

## From the Superintendent's Desk

School board elections were not held this year as a result of a change in the election law passed in 2008. School board elections are now held in odd-numbered years and board members serve a four-year term. The board held its organizational meeting at a special meeting on Monday September 20. At the meeting, Marcia DeZonia was re-elected president and Kim Mosiman was re-elected to serve as vice president for the coming year. Regular board meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the library/media center at the high school. District patrons are encouraged to attend and participate in the monthly board meetings.

Also at the Sept. 20 special meeting, the board received a report from architect Tom Penney from DLR Group about the charette process held on September 7-8. Approximately 45 parents, community members and staff participated in one of the two charette discussions. DLR provided the board with a summary of the overarching goals identified by the two groups as well as conceptual drawings that emerged from the charette process for improvements at the elementary, middle school, current high school, and a conceptual site plan for a new high school facility. He also provided preliminary cost estimates for all projects that have been discussed. The board set a series of special meetings for the month of October to discuss and set priorities and review the budgetary impact of those decisions.

At its October 11 regular meeting, the Board of Directors will receive certified enrollment information and review enrollment trends. The board will hold a public hearing on the conveyance of school-owned property in a trade for another land parcel. The board will also hold a public hearing on an early start waiver request for the 2010-11 school year. Under Iowa Law, schools who wish to start classes prior to the week in which September 1 falls must hold a public hearing and then take action to submit a request for an early start waiver to the Iowa Department of Education. The board has submitted this request in past years to provide flexibility in establishing its starting date. The first day of school this fall was Thursday, August 19. Preliminary work on the development of the 2011-12 school calendar will begin shortly.

The Gilbert Community will be celebrating Harvest Fest in collaboration with Homecoming 2010 and other community-wide events October 1-3. Special events included a parade (5:30 p.m.) and chili supper in the high school commons prior to the Homecoming game. Many other events are planned – please see related article on the community page.

The school year is off to a great start. Rehearsals for the fall play are underway. We have excellent participation on our fall athletic teams and the squads appreciate the strong support at their events home and away. Our teachers and support staff are heavily engaged in learning through the professional development work at all three buildings. All staff members are working hard every day to help our young people grow and learn successfully. Thank you to all of our parents and district patrons for your continued support of the Gilbert school program, its students and staff.

Sincerely,

*John Kinley*, Superintendent



## Board Goals for 2010-11

As part of its own evaluation process in July, the board identified and set five board goals for the 2010-11 school year. These goals will provide guidance to the board and administration for its work this year.

1. Make significant progress on future facilities
  - a. Build consensus on plans for elementary and current high school renovation
  - b. Pass bond referendum
  - c. Successful bid on new construction
  - d. Support the development of a part of the website for facility information
2. Evaluate effectiveness of time allocated for Professional Learning Communities (PLC) professional development
  - a. Regular reports to the board regarding use of PLC time
  - b. Work with administration to develop a method of PLC evaluation
3. Discuss and develop a long-range district technology vision
4. Increased use of data at the board table to increase knowledge of student achievement
5. Plan and implement online board policies
6. Improved process regarding PPEL expenditures

# Facility Planning and the Charette Process

By John Kinley, Superintendent

As has been reported in previous newsletters, the school board is moving forward with the recommendation from the Long Range Facility Planning Committee to address the district's growing space needs by building a new high school and bringing about improvements at the other district school buildings. I would like to take a few minutes to bring you up to date on the work that has been done so far.

To ensure that planning encompasses all needs as a PK-12 district facility plan, DLR Group engaged a number of parents, community members and staff in a charette process, work sessions that focused on identification of needs and solutions for our PK-12 facility needs. The two charette groups met on September 7 (Elementary and Middle School focus) and on Sept. 8 (High School focus). Between 21-23 people participated each day. The process began with a brief discussion/input about the district's strengths and the identification of goals to serve as benchmarks to make sure we are moving in the right direction with our planning. It was interesting how consistent these statements were between the groups as well as between the two days. It is very evident that a wide range of community members shared the same core values about our district. The goals, reflecting a composite of the discussions, are as follows:

1. Maintain and enhance image and benefits of a "Community School District."
2. Improve traffic and pedestrian safety.
3. Develop a balanced and equitable solution for PK-12.
4. Provide flexibility for growth.
5. Preserve expectations for high achievement in all areas.



DLR provided floor plans for our existing buildings and engaged people in conversations regarding the needs at the elementary school, middle school, and how the existing high school can be reorganized to serve grades 3-5. Ideas generated from the three work groups helped to generate concept drawings for additions and placement of classroom spaces. Additional feedback from the group was provided to DLR in a final 1-hour session late in the day to further refine the concepts and ideas that were shared through the discussion groups.

The high school charette took on a different approach as the three work groups were charged with providing input on site development plan with a building footprint for a high school facility, space for future additions, parking, traffic lanes for parent, bus and student vehicular traffic, and multiple athletic fields (both competition and practice areas). DLR provided an aerial view of the proposed site and a draft arrangement of the site and asked the groups make all sorts of suggestions and offer ideas on location and configurations. They took these ideas and developed three preliminary concept drawings and then asked for additional input, including the pros and cons of each. As a result, a preliminary HS site plan was developed and then shared with both charette groups and the community committee attending the meeting on the evening of Sept. 8.

A Community Facility Committee has been formed to assist the district in providing feedback on facility priorities and developing a communications plan supporting a potential bond referendum. The committee is made up of approximately 35 parents, staff, and community members. The committee held its first official meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 21. Minutes from that meeting will be available on the district website under Community Facility Committee.

## Parent Letter on Influenza

It is that time of year again to be aware of the flu season. Influenza spreads most easily in the early stages of the illness. To protect your child, as well as any other child, we will be more sensitive to the symptoms of influenza and will send your child home if ill.

Following these recommendations will help to prevent illness in your child and his/her classmates.

- **Know the signs and symptoms of the flu.** Symptoms of the flu can include fever (oral temperature of 100 degrees F or greater), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.
- **Do not send children to school if they are sick.** Any children who are determined to be sick while at school will be sent home. You should begin to plan how you will provide care for your sick child if you are not able to stay home with them.
- **Keep sick children at home** for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone. If you give your child fever reducing drugs, like ibuprofen, ensure your child has not had a fever for 24 hours after the drugs have worn off.
- **Teach your children the flu is spread from person-to-person.** Teach them to cough or sneeze into a tissue and then throw the tissue in trash. If a tissue is not available, teach them to cover their cough or sneeze using their elbow or sleeve instead of their hands.
- **Teach your children to wash their hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (the time it takes to sing happy birthday twice), especially after they cough or sneeze. If soap and water is not available, an alcohol-based hand gel can be used. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.
- **Teach your children not to share personal items** like beverages, cups, food, unwashed utensils, or toothbrushes.
- **Get your family vaccinated** for influenza. Call your child's physician and schedule an appointment. Many of our area businesses are offering flu vaccinations for adults.

**We appreciate your help in keeping our students healthy.**

## 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.

### Important Notes!

- Teachers will host conferences in their rooms.
- Home base teacher conferences are for students in grades 5 and 6 only.
- Parents should sign up for only one time slot. If more time is needed, please schedule another time to meet with the teacher.
- Not sure which teachers to meet with? Log into your PowerSchool account to view your child's schedule.
- There is no travel time between conferences so please plan accordingly. Building maps are posted on the parent-teacher conference website.
- Some teachers will be in attendance only one day of conferences. See the website for the list of teachers.
- Please contact Peggy Whaley at [ptconferences@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:ptconferences@gilbert.k12.ia.us) or call 515-232-3740 with questions. Thank you.

**Fall Conferences for all Grades: November 2 and 4, 2010; 5:00-8:30 p.m.**

## Middle School News

Chris Billings, Principal

By the publication of this article, we will be well into a new school year at GMS. Our first club day featured Rachel's Challenge—a presentation designed to begin a “chain reaction of kindness” at our school. Hopefully, you had the chance to attend the parent meeting that evening. We have organized clubs around the purpose of continuing this chain reaction and named them GLADD (Gilbert Leaders Against Destructive Decisions).

Teachers are busy improving assignment, student work, and instruction using AIW (Authentic Intellectual Work) as a framework. The goal at GMS this school year is for teachers to observe their instruction on DVD with colleagues in an effort to improve. Although it is a little nerve racking watching yourself teach, it is a good way to improve. It is the educational equivalent of watching game film in football.

We will continue the GMS tradition of setting academic goals for the year. Each early release day, homeroom will be used to monitor progress on each student's academic goal for the year. As a parent, please ask about these goals at the dinner table and at parent-teacher conferences.

Have a great fall!



## Counselor's Corner

### High School – Paul Jacobson, Counselor

**New Horizons Scholarship Pancake Breakfast and 5K Run will be on Saturday, November 6** Between 8-11 am in the high school commons there will be a pancake breakfast for \$5.00 a ticket. Tickets are available to purchase in the elementary, middle school and high school offices or the day of the event. Starting at 9:00 AM in front of the high school we will start our 5k Run/Walk. Please consider coming with the family to help raise funds to help out current senior class earn even more scholarships!

**Junior Parent Meeting on October 28 at 7:00 in the High School Commons.** This meeting will discuss the activities that Mr. Jacobson covers with the junior class throughout the year and also will be an introduction to the college admissions process. Scholarships and financial aid will also be discussed.

**PSAT/NMSQT: Saturday, October 16** The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test will be administered to interested sophomores and juniors on Saturday morning, October 16. This test is offered officially each fall to students as a practice for the SAT I test and as the method for entering the competition for National Merit Scholarships. Taking this type of standardized test is good practice for college admission tests required later in the junior year or senior year for students planning to attend four-year colleges or universities directly out of high school. These admissions tests would be the SAT I and the ACT. The registration fee for the PSAT/NMSQT is \$13.00 this year. All interested students need to sign up in Mr. Jacobson's office as soon as possible. Checks should be written out to Gilbert Community Schools.

**Golden Circle College Fair and College Visits** On Sunday, Oct 3 the state's largest college fair will in Des Moines. Go to: <http://www.icansucceed.org/Golden-Circle-College-Fair/HS-Landing-Page.aspx> for more information. On Friday, November 5 we do not have school so this would be an excellent day for students to go on an official college visit. College visits can be scheduled by calling the admissions office of the college or by visiting a college's website.

**Seniors To Apply Early:** A number of seniors have already completed applications to colleges they are considering for next year. They can apply either online or with a paper application. These can be obtained in the high school guidance office. In either instance, a high school transcript must be sent to the college admissions office. Students have been advised to pick up a transcript request form from Mr. Jacobson in order to send ACT and transcript information to colleges as soon as possible after the application has been submitted. This year, ISU is not requiring students to send in a transcript until the end of the year, but students will need to pick up a transcript from Mr. Jacobson to fill in information on the application.

On October 13 and 14 the seniors will spend time exploring college websites, applying to colleges of interest, and learning of many scholarship opportunities that they will be seeing this year.

Seniors should be checking for possible scholarships already. These are posted outside the guidance office, are passed out in Government class, and are also posted in list form in the high school main hallway. The three state universities now use their general application for admission as the initial application for many scholarships. Some of these have deadlines as early as November 1.

**Sophomores PLAN:** Mr. Jacobson met with all sophomores in mid September to visit with them about several topics. Besides inviting interested tenth graders to consider taking the PSAT/NMSQT on October 16, he encouraged all to be involved in the *PLAN Assessment* that will be scheduled for Saturday, December 4 from 8- 11:30 AM in the elementary commons. This is a practice ACT, interest inventory, self-needs assessment, etc. that is a very worthwhile guidance tool. It can be used to get each student to start planning their last two years of high school curriculum as well as consider plans for after high school graduation.

Students will also have the opportunity to work on the I Have a Plan Iowa ([www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov](http://www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov)) program within his or her English class. This career exploration tool is an excellent way to measure interests, skills, and values and to put these attributes into career areas and college majors. Finally, students are able to explore post secondary options that will help them reach the goals they set up within the program.

**Juniors Practice ACT:** On Saturday, December 4 from 12:00-4 pm juniors will have the opportunity to take a **FREE** unofficial ACT test. This test is a "retired" test so the score is not official, but the students will be able to check their tests immediately after taking it to see what his or her score would very likely be on an official test. This is an excellent opportunity to experience taking an ACT test without the pressure. Sign up will be in Mr. Jacobson's office starting in November.

Finally, at the end of each school year Gilbert sends a tenth grade student to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference. The Ames Town & Country Kiwanis and Gilbert Schools pick up the cost for this fun and worthwhile experience. Interested students are encouraged to see Mr. Jacobson about this excellent opportunity.

### **Elementary - Cari Lambert, Counselor Birthday Treats Available!**

The Healthy Kids Act became effective as of July 1, 2010. It establishes nutritional content standards for food and beverages sold or provided on school grounds during the school day. It helps children develop healthy eating habits, promotes active lifestyles, and will provide students with a solid foundation for a better future.

This year our Gilbert Food Service will make novelty, packaged snack foods, yogurt parfaits, and ice cream treats available to parents for birthday treats for the classroom. These treats will be available at approximately \$.50-\$1.00 each. All items are peanut free and meet the HKA nutritional standards. The child may select their treat from the available options. Parents need to order at least one week ahead to insure availability. Just call the school (232-3744) and ask for Ellen Sander at extension 2108. Please call before 10:30 a.m. or after 1:00 p.m. Treats will be delivered to the classroom in a special birthday basket or tray. Payment should be made to the Gilbert Food Service. Thanks for helping us encourage nutritional habits for our elementary children!

### **Helping with Homework**

During the elementary years, kids start getting homework assigned. This is intended to reinforce and extend classroom learning and help them practice important study skills. By doing homework, kids learn to:

- read and follow directions independently
- manage and budget time (on long term assignments)
- complete work neatly to the best of their ability

Homework will help students learn responsibility, pride in a job well done, and a work ethic that will benefit them well beyond the classroom. Parents can give homework help, primarily by making homework a priority and helping them develop good study habits. The kitchen or dining room are often popular workspaces for younger children. From there, parents can offer encouragement and assistance. Wherever kids do decide to complete homework, it's important to be sure it is:

- well-lit
- comfortable
- stocked with materials and school supplies



- quiet and free from distractions---TV, video games, phone calls or other family members

Parents must resist the urge to provide correct answers or help complete assignments. Please just offer support and guidance. Answer questions, help interpret directions and review completed work. This is the greatest way to help your child experience success!

### Busy October!

We have several celebrations during the busy month of October. Hopefully, we can send home notes so children will be able to celebrate each day by dressing like the majority of kids!

#### Character Counts Week---October 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

Monday.....Wear blue for Trustworthiness---Be Loyal & Honest!  
 Tuesday.....Wear yellow for Respect---Remember the Golden Rule!  
 Wednesday.....Wear green for Responsibility---Do Your Job!  
 Thursday.....Wear orange for Fairness---Follow Rules, Be Fair  
 Friday.....No School---Staff Development



#### Red Ribbon Week---October 25-29<sup>th</sup>

Monday.....Wear red (Character shirts) for "We Rule! We're a Drug Free School!"  
 Tuesday.....Wear purple for "Good Citizens Don't Do Drugs!"  
 Wednesday.....Wear green and bring a stuffed (not real) frog or toad! "I'm Toadily Against Drugs!"  
 Thursday.....Wear yellow "Too Smart to Start!"  
 Friday.....Wear Orange & Black "Drugs Bring Tricks not Treats!"

Our preschool and elementary students are off to a great start for the 2010-2011 school year! We now have 506 students enrolled in our busy building! Thanks for being such good parents and encouraging supporters of Gilbert Elementary School!

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

Ag	Kevin Anderson
Art	Nicholas Ramirez
Business	Danielle Breen
English	Cody Freeman
FCS	Kylie Gerstein
History	Jim Griffith
Ind. Ed	James Howell
Math	Delaney Boldman
Music	Carrie Goossen, Erika Graber, Jared Haverdink & Brandon Thimmesch
PE	Joy Owen
Science	Hannah Kilmer
Spanish	Emily Engle



### FCCLA News

High School FCCLA News: Membership dues should be paid by October 29 for students to be eligible to attend the district leadership conference or compete in STAR Events.

The following students attended an ICN training on September 9 as part of their duties for the Iowa FCCLA Peer Education Teams. Each student is responsible for completing three projects throughout the year to educate their peers about important issues relevant to today. The Student Body team members are Sirena Lindsay, and Taylor Schwartz. The Families First team members are Colby Abrams, Cole Buchman, and Puneet Anantharam. The Financial Fitness team members are Ryan Gallus, Patrick Clancy, and Kendra Swanson. The Public Relations members are Joey Metzger, Johanna Holck, and Erika Graber.

### Pilot Testing New Lunch Menu Choices

Gilbert Community School District is one of seven schools in Iowa pilot testing a cycle menu with Chef Approved items. The 5-week Iowa Gold cycle menu meets the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, Gold Standard for Healthier US School Challenge, and Institute of Medicine recommendations. The menus also try to incorporate USDA Foods and locally grown fruits and vegetables. The project is made possible with a USDA Team Nutrition grant, administered by the Iowa Department of Education.

Gilbert food service staff have received special trainings provided by Chef Ephraim Malag and ISU Extension Specialists (and Gilbert moms) Cathy Strohhahn and Ruth Litchfield. Some of the new menu choices include Chicken Caesar Wrap, Sage Dressing with Cherries,

Mandarin Orange Chicken with Brown Rice, and Triple Buckle Berry dessert. Ask your children how they like these items. The Iowa Gold cycle menu will roll out state wide in January. Contact Foodservice Director Joanie Robinson if any questions.



## **SAVE the Date!** **Rock Hop 2011 ~ Saturday, April 2 at the Gateway Hotel in Ames!**

### **PTO News**

Thank you to everyone who came and voted at our September meeting. It was great to see a lot of new faces. The vote was 75% in favor of contributing \$15,000 to the new play ground at the elementary school. We hope this will be a safe and fun place for our youngest students to play.

- Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 7 at 7:30 PM in the elementary commons. There will be a baby sitter available to watch children in the gym.
- Remember to send your Sunny D labels to the elementary school until November 30. We can earn lots of free books for our school. Thank you to Megan Woodbeck for coordinating this.
- THE CARNIVAL IS OCTOBER 16!!! If you have anything to donate to the silent auction, please contact Kim Whitham (233-3557). If you want to help at the carnival, please contact Tanya Forth (233-8168).
- The directory should be coming out in mid October. Thank you to Francine White and Anne Patterson-Weber for all your hard work.

### **2010 PTO Carnival & Silent Auction** **Saturday, October 16, 2010 at Gilbert Elementary**

Come one, come all! The annual Gilbert School Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 16th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. The elementary building will be packed with fun games for all ages. The carnival will also include a dunk tank with local celebrities and a silent auction featuring items donated by local businesses. This year, the raffle will offer a chance to win a 8GB iPod Touch or a 2010 Raleigh Talus Mountain Bike. Proceeds this year will help fund field trips for our students. If you haven't yet signed up to help, there is still time! Every volunteer is appreciated. Just call Tanya Austin (232-1679) to see where you can volunteer. Be sure to invite all your friends and family to attend this fun event!



The silent auction will open at 4:30 and run through 7:15. Come by and browse through the MANY generous donations made by local families, individuals, and businesses. Also check out the themed baskets assembled by each classroom PreK-6th grade. There are many unique and unusual items to bid on. Many items are from businesses that you shop at daily or weekly. Visit the Gilbert website and click on the PTO link to see an updated list of the items received so far.

If you have an item (or service) you'd like to donate, please contact Kim Whitham (233-3557) or Jolene Wilson (232-4124). Thanks so much to the district and community for your support of this important fundraiser. We hope to see you there.

### **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](mailto:Gilbertmentoring@yss.ames.ia.us)

### **Yearbook Notes**

Class of 2011 Parents: Just a reminder the Yearbook Staff needs a senior photo and a baby picture to use in the yearbook as well as for the slide show at graduation. You may submit actual picture(s) which we will return to you, or you may send the photo(s) electronically to [yearbook@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:yearbook@gilbert.k12.ia.us). Thanks so much for your help!

Would you like to help support the Gilbert High School Yearbook? Each year the Yearbook Staff sells ads to help offset the cost of our 120-page, full color book. Business ads are an easy way to help and get your business' name out there. If you'd like to help, please email [yearbook@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:yearbook@gilbert.k12.ia.us) and we will have a staff member contact you about how your business can be seen in the book and on our banner in the high school commons!

### **Redesigned Website – Coming in October!**

Watch for a new look and new navigation on the Gilbert CSD website in October. The site has been redesigned by Cybershock, LLC co-owned by Gilbert CSD Alumni Austin Minnihan and Steven Netcott.

# Fine Arts News

## Vocal Music News

All State preparations are underway and the Gilbert High School Choir has four students who will be auditioning for the Iowa All State Choir. They are Carrie Goossen, Erika Graber, Jared Haverdink and Brandon Thimmesch. The Iowa All State Choir is a 600 voice choir which is comprised of students from throughout the state of Iowa. This year's guest conductor will be Dr. Craig Arnold who is Artistic Director and Chair of Manhattan Concert Productions and from Decorah, Iowa. Auditions will be held October 23 at Indianola High School. Please wish these students "good luck" as they complete their journey through the audition process.



Several students from the Gilbert High School choir will also be participating in the "Roots and Wings" Simon Estes and Habitat for Humanity Benefit Concert on October 10, 2010. Representing the Gilbert High School and singing in the choir are Meredith Cook, Carrie Goossen, Tiffany Stubbs, Blair Holck, Lauren Mosiman, Ericka Graber, Ben Schneider, Jared Haverdink, Thomas McGuire, Brandon Thimmesch, and Jeremy Murray. For further information on the concert, please read the accompanying press release.

## "Roots and Wings" Simon Estes & Habitat for Humanity Concert October 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm

Internationally acclaimed bass-baritone Simon Estes is partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa (HFHCI) to raise funds for the 40<sup>th</sup> Habitat home. The celebration concert will take place at **Cornerstone Church of Ames on October 10 at 3:00 p.m.** Titled "Roots and Wings," the event is part of a statewide 99-county series of concerts featuring Mr. Estes, showcasing young artists and raising money for scholarships. Taking part in the concert are high school choirs from Ames, Ballard, Collins-Maxwell, Colo-Nesco, Gilbert, Nevada, and Roland-Story. The mass choir will be under the direction of Mr. Chris Johnson, Minister of Worship at Grand Avenue Baptist Church in Ames. Mr. Estes will also feature an aspiring young tenor, James Thompson, currently studying at the University of Iowa.

Tickets are available at the Habitat office (401 Clark Ave., Ames), Wilson Toyota Scion (2212 S. Duff Ave., Ames), Chocolaterie Stam (230 Main St., Ames), Benjamin Design (401 Clark Ave., Ames), Norsemen Realty (609 Broad St., Story City), several area banks, and all Story County high schools. You may also call Sandi Risdal at 515-232-8815 or email [director@hfhci.org](mailto:director@hfhci.org). Ticket prices are \$25 each with the proceeds going to build the 40<sup>th</sup> house for HFHCI.

**Helping Families... Helping Students... Helping Communities...**

## 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 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 [whaleyp@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:whaleyp@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.

## Gilbert Chili Dipper Open

Join us on October 10 for a 4-man best shot golf tournament at Veenker Memorial Golf Course. Shotgun start at 12 Noon. All proceeds go towards baseball and softball field improvements at Gilbert CSD. This event is sponsored by the Gilbert Athletic Boosters. See the website for details and registration forms.

## Email Communications

Gilbert CSD has a Gilbert News email through which much information is shared with parents. To acquire the email distribution lists, we have downloaded the emails found in the guardian email of PowerSchool. If you want to make sure your email is included in the distribution list, please send an email to [gilbertnews@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:gilbertnews@gilbert.k12.ia.us) with the subject line of "Email Address for Gilbert News" and include your name, your child's name, and your email address. We will double check our lists on a weekly basis to make sure our lists are as up-to-date as possible. Beginning in September, all newsletters, except for the back-to-school issue, will be sent electronically rather than through the postal mail to all those who have email access. This is another good reason to have the most current email address on file!



## Community Announcements

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

### Gilbert Historical Society's 2nd annual Harvest Fest October 1-3

Many events are planned for the Harvest Fest beginning on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The schedule of events is below. A special thank you to the Gilbert High History Club and advisor Nancy Peterson and to the members of the Gilbert Historical Society for their many efforts and contributions that helped make Harvest Fest a great community success.

**Friday: 5:30 p.m.** Community Parade

We are still adding entrants. If you have a group (former cheerleaders or sports teams, PTO Parents, Fine Arts Groups, Classes of Alumni, etc.) that would like to join the fun please contact Nancy Peterson and the History Club at the high school [petersonn@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:petersonn@gilbert.k12.ia.us),

**5:00-7:00 p.m.** Chili Supper

**Saturday: 10:00-1:00** Harvest Fest competitions at Gene Upstill farm, one mile north of Gilbert.

There will be classes for photography, baking, garden produce the brochures detailing rules and classes will be available in the community and from Mrs. Peterson. **New this year**, Old fashioned corn picking with horses and wagon. Entertainment by Torvald Eness --Country and Folk Singer-Composer featuring songs written specifically for the Harvest Fest

**1:30 p.m.** - Tour of the High School

**2:00-3:00** Movie premier in the high school LMC- Oral History documentary created by Kels Morrissey and Jon Cackler on Pearl Harbor and how that day changed people's lives, in the high school LMC. (This is tentative)

**Sunday: 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** "Cemetery Walk" downtown merchants from the 1940's and 50's will "come alive" at the Gilbert Lutheran Church during the afternoon of October 3rd. There will be two performances and **ice cream sundaes included with a \$5 ticket.**

### 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](mailto: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.

## Gilbert Cub Scout Pack 157

Gilbert Cub Scout Pack 157 will be having a Fall Pack Campout at the Izaak Walton League in Ames on October 2nd at 4:00 p.m. Their next pack meeting will be held on October 28th 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Gilbert Elementary School. We will be having a Halloween party and all boys are encouraged to come in costume. All boys in first through fifth grades and their families are welcome to attend. If you have questions please contact Jody Chittick at 232-4660 or at [jodychittick@msn.com](mailto:jodychittick@msn.com)

## United Way of Story County Service Bulletin

If you need legal representation in civil matters, Legal Aid Society of Story County can help. Problems in the areas of civil law including, but not limited to: domestic abuse, dissolution of marriage, child custody, and child support are areas Legal Aid can help. To qualify for services you must be a resident of Story County, complete a Legal Aid registration form, have a civil case and must not present a conflict of interest for their staff. For more information visit <http://www.midiowa.net/~legalaidstory/index.htm>.

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### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GILBERT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD High School Media Center August 9, 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 Mosiman to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Anderson from Knapp Tedesco Insurance Company, reviewed the district's property and liability insurance usage and upcoming year premium.

The board reviewed the following board policies:

- Series 200 - School Board Governance
- Series 300 – Administration and Revision of 302.5 – Superintendent Evaluation
- Series 400 - Personnel
- Series 700 – Non-Instructional Operations and Business Services and Revision of 712.1 - Custodial Staff Services
- Series 800 - Buildings and Sites

The board gave first reading approval to the following board policies:

- 206.1 – President
- 206.2 – Vice President
- 303.6 – Administrator Evaluation
- 803.9 – District Inventory

Superintendent John Kinley and Transportation Bruce Betts informed the board of the increased ridership on the district route buses. This issue affects the availability of seats for open enrolled students. It was decided to not allow open enrolled students to ride on some of the route buses for the first two weeks until the ridership levels out to assess the actual numbers on each bus. Letters will be sent to families affected by this change.

Motion by Livingston, second by Zimmerman to approve a contract with CyberShock, LLC to redesign the district website. Motion carried unanimously. The cost will be \$1,204 and also a \$59 monthly management fee.

Motion by Mosiman, second by Zimmerman to approve an amendment to Story County DeCat for YSS After School Program. Motion carried unanimously. The funding will increase by \$4,523 to \$6,750.

Motion by Mosiman, second by Zimmerman to approve the 2010-11 Athletic Coach Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Mosiman to appoint Heather Currans as preschool teacher for 2010-11. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Mosiman to appoint Judy Wiese as teacher associate, 7 hours/day at \$9.95 per hour for 2010-11. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benda, second by Livingston to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILBERT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD Elementary School Media Center August 16, 2010

The school board met at 6:00 p.m. to tour the elementary school.

The regular meeting of the Gilbert Community School Board of Directors was called to order by President Marcia DeZonia, at 6:31 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.

Superintendent John Kinley informed the board of the recent passing of Bonnie Martin, former food service employee. He also informed them that the district maintenance staff is cleaning out and disposing of many items that have been in storage for a number of years. Scrap metal is being sold to Bell Salvage and other items are being discarded. The district will advertise items and hold a garage sale this fall to provide an opportunity for district patrons to purchase other items of some use.

Middle School Principal Chris Billings informed the board that middle school enrollment has grown to 406 students and the increases will have some effect on staffing needs, particularly in the areas of band lessons, support for talented and gifted students, and study hall supervision. The board indicated support for administration to seek ways to address these needs. Mr. Billings also talked about preliminary plans to use existing classroom spaces in a different manner at the middle school when a future need for five sections in the core areas presents itself.

High School Principal Greg Fisher told the board that high school enrollment appears to be down slightly this fall. High school students are enrolled in 165 hours of college credit this fall semester.

Elementary Principal Staci Edwards reported that elementary enrollment stands at 507 students, including 33 children enrolled in the pre-K program. She also indicated that additional support in the specials areas will likely be needed next year if enrollment continues to grow.

Athletic Director Don Knock provided the board an update on athletic activities. Fall sport parent meetings were held earlier in the evening. The Fall Sports Kickoff is Friday evening, August 20, beginning at 5:30 with a volleyball scrimmage and ending at the football field with a varsity scrimmage, weather permitting. Student-athlete participation is strong in all sports. Gilbert will host its annual cross country meet at the ISU course on August 26.

Rex Ramsay from Piper Jaffray spoke to the board about the most recent projections for district bonding capacity. He reviewed funds that could be available to the district via three sources: savings of SILO (local option sales tax) revenues, funds that could be generated from the sale of SAVE bonds (bonds financed from the state wide penny for school infrastructure revenues) and general obligation bonds. Based on projected 3% growth per year in taxable valuation within the district, the district could have a maximum of \$22.2 million available to support school infrastructure needs in 2012-13. These figures are estimates based on projected growth in taxable valuation and enrollment.

Rhonda Gardner, fall cheer coach, spoke to the board about several fundraising opportunities for the cheer squad and asked the board to consider approving these requests.

Motion by Mosiman, second by Zimmerman to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the meeting held July 19 and August 9, 2010, the bills and claims and the secretary's report for July. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Chris Benda reported that he attended part of the football lock-in and it was very successful. He also expressed appreciation on behalf of community members for the help and support the high school football team provided in assisting citizens after the recent heavy rains and flooding impacted many homes in Gilbert. Hope Bossard, director of curriculum and school improvement, provided a brief explanation about the Iowa Core and the new National Core Curriculum. The Iowa Department of Education is working to align the two sets of standards so districts will be working with and accountable to one document. Iowa schools will be working to ensure alignment to this curriculum. Summer curriculum work in the district has already begun this process. The district's professional development focus on AIW and CGI supports the attainment of these standards. Hope expressed her excitement and appreciation for the current position of the district and the direction it is going as a state leader in this effort.

Mr. Kinley and the principals provided brief remarks to the board indicating the district's readiness for school.

The board reviewed the 2010-11 enrollment numbers as they exist just prior to the start of the school year. Open enrollment is closed for grades K-8 for the current year. The board held discussion on some facility planning issues. John Kinley informed the board that he has sent a copy of the proposed planning timeline to the Gilbert City Offices to be distributed to council members.

Marcia DeZonia led the board in a discussion about retaining an Owner's Representative to serve as a consultant to the board and serve as a liaison with the city, architect and contractors during the pre-construction phases, with expertise in engineering and infrastructure needs. Mr. Kinley was asked to explore some options in this area.

The board agreed to follow the proposed timeline prepared by the DLR architects to hold two charettes on September 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>. The board directed the administration to prepare recommendations for participants to serve on the Community Facility Committee and select parents, patrons and staff to be invited to participate in the upcoming charette process.

The board directed the administration to seek a second fall cheer sponsor to provide support to the middle school cheerleading program due to the increased number of 7-12 participants.

The board expressed its overwhelming support to a Food Service Department proposal to make healthy snacks available for purchase by parents for birthday celebrations. The suggested snacks meet the nutritional requirements of the Healthy Kids Act and can be ordered through food service department.

The board held a second reading and approved the following board policies:

- Policy 206.1 – President
- Policy 206.2 – Vice President
- Policy 302.5 – Superintendent Evaluation
- Policy 303.6 - Administrator Evaluation
- Policy 802.4 - Capital Assets

The board reviewed a new board policy regulation 605.6R1 pertaining to staff use of Social Networking Websites and Cell Phones/Text Messages.

The board received and reviewed an update on the PPEL budget.

The board held brief discussion on a rental agreement for wrestling practice space. The board tabled action until the September meeting.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Mosiman to approve the following 2010-11 open enrollment applications:

Tyler Pudenz from South Hamilton CSD      Brionna Dahlquist from Ames CSD

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Mosiman to deny the following 2010-11 open enrollment applications due to late application submission:

Andrew Debner from Ames CSD      Rachel Debner from Ames CSD      Tyler Huse from Ames CSD

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mosiman, second by Zimmerman to approve the following 2010-11 substitute bus drivers: Jim Albee, Deb Anderson, Chris Benda, Jon Clancy, Cindy Clark, Jon Davis, Doug Dodd, Bob Jensen, Joyce Lauridsen, Holly Lester, Kevin Litchfield, Tom Lomtson, David Squiers and Don Staker. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benda, second by Mosiman to approve review of Board Policy Series 200, 300, 400, 700 and 800. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mosiman, second by Zimmerman to approve new board policies 206.1, 206.2, 302.5, 303.6, and 802.4. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Benda to approve the cheerleading fundraisers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mosiman, second by Zimmerman to table action on a facility rental agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mosiman, second by Zimmerman to appoint Robert Terrones as morning and afternoon bus route driver at \$35.20 per route. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benda, second by Zimmerman to appoint Paul Olson as afternoon bus route driver at \$35.20 per route. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benda, second by Mosiman to approve Cody Dierks, Nate Schwartz, and Gregg Durbin as volunteer assistant football coaches. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Mosiman to appoint Angie Whetstone as Special Education Associate, 7 hours/day at \$9.95/hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benda, second by Zimmerman to appoint Steve Brown as afternoon bus route driver at \$35.20 per route. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Benda, second by Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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

**District Office  
August 25, 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 Livingston, second by Zimmerman to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Livingston to approve the participant list for the community facility committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by Livingston to approve the 2010-11 Athletic Training Services Contract with McFarland Clinic. Motion carried unanimously. The contract is \$5,600 annually.

Motion by Mosiman, second by Livingston to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 a.m.

## October 2010 List of Activities

Gilbert Community School District

Activity	Type	Time	Opponent	Location
<b>Friday, October 1, 2010</b>				
Football: 9th	Game	5:00PM	North Polk	Gilbert HS
Football: Varsity	Game	7:30PM	North Polk	Gilbert HS
<b>Saturday, October 2, 2010</b>				
Homecoming Dance		8:00PM		HS Commons
<b>Monday, October 4, 2010</b>				
Cross Country: Middle School	Meet	4:30PM	Away vs. Norwalk	Norwalk
Volleyball: JV	Quadrangular	5:00PM	Multiple Schools	Gilbert HS - HS West Gym
Football: JV	Game	6:00PM	Away vs. North Polk	N.Polk - Alleman-HS FB Field
Play Rehearsal		7:00PM		East Gym
<b>Tuesday, October 5, 2010</b>				
Honor Band Auditions-8th Grade				
Cross Country: JV & Varsity	Invitational	4:30PM	Away vs. Eagle Grove	Eagle Grove
Football: 8th	Game	4:30PM	Nevada	Gilbert HS
Football: 7th	Game	4:30PM	Away vs. Nevada	Nevada HS
Volleyball: 8th	Match	4:30PM	Nevada	Gilbert MS
Volleyball: 7th	Match	4:30PM	Away vs. Nevada	Nevada - Middle School Field House
Gilbert Tractor Club Workshop		7:00PM		Gilbert HS Ag Ed Shop
<b>Wednesday, October 6, 2010</b>				
Senior Class Job Shadow				
Sophomore Class Ring Meeting		10:00AM		HS Commons
Play Rehearsal		12:15PM		East Gym
Early Dismissal & Staff Development		12:30PM		All Buildings
Booster Club Meetings		6:30PM		HS Commons
<b>Thursday, October 7, 2010</b>				
Play Rehearsal		6:30AM		East Gym
Cross Country: Middle School	Invitational	4:15PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	South Hamilton
Cross Country: Varsity	Invitational	4:30PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	Jewell Golf and Country Club
Volleyball: 8th	Match	4:30PM	Roland-Story	Gilbert MS
Volleyball: 7th	Match	4:30PM	Away vs. Roland-Story	Roland - MS Multi-Purpose Room
Cross Country: Varsity	Invitational	4:45PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	SH - Jewell Golf&Country Club
Volleyball: JV & Varsity	Triangular	5:00PM	Multiple Schools	Gilbert HS
Volleyball: 9th	Match	5:00PM	Bondurant-Farrar	Gilbert HS
Cross Country: JV	Invitational	5:15PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	SH - Jewell Golf&Country Club
GESS/PTO Meeting		7:30PM		Elementary Commons
<b>Friday, October 8, 2010</b>				
Football: 9th	Game	5:00PM	Away vs. CMB	CMB - Maxwell FB Field
Football: Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Away vs. CMB	CMB - Maxwell FB Field
<b>Saturday, October 9, 2010</b>				
Des Moines Art Museum Trip				Des Moines, IA.
Volleyball: 9th	Tournament	8:30AM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	Nevada
<b>Sunday, October 10, 2010</b>				
Gilbert Eagles Youth Football Game		1:00PM		Gilbert HS Football Field
<b>Monday, October 11, 2010</b>				
Iowa FCCLA Fall Leadership Rally		8:00AM		Ankeny
Cross Country: Varsity	Conference	4:30PM	Multiple Schools	ISU XC Course
Volleyball: 9th	Quadrangular	5:00PM	Multiple Schools	Gilbert HS - HS West Gym
Football: JV	Game	6:00PM	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	Gilbert HS
School Board Meeting		6:00PM		High School LMC
Fine Arts Booster Meeting		7:00PM		HS Commons
Play Rehearsal		7:00PM		East Gym

## October 2010 List of Activities

Gilbert Community School District

### Tuesday, October 12, 2010

Play Rehearsal		6:30AM		East Gym
Volleyball: 9th	Match	5:00PM	Away vs. Ogden	Ogden HS
Volleyball: JV	Match	6:00PM	Away vs. Ogden	Ogden HS
Volleyball: Varsity	Match	7:00PM	Away vs. Ogden	Ogden HS

### Wednesday, October 13, 2010

Senior Class Meeting		10:00AM		HS Commons
Sophomore Class Ring Order Day		11:00AM		HS Commons
Dist. Tech. Adv. Comm. Mtg.		6:00PM		TBD
After Prom Meeting		7:00PM		HS Commons

### Thursday, October 14, 2010

World Food Prize (10/14-10/16)				Des Moines, IA.
Play Rehearsal		6:30AM		East Gym
Volleyball: 9th	Meet	5:00PM	Away vs. PCM	PCM High School
Volleyball: JV	Meet	6:00PM	Away vs. PCM	PCM High School
Volleyball: Varsity	Match	7:30PM	Away vs. PCM	PCM High School

### Friday, October 15, 2010

Football: 9th	Game	5:00PM	St. Edmond	Gilbert HS
Football: Varsity	Game	7:30PM	St. Edmond	Gilbert HS

### Saturday, October 16, 2010

Carnival (PTO)				Elementary
PSAT		8:00AM		Gilbert Lutheran Church
Volleyball: Varsity	Invitational	9:00AM	Away vs. Woodward-Granger	Woodward-Granger HS
Middle School Dance		7:00PM		Middle School Gym

### Monday, October 18, 2010

Football: JV	Game	4:30PM	Away vs. St. Edmond	Fort Dodge
Play Rehearsal		7:00PM		East Gym

### Tuesday, October 19, 2010

FFA Nat. Convention (10/19-10/22)				Indianapolis, Indiana
Play Rehearsal		6:30AM		East Gym

### Thursday, October 21, 2010

End of 1st Quarter				All Buildings
2nd Ring Order Day-Sophomores		11:00AM		HS Commons
Senior Class Graduation Order Day		11:00AM		HS Commons
Football: JV	Game	6:00PM	Roland-Story	Gilbert HS

### Friday, October 22, 2010

No School-Staff Development				All Buildings
Play Rehearsal		10:00AM		East Gym
Football: 9th	Game	5:00PM	Away vs. Roland-Story	RS H.S. Football Field
Football: Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Away vs. Roland-Story	RS H.S. Football Field

### Saturday, October 23, 2010

IHSMA All State Tryouts				Indianola HS
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### Monday, October 25, 2010

Begin 2nd Quarter				All Buildings
Play Rehearsal		7:00PM		East Gym

### Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Play Rehearsal		6:30AM		East Gym
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### Thursday, October 28, 2010

Junior Parent Night		7:00PM		HS Commons
Play Rehearsal		7:00PM		East Gym

Please see the Gilbert Website Interactive District Calendar for the most up-to-date listing of events -- [www.gilbert.k12.ia.us](http://www.gilbert.k12.ia.us)

Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters  
Box 192  
Gilbert, IA 50105

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. Recent examples include arranging treats for plays/musicals and coordinating volunteers for music contests.
- Solicit, receive, manage, and disburse funds to support the fine arts programs. Some examples from recent years include:
  - \$40,000 for band uniforms
  - \$15,000 for choir robes
  - \$1,500 - \$2,000 for scholarships each year
  - Money for instruments, awards, snacks, pizza and other miscellaneous items

In the past we have asked parents to volunteer as ticket-takers at Gilbert athletic events. We have opted out of that fundraiser, so this will be the only solicitation you will receive from us this year.

Joining the Fine Arts Boosters is easy! Simply fill out the bottom portion of this letter, tear it off, and send it to the address above along with your check for the appropriate amount. Note that membership at the Gold or Platinum Level includes season passes to all fine arts activities.

Financial partnership is only one way for you to show your support. Please also consider attending our first Fine Arts Boosters meetings. Your participation is very important to the ongoing effectiveness the Fine Arts Boosters and much appreciated. Thanks for your support!

Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters

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Yes! I want to join the Fine Arts boosters at the level indicated. Make checks payable to "Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters" and send to address at the top of this letter.

- \$250 Platinum Membership\*
- \$100 Gold Membership\*
- \$50 Silver Membership
- \$25 Bronze Membership

\* Platinum membership includes **five** 2010 season passes to all fine arts activities.  
Gold membership includes **two** 2010 season passes to all fine arts activities.

Choose one of the following:

- Your membership name as you want it to appear on fine arts activity programs
- Please keep my membership anonymous.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk
4 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	5 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	6 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	7 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	8 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk
11 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	12 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	13 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	14 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	15 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk
18 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	19 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	20 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	21 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	22 NO SCHOOL TODAY
25 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit and Juice Milk	26 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	27 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	28 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	29 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Cheesy Broccoli Omelet <i>Tuna Salad Sandwich</i> Tater Tots Apple slices French Toast Sticks Milk
4 Grilled Chicken Patty/ wvw Bun <i>Baked Potato w/ Chili</i> Steamed Broccoli Apricots Cornbread Milk	5 Tacos <i>Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara</i> Refried Beans Sliced Pears Churro Milk	6 BBQ Pork /wvwBun <i>Vegetarian Rice Bowl</i> Stir Fry Veggies Banana Graham Cracker Milk	7 Meatball Sub <i>Chef Salad w/ ww roll</i> Honey Glazed Carrots Fresh Fruit Salad Celery Sticks w/ dip Milk	8 Macaroni & Cheese w/ Sausage Patty <i>Chicken Panini</i> Peas Pineapple Tidbits Applesauce Cake Milk
11 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce <i>Fajita Chicken Wrap</i> Green Beans Orange Wedge Texas Toast Milk	12 Pork Tenderloin on wvwBun <i>Pizza Dippers</i> Baked Beans Sweet Potato Crisp Cuts Fruit Cocktail Milk	13 Chicken Alfredo Pasta <i>Deli Combo Sub</i> Sauteed Zucchini Squash Sliced Peaches Teddy Grahams Milk	14 Taco Salad <i>Asian Popcorn Chicken</i> Carrot Sticks Grapes wvwRoll Milk	15 Chicken Nuggets <i>Grilled Cheese Sandwich w/ Tomato Soup</i> Snap Peas Mandarin Oranges Pumpkin Bar Milk
18 Cheese Pizza <i>Hot Ham &amp; Cheese on a Bagel</i> Carrot Sticks Applesauce wvw Sugar Cookie Milk	19 Hamburger on wvwBun <i>Chicken Rice Bowl</i> Confetti Fries Pineapple Tidbits Graham Cracker Milk	20 Corn Dog <i>Beef and Bean Enchilada</i> Mexically Corn Lettuce Salad Sliced Peaches Milk	21 Roast Turkey <i>Fish Nuggets</i> Mashed Potatoes/ gravy Strawberries and Bananas wvwRoll Milk	22 NO SCHOOL TODAY
25 Chicken Strips <i>Cheesy Tiger Bread</i> Green Beans Sliced Pears Apple Streusal Milk	26 Chili <i>Cheese Omelet</i> Carrot Sticks Tri Tater Pineapple Tidbits Cinnamon Roll Milk	27 Lasagna <i>Chicken Quesadilla</i> Green Peas Orange Wedge Bread Stick Milk	28 Stromboli Bites <i>Turkey Club Sandwich</i> Sauteed Summer Squash Sliced Pears Frito Corn Chips Milk	29 Mandarin Orange Chicken <i>Baked Fish/ Bun</i> Brown Rice Stir Fry Veggies Grapes Oatmeal Cookie Milk