only the areas of English language arts and mathematics. Once a state commits to the Common Core Initiative, it is required to accept the Common Core verbatim, but is allowed to add up to 15% of content for each content area.

Gilbert, like all schools in Iowa, is in the process of aligning with the requirements of the Iowa Core—science, social studies and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills—and the Common Core—English language arts and mathematics. Since Iowa has adopted the Common Core, it is now incorporated into the Iowa Core and will no longer be called the Common Core: it will simply be referred to as the Iowa Core.

If you think this seems confusing, you are not alone. It is very difficult for schools when expectations are mandated and seem to be a moving target. On a positive note, the two sets of concepts and skills have a high level of alignment, so the expectations are more similar than different.

A link to the Department of Education website is available on the Gilbert CSD website ([www.gilbert.k12.ia.us/district/curriculum](http://www.gilbert.k12.ia.us/district/curriculum)) if you would like to read more about the Iowa Core.

## Elementary School News

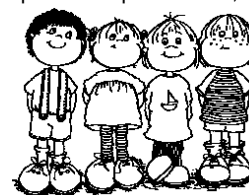
Staci Edwards, Principal

### Stop, Drop and Roll!

I have been happy with the improved traffic at the elementary. Unfortunately, we know that things will not be as we truly want them to be until we get some increased drop-off lanes. However, until then, a parent recently gave a great suggestion that can be passed on to everyone as parents drop off on Rothmoor Drive: Always remember to Stop, Drop and Roll. How might that relate to traffic? When parents pull up if they would remember to safely stop the car, quickly drop the child or children off and then keep on rolling, it would really help to allow more cars and parents to get through the drop off lanes. There are adults on duty outside the building, so it is not necessary to watch until the child enters the school. This lane is also not meant to be a parking lane. If a parent needs to bring something into the school, please park in the spaces to the north of the building. As always, thank you for your efforts to improve the safety of our school for the children.

### Calling All 2011-2012 Kindergartners

Gilbert Elementary School has been growing steadily over the past 10 years. While most sections in the elementary are four sections, we have been increasing to five when the number of students in a grade level dictates to keep our class sizes low. In an effort to help make that decision for the 2011-2012 kindergarten class, we are asking for parents of children who will be 5 years old prior to September 15, 2011 to call the office prior to January 28, 2011 to sign up for kindergarten. This is not our official registration process, but rather it is a way for us to get a count of where we will be for next year. Later in the spring, we will have Kindergarten Round-Up which will provide more detailed information for parents and will be the official registration process for incoming kindergartners. This sign-up is for 2011-2012 kindergartners only. Preschool applications will be released in March via district newsletter and in the elementary office. If you have any questions, please call Staci Edwards, elementary principal, at 232-3744.



## Middle School News

Chris Billings, Principal

Winter is upon us and congratulations are in order. Congratulations to our 7<sup>th</sup>-grade tech classes. They placed first nationally in the FBI Safe Online Surfing Challenge. The challenge involved over 1200 students and numerous schools in several states. This is in addition to the 5<sup>th</sup>-grade placing first and the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade placing 4<sup>th</sup> during first quarter. A trophy was presented to the 7<sup>th</sup>-grade for their efforts.

On November 10, 2010, GMS honored veterans during our annual Veterans' Day Assembly. The Air Force ROTC presented the colors, Mrs. Gildehaus sang the national anthem, all four choirs performed, and speakers shared messages honoring those who have served our country.

Thank you to everyone who signed-up for parent/teacher conferences online and attended those conferences on November 2 and 4. The system worked even smoother this time, as we continue to work out the bugs. You will receive a notice in the spring to begin signing up again. Spring conferences are on March 29 and 31.

December 22, 2010 is the official end of first semester. Report cards will be sent out the first week of January. Second semester begins on January 4, 2011.

## Exciting Holiday Open House

The 2011 Rock Hop live auction committee is hosting a holiday open house on December 11 at the home of Brent and Julie Rastetter. Please contact Shele Blum ([swblum@mchsi.com](mailto:swblum@mchsi.com)) or Julie Rastetter with questions or visit the Foundation on Facebook.

## Counselor's Corner

### High School – Paul Jacobson, Counselor

**I Have a Plan Career Assessment.** Juniors completed the I Have a Plan Iowa occupational and educational program in November. This program helps students identify his or her interests, skills, and work values and helps create a plan from high school, through college, and into different career paths that they are interested in. Ask your son or daughter about his or her experience with the I Have a Plan program. As a parent feel free to check it out by going to: <http://www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov>. Students can login into his or her profile on the internet and show you his or her results!

**New Horizons Scholarship Fundraiser!** Thank you so much for your support with the New Horizons Scholarship Pancake Breakfast! We raised about \$600 in just three hours!

On **Saturday, December 4th at 8:00 AM** the sophomores will have the opportunity to take the **PLAN Assessment**. Sophomores around the country take this assessment as a practice test for the ACT test, which they will likely take during their junior year or the beginning of their senior year. The PLAN covers the same subjects as the ACT and provides an estimated ACT score once the results come back in early January. The PLAN also has a career interest inventory that can help find the best career choices for the student. Packaged with the results is a guide that will help explain what the results mean and the PLAN website can be used to learn even more about the results of the test. Cost for the PLAN assessment is \$10.00. Information can also be obtained by logging onto [www.planstudent.org](http://www.planstudent.org). Please have your son or daughter register in Mr. Jacobson's office ASAP.



On **Saturday, December 4th at 12:30 PM** the juniors will have the opportunity to take a **practice ACT test**. The practice ACT is a great opportunity for students to take a "retired" official ACT test where they can actually score their own test after they have completed it and see what questions they got right and which questions they missed. This practice test will help students that will be taking the ACT for the first time later in his or her junior year. Students will also be able to take the test home, by going to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and can learn more information on areas in which they need to improve. Please have your son or daughter register in my office as soon as possible.

### Scholarships as of November 18, 2010

- AXA Achievement Scholarship- Are you active in your community? Have you led a project that benefits others? Have you overcome personal challenges? You may qualify for an AXA Scholarship of \$10,000 or \$25,000. Learn more and download an application at: [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com) Deadline: December 15, 2010
- ICAN Student Video Scholarship Contest-ICAN is giving away scholarship money for the best video illustrating the importance of college planning or financial aid. If you know an Iowa high school junior or senior who has a creative flare and is looking for some free money for college, this is the contest for them! To learn more visit [www.ICANsucceed.org/videocontest](http://www.ICANsucceed.org/videocontest) Deadline: December 15, 2010
- Better Business Bureau Scholarship: - BBB is announcing plans for its annual program to honor Students of Integrity. See Mr. Jacobson for an application. Deadline: December 17, 2010
- Des Moines Women's Club-Seniors are eligible to apply for \$1000 scholarships awarded in the categories of Art, Literature, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Drama and Dance. Application is found at [www.desmoineswomensclub.org](http://www.desmoineswomensclub.org); and clicking on scholarships. Please see Mr. Jacobson if you have questions. Deadline: January 28
- Hixson Opportunity Award: The Hixson opportunity Award is a half-tuition scholarship (estimated value of more than \$14,000 over eight semesters) offered annually to 100 Iowa students attending Iowa State University. The online Hixson Award application is available at [www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/application/](http://www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/application/) Please see Mr. Jacobson for questions. Deadline: February 1, 2011
- Iowa Newspaper Foundation (INF) –Scholarships available for students preparing for a newspaper career. Website: [www.inanews.com/inf/scholarships.php](http://www.inanews.com/inf/scholarships.php) See Mr. Jacobson for details. Deadline: February 11, 2011
- World Class Mediacom Scholarship Program-Scholarships awarded to seniors attending accredited post-secondary institutions. See Mr. Jacobson for details. [www.mediacomworldclass.com](http://www.mediacomworldclass.com) Amt: \$1,000. Deadline is February 11, 2011
- Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M.- Seniors planning to enroll in a mechanical or trade course of study at an accredited Iowa Community College. See Mr. Jacobson for details. Website: [www.gl-iowa.org](http://www.gl-iowa.org) Deadline: March 1, 2011
- Laymon A Hicks Scholarship Fund- First Generation Students who will be entering a 2year or 4 year college or university fall 2010/2011 and are the first in their families to attend college. Please see Mr. Jacobson for details. <http://www.laymonhicksscholarshipfund.org/> Deadline: Friday March 11, 2011

- TSPA (The Salon Professional Academy)- A 3,000 scholarship is available per Iowa high school. Please see Mr. Jacobson for details. Deadline: March 31, 2011
- The BigSun Organization- The Big Sun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. We are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in. Amt. \$500.00 Deadline: June 23 Website: <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> to learn how to apply.
- Discus Awards Scholarship- Amt. \$2,000 –Honoring the All-Around High School Student. Go to website: [www.discusawards.com](http://www.discusawards.com) There are monthly due dates for this. Please check the website for details.
- Many more scholarships are available at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com), [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com). Keep track of this ongoing scholarship listing by going to: <http://ghsguidance.wordpress.com/>

If your senior son or daughter has not applied to the colleges that they have interest in attending for 2010-2011 please have them apply as soon as possible so that they can receive the best financial aid and student housing options available.

Like always, please feel free to drop me a line if you have any questions or concerns. I will always listen.



### **Elementary - Cari Lambert, Counselor**

**Responsibility** We are doing activities, enjoying discussions, and learning more and more about the importance of “responsibility” at home, at school and in the community. Students often define being responsible as “doing your chores” or “caring for your pet”, but we are expanding our study to include the importance of being responsible in many other areas of our lives. We have been talking about being responsible for our actions. Too many students try to “blame” others instead of recognizing that they made a choice when they said the unkind remark, hit the person, or made a face. We are also discussing the importance of being responsible for our words and thoughts. Many popular video games include violence and destruction; children have problems understanding the difference between fantasy and reality. We must guide our children to read good materials, watch worthwhile movies, guard against vulgar language, make good friends and to choose positive, healthy choices for themselves. Please make responsibility a key word at home and discuss the importance of following through on it, even when it’s a lot of work!

**Character Counts Works** Character Counts program works because it’s a comprehensive program integrated into every aspect of school life. Good character isn’t something you can teach after your curriculum is covered. It has to be taught, enforced, advocated, and modeled by teachers, administrators, staff, and parents at all times! For Character Education to work, good character must be modeled and taught to students all day, every day, by every member of a school community.

We know that CC works because schools that have adopted the program diligently collect data to measure its effects. The most recent data came from the award-winning Downey Unified School District in Southern California. The CC program in Downey yielded improvement in tests scores and graduation rates; there was a drop in school suspensions and expulsions. Character education isn’t easy, but that doesn’t mean it can’t be done!

**Food Service News** Participation in the Birthday Treat Program sponsored by the Gilbert Food service is growing each month! What you may not know is how those birthday treats are benefitting the students at the elementary. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, school lunch included fresh, sliced apples. Money from the treats has helped purchase a fruit slicing machine that will allow us to serve more fresh fruits and vegetables! New for December: Ice Cream Sundae’s complete with a dollop of whipped cream and a cherry on top, and packaged Rice Krispies treats. Fruit and yogurt parfaits, and yogurt ice cream shakes (these are served at the Middle School) are also available for the holidays. Contact Ellen Sander, Ext. 2108, at the Elementary Cafeteria for more information.

## **Middle School FCCLA**

On November 17, FCCLA members traveled up and down the streets of Gilbert collecting food drive donation bags filled with food. The bags had been left with residents the week earlier with information about the project. The members were able to collect 45 bags of perishable food goods to be donated to the Story County Family Development Center, part of the Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc. (MICA). A big thank you to those residents who participated!

## **Mentoring Minute**

A mentor is any caring adult who makes an active, positive contribution to the life of a child who is not his or her own parent. Be a GRIP Mentor at Gilbert Schools. Contact Shelly Billings today!

Shelly F. Billings, Gilbert Mentor Facilitator

Phone: 291-6361 Email: [Gilbertmentoring@yss.ames.ia.us](mailto:Gilbertmentoring@yss.ames.ia.us)

## **Box Top Contest**

During the month of January, Gilbert Elementary will be having a drive to see which class can bring in the most Box Tops for Education. Each Friday, we will count to see which class has brought in the most Box Tops for a weekly prize. The overall class winner will receive a special pizza party lunch!! Start clipping and saving your Box Tops now. If you don’t have a student in school, we will always take the Box Tops in the office. We also take Campbell’s Soup Labels and Coca-Cola Points.

# November Students of the Month at Gilbert High School Congratulations!

Agricultural Education	Selena Rinehart
Art	Cannon Huebner
Business	Chinyere Adeleke
English	Jacob Swan
Family & Consumer Science	Taylor Messingham
History	Vasilisa Bashlovkina
Industrial Education	Madeline Schmidt
Mathematics	Vasilisa Bashlovkina
Music	Kendra Swanson
Physical Education	Jacob Lykins
Science	Amanda Koenig
Spanish	Catherine Hayes

## PTO News

If you would like to thank your child's teacher with a special gift, consider donating to the Teacher Supply Closet. The teachers are able to get whatever they need for their classrooms. Look for the form in this newsletter or on the school's website (PTO link).

Thank you to everyone who brought food for the teachers during conferences. Thank you again to Marcy Lykins and Terri Calendine who coordinated meals at the elementary and middle schools. Thank you to Deb Swanson who coordinated meals at the high school. Thank you to Subway on Main Street who provided subs and cookies at the elementary school on both conference nights.

The carnival raised over \$20,000!! Thank you to everyone who worked at and attended the carnival. It was a really fun night. The committee worked very hard to make it a success. If you would like to be more involved in the carnival next year, please call Tanya Forth (233-8168). There are several people looking for someone to shadow them in 2011 and take over in 2012.

Please keep sending the Sunny D labels. We will continue to collect these for the entire school year so we will be ready for next year's contest. Remember to send in the WHOLE label, not just the code.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 6 at 7:30 in the elementary commons.

## It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.....

1. Take part in helping to fund the Junior/Senior After Prom by donating your cans & bottles.
2. Save & separate your 5 cent redeemable cans & bottles\*.
3. Drop off your 5 cent redeemables at the receptacle located behind the Gilbert Car Wash or bring your redeemables to the Ames Redemption Center and ask them to designate your donation to go toward the Gilbert After Prom fundraiser.

### See it's as easy as 1, 2, 3.....

\*Please help by separating your cans and bottles and by only placing 5 cent redeemable items in the receptacle. Plastic recyclables items such as milk jugs, shampoo bottles, etc. are not redeemable or accepted. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the can & bottle redemption fundraiser please e-mail: [jwernbeck@gmail.com](mailto:jwernbeck@gmail.com)

## Fine Arts News

### High School Vocal Music News

The Gilbert High School Choir will present their Winter Concert on Monday, December 13 at 7:30 pm in the East Gym. Performing from the vocal department at this concert will be the Mixed Choir and Tiger Jazz. The students are preparing a great selection of music which includes holiday classics as well as accapella selections. We look forward to having you join us for an evening of festive music and entertainment. If you have any question pertaining to this event or any other vocal music activities at Gilbert High School please contact Kaaren Rogers via email at [rogersk@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:rogersk@gilbert.k12.ia.us) or at 515-232-3738.



### Large Group Speech News

Large Group Speech season is underway at Gilbert High School. This year we have 51 students on our Varsity team (grades 10-12) participating in 9 categories and 16 students on our team Junior Varsity (9<sup>th</sup> grade) participating in 6 categories for a total of 67 students

involved in Large Group Speech. It is exciting to have so many students interested in the art of communication and performance. Large Group Speech is an Iowa High School Speech Association Activity. Both teams will be attending and competing at District Contest which is Saturday, January 22 at South East Polk High School. Students who receive a division I rating will advance to State Contest which is Saturday, February 5 at West Des Moines Valley High School. Groups who receive a nomination will perform at All State on Saturday, February 19 at the Iowa State Center on the Iowa State Campus in Ames, Iowa. The Gilbert Large Group Speech Department will also be sponsoring our annual Family and Friends Speech Showcase on Sunday, January 30 at Gilbert High School. As the season progresses, we will keep passing information along to you. If you have any questions about Large Group Speech, please contact Kaaren Rogers via email at [rogersk@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:rogersk@gilbert.k12.ia.us) or at 515-232-3738.

### Fine Arts Boosters

We are a group of Gilbert area parents and patrons who volunteer our time and resources to enhance the fine arts programs offered by the Gilbert school system. We do this in many ways, including the following:

- ❖ Communicate with fine arts teachers and staff to determine their needs and how we can best help to meet those needs.
- ❖ Help represent fine arts priorities to Gilbert school administrators and the board.
- ❖ Organize volunteers as needed to support fine arts activities.
- ❖ Solicit, receive, manage, and disburse funds to support the fine arts programs.

Check out our new Facebook group page. There's a link to it from the Fine Arts Boosters page on the Gilbert School website.

### Membership in Fine Arts Boosters

#### Bronze (\$25)

Darren & Marsha Dies  
David & Lynne Andersen  
Mark & Sonya Peterson  
Pat & Kelly Gorden

#### Silver (\$50)

Jeff & Jody Meyers  
Mitch & LeAnn Meehan

The Stahr Family  
Tom & Joyce Culek

#### Gold (\$100)

Angela Bradley  
Bill & Gina Gallus  
Brett & Staci Harper  
Bruce & Diane Janvrin  
Gary & Kelly Freel

Gene & Jennifer Noem

Joe Battles, Heuss  
Printing  
Kendall & Julie Graber  
Paul & Ann Smiley-Oyen  
The Hill Family

#### Platinum (\$250)

Ed & Leigh Adcock

Gary & Jami Mirka

Mary & Raj Raman  
Mike & Natalie Haverdink  
Quality Ag, Inc., Brent  
Julie Rastetter

**THINK GREEN--Pop Bottle Recycling**--Please watch for the black recycling bins at the High School and Middle School athletic events. The bins will be sitting by the concession stands and around the football stadium. They are marked "For Recycling Only", so please help us out by not putting your trash in them and depositing your pop bottles or cans. Unfortunately, we cannot redeem water bottles or sports drink bottles. This is a fund raiser for the Fine Arts Boosters and we'd appreciate your help in earning money and recycling at the same time.

### PowerSchool for You!

PowerSchool is a web-based student information system that offers parents and students real-time access to grades, attendance, homework assignments, and course information. During the summer we installed the newest Version 6.2 to PowerSchool so parents/guardians will now have the ability to create an account that will allow t to access all your students from a SINGLE LOGIN and complete E-REGISTRATION. Previous parent/guardian user names and passwords distributed to parents no longer work as of June 16, 2010. Previously distributed student user names and passwords have not changed and are still valid. Please contact Peggy Whaley, Director of Information Services, with any questions or concerns. Mrs. Whaley can be reached at [whaley@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:whaley@gilbert.k12.ia.us) or 232-3740. You may also wish to view resources on our website at [www.gilbert.k12.ia.us](http://www.gilbert.k12.ia.us), and then click on the PowerSchool link on the left-side menu.

### Alert System for School Closings – Sign Up Today!

In the case of inclement weather, any change in the regular school schedule will be announced by KASI (1430 AM), KWBG (1590 AM), or WHO (1040 AM) radio. The change in schedule will also be televised by KCCI (Channel 8), WHO (Channel 13), and WOI (Channel 5). Whenever possible, any change of schedule necessitated by the weather will be announced prior to 6:00 a.m.

The district also has an **e-mail alert** system to provide notice to parents in case school is postponed, cancelled, or dismissed early. Before inclement weather hits, sign up for these e-mail alerts. All you have to do is subscribe to the school alerts system by accessing and completing the form on the Gilbert home page ([www.gilbert.k12.ia.us](http://www.gilbert.k12.ia.us)). Click on the District tab on the top of the page and then click on "School Alerts" (on the left side of the page). In the event of a school closing or early dismissal, you will be sent an e-mail as soon as the decision has been made. This is a great way to get this information quickly.



If you would like to receive school alerts on your cell phone via a **text message** sign up now. Send an e-mail to [schoolalerts@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:schoolalerts@gilbert.k12.ia.us) with your 10-digit cell phone number and your cellular service provider such as Verizon, AT&T, or US Cellular. Standard texting rates may apply from your cell phone provider.

## Volunteers Needed

If you're into the Green Scene and are interested in helping raise some Green for the Junior/Senior After Prom, then we have the perfect volunteer opportunity for you! Volunteers are desperately needed to help sort and transport donated cans & bottles to the redemption center. All funds raised through the redemption fundraiser will go toward providing a fun and safe Junior/Senior After Prom experience. Please e-mail [jwernbeck@gmail.com](mailto:jwernbeck@gmail.com) if you would like to help with the fundraiser. Students are welcome and encouraged to volunteer!!

## A Note of Thanks

I want to pass along my most sincere thank you for so many great years serving as Gilbert's Varsity Volleyball Coach. Gilbert has accumulated almost 150 wins in the last 9 years, with nearly 50 of those wins coming in the past two seasons. The program is gaining momentum and will continue to be strong for years to come because Gilbert players, parents and athletic programs are committed to a high standard of achievement. Thank you to all who have supported me and the volleyball program these past years. Go Tigers! Yours Truly, Jenna Dowling

## Community Announcements

Community announcements are provided as a service by the Gilbert Community School District, which does not sponsor nor endorse these activities.

### "The Perfect Gift"

On Saturday, December 11, "The Perfect Gift," A Community Christmas Experience will be held at The Plex, 5501 George Washington Carver Ave in Ames from 11:00-6:00. There will be a live nativity (with petting zoo), Christmas tree displays, caroling, a craft room for kids, cookie decorating, a food menu, plus music and entertainment for all ages performing throughout the day. An old fashioned Christmas event for the entire family to enjoy together. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge. Sponsored by Ames Evangelical Free Church.

### Gilbert Lions Club Blood Drive

The Gilbert Lions Club will be hosting a community blood drive on Wednesday, December 15 from 12:30-5:30 p.m. at the Gilbert Lutheran Church. Our goal is 50 units. Donors are encouraged to call 233-2953 and request an appointment time or simply walk-in. First-time donors are encouraged to donate. Donors, ages 16 and 17, can pick up a parental consent form at the Gilbert High School office. Help save a life!

### United Way of Story County Service Bulletin

If you are seeking shelter with meals or assistance with rent or utilities please contact Emergency Residence Project for help by calling 515-232-8075 or by visiting their website at <http://www.amesshelter.org/erp/>.

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#### PUBLIC HEARING ON CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE

High School Media Center

October 25, 2010

The public hearing of the Gilbert Community School Board of Directors was called to order by President Marcia DeZonia, at 6:00 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Chris Benda, Marcia DeZonia, Kim Mosiman and Mary Zimmerman. Paul Livingston was absent.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Mosiman to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

No one appeared to speak for or against the conveyance of real estate.

Motion by Benda, second by Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

#### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GILBERT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD

High School Media Center

October 25, 2010

The special meeting of the Gilbert Community School Board of Directors was called to order by President Marcia DeZonia, at 6:03 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Chris Benda, Marcia DeZonia, Paul Livingston, Kim Mosiman, and Mary Zimmerman.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Mosiman to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Penney and Eric Beron, DLR Group, presented the high school building plan and revised budget estimates along with a timeline for the next few months. Discussion among the board, architects and administrators followed.

Brad Heemstra, owner representative, commented on the need for the board to agree on one plan to go forward.

Motion by Mosiman, second by Zimmerman to adopt the resolution for conveyance of real estate. Motion carried unanimously. This action transfers the district's ownership of 20 acres of land on the west side of Gilbert to 20 acres of land on the east side of Gilbert. Legal descriptions are on file in the district office.

Motion by Livingston, second by Benda to appoint Superintendent John Kinley as authorized representative for the FEMA Grant Application. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mosiman, second by Zimmerman to adopt the resolution for providing 15% local matching funds to the FEMA Grant Application. Motion carried unanimously. The architects have estimated the 15% match to be approximately \$242,284.

Motion by Mosiman, second by Benda to move into closed session as provided in Section 21.5(1)(j) of the Code of Iowa to discuss the purchase of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the District would have to pay for that property. Motion carried unanimously. The board went into closed session at 9:03 p.m.

The board reconvened into open session at 9:16 p.m.

Motion by Benda, second by Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



## Rock Hop Rodeo 2011 Lassoin' a Legacy

The raffle prizes this year will be CASH!!

Top prize is \$5,000

with two other prizes totaling \$2,500.

Tickets will be available starting in February.

Tickets will be \$20 with coupons exceeding the price value!

A huge thanks to all who contributed to the Neighborhood Drive! If you haven't given yet, but want to, don't worry, there is still time! Just send your contribution to the Superintendent's office at the high school. We really appreciate your donations to help our Live Auction be better than ever before!

Have you ever heard of the six degrees of separation? Is it possible your connections could lead to a fun new auction item? Did you graduate with someone who is now in a famous band? Is your mother-in-law's sister a famous broadcaster who could help us make a destination vacation become a reality? Scout your memories to see if you know someone who knows someone and let one of our chairpersons know how you could help this year's Rock Hop be more successful!



Do you have Facebook friends? Or maybe you use Twitter to share your thoughts? Either way, you can now follow the Gilbert Education Foundation. On Facebook look for Gilbert Education Foundation, Iowa and on Twitter you can find us at GilbertEdFound. Having trouble finding us? Check our tab on the Gilbert homepage for help.



**Exciting Holiday Open House  
December 11  
at Brent and Julie Rastetter's house  
Hosted by the 2011 Rock Hop live auction committee**



For more details on this Holiday Event and how we are going to build a live auction package that day, please visit our Facebook link or contact Shele Blum or Julie Rastetter.

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Julie Rastetter

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### Silent Auction Chair

Chris Lawrence

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**Save the date: April 2, 2011**

# GILBERT TEACHER SUPPLY FUND

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!



## DID YOU KNOW?

1. Teachers typically spend several hundred dollars of their own money each year on supplies for their classrooms.
2. GESS/PTO continuously stocks a supply closet with needed items at the elementary and middle school buildings for teachers to use.
3. These supplies are made available to teachers due to generous donations by district families.
4. Donations make a great thank you gift to your child(ren)'s teacher(s) for a job well done.

## Donations

Simply fill out the form below and return it with your check. With your donation, GESS/PTO will send a card directly to your child(ren)'s teacher(s) for you. The card will not disclose the amount of your gift--only that you've made a donation.

Show your support by giving to the Gilbert Teacher Supply Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Gallus at 233-0259. Thank you!

Make checks payable to: Teacher Supply Fund and send to:

GESS/PTO  
Gilbert Elementary School  
109 Rothmore Dr.  
Gilbert, IA, 50105

GESS/PTO  
Gilbert Middle School  
201 E. Mathews Dr.  
Gilbert, IA 50105

Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



## December 2010 Activity List

Gilbert Community School District

Activity	Type	Time	Opponent	Location
<b>Wednesday, December 1, 2010</b>				
Early Dismissal & Staff Development		12:30PM		All Buildings
Booster Club Meetings		6:30PM		HS Commons
<b>Thursday, December 2, 2010</b>				
SCIBA District Honor Band Auditions		4:30PM		Des Moines, IA.
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	Bondurant-Farrar	Bondurant-Farrar HS
Wrestling: JV & Varsity	Meet	6:00PM	Multiple Schools	Jefferson-Scranton MS
5th/6th Band and Choir Concert		7:00PM		Middle School Gym
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Bondurant-Farrar	Bondurant-Farrar HS
<b>Friday, December 3, 2010</b>				
Basketball: Boys 8th	Game	4:30PM	Boone	Boone Franklin Gym 1903 Crawford St.
Basketball: Boys 7th	Game	4:30PM	Boone	Gilbert MS - MS Gym
Youth Wrestling Tournament		5:00PM		High School
<b>Saturday, December 4, 2010</b>				
PLAN Practice ACT		8:00AM		Elementary Commons
Basketball: Girls & Boys 9th	Game	9:00AM	W. Des Moines Valley	West Des Moines Valley @ Southwoods
Wrestling: JV & Varsity	Tournament	9:00AM	Multiple Schools	Gilbert HS - Gilbert
Practice ACT		12:00PM		Elementary Commons
Basketball: Girls JV	Game	4:00PM	West Marshall	State Center
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	West Marshall	State Center
<b>Monday, December 6, 2010</b>				
Basketball: Boys 9th	Game	6:00PM	Jefferson-Scranton	Jefferson-Scranton MS
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	6:00PM	Jefferson-Scranton	Gilbert HS
Winter Concert (7th/8th Band-Choir)		7:00PM		Middle School
Basketball: Boys JV	Game	7:30PM	Jefferson-Scranton	Jefferson-Scranton MS
Basketball: Girls JV	Game	7:30PM	Jefferson-Scranton	Gilbert HS - West Gym
<b>Tuesday, December 7, 2010</b>				
Basketball: Boys 7th	Game	4:30PM	Nevada	Nevada
Basketball: Girls 7th	Game	4:30PM	Nevada	Gilbert MS - MS Gym
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	North Polk	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	North Polk	Gilbert HS
<b>Thursday, December 9, 2010</b>				
Wrestling: Middle School	Meet	4:30PM	Multiple Schools	Gilbert - MS Gym
Wrestling: JV & Varsity	Meet	6:30PM	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter - Baxter Gym
<b>Friday, December 10, 2010</b>				
Basketball: Boys 8th	Game	4:30PM	Nevada	Nevada - Elementary Field House
Basketball: Girls 8th	Game	4:30PM	Nevada	Gilbert MS - MS Gym
Wrestling: JV	Tournament	5:00PM	Multiple Schools	Saydel HS
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	Nevada	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Nevada	Gilbert HS
<b>Saturday, December 11, 2010</b>				
SCIBA Jazz Festival				Waukee HS
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	9:00AM	Ames	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Wrestling: Varsity	Tournament	10:00AM	Nora Springs	Central Springs
Basketball: Boys 9th	Game	10:30AM	Ames	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Boys JV	Game	6:30PM	South Tama County	South Tama
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	8:00PM	South Tama County	South Tama

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### Monday, December 13, 2010

Basketball: Boys 8th	Game	4:30PM	Roland-Story MS	Roland
Basketball: Girls 8th	Game	4:30PM	Roland-Story MS	Gilbert MS
School Board Meeting		6:00PM		High School LMC
Winter Concert		7:30PM		East Gym

### Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Basketball: Boys 7th	Game	4:30PM	Roland-Story MS	Roland - MS Multi-Purpose Room
Basketball: Girls 7th	Game	4:30PM	Roland-Story MS	Gilbert MS
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	Jefferson-Scranton	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Jefferson-Scranton	Gilbert HS

### Thursday, December 16, 2010

Wrestling: Middle School	Meet	4:30PM	Multiple Schools	Gilbert - MS Gym
Basketball: Boys 9th	Game	6:00PM	North Polk	Gilbert HS
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	6:00PM	North Polk	North Polk - Alleman-MS/HS Gym 1
Wrestling: JV & Varsity	Double Dual	6:00PM	Multiple Schools	Ogden
Basketball: Boys JV	Game	7:30PM	North Polk	Gilbert HS
Basketball: Girls JV	Game	7:30PM	North Polk	North Polk - HS Gym 1 Alleman

### Friday, December 17, 2010

Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	PCM	PCM HS
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	PCM	PCM HS

### Saturday, December 18, 2010

Wrestling: JV	Tournament	9:00AM	Multiple Schools	Roland-Story HS
Wrestling: Varsity	Tournament	12:00PM	Multiple Schools	Roland-Story HS - H.S. North Gym
Winter Formal		8:00PM		HS Commons

### Monday, December 20, 2010

Basketball: Boys JV	Game	6:00PM	Martensdale-St Mary's	Martensdale-St. Marys
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Martensdale-St Mary's	Martensdale-St. Marys

### Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Basketball: Boys 9th	Game	5:00PM	Nevada	Nevada
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	5:00PM	Nevada	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Wrestling: JV & Varsity	Double Dual	5:30PM	Multiple Schools	Boone MS
Basketball: Boys JV	Game	6:30PM	Nevada	Nevada
Basketball: Girls JV	Game	6:30PM	Nevada	Gilbert HS - West Gym

### Wednesday, December 22, 2010

End of 1st Semester				All Buildings
End of 2nd Quarter				All Buildings
Early Dismissal		2:10PM		All Buildings

### December 23, 2010 - January 3, 2011

No School - Winter Break				All Buildings
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Please see the Activities Calendar on the District's website for the most up-to-date listing of events ([www.gilbert.k12.ia.us](http://www.gilbert.k12.ia.us))



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	2 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	3 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk
6 Cheese Omelet and Tri-tater or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	7 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	8 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	9 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	10 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk
13 Cheese Omelet and Tri-tater or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	14 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	15 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	16 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	17 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk
20 Cheese Omelet and Tri-tater or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	21 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	22 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	23 VACATION	24 VACATION
27 VACATION	28 VACATION	29 VACATION	30 VACATION	31 



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Lunch Prices Elementary: \$1.90 Middle School: \$1.95 High School: \$2.00 Adults: \$3.00</p>	H.S. and M.S. alternate is written in Italics.	<p>1 Hot Dog on a Bun <i>Hamburger on a Bun</i> Tater Tots Mandarin Oranges Graham Cracker Milk</p> <p>12:30 Dismissal</p>	<p>2 Deli Combo Sub <i>Chicken Alfredo Pasta</i> Baked Beans Banana Sun Chips Milk</p>	<p>3 Taco Salad <i>Asian Popcorn Chicken</i> Lettuce and Cheese Pear Halves Hot Roll Milk</p>
<p>6 Mandarin Orange Chicken <i>Baked Fish on a Bun</i> Brown Rice Stir Fry Veggies Pineapple Tidbits Oatmeal Cookie Milk</p>	<p>7 Italian Dunker Sauce <i>Baked Potato w/ Ham and Cheese</i> <i>Lettuce Salad</i> <i>Red Grapes</i> <i>Bread Sticks</i> Milk</p>	<p>8 Grilled Cheese Sandwich <i>Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich</i> Tomato Soup Sliced Peaches Goldfish Crackers Milk</p>	<p>9 Stromboli Bites <i>Turkey Club Sandwich</i> Corn Applesauce Frito Corn Chips Milk</p>	<p>10 Pizza Wedge <i>Turkey Tetrazzini</i> Carrot Sticks Fruit Cocktail Pumpkin Bar Milk</p>
<p>13 Tacos <i>Chicken Fajita Wrap</i> Refried Beans Pear Halves Churro Milk</p>	<p>14 Chicken Patty on a Bun <i>Hamburger on a Bun</i> Steamed Broccoli Apple Slices Teddy Grahams Milk</p>	<p>15 Crispito <i>Hot Dog on a Bun</i> Green Beans Pineapple Tidbits Nacho Chips Cheese Sauce Milk</p>	<p>16 Baked Ham <i>Meatloaf Patty</i> Au gratin Potatoes Orange Wedges Hot Roll Jello Cake Milk</p>	<p>17 Meatball Sub <i>Chef Salad w/roll</i> Honey Glazed Carrots Sliced Peaches Brownie Milk</p>
<p>20 Cheese Pizza <i>Hot Ham and Cheese on a Bagel</i> Corn Applesauce Cookie Milk</p>	<p>21 Sloppy Joe on a Bun <i>Chicken Rice Bowl</i> French Fries Fruit Cocktail Graham Cracker Milk</p>	<p>22 Chicken Strips <i>Cheesy Tiger Bread</i> Peas and Carrots Strawberries and Bananas Cornbread Milk</p>	<p>23 VACATION</p>	<p>24 VACATION</p>
<p>27 VACATION</p>	<p>28 VACATION</p>	<p>29 VACATION</p>	<p>30 VACATION</p>	<p>31 VACATION</p> 