

From the Superintendent's Desk

American Education Week will be celebrated across the nation during the week of November 14-20. American Education Week spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great. We are proud of our committed and dedicated staff members who work daily to prepare our children for their future. Please extend a thank you to staff members for their continued commitment to excellence. We are also grateful for the tremendous support our Gilbert community provides to our school district. We thank you for your valuable partnership with the school in providing for our children's future so they can grow, prosper and achieve in the 21st century.



Believe it or not, the first quarter of the school year is already behind us. This has been a very busy school year thus far. Now that the first quarter of school has come to a close, I can say with confidence that we have had a very busy and successful start to the year. Our teachers have been engaged in significant professional development training during our early dismissal days. Elementary teachers continue to learn and implement various CGI (Cognitively Guided Instruction) strategies in their math lessons to challenge students to problem solve and develop a deeper understanding of number sense and mathematical concepts. Middle and high school teachers (and two elementary teams of teachers) are engaged in our Authentic Intellectual Work initiative. Teachers develop and implement various tasks for students to complete and seek feedback from colleagues to improve student tasks (assignments, quizzes, tests), their instruction, and the quality of student work. This is challenging work, but staff members have been focused in their efforts and are seeing the benefits with their students.

Work continues on our facility planning process. A series of meetings have been held with DLR Group, the district's architectural firm, and a community facility committee to discuss the most workable and affordable facility plan to bring to the district's patrons for consideration in a bond referendum vote. Please note related article elsewhere in this newsletter.

The fall athletic season has been a very busy and successful one for our student-athletes participating in cross-country, football and volleyball at both the middle school and high school levels. Our varsity, sub-varsity and middle school teams have enjoyed a high rate of student participation this season. Win or lose, we appreciate the great support our team and individuals have received at their many events. Congratulations to the following teams and individuals for their recognitions and achievements this fall:

- The girls' volleyball team was second in the HOIAC large schools division team race this year and is currently in post-season play.
- The boys' cross country team won the HOIAC large school division conference meet at the ISU cross country course. The Gilbert girls' team placed second in the HOIAC large school division conference meet. Sadie Timms was the individual girl's champion in the HOIAC conference cross-country meet and Mason Powers was the second place runner in the boy's race. Both teams have qualified for the state cross country meet on October 30. The girls' placed second and Sadie Timms was the district girls' champion. Mason Powers placed 2nd and Jake Lamkey placed 5th individually for the boys as the Gilbert boys' team won the district championship
- The Tiger Football team won its last three regular season games and earned a spot in the Class 2A state football playoffs with a sub-state game at Bondurant-Farrar on Wednesday, October 27.

Elizabeth Welke recently represented Gilbert High School at the World Food Prize Youth Symposium in Des Moines. This is a tremendous learning experience for students, who have the opportunity to interact with outstanding leaders and scientists from around the world who have gathered for this annual event. Congratulations, Elizabeth and thank you for representing our district in such a positive manner.

The elementary carnival was held on October 16. Once again, a big thank you to our Gilbert community, parents and patrons for your tremendous support, through donated items, volunteer workers, and your attendance at this annual event. Attendance at this year's carnival was tremendous and lots of happy faces could be seen throughout the night.

SAVE THE DATE! Planning for the 2011 ROCK HOP is underway! This year's theme is "Rock Hop Rodeo - Lassoing a Legacy." The Rock Hop is set for Saturday, April 2, 2011, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center. Please plan on joining us for an evening of socializing, dining and fundraising to benefit students in the Gilbert Community School District. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. Social Time will run from 5:30-7:00, silent auction from 5:30-7:30, dinner and raffle drawing 7:00-8:00, and live auction will start at 8:00 pm. More details will be on the Gilbert website as they become available.

With the end of the first quarter comes a short transition time before winter season activities get underway. Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 2 and 4. Classes will not be held on Friday, November 5.

Cast rehearsals for the fall play "Fame" have been in full swing for some time. The story is set in New York at the famous High School for Performing Arts, where a group of diverse teens face the rigors of demanding schedules and rigid teachers. The students know they've got a long way to go until they reach fame. Fame costs. Are these students willing to pay the price? This production will be presented on Friday and Saturday, November 12-13 at 7:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a great evening for the entire family! Winter concerts at the middle school and high school will soon be on the horizon and practices for the winter sports season will soon be underway. We look forward to seeing you at these events. Thank you for your continued support of our students and their endeavors.

Best wishes to you and your family during the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday!

Sincerely,

John Kinley, Superintendent

Facility Planning Update

By John Kinley, Superintendent

During the month of October, the school board has held a series of facility planning work sessions to discuss and set priorities and review the budgetary impact of those decisions. A updated financial projection report from financial advisors Piper Jaffray indicated that, using assumptions of 3% projected growth in enrollment and taxable valuation, the district would have a projected maximum capacity to spend \$23.5 million from all funding sources to address the construction of a new facility and address identified improvements at the other school buildings. Those projections do not include other potential sources such as a utility company rebate or the receipt of a FEMA grant. The board reviewed program space requirements for several options and uses for a new high school building. The concepts of shared and/or multi-use spaces were discussed. Given the funding limitations of the district, two options emerged for further exploration and discussion:

1. Build a new school building at a new site to house grades 9-12. The classrooms necessary to support the academic program would all be provided in the new high school. The existing high school would continue to be used for athletic and fine arts events until future phases are completed. Limited additional facility funding resources will be available in 2016, with more becoming available in 2020 and 2024.
2. Build a new school at a new site, including the large group spaces for the high school program and enough regular classrooms at the outset to house grades 3-5 and relieve the emerging space needs at the elementary and middle school, and still provide large group spaces for the high school fine arts and athletic programs. In this scenario, the high school would remain at its current site and, in Phase II construction, the remaining classrooms needed to fully outfit the high school program would be built. The entire high school program would then move to the new site and grades 3-5 would move to the current high school building.

The board directed DLR to develop site plans, floor plans, phasing timelines (based on financial projections) for the two options and bring them to the board for review and discussion at its October 18 meeting. The same information was shared with the community facility committee on October 19. The community committee's initial feedback indicated support for Option 1 above. Further refinements on budget estimates and an updated timeline will be reviewed with the board and committee at meetings on October 25-26.

While the board has been meeting regarding the facility plan, soil samples have been taken to confirm site requirements for the property south of the middle school. A traffic study has also been completed and a final report due to the board on November 1. There have been on-going meetings with Gilbert city officials to build consensus on infrastructure requirements.

Parent Drop-off at Elementary School

Elementary school parents are asked to drop off their children on Rothmoor Street. Please do not enter the west employee parking lot to drop off children and turn around. We have had many close calls/near accidents in this area.

New Playground Ribbon Cutting

On October 25, 2010, the Gilbert Elementary Tiger Cubs Preschool had a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate their new playground equipment. A special thank-you to the PTO for their generous contribution towards the purchase of the structure, swings, rubber mulch and fencing. The children really enjoyed their first day on the new equipment! Pictures can be seen on the Gilbert CSD website.



Foundation Neighborhood Drive

WOW, another year is upon us! The Gilbert Education Foundation's Annual Rock Hop will be Saturday, April 2nd. Our 3rd annual "Neighborhood Drive" will be in November this year. Last year, close to \$10,000 was raised as neighborhoods pooled their resources together to create LIVE auction packages. This made a big difference in the money raised for the students in this district and we are hopeful everyone gets involved in this November Drive. In early November, you should be receiving a letter from your neighborhood representative outlining the details of this fundraiser. If you do not receive this letter and would like to be part of this drive, please contact Jennifer Noem at 232-3794. The deadline for this November Neighborhood Drive is December 1, 2010. Thank you for supporting the youth of the Gilbert Schools!!

Parent-Teacher Conference Scheduling for Grades 5-12

Parent-Teacher Conference registration for 5-12 grade conferences in November is web-based. If you plan to attend Middle School or High School Conferences on November 2 or 4, 2010, please download the registration directions and then click on the website link found on the Gilbert CSD website. The registration site will close by 8:00 p.m. on November 1, 2010. More information at <http://gilbert.k12.ia.us/middle/conferences> or <http://gilbert.k12.ia.us/high/conferences>. **SIGN UP at <https://www.myconferencetime.com/gilbert>**

**Fall Conferences for all Grades: November 2 and 4, 2010; 5:00-8:30 p.m.
(PK conferences will start at 4:30 p.m.)**

Project Go History Lesson

The 3rd grade Project Go students experienced a history lesson about Benjamin Franklin at the Temple for the Performing Arts in Des Moines. Ben interacted with the audience to help them learn about his background as a young person, his success as a printer which allowed him to invent many items still used today, and his expertise in crafting the important documents that were part of the birth of our nation. The students left the theater and walked the Skywalk to the Kaleidoscope Food Court and then walked to the new pedestrian bridge that crosses the Des Moines River. In addition to the bridge, they learned about the Robert Ray Friendship Pavilion. History and architecture were the focus on the October 20th field trip.



Middle School News

Chris Billings, Principal

By the printing of this newsletter, fall sports will be over and the first quarter of school will be complete. Congratulations to the cross-country, volleyball, and football teams who all had successful seasons. In addition, thank you to the MS band for their preparation and hard work to make the halftime show on October 15 possible.

Parent teacher conferences will take place on November 2 and 4 from 5-8:30 PM. Conferences are by appointment in teacher rooms. Sign-up occurred on-line. If you did not get a time, you may still come and look for a time in the schedule. In addition, remember you may arrange an appointment with a teacher at any time during the year. E-mail is another excellent way to communicate with teachers.

I strongly encourage you to access PowerSchool in order to track your student's progress, missing assignments, and grades. This tool is a great way to avoid any surprises at mid-term or on a report card. In addition, it allows you to more fully understand what each class is requiring and how grades are impacted by on-time work and effort on every assignment.

Thank you for your wonderful response to Rachel's Challenge. A large number of students and parents have indicated to me that this assembly generated wonderful discussions at home. We have tried to emphasize that the challenges are the part we want to remember and keep emphasizing. They are as follows:

- ❖ Look For The Best In Others (Forgive and Be Forgiven)
- ❖ Dare To Dream And Set Goals
- ❖ Seek Positive Influences
- ❖ Practice Acts of Kindness (Positive Gossip)
- ❖ Start Your Own Chain Reaction of Kindness

Thank you to the PTO for helping to fund this wonderful opportunity.

Counselor's Corner

High School – Paul Jacobson, Counselor

New Horizons Scholarship Fundraiser: On Saturday, November 6 Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson will be hosting a pancake breakfast in the high school commons from 8-11AM. Adults will be able to eat all the pancakes they want for \$4.00. All kids 12 and younger cost \$3.00. Do you like to run or walk? Enter our 5K fun run/walk starting at 9:00 AM. For the \$20.00 entry fee (before October 28) or \$22 on race day and eat for free! Please help us raise money for the New Horizons Scholarships. These scholarships are given directly to the college our students attend, in a student's name, so we know that every cent is going towards tuition!

I Have a Plan Iowa Career Assessment: Seniors completed the I Have a Plan occupational and educational program in October. The juniors will be working on the 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 program. Students can login into his or her profile at www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov and show you his or her results or you can take the assessments for yourself!

Juniors and Seniors to Consider Second Semester Postsecondary Classes: The high school guidance office now has access to the spring schedule of classes for both Iowa State University and Des Moines Area Community College. Interested seniors will be encouraged to check out their second semester schedules and complete the necessary application for post-secondary enrollment. Students and parents are reminded that courses taken under the *Post-secondary Enrollment Options Act* are limited to those not offered in our own high school curriculum or courses above what is offered and taken by the individual student here at Gilbert.

Practice ACT Testing for Sophomores and Juniors on Saturday December 4th: The sophomores will have the opportunity to take a practice ACT test called the PLAN test (<http://www.actstudent.org/plan/>) starting at 8:00 AM on December 4 in the **elementary commons**. Interested sophomores need to sign up in Mr. Jacobson's office. The fee for this test session is \$10.00. Juniors will have the opportunity to take a practice ACT test from 12:30-4:00 on Saturday, December 4th in the elementary commons. This test is a retired official ACT test that is no longer used except for practice testing. There is NO charge for this test. The students will be able to correct their tests as soon as they complete the test and will be able to bring it home. Juniors will need to sign up in Mr. Jacobson's office before the test session. Both of these test sessions are excellent practice for the ACT. If you have any questions please call 232-3738 or email (jacobsonp@gilbert.k12.ia.us).

Financial Aid Night will be on November 16th at 7:00pm: Parents of juniors and seniors that are interested in learning about the financial aid process are welcome to come to this meeting in the high school commons. We will have a representative from the Iowa College Access Network that is a professional in the field of financial aid. Also, you will have the opportunity to sign up for our Fill Out the Form Night on February 21st. The Fill Out the Form Night is an opportunity to have a financial aid expert fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for you free of charge. For parents that have not filled out the FAFSA before or are a little overwhelmed with this task this is an excellent opportunity to have your FAFSA filled out by a professional for no charge. The schedule fills quickly and the Financial Aid Night will be the first opportunity to get on the list.



Elementary - Cari Lambert, Counselor

Parent Teacher Conferences Nov 2nd & 4th! Do not forget to attend your parent teacher conference on Tuesday, November 2nd or Thursday, November 4th at Gilbert Elementary. This is a special time when you and your child's teacher can discuss your son/daughter's progress with learning at school. If you have questions, write them down so you won't forget to ask them because 15 minutes goes very quickly! If you have concerns or questions about your student, feel free to stop by and discuss them with me. I will be available the same hours as conferences---from 5:00-8:30 p.m.

Birthday Treats are a hit! Our birthday treats have started to "catch on" and everyone is enjoying the nutritious, exciting snacks! They are delicious and served in a very attractive manner. The question has come up as to where this money charged for treats is being spent. Mrs. Sander says that the money is being collected to buy new appliances and equipment for our kitchen personnel. There are many items (slicers, utensils, etc.) that they need. Thanks for your support to this new program to meet nutrition guidelines in our elementary school!

Group Work Continues... I continue to have Lunch with Lambert friendship lunches for students needing to find more friends. Be sure to let me know if this is a group your child could benefit from attending. I set up a Lunch with Lambert on Thursdays with students from different grade levels. I also have a fourth grade group for "Family Changes", and we have lunch together on Thursdays. So far we have several girls that are meeting but the invitation is for anyone who would like to come!

Character Counts Week and Red Ribbon Week Students had fun dressing up in the Character Pillar colors each day! Announcements were read by fourth grade students, emphasizing the importance of the pillars in our lives. This year, over 8 million students in 52 countries celebrated Character Counts Week! Teachers, custodians, and associates helped celebrate by wearing the colors in our building. A bulletin board was made with pictures of many of our students who celebrated this great event. Thanks to all the parents who supported our efforts! A special thanks to all the teachers for helping students decorate their classroom doors with themes to support our special Guidance celebrations. The winning classroom will win a special pizza party! Our winner this year was Room # 125. Mrs. Hogan's class won the top prize with their door covered with toads! The theme was "We are "toadily hoppy" without drugs! Congratulations!

FCCLA News

Six GHS FCCLA members took part in the 2010 Iowa FCCLA Fall Leadership Rally at the DMACC Campus in Ankeny. Nationally-renowned speakers lead a day of intensive leadership training that included professionalism, networking and FCCLA promotion and advocacy. Participants included Puneet Anantharam, Cole Buchman, Patrick Clancy, Maia Davis, Sirena Lindsay and state officer RJ Vannoy.

Veterans of the Gilbert Community are invited to a **Veterans Appreciation Breakfast on November 13 from 7:00-9:00 in the FCS Room (102) at GHS**. FCCLA members will prepare a delicious breakfast free of charge to all of those who have served in the armed services or are currently on active duty, in the guard or on reserve status. Please RSVP by emailing FCCLA student coordinator Andrea Becker at beckera@students.gilbert.k12.ia.us or calling the high school office at (515) 232-3738 by November 10.

Financial Fitness Peer Education team members Patrick Clancy, Kendra Swanson and Ryan Gallus participated in the second session of their investment challenge via the ICN. Each student learned about stock investments from investment author Joanne Kuster and selected a stock to track for the coming months. Each team member will use their knowledge to complete a project to educate others about investing.

Violence and bullying has recently been making headlines across the country. In response to this concern, chapter president RJ Vannoy has initiated a STOP the Violence project. RJ has sent letters to local businesses requesting donations for the anti-bullying group R5 to present to Gilbert students. If you are interested in donating or would like to know more, contact RJ at rj.vannoy@iafccla.org.

FCCLA Family Unity Calendar by Colby Abrams *Spend 15 minutes per day to strengthen your family ties.*

November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Go for a family walk	2 Bake cookies together and give them to a neighbor	3 Have family board game night	4 Serve at the local food shelter	5 LOOK UP YOUR FAMILY TREE	6 Work on a puzzle together
7 Find pine cones and make a bird feeder using peanut butter as the coating for the seeds	8 Eat dinner together	9 Have a bubble blowing contest	10 Make smores over a candle	11 Have a dance contest	12 Have a family slumber party	13 Watch a family movie together
14 Go ice-skating together	15 Bundle up and go for a walk	16 MAKE YOUR OWN MINI PIZZAS TOGETHER	17 Go through toys and donate unwanted toys to local shelter	18 Make dinner together	19 Play a family game of charades	20 Go to the library
21 Get out the family photo albums	22 Have a picnic in the living room	23 Play card games	24 Have an old fashioned pillow fight	25 Discuss what you are thankful for	26 Pick out your favorite activity and do it again	27 Make Holiday ornaments
28 Eat breakfast together	29 Make holiday cards to mail to family and friends	30 Discuss your favorite calendar activities and plan December's calendar	"Other things may change us, but in the end we are family" Anthony Brandt			

Culinary Arts Adult Education

Knife skills not so sharp? Join Gilbert FCS instructors Nikki Kallal and Betsy Ratashak for a knife skills lesson that begins with proper knife grip and includes the major techniques of cutting, cubing, dicing, slivering, slicing, scoring, mincing, and julienning. The evening will end with a delicious stir-fry meal.

What: Knife Skills and Stir-fry Adult Education

When: Thursday, November 18 from 6:30-8:00 PM

Where: GHS FCS Room (Room 102)

How: Register by emailing ratashakb@gilbert.k12.ia.us by Monday, November 15. Bring your favorite chef's knife or use one from the FCS department.

Cost: Free will donation will be collected at the class.

October Students of the Month at Gilbert High School Congratulations!



Agricultural Education	Julia Schwager
Art	Taylor Messingham
Business	Meredith Cook
English	Jacee Lenz
Family & Consumer Science	Cole Buchman
History	Sirena Lindsay
Industrial Education	Alex Samson
Mathematics	Colin Smay
Music	Sarah Baker
Physical Education	Adilet Bostanov
Science	Brian Shannan
Spanish	Ben Smith

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.

PTO News

Thank you to everyone who helped make the carnival a success!! Tanya Forth, Tanya Austin, Jolene Wilson, Kim Whitham and their crew did an awesome job! Thank you to the teachers who moved their rooms around and sat in the dunk tank. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the silent auction and the games. And thank you to the parents and kids who worked at games. It was such a fun night and we raised a lot of money.

Parent/teacher conferences are November 2 and 4. Thank you to all of the people who have volunteered to bring food for the teachers. We constantly hear how grateful the teachers are for this support. Thank you Marcy Lykins and Terri Calendine for coordinating the meals.

Our next PTO meeting will be Thursday, November 11 at 7:30 PM in the elementary commons. There is free child care available in the gym. We will be voting on Thanksgiving gifts for teachers.

Remember to keep sending in the Sunny D labels.

Mentoring Minute

By getting involved with mentoring, you are helping ensure a bright future for our community and neighborhood. You will be giving...but don't forget, you'll be receiving something back as well. A big smile, laughter, energy, and a fresh way of looking at the world around you. Contact me today and become a mentor at Gilbert Schools with GRIP Mentoring "Great Relationships in Pairs"!

Shelly F. Billings, Gilbert Mentor Facilitator

Phone: 291-6361

Email: Gilbertmentoring@yss.ames.ia.us

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

Fine Arts News

Vocal Music News

On Saturday, October 23, four students from the Gilbert High School Choir auditioned for the Iowa All State Choir at Indianola High School in Indianola. Students who auditioned were Carrie Goossen-Soprano, Erika Graber-Alto, Jared Haverdink-Tenor, and Brandon Thimmesch-Bass. The preparation process began on August 5-7 when the students attended a All State Camp at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake Iowa. Since this time, the students have been working diligently for the October 23 audition. Accepted into the All State Choir was Jared Haverdink, who is a junior and the son of Natalie and Mike Haverdink. The All State Festival will be held November 18-20 at the Iowa State Center on the Iowa State Campus in Ames, Iowa. This year's guest conductor will be Dr. Craig Arnold, former Director of Choral Activities of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and currently the Artistic Director and Chairman of Manhattan Concert Productions in New York City. Also, **thank you** to everyone who purchased Casey's Super Saver Cards from the Gilbert High School Choir during our fall fund raiser. We appreciate your continued support of our choral activities. If you have any questions concerning any of the vocal music activities at Gilbert High School, please contact Kaaren Rogers at 515-232-3738.



Instrumental Music News

Congratulations to Sarah Baker, who has become the first saxophone player in Gilbert history to be accepted to the Iowa All-State Band. She and three other GHS band students, Taylor Schwartz, Andy Mayes, and Andrea Schwartz, worked on scales, prepared etudes, and solos for several months in preparations for these auditions. The students are chosen from hundreds of the best band students in south central Iowa, regardless of school size. The festival will be held on the campus of Iowa State University on Nov. 18-20, with the final concert at Hilton Coliseum the final evening.

Fall Play "Fame"

Join us for this year's fall play, Fame! The performance times are Friday, November 12th at 7:30pm in the High School Gym & Saturday, November 13th at 7:30pm in the High School Gym. Set in New York at the famous High School for Performing Arts, a group of diverse teens face the rigors of demanding schedules and rigid teachers. The students know they've got a long way to go until they reach fame.

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 Freele

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 whaleyp@gilbert.k12.ia.us or 232-3740. You may also wish to view resources on our website at 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). 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 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 if you would like to help with the fundraiser. Students are welcome and encouraged to volunteer!!

Community Announcements

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

Greater Iowa Credit Union to Host Financial Literacy Fair

Greater Iowa Credit Union will host **ProjectMoney™**, a financial literacy fair and forum on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at Iowa State University. **ProjectMoney™** is like a science fair, but about money and advancing the cause of financial literacy. The goal is to teach people about money and how it impacts our individual and social lives. The event is open to middle and high school students in Iowa. Greater Iowa is looking for projects to show at the literacy fair that can help people get a better understanding of money. Prizes ranging from \$50 to \$250 will be awarded to students in both middle and high school divisions. Students, parents and teachers who want more information or have any questions, contact Greater Iowa at 515.956.3085 or e-mail us at projectmoney@greateriowacu.org. Learn more about the event at <http://projectmoney.greateriowacu.org>. ProjectMoney™ is supported by Iowa State University's Department of Human Development and Family Studies in the College of Human Sciences.

Benefit Soup Supper for Gilbert Firefighters Association

On Sunday evening, October 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m., a benefit soup supper will be held for the Gilbert Firefighters Association. The event will be held at The Plex, 5501 George Washington Carver Road, Ames. Chili soup, chicken noodle soup, relishes, French bread, and desserts will be served. Special feature will be entertainment by the "Round Up Ready Blue Grass Band." Families are welcome. Come and join us for good food and fun! A free- will donation will be accepted. The event is sponsored by the Faithwalkers' adult fellowship class of Ames First 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 need assistance providing food for your family, there are 14 food pantries in Story County. For more information on their guidelines, please visit United Way of Story County website at www.uwstory.org. Click on Partnerships, then Resources.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILBERT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD
High School Media Center
September 13, 2010

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

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

Michelle Schmidt and Kendra Rice from YSS's Kids' Club were present to introduce themselves and the Kids' Club program to the board.

Superintendent John Kinley reported that the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan and Annual Progress Reports have been submitted and successfully certified with the state. Many thanks to Hope Bossard for her hard work in completing these two reports.

Middle School Principal Chris Billings provided the board with examples of artifacts from teacher lesson plans indicating evidence of implementation of AIW components and the impact professional development is having on instruction.

High School Principal Greg Fisher reported on the use of collaboration time with staff at the high school. Staff has built a common knowledge and language about professional learning communities and will be developing group norms and identifying the interventions in place to support learning at future meetings. Several high school students are presenting their completed classroom projects with middle school and elementary classrooms.

Elementary Principal Staci Edwards reported the NAEYC application has been submitted for the preschool accreditation process. She reported that the preschool playground equipment is ordered and scheduled for installation. She expressed thanks and appreciation to the PTO for contributing \$15,000 toward this project. She also reported that current playground equipment and exterior areas of the portable classrooms will receive a new coat of paint, thanks to a community service project being completed by members of The First Evangelical Free Church.

Athletic Director Don Knock provided an update on the fall athletic season. Improvements are continuing in the laundry and training room area and some cabinetry will be installed to allow for storage. He expressed appreciation for the great job Rachel Johnson from McFarland Clinic is doing as our athletic trainer in seeing athletes who have injuries as well as supporting the teams at events.

The board reviewed 2010-11 enrollment. On September 10, 2010, there were 1,268 students enrolled in the district.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Benda to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the meeting held August 16 and 25, 2010, the bills and claims and the secretary's report for August. Motion carried unanimously.

Kim Mosiman volunteered to serve as the board representative to the IASB Delegate Assembly on Wednesday November 17th at 1 p.m. The annual IASB convention is November 17-18.

Mr. Kinley provided the board with an update on Healthy Kids Act (HKA) Implementation in the Gilbert Schools. All juniors received CPR training and water safety training during their PE classes in late August. The food service program is participating in a Team Nutrition pilot project, implementing the 5-week Iowa Gold Cycle Menu, this fall. The elementary kitchen staff is offering to prepare healthy birthday treats for parents and children. Ala carte sales of apple juice, V-8 juices and water at the high school have been steady. Yogurt-based shakes at the middle school have also been well received. The HKA team will be reviewing the district's wellness policy at its next meeting.

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Superintendent Kinley reported the district will receive \$219,863 in Federal Stimulus funds (Ed Jobs) to pay for staffing over the next two years. The funds may be used to support salary and benefits for district staffing needs. The board will consider uses for these funds at its special meeting on September 20.

The board discussed plans to initiate a land exchange option with Upstill Farms, L.C. and took action to serve notice of a public hearing to begin this process.

The board reviewed a tentative agenda for a special board meeting on September 20, 2010. The meeting will serve as the board's organizational meeting for the new school year and then focus on the next steps in the district's facility planning process. DLR architects will be present to meet with the board.

The board discussed the concept of hiring an owner's representative to serve as a liaison with the district, architects and representatives from city and county governments. More discussion is planned at the September 20th meeting.

A financial summary report of the Student Activity Fund for 2009-10 was reviewed.

The board reviewed a lease agreement with Daniel and Christine Schmidt for rental of wrestling practice facilities for the upcoming wrestling season.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Livingston to approve 2010-11 open enrollment application for Logan Marty from Ames CSD. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Livingston, second by Zimmerman to accept the school activities report for 2009-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benda, second by Livingston to approve entering contiguous districts with route buses and allowing same by neighboring districts. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Livingston to approve an agreement with Ohio University to host a student teacher during the fall 2010 semester. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Livingston, second by Zimmerman to approve a composite list of student fundraising activities for 2010-11. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Benda to appoint Greg Fisher as Level I Designated Investigator and Hope Bossard, Staci Edwards, and Chris Billings as Alternate Investigators of Abuse of Students by School District Employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Livingston, second by Zimmerman to approve a resolution to set October 11, 2010 at 6 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing in regards to a land exchange with Upstill Farms, L.C.. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benda, second by Livingston to approve a facility rental agreement with Daniel and Christine Schmidt for \$2,000 for the period of November 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Livingston to approve the 6th Grade Class Trip to Omaha Zoo October 21, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benda, second by Livingston to approve the following Tiger Booster Club Tournament Dates:

December 3, 2010 – Gilbert Youth Wrestling Tournament

January 30-31, 2011 – Gilbert Youth Basketball Tournament (grades 3-4)

February 11-13, 2011 – Gilbert Youth Basketball Tournament (grades 7-8)

February 18-20, 2011 – Gilbert Youth Basketball Tournament (grades 5-6)

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Benda to approve the 2010-11 Title I Application in the amount of \$13,320. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benda, second by Zimmerman to approve Lane Changes for Sara Heitz, Pamela Staff, Lavonne Rus-Ogilvie, Cathy Anderson, Nacole Lamoureux, Jennifer Maguire, Emily Christians, Stephanie Klafke, and Cheryl Moss. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Livingston to amend Kristi Bolar's contract to 1.0 FTE for 2010-11. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benda, second by Livingston to amend Ellen Sander's contract from 6.5 hour/day to 7 hours/day for 2010-11. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benda, second by Zimmerman to appoint Laura Baldus as junior high volleyball coach for 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Livingston, second by Zimmerman to appoint Jodi Hurn as junior high cross country coach for 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Benda to appoint Laura Metzger and Rhonda Gardner as fall co-cheer sponsors for 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benda, second by Livingston to accept Carol Gildersleeve's resignation as special education aide with regrets effective September 24, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benda, second by Livingston to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GILBERT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD

District Office
September 27, 2010

The special meeting of the Gilbert Community School Board of Directors was called to order by President Marcia DeZonia, at 7:30 a.m. with the following members answering roll call: Marcia DeZonia, Paul Livingston, Kim Mosiman, and Mary Zimmerman. Chris Benda was absent.

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

Board Member Mary Zimmerman reported on the owner's representative interviews that were held on Friday, September 24, 2010. Two firms were interviewed. Motion by Livingston, second by Mosiman to approve a Memo of Understanding with Integrity Construction Services and Brad Heemstra for a total of \$54,000 to serve the district as an owner representative. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Mosiman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE GILBERT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD

High School Media Center
September 20, 2010

The special meeting 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, Paul Livingston, Kim Mosiman, and Mary Zimmerman.

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

Superintendent John Kinley informed the board of federal monies the district will receive to offset salary and benefit expenses for employees hired after August 10, 2010. Motion by Mosiman, second by Zimmerman to approve Ed Jobs funding target areas. Motion carried unanimously.

Marcia DeZonia was re-elected president and Kim Mosiman was re-elected vice president, both by unanimous ballot. The board established the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time for the board's regular monthly meetings. Meetings will be held in the high school media center.

Tom Penney, DLR Group, presented information gathered during the charette process held in early September. He presented preliminary cost estimates for projects at all districts sites. The total wish list of district upgrades and construction totaled more than \$35 million. Mr. Penney suggested performing soils testing on the proposed site to aid in the planning process.

The board discussed the possibility of hiring an owner's representative. The individual would act as a liaison with the city and county on the school's behalf. A two person board committee and superintendent will conduct interviews and bring a recommendation to the board.

Motion by Benda, second by Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GILBERT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD

District Office
October 4, 2010

The special meeting 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, Paul Livingston, Kim Mosiman, and Mary Zimmerman.

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

Tom Penney, DLR Group, reviewed the FEMA safe room requirements and deadline. He also informed the board of the timeline if a bond referendum were in February.

Preliminary cost estimates for all district projects were reviewed and discussed. The board discussed different options for current and future building utilization. The board requested more detailed information on two of the options presented. DLR Group will bring this information to the October 18, 2010 special meeting.

Motion by Mosiman, second by Benda to approve the low bid from Snyder & Associates to conduct a traffic study for an amount not to exceed \$10,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benda, second by Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FOR EARLY START OF 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

High School Media Center
October 11, 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: Marcia DeZonia, Paul Livingston, and Mary Zimmerman. Chris Benda and Kim Mosiman were absent. The hearing is to allow for public input on the district's request for early start of the 2011-12 school year.

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

Ruth Litchfield spoke about the potential for a later start than this past fall, indicating that it would eliminate conflicts with the state fair, some cost savings can be realized when cooling buildings in late May/early June rather than in August, and ending the semester before or after winter break doesn't appear to have a negative academic loss associated with it.

Motion by Livingston, second by Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILBERT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD

High School Media Center
October 11, 2010

The regular meeting of the Gilbert Community School Board of Directors was called to order by President Marcia DeZonia, at 6:06 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Marcia DeZonia, Paul Livingston, and Mary Zimmerman. Chris Benda and Kim Mosiman were absent.

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

Dr. Cathy Strohbehn and Dr. Ruth Litchfield from ISU Extension were present to report to the board. Dr. Ruth Litchfield reported on the changes that have occurred in the law of the past few years that have significantly impacted the school nutrition environment as well as changes that will be coming in the near future. She indicated that the district's efforts in responding to the Healthy Kids Act and participating in the Iowa Gold Cycle Menu pilot has helped to put the district ahead of other schools in meeting future requirements. Dr. Cathy Strohbehn reported on the support provided to the district as it participated in the Iowa Gold Menu pilot program. The district is in its fifth week of the pilot. There have been some challenges and have learned a lot about the new menus. Helping kids to learn about new menu items and the value these items bring to their daily health was one suggestion offered. Multiple exposures to new menu items are important before people are willing to accept new food items.

Superintendent John Kinley reported that the initial draft of the FEMA Safe Room Grant has been sent to Homeland Security and the DLR Group for review and feedback. He also reported on several items that will be given consideration at the State Board level in the coming months. These include pilot projects for competency-based education programs and defining the school year in terms of instructional hours versus school days.

High School Principal Greg Fisher provided the upcoming schedule for high school collaboration time and work to be accomplished. He provided an update on the work the staff has been doing in identifying at-risk students and the types of support to be provided. Establishing and maintaining adult/student relationships is a critical factor in advocacy for students.

Elementary Principal Staci Edwards expressed her thanks and appreciation for the volunteer help provided by members of the First Evangelical Free Church for assisting with painting of the front entryway of the elementary school, some touch-up work on the portables, and for refreshing the playground equipment with new paint. Mrs. Edwards explained the Tiger Prides pilot program that promotes student interaction across grade levels through organized activities on the mornings of early dismissal days. The focus has been on character activities. This program has been voluntary in nature this year and is receiving excellent reviews and feedback from students and staff.

Middle School Principal Chris Billings shared a couple of feedback responses from teachers as they use AIW strategies to reflect upon and enhance their lesson plans. Teachers are working hard to create authentic learning experiences for their students.

Maintenance Director Steve Vollstedt shared with the board a few thank you notes that have been written to the middle school custodial staff by members of one of the middle school clubs.

Mike Kruse and Scott Auderer, high school physical education teachers, presented a review of their summer curriculum work to the board. They have decreased slightly the emphasis on games and increased the emphasis on fitness activities. They have also implemented an Academic vocabulary focus through a "word of the week" activity. The teachers are connecting their physical education activities to the universal constructs of the Iowa Core. The department is applying for a PE4 Life Grant.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Livingston to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the meeting held September 13, 20 and 27, 2010, the bills and claims and the secretary's report for September. Motion carried unanimously.

Hope Bossard, director of curriculum and school improvement, reported on the AIW workshop in West Des Moines held earlier on Monday. This initiative continues to have a powerful impact on instruction and challenges teachers to improve at all levels.

The board reviewed the Gilbert Education Foundation Year End Financial Summary.

The board received a preliminary report on certified enrollment indicating that resident enrollment is up about 70 students, including 33 children enrolled in the pre-K program. Final verification will be completed this week. Enrollment must be certified by October 15.

The board reviewed two reports summarizing expenditures thus far in PPEL categories as well as an update on SILO expenditures from the funds allocated for specific athletic improvements. A facility work plan for the coming year, identifying specific deferred maintenance needs to be addressed, is being developed.

The board finalized attendance at the IASB Conference on Thursday, November 18. Kim Mosiman will attend the Delegate Assembly on Wednesday. Mary Zimmerman and Marcia DeZonia plan to attend the conference.

Superintendent Kinley distributed a written summary of two alternative facility options prepared by the DLR Group. DLR will present site plans and floor plans, as well as phasing considerations, for these two options at the October 18th special board meeting and the October 19th Community Facility Committee meeting.

The board reviewed the district's early retirement policy and agreed to maintain the current policy.

Business Manager Johna Clancy reviewed the Certified Annual Report with the board.

Motion by Livingston, second by Zimmerman to approve the 2010-11 open enrollment application for Yuliya Ivanytska from Ames CSD. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Livingston to approve the following 2011-12 open enrollment applications for kindergarten students:

Isabel Dahl from Nevada CSD

Reese Henderson from United CSD

Kwin Deike from Ames CSD

Benjamin White from United CSD

Adelaide Brennan from Ames CSD

Evan Sen from Ames CSD

Jaden Rydl from United CSD

Levi Lewis from Ames CSD

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Livingston to approve a waiver request for early start for 2011-12 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Livingston to approve request for additional allowable growth for 2009-10 special education deficit. Motion carried unanimously. The amount will be determined by the state department of education.

Motion by Livingston, second by Zimmerman to approve a fundraising request from the girls' basketball team to participate in "Guest Server Night" at Valentino's Restaurant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Livingston to accept with regret and deep appreciation, the early retirement requests from Donna Holtan, Paul Jelsma, Susan Loonan, Jean Saveraid, and Cynthia Van Gerpen-Henn. Motion carried unanimously. Between them, they have contributed a combined 133 years of dedicated service to the students and staff of the Gilbert Community School District

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Livingston to accept with the 2009-10 Certified Annual Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Livingston, second by Zimmerman to approve an after-prom contract with TJ Party Rentals in the amount of \$2,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Livingston to approve an agreement with Piper Jaffray to file annual continuing disclosure reports to the SEC for the two types of issues held by the district, general obligation bonds and SILO revenue bonds. Motion carried unanimously. The total annual cost is \$2,000.

Motion by Livingston, second by Zimmerman to appoint Jered Johnston as preschool special education associate, 4 hours/day at \$9.95/hour effective October 4, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Livingston to accept Bobby Myers Resignation as head girls' soccer coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Livingston, second by Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Announcing Rock Hop 2011
Gilbert Education Foundation's Annual Fundraiser
Saturday April 2, 2011

Rock Hop Rodeo
Lasso in' a Legacy

The 2011 Rock Hop will be a western theme, so be on the look out for cowboy hats, boots and plaid shirts to prepare!

Dinner ~ Live & Silent Auctions ~ Raffle ~ Fun, Social Time

Thank you to EVERYONE who donated items or purchased items at the Rock Hop last year! And, thank you to each and everyone who attended. The HUGE success is only because of your participation!!!

Help us package great trips for our live auction!! If any of you have or know of anyone who has a cabin, vacation home, time share or property that might be used as part of a trip package please contact Julie Rastetter.

FOUNDATION NEIGHBORHOOD DRIVE:

WOW, another year is upon us! Our 3rd annual "Neighborhood Drive" will be in November this year. Last year, close to \$10,000 was raised as neighborhoods pooled their resources together to create LIVE auction packages. These donations made a big difference in the money raised for the students in this district and we are hopeful everyone gets involved in this year's drive. In early November, you should be receiving a letter from your neighborhood representative outlining the details of this fundraiser. If you do not receive a letter and would like to be part of this drive, please contact Jennifer Noem at 232-3794. The deadline for the Neighborhood Drive is December 1, 2010. Thank you for supporting the youth of the Gilbert Schools.

If you are interested in donating items to the silent and/or live auctions, please contact the following chairs:

Live Auction Chairs

Julie Rastetter

jras@qualityaginc.com

Silent Auction Chair

Chris Lawrence

snlmom@mediacombb.net

Save the date: April 2, 2011



THANKS! To the following businesses and individuals for their generous donotations to CARNIVAL 2010!!

3M	Copy Works	Iowa State Center	Prairie Moon Winery
5 J Family farms (Del Johnson)	Cottage on Broad	ISU Athletic Department	Pumpkin Patch
ACE Hardware	Country Landscapes	It's All About ME!	Q'doba
All Pets Animal Hospital	Crown Limousine	Jacquelyn's Photography	Rejuvenate Massage and Bodywork
Alpha Copies	Cupcake Emporium	Jane Paul--Scentsy Candles	Rich Lepper Construction, Inc
Amanda Jennings Piano Lessons	Cyclone Awards & Engraving	JAX Outdoor Gear	Riddle's Jewelry
America's Incredible Pizza Company	Dairy Queen	JB Knacker	River Valley Credit Union
Ames Golf and Country Club	Destiny Lampiainen--Mary Kay	Jeff and Sharon Becker	Ryan and Gale Gehling
Ames Orthodontics	Dr. Dean Bridges	Jensen's Car Tech	Sam's Club
Ames Silversmithing	Dramatic Memories	Jolene & Andy Wilson	Sara Tift
Applebee's Neighbor Grill & Bar	Dublin Bay/Wallaby's	K.D. Amusement	Science Center of Iowa
Aunt Maude's	Duck Worth Wearing	Kil'n Time Studio	Sharon Johnson
Ayden Lee	Dwain Peterson	Kim & Steve Whitham	Shoppes on Grand
Ayers Family	El Azteca	King's Pointe Resort	Signature Style
Barilla	En-Tire Car Care	Knock 'N Kneedles (Cindy Knock)	Skin Solutions Dermatology (Dr. Kathy Cook)
B Bops	Etler Family (Emma & Austin)	Kurt Jensen Window Cleaning	Skunk River Bicycles
Best Western University Park	Exchange State Bank	LANE Trailer Mfg. Co.	Sports Clips
Beth Clarke Studio	Fareway Downtown	Larry and Marcene Renaud	Sport's Page
Bicycle Surplus	Fareway North Ames	Lazy M Shoes	Star Studio
Border's	Fazoli's	Linley Aamodt	Strawberry Patch
Brekke's Town & Country	Finesse Spa Salons	Lowes	Suburban Restaurant
Cafe Diem	First American Bank	Magic Muffler and Brakes	Success Gymnastics
Carriage House Foods	First National Bank	Marsha Dies-Arbonne	Sudsational Car Wash
Car-X	Flooring Gallery	Mary Kay's Flowers & Gifts Inc.	Sylvan Learning Center
Carlos O'Kellys	Forth Seeds	Mayhem Comics	Target
Casey's General Store	Gallery 319	Mark Doyle--State Farm	Taylor and Trenton Forth
Casey's-Gilbert	Ge-Angelo's	Mc Donald's	Temptations on Main
Cathy Dangelser	Gene & Jennifer Noem	Nature's Touch	Terri Calendine
Celebrations Party & Wedding store	George White Chevrolet	Nevada Parks and Rec	The Loft
Central States Roofing	Golf USA	Nicole Jones	The Salon Professional Academy
Chitty Garbage Service, Inc.	Hap's Air Service	Okoboji Bar and Grill	Theisen's
Chocolaterie Stam	Heart of Iowa Co-op	Old Chicago Pizza & Pasta	Thunder Road Embroidery
Christine Weydert	Helen Blitvich-Lia Sophia Jewelry	Panchero's	Thomas M. Stark DDS
City of Ames Park and Rec	Hickory Park	Papa Murphy's	Under One Woof
COE'S	Holub Greenhouses	Party-Time Rentals	Upward Basketball --The Plex
Cold Stone Creamery	Homewood Golf Course	Patricia Kimle Designs	US Bank
Companion Animal Clinic	Hunziker Realty	Perfect Games	Valentino's
Consignment Gallery	Hy-Vee East	Pete Tekippe Photography	Wal-Mart north
Cookies, etc.	Hy-Vee West	Photosynthesis	Wal-Mart Super Center
Cook's Emporium	Iowa Cubs	Pizza Ranch	Wild Birds Unlimited
			Worldly Goods

November 2010 Activity List

Gilbert Community School District

Activity	Type	Time	Opponent	Location
Monday, November 1, 2010				
Play Rehearsal		7:00PM		East Gym
Tuesday, November 2, 2010				
PK-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences		5:00PM	(PK begins at 4:30 p.m.)	All Buildings
Gilbert Tractor Club Workshop		7:00PM		Gilbert HS Ag Ed Shop
Play Rehearsal		7:00PM		East Gym
SCIBA Honor Band (7th/8th Band Members)		7:00PM		Johnston Middle School
Wednesday, November 3, 2010				
Play Rehearsal		3:15PM		East Gym
Booster Club Meetings		6:30PM		HS Commons
Thursday, November 4, 2010				
FCCLA National Cluster Conference				St. Louis
PK-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences		5:00PM	(PK begins at 4:30 p.m.)	All Buildings
Play Rehearsal		7:00PM		East Gym
Friday, November 5, 2010				
No School				All Buildings
Play Rehearsal		10:00AM		East Gym
Saturday, November 6, 2010				
New Horizons 5K & Pancake Breakfast		9:00AM		HS Commons
Monday, November 8, 2010				
First Day of Girls Basketball Practice				
School Board Meeting		6:00PM		High School LMC
Fine Arts Booster Meeting		7:00PM		HS Commons
Play Rehearsal		7:00PM		East Gym
Tuesday, November 9, 2010				
Winter Sports Parents/Student-Athlete Meeting				
Play Rehearsal		8:00PM		East Gym
Wednesday, November 10, 2010				
Play Rehearsal		12:15PM		East Gym
Early Dismissal & Staff Development		12:30PM		All Buildings
After Prom Meeting		7:00PM		HS Commons
Thursday, November 11, 2010				
Fall Play-Final Dress Rehearsal/Parents Night		7:00PM		East Gym
GESS/PTO Meeting		7:30PM		Elementary Commons
Friday, November 12, 2010				
Fall Play		7:30PM		HS East Gym
Saturday, November 13, 2010				
Fall Play		7:30PM		HS East Gym
Monday, November 15, 2010				
First Day of Boys Basketball Practice				
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Invitational	6:00PM	Multiple Schools	Roland-Story HS North Gym
Tuesday, November 16, 2010				
Basketball: Girls 8th	Game	4:15PM	Adel DeSoto Minburn CSD	Adel HS-South Gym
Basketball: Girls 7th	Game	4:15PM	Adel DeSoto Minburn CSD	Gilbert Middle School
Financial Aid Night		7:00PM		HS Commons

November 2010 Activity List**Gilbert Community School District****Thursday, November 18, 2010**

Opus Honor Choir				Scheman Center-ISU
Basketball: Boys 7th	Game	4:30PM	Bondurant-Farrar	Gilbert MS - Middle School Gym
Basketball: Girls 7th	Game	4:30PM	Bondurant-Farrar	Bondurant-Farrar Middle School
DAC Meeting		7:00PM		High School LMC

Friday, November 19, 2010

IHSMA All State Festival				Scheman Center-ISU
Basketball: Girls 8th	Game	4:30PM	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	Gilbert Middle School
Basketball: Girls JV	Game	6:00PM	Ogden	Ogden HS
Basketball: Girls 7th	Game	6:00PM	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	Gilbert Middle School
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Ogden	Ogden HS

Saturday, November 20, 2010

IHSMA All State Festival				Scheman Center-ISU
FCCLA Peer Education Work Day		9:00AM		FCS Room

Sunday, November 21, 2010

IHSMA All State Festival				Scheman Center-ISU
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Monday, November 22, 2010

Basketball: Boys 8th	Game	4:30PM	Ogden	Gilbert Middle School Gym
Basketball: Girls 8th	Game	4:30PM	Ogden	Ogden MS Gym
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Invitational	6:00PM	Multiple Schools	Roland-Story HS North Gym
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	6:00PM	South Hamilton	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Girls JV	Game	7:30PM	South Hamilton	Gilbert HS - West Gym

Tuesday, November 23, 2010

Basketball: Boys 7th	Game	4:30PM	Ogden	Gilbert MS
Basketball: Girls 7th	Game	4:30PM	Ogden	Ogden MS Gym
Wrestling: Middle School	Meet	4:30PM	Multiple Schools	SH - Elementary Gym-Jewell
Basketball: Girls JV	Game	6:00PM	Panorama	Panorama High School
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Panorama	Panorama High School

Wednesday, November 24, 2010

Early Dismissal		2:10PM		All Buildings
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Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25-26, 2010

No School-Holiday Break				All Buildings
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Monday, November 29, 2010

Classes Resume		8:00AM		All Buildings
Basketball: Boys 8th	Game	4:30PM	South Hamilton	Gilbert MS - Middle School Gym
Basketball: Girls 8th	Game	4:30PM	South Hamilton	SH - Ellsworth Gym-Ellsworth
Basketball: Boys 9th	Game	6:00PM	Roland-Story	Gilbert HS
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	6:00PM	Roland-Story	Roland-Story HS North Gym
Basketball: Boys JV	Game	7:30PM	Roland-Story	Gilbert HS
Basketball: Girls JV	Game	7:30PM	Roland-Story	Roland-Story HS North Gym

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Basketball: Boys 8th	Game	4:30PM	Bondurant-Farrar	Gilbert Middle School
Basketball: Girls 8th	Game	4:30PM	Bondurant-Farrar	Bondurant-Farrar Middle School
Basketball: Girls 7th	Game	4:30PM	South Hamilton	SH - Ellsworth Gym-Ellsworth
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	Roland-Story	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Roland-Story	Gilbert HS

Please see the Activities Calendar on the District's website for the most up-to-date listing of events (www.gilbert.k12.ia.us)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	2 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	3 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	4 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	5 NO SCHOOL TODAY
8 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	9 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	10 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	11 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	12 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk
15 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	16 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	17 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	18 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	19 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk
22 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	23 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	24 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	25 VACATION	26 VACATION
29 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	30 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk			



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1 Hot Dog on a Bun <i>Hamburger on a Bun</i> Baked Beans Sliced Peaches Graham Cracker Milk	2 Cuban Pork on a Bun <i>Vegetarian Rice Bowl</i> Savory Carrots Applesauce Sun Chips Milk	3 Beef and Bean Nachos <i>Honey Mustard Deli Wrap</i> Green Beans Banana Orange Sherbet Cup Milk	4 Pepperoni Pizza <i>Chef Salad w/ Chicken</i> <i>Fajita</i> Raw Veggie Sticks Pear Halves Banana Bar Milk	5 NO SCHOOL TODAY
8 Tacos <i>Chicken Fajita Wrap</i> Refried Beans Pineapple Tidbits Churro Milk	9 Macaroni and Cheese w/ Sausage Patty <i>Chicken Panini</i> Peas Orange Wedges Hot Roll Milk	10 Meatball Sub <i>Chef Salad w/ Roll</i> Honey Glazed Carrots Applesauce Celery Sticks w/ Dip Milk	11 Chicken Patty on a Bun <i>Hamburger on a Bun</i> Steamed Broccoli Fresh Fruit Salad Graham Cracker Milk	12 Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce <i>Chicken Caesar Wrap</i> Mixed Vegetables Sliced Peaches Royal Brownie Milk
15 Cheese Pizza <i>Hot Ham and Cheese on a</i> <i>Bagel</i> Peas and Carrots Apple Slices Oatmeal Cookie Milk	16 Sloppy Joe on a Bun <i>Chicken Rice Bowl</i> Sweet Potato Crisp Cuts Pear Halves Teddy Grahams Milk	17 Corn Dog <i>Beef and Bean Enchilada</i> Mexicalli Corn Mixed Green Salad Sliced Strawberries Milk	18 Roast Turkey w/ Stuffing <i>Fish Nuggets</i> Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Mandarin Oranges Golden Pilgrim Roll Pumpkin Dessert Milk	19 Chicken Strips <i>Cheesy Tiger Bread</i> Green Beans Black Bean Salad Red Grapes Cornbread Milk
22 Cheese Omelet <i>Tuna Sandwich</i> Tri Tater Fruit Juice French Toast Sticks Milk	23 Chili w/ crackers <i>Yogurt Parfait</i> Carrot and Celery Sticks Pineapple Tidbits Cinnamon Roll Milk	24 Sausage Pizza <i>Turkey Tetrazzini</i> California Vegetables Orange Wedges w/ Sugar Cookie Milk	25 VACATION	26 VACATION
29 Chicken Nuggets <i>Grilled Cheese w/ Tomato</i> <i>Soup</i> Snap Peas Applesauce Cherry Streusal Milk	30 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce <i>Fish Nuggets</i> Mixed Green Salad Sliced Peaches Texas Toast Milk			M.S. and H.S. Alternate is written in italics.