

# Gilbert Community School District

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## Superintendent's Message

I can hardly believe we are nearing the end of our first semester of the 2011-2012 year. Winter activities are well underway, and our girls' basketball team is rated and continues to be undefeated! Our boys' basketball and wrestling teams are making great progress as we continue on through the season. I have enjoyed several winter concerts and appreciate the efforts of the students and their teachers to use their gifts so freely and beautifully! As we head into our holiday break, we can also be grateful for the calm weather that has allowed classes to go on as scheduled.

We have also continued the building process for our new high school. We have formed a facility task force to discuss the various projects that we have going at this time. We have been meeting almost every Saturday for updates and discussion, and we will continue to do so as long as necessary. The site drainage package has been completed and will dry out the soil so that construction may begin as scheduled in the spring. On the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, construction documents went out and bids are due back on January 12, 2012. Following this process we will have a clearer picture of where we are at in being able to build the school we have planned. In the month of December, we sold 1.1 million in General Obligation Bonds and 8.9 million dollars in School Infrastructure Sales Service and Use Tax Revenue Bonds. We received very favorable rates when we sold these bonds and this will allow more financial flexibility in the building process. An informational meeting on the construction building plans was well attended on November 30<sup>th</sup>. A great discussion was held about the historical and financial information, and we were able to field some questions from the crowd regarding the overall plans. Again, you may consult our web page for additional information and to look at pictures as we move through this process -- <http://gilbert.k12.ia.us/district/facilityupdates>

When you begin filling out your planners for the new year, don't forget to mark the date of the Rock Hop -- March 31<sup>st</sup>. The theme this year is *Tiger Zone, All in for Gilbert* so wear your red and black colors or Gilbert gear! The Silent Auction will start at 5:00 p.m. and end at 6:45 p.m. Raffle tickets sales will start the first of the year with a total of \$7500 in cash prizes. The Neighborhood Drive raised over \$11,000. Thank you to all who donated! See the Rock Hop section in the newsletter for more detailed information.

Again, thanks for your continued support of this district. It truly does take a village to keep this district as strong as it is.

Happy New Year!

*Lindsey Beecher*, Superintendent



## Update on District Facilities

Marcia DeZonia for the Gilbert School Board

The high school building plans were presented to the Gilbert Planning and Zoning board at their December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. They are recommending the plans for approval to the full city council on December 19 with a few minor modifications that have been agreed to by the city engineer and the school architects. Bids will be received in the district on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The bids will be considered by the board at the January facility board meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The board will need to consider the total bid, the cost of the different product items we requested be bid for consideration and the total bid price of the auditorium alternate. The board has up to 60 days to accept a bid.

At the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the board was informed of the sale of some of the bonds that will finance the project. We received the lowest bid recorded in the state for our sales tax bonds, and a very favorable rate for our general obligation bonds. The district savings on interest over the life of the bonds is approximately \$500,000 from our budgeted estimate. This savings will give the district increased future bonding capacity.

The Facility Task Force has been meeting during November and December. Principal Staci Edwards has formed a committee to discuss possible solutions to the anticipated elementary classroom shortage for the 2012-13 school year. They are researching different options for additional space along with the cost and time frame. They will bring a report back to the task force at our January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The Task Force will be providing information to the full school board at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> facility meeting. Principals Staci Edwards and Chris Billings are working together to create a "first draft" of ideas to develop a playground for the Intermediate School (grades 3-5). They will be reporting back to the task force on these ideas. Right now they are in the very early planning stages trying to determine appropriate areas, amounts of space and suggestions for the kind of activities that should be considered. Currently, the plan is to form a playground committee after the initial considerations have been completed.

Thank you to all the patrons who came to the November 30<sup>th</sup> forum. It was a great opportunity to see the building plans, for those who had not had an opportunity during parent-teacher conference week. There is a three slide presentation regarding the facility timeline history and the sources and uses of funds that is on the construction updates area of the website under "Informational Meetings" and might be of interest if you were not in attendance.

The school board is looking forward to receiving the construction bids. We are hopeful that this is still a good bidding climate and that we will receive a bid that will allow us to consider beginning the auditorium. I am looking forward to sharing good news with you all in the February newsletter.

## **School Improvement Advisory Committee**

Accredited school districts in Iowa are required to have a School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) comprised of representatives of the community. A major function of this committee is to analyze district data and submit academic goal recommendations to the school board. Individuals interested in serving on the District's School Improvement Advisory Committee may contact Hope Bossard, Director of Curriculum and School Improvement, at 515-232-3740 or [bossardh@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:bossardh@gilbert.k12.ia.us).

## **Thinking about Kindergarten in 2012? Let us know!**

Even though our first semester is not yet completed, we are already beginning to plan for the 2012-2013 school year. In an effort to get the most accurate count possible, we are asking for parents to sign up their future kindergartners now. If you have a child that will be 5 years old prior to September 15, 2012 who you are planning on sending to Gilbert Elementary please contact the elementary office at 232-3744. This sign-up will be a chance to get some basic contact information for a head-count. A parent meeting and round-up will occur in the spring. Please call the elementary office if you have any questions.

## **PreSchool Applications for 2012-2013**

Applications for the 2012-2013 preschool class will be available in the Elementary School and online on February 1, 2012 beginning at 9:00 a.m. There are 32 seats available for 2012-13. The selection process is completed by a first come, first served basis. Consideration will be given to family income and other student factors (areas of concern about your child, prior preschool experience, and district of residence). The online application will be available at this website on February 1: <http://gilbert.k12.ia.us/elementary/preschool>. Questions about the Gilbert Preschool Program may be directed to Staci Edwards, Gilbert Elementary Principal ([edwardss@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:edwardss@gilbert.k12.ia.us)), or Heather Currans, Preschool Teacher ([curransh@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:curransh@gilbert.k12.ia.us)). Both can be reached by phone at 515-232-3744. We look forward to having another great preschool class in 2012!

## **Update on Gilbert CSD's School Alert System, Including Text Alerts**

We have made a change to our school alert system and selected a different company, One Call Now, to provide our emergency alerts. One Call Now connects directly to PowerSchool for the phone and email data upload. On a daily basis, we upload the following from PowerSchool: home phone number, contact 1 cell phone number, contact 1, 2, and 3 emails.



### **Family Profile Feature – You can add phone numbers and emails not uploaded from PowerSchool**

As mentioned, we are only uploading the home phone, contact 1 cell phone and contact 1,2, and 3 emails into the system from PowerSchool. If you wish to enter in more phone numbers and emails, please access the Family Profile at <http://gilbert.k12.ia.us/district/schoolalerts>. **Login** using your child's last name and your home phone number. Complete the login and entering of phone numbers and emails for each child at each building. If all of your children are at one building, you only need to login and enter the information once. If you want to receive texts at one of the cell phone numbers you entered into the Family Profile, please follow the text message opt-in directions below. The Family Profile does not allow you to change the data that is uploaded from PowerSchool. If you need to change that data, please login to your parent PowerSchool account, select E-registration and update your phone and email data. Our secretarial staff will then update PowerSchool.

### **Text Message Opt-In Directions**

Parents/Guardians wishing to receive a text alert may now "opt-in" to this feature by sending a text message with the word "Alert" to 22300. Note that standard text messaging rates apply for texts received from One Call Now. Not all service plans include SMS text messaging.

**Very Important Note!** if you want a text sent to a phone number not uploaded from PowerSchool (home phone and contact 1 cell phone), then you must enter in the phone number through the Family Profile first and then opt-in for a text for that number by texting the word "Alert" to 22300 from that phone number.

We feel One Call Now will successfully offer us the emailing, phone calling, and texting services for school alert notifications, and potentially non-alert notifications. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Whaley at [whaley@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:whaley@gilbert.k12.ia.us) or 515-232-3740.



## Rock Hop 2012

The raffle prizes this year will be CA\$H!!

Top prize is \$5,000

with two other prizes totaling \$2,500.

Look for exciting new coupons on the back of this year's tickets!

The 2012 Rock Hop is March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Gateway Hotel. Show your Tiger spirit by wearing red and black or your favorite Gilbert gear! This year the **silent auction will be from 5-6:45pm** so get there early to check out all the great silent and super silent items!

The Rock Hop Committee would like to thank all who donated to our Neighborhood Drive! Your generous donations brought in \$11,750! Money raised will help create packages to be auctioned off at the event.

### RAFFLE KICK OFF SPECIAL

**ONE NIGHT ONLY SPECIAL** on **January 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Gilbert varsity basketball games raffle tickets will be sold for 1 for \$20, 3 for \$50 and 7 for \$100. Tickets will be sold 4:30pm through half time of the boy's varsity game. This is a **ONE NIGHT ONLY SPECIAL** so come cheer on the Tigers and buy a chance to win \$5,000 the night of the Hop! After the kick off raffle tickets will be available for \$20 and can be purchased from the many raffle ticket volunteers and at the school offices. See below for more raffle details.

Coming soon to your inbox, Live Auction Sneak Peeks! Each week we will be sending out snippets about live auction items. Every week will be different, so keep track of what you see so you can get groups together and bid on packages at the Hop! You can always follow up on the website where a cumulative list will be posted.

Look for raffle tickets on sales beginning in January!! This year's winners will receive cash! Total prize money will be \$7,500. Tickets will be \$20 and coupons on the back of the ticket stub can be redeemed for over \$30 in value.



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



### Come "W(h)ine" About Winter

The 2012 Rock Hop live auction committee is hosting a January open house on Saturday, January 14th from 5-7pm at the home of Nabil and Amy Salama, 5060 River Ridge Road. Please contact Lisa Snyder ([lisa.snyder@sigler.com](mailto:lisa.snyder@sigler.com)) or Dhuha Akili ([dakili@rocketmail.com](mailto:dakili@rocketmail.com)) with questions or visit us on Facebook.

Proceeds from the 2012 Rock Hop will continue to support the learning of each student in our district through the use of technology and literacy.

A gracious thank you to the businesses supporting Gilbert Schools through their involvement on the raffle ticket. They are: Casey's, Valentino's, Subway, Buffalo Wild Wings and Fareway.



**If you have an item you would like to donate to the Rock Hop this year, please contact one of the following committee chairs.**

Rock Hop Chair  
Lisa Snyder

[Lisa.snyder@sigler.com](mailto:Lisa.snyder@sigler.com)

Live Auction Chair

Dhuha Akili

[dakili@rocketmail.com](mailto:dakili@rocketmail.com)

Silent Auction Chair

Chris Lawrence

[snlmom2@gmail.com](mailto:snlmom2@gmail.com)

## After the Bell Crowd (ABC)

After 1<sup>st</sup> quarter results, it was apparent that we needed to restart our program that will help support our younger students at GHS. The name of the program is the same as last year, After the Bell Crowd (ABC). The program will be available to any student in high school, especially 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. The program will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00-4:30. It is a voluntary program for the students, but teachers and administration will strongly encourage students who have shown the need for academic assistance with assignments, tests, and quizzes to attend.

Kimberlee Carlson, an associate in the high school building, will be running the program. Miss Carlson is a certified teacher and her specific area of expertise is in mathematics, and she has also seen extensive time in other curricular areas in the high school. Any student that has been identified will be contacted by the classroom teacher or Miss Carlson to indicate the student's need to go to ABC. Parents will also be notified by the classroom teacher or Miss Carlson to indicate the desire for their child to attend ABC.

Once students complete their homework, Miss Carlson will ask them if there are any other class assignments that they would like some assistance in completing. If the student indicates they have everything completed the student may leave.

Our intent is to create an atmosphere where students can get additional help on their homework without it seeming like punishment. We will encourage students to collaborate on assignments, set goals, and work through the homework together.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Kimberlee Carlson by email, [carlsonk@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:carlsonk@gilbert.k12.ia.us), or by phone, 515-232-3738. Thank you.

## Mentoring Minute

*January Is National Mentoring Month*

With appreciation to all those who give of their time and talents to mentor a child in the Gilbert School District. Mentors meet once a week usually during lunch or recess with students of all ages. If you would like to become a mentor, please contact Shelly Billings at [gilbertmentoring@yss.ames.ia.us](mailto:gilbertmentoring@yss.ames.ia.us) ~~~ Shelly F. Billings, GRIP Mentoring Program Gilbert Facilitator 515-291-6361

## Science Olympiad Parent/Community Help Needed!

Can you donate an hour or two on Monday evenings January 9th through competition in March? Even if you can only volunteer a few evenings, we need you. Please email Mrs. Rus at the high school or Mrs. Livingston at the middle school before Thanksgiving break if you are willing to help. Your time and enthusiasm are just what we need to let kids have this wonderful science opportunity. Go future tiger scientists and engineers!

## Middle School News

Chris Billings, Principal

Believe it or not, district wide testing will begin on January 30, 2012. These assessments, formerly known as the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, have been renamed and modified. They will now be known as the Iowa Assessments. Although the format is essentially the same (filling in the bubbles after reading a passage or looking at a chart), the questions have changed and some tests have been combined. In addition, the tests have been normed again. This means that students around the country took the test, and those results will be used for comparison sake—or a norm. This is how the percentile ranks and standard scores that you see on your results sheet are computed.

In order to prepare for testing please consider the following:

- Avoid being gone January 30-February 10 if at all possible.
- Eat breakfast each day before a test.
- Get plenty of sleep each night before a test.
- Encourage your student to do their best on each test.

Gilbert has enjoyed excellent results due to great instruction, hard working students, and an emphasis on taking this assessment seriously. Thank you for all of your help and support during these testing periods.

## Bus Route Changes During Inclement Weather

When we have inclement weather, it's possible that some of our bus routes will be adjusted because buses will only be traveling on pavement (hard surface routes) to avoid gravel roads that are difficult or impossible to traverse. Parents may need to bring their child to the paved surface for bus pick-up and drop-off. The routes affected include routes 1, 2, 7, 9, and 10. Please see the paved surface route times at the end of this newsletter (page 12). If you have questions about these potential changes, please contact Bruce Betts, Director of Transportation, at 515-232-0042 or [betts@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:betts@gilbert.k12.ia.us)

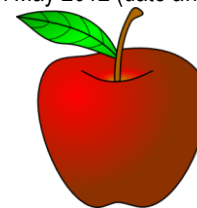


## GHS Extended Learning Program (ELP) News

### Gilbert High School Students Accepted as Interns in ISU Young Engineers and Scientists Program

To enhance the training of future scientists, this semester-long internship will introduce high school seniors to the scientific research process. The students will spend a minimum of 9 hours per week working in a research lab. The students will also meet every two weeks with GHS ELP coordinator Mrs. Rus and complete a scientific poster to be presented at a closing reception in May 2012 (date and location TBD). Congratulations to this year's interns:

- Sarah Azam--Genetics
- Brian Shannon--Chemistry
- James Steadham—Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology
- Elizabeth (E.B.) Wlezien—Chemical and Biological Engineering



### The Fall 2011 Knowledge Master Open

Thousands of students throughout the country and in many foreign countries competed December 7th in the 57th Knowledge Master Open academic competition. High school students faced 200 tough questions to vie for top scores based on the accuracy and speed of their answers. Gilbert's 9th grade ELP team of 11 students scored 1416 out of 2000 points to rank 2nd place in the state of Iowa's Junior High Division.

### Plan Ahead for Summer 2012

- OPPTAG: Pre-collegiate Programs for Talented and Gifted at Iowa State University -- [www.opptag.iastate.edu](http://www.opptag.iastate.edu)
- Summer Programs at the University of Iowa's Belin-Blank Center. Registration opens in January. -- Search "Summer on the Brain" at [uiowa.edu](http://uiowa.edu)
- Concordia Language Villages. Premier Language and Cultural Immersion Programs. Registration currently open. -- <http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org>
- Northwestern University Center for Talent Development. Summer Program for Academically Talented Students -- <http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu>

## PTO News

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 12 at 7:30 PM at the elementary school. We invite the superintendent, a school board member, and all three principals to our meetings so we can find out what is going on in the district. There will be free child care in the gym.

We are looking for one more person to be a co-chair for conference meals next year. If you are interested, please contact Terri Calendine (509-1149) or Carmen Roetman (233-3907) so you can shadow them at spring conferences. They can tell you what the job entails and answer any questions.

If you would like to help with the Spring Educational event, please contact Katie Mueller (515-460-8012) or Shelly Loonan (233-5223).

## After-Prom Planning

Prom isn't until April, but the planning for the After-Prom party has already begun. In order for there to be a successful After-Prom party for our juniors and seniors to attend, we MUST have volunteers helping out NOW. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at 7:00 pm in the high school commons. This meeting is very important as we head into the final months of pre-planning. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kris Oelmann at 450-9996. We hope you will join us at the next meeting!

Future meeting dates are as follows:

- February 8, 2012
- March 7, 2012 (in Media Center)
- March 28, 2012
- April 11, 2012
- Wrap-up Meeting – TBA

## Counselor's Corner

### High School – Paul Jacobson, Counselor

**Financial Aid:** Meetings were held in November for both parents and students about need-based aid and the financial aid process. There is one common form for the application, called the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* or FAFSA. You can fill out the FAFSA online at: [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov) as soon as possible after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please be aware that you do not have to have your 2011 tax forms completed in order to complete the FAFSA. It is highly recommended to apply for a Personal Identification Number or PIN, if you haven't already, that is used as an electronic signature. One parent and each student that will be attending college during the 2012-2013 school year will need a PIN number when using the online version of the FAFSA. You can apply for your PIN at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). Applying for financial aid should NOT cost parents or students anything. **Please be aware not to use [www.fafsa.com](http://www.fafsa.com).** Students and their parents are

encouraged to meet a common college aid application deadline of March 1. Colleges have set a priority deadline for the FAFSA to be filled out in order to receive the best financial aid package possible. While March 1 is generally early enough to make the priority deadline it is recommended to talk with the financial aid office of each college a student is considering in order know for sure what the college's priority deadline is. A good rule of thumb is to get the process completed by Valentine's Day. Either use actual figures off your 2011 tax returns or **estimated amounts** in order to meet the deadline! You can look up the financial aid deadline for any school in the country by checking out: [http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/adv\\_typeofschool.jsp](http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/adv_typeofschool.jsp)

**Juniors Need to Consider Spring ACT Test Dates:** Juniors, who plan to apply to four-year colleges directly out of high school, should take this assessment at least once during their junior year. Most students will take it a second time, often times in October of their senior year, and more than likely improve their scores. The remaining dates and registration deadlines are:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
February 11 .....	January 13, 2012
April 14.....	March 9, 2012
June 9.....	May 4, 2011

Students can register for the test by going to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

**Students involved in ITED Assessments:** All ninth and eleventh graders will be involved in the Iowa Tests of Educational Development during the week of January 23. The results of these tests should be important to the student. They should be a reflection of each student's academic strengths and weaknesses. Please encourage your son or daughter to make an effort at doing their best on the ITED's.

**Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery** will be administered on a voluntary basis to juniors and seniors at Gilbert High School in March. The ASVAB is administered free of charge to students. It measures students' aptitudes or capabilities that one can develop with training or experience. The results can be one more clue in helping students develop realistic educational and career plans. The U. S. Military uses the results to determine what military occupations a young man or woman could be eligible for if they choose this path. Although this assessment is required of all candidates entering the military, students and parents are to be reminded that the ASVAB carries with it no military obligation whatsoever, and students will eventually be contacted by recruiters whether they take the ASVAB or not.

**Narrowing Down the College Options for Seniors:** It is pretty typical for seniors at this point in the year to start getting pretty anxious about graduation and what they are going to do. Many times students will know exactly what they want to do throughout the fall, but for whatever reason, about this time of year, those plans can all of a sudden be filled with doubt. If your son or daughter is being indecisive on their plans for after high school please know that this is normal. Hopefully, your son or daughter has laid the ground work and applied to any college that they have interest in. If not, please feel free to give me a call (232-3738) or email ([jacobsonp@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:jacobsonp@gilbert.k12.ia.us)) and I would be very happy to sit down with you and your child to discuss opportunities for after high school. If you have any questions at all about the college application process, financial aid, signing up for dorms, etc. please feel free to contact me.

On **Saturday, January 7th at 12:00 PM** the sophomores will have the opportunity to take the **PLAN Assessment**. Sophomores around the country take this assessment as a practice test for the ACT test, which they will likely take during their junior year or the beginning of their senior year. The PLAN covers the same subjects as the ACT and provides an estimated ACT score once the results come back in early January. The PLAN also has a career interest inventory that can help find the best career choices for the student. Packaged with the results there is a guide that will help explain what the results mean and the PLAN website can be used to learn even more about the results of the test. Cost for the PLAN assessment is \$12.00. Information can also be obtained by logging onto [www.planstudent.org](http://www.planstudent.org). Please have your son or daughter register in Mr. Jacobson's office ASAP.

On **Saturday, January 7th at 8:00 AM** the juniors will have the opportunity to take a practice **ACT test**. The practice ACT is a great opportunity for students to take a "retired" official ACT test where they can actually score their own test after they have completed it and see what questions they got right and which questions they missed. This practice test will help students that will be taking the ACT for the first time later in his or her junior year. Students will also be able to take the test home and by going to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) can learn more information on areas that they need to improve. Please have your son or daughter register in my office as soon as possible.

**GUIDANCE REMINDERS:**

- All second semester schedules can be seen when logging into the PowerSchool accounts. Please review your son or daughter's schedule so you are aware of any changes they may have made.
- Sophomores and juniors who took the PSAT in October received their results back in mid-December.

**Scholarship Listings:** Please visit: <https://sites.google.com/a/gilbert.k12.ia.us/jacobsonp/> for the latest scholarship listing.

**Elementary – Cari Lambert, Counselor**

**Time is the Great Investment:** It takes patience and planning to spend time with your children. Although my children are grown, I now have nine grandchildren! So I continue to take time to play with them, read to them, make crafts with them, bake with them, and decorate



with them. My grandchildren are the joy in my life, BUT it takes lots of energy and planning to find time to devote to them. It's not easy...so I recognize that parents (who work full time jobs) do have trouble fitting in time for kids. When I visit with children, though, that is often the one thing that they mention is missing in their lives. Everyone seems to be too busy to give them the time they require for encouragement and conversation. Many students say that they do not feel important or "listened to". When I ask them if they feel "loved", they quickly reply "Yes!" When I ask them how they know they are loved, their answers usually involve a list of "things" mom and/or dad have bought for them. Please remember during the winter break to tell your children that you love them. Then, show them that you love them by spending time with them. Time is a great investment in the future of your children. Spending time will make new memories they will not forget.

**Counselor Academy III:** Paul Jacobson, Mike Danilson, and I have finished our Academy course for the school year. It has been great for the school district to allow us to attend all these classes offered at Heartland AEA. It has given us time to collect data, review materials, discover new websites, create innovative lesson plans, develop new units to meet standards and coordinate our counseling program for students in K-12 in an organized manner. Due to our schedules overlapping, we have a very difficult time trying to communicate and do planning together. These courses have been very helpful and professionally informative for all of us!

**Manners Do Matter!** Students have been role-playing scenarios for using good manners. Some classes are practicing introductions, telephone conversations, and ways to politely disagree with others. Other classes have been setting classroom goals that pertain to particular manners. Kind and polite words are being heard in the halls. There has been more careful attention to the "No Running" rule in the halls and the Commons. Students have all agreed that rules are made to keep us safe here at school. Character Counts has taught us that we are responsible for our own actions and words. We want to help our students become the kind, polite, caring citizens of our Gilbert Community. Please reinforce this at home by requiring children to be respectful and polite within their family structure. We have talked in class about how important it is for students to remember that they are representing their family name and the Gilbert name when they are out in the community. Manners Do Matter!

## Elementary Yearbooks

Please reserve a copy of the Elementary School Yearbook today for the 2011-2012 school year. The cost is \$10 and can be ordered through PaySchools (Gilbert School Website) or a check can be made out to the Gilbert PTO and sent to the Elementary School. All orders must be submitted by March 31, 2012.

## News from the Cafeteria

We want to share with you that we have submitted our application to become a certified school in the US Healthier School Challenge program. We have been in this process since October and now are ready to put a stamp on the application and send it off. Wish us luck!!!

Now is the time that we are making our New Year's Resolutions. We all have good intentions but after a few days we are back to old habits and nothing has changed. This year why not make a resolution to make healthier choices for your family. At the Gilbert cafeterias we are using more whole grains in our baking, pasta, and taco shells. We are often giving students a choice of a second vegetable (dark green, red or orange) with their meal and we are stressing the need to eat plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables. We should be eating a total of seven of these daily. Limit the number of desserts per week and drink plenty of skim or 1% milk, or water. Eat proteins that are lower in fat or fat free. Following these guidelines will lead to a healthier lifestyle. For more information go to the My Plate website, [www.ChooseMyPlate.gov](http://www.ChooseMyPlate.gov), and start some new eating habits in your family.

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



Agricultural Education	Parker Christian
Art	Jeanie Stark
Business	Kelly Anderson
English	Peyton Jones
Family & Consumer Science	Taylor Messingham
History	Kay Harper
Industrial Education	Kaiden Billings
Mathematics	Chase Pflughaupt
Music	Katie Thomas
Physical Education	Jacob Lubinus
Science	Tanner Hadaway
Spanish	Molly Sharp

Thank you to everyone who bought, sold, or helped distribute items for the band fundraiser this fall. The fundraiser was a success, and we appreciate your support! Wendy Nutini & Jenni Thomas

## Fine Arts Boosters

The Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters is a parent and patron group that volunteers our time and resources to directly support the Fine Arts programs of the Gilbert School system. We encourage your participation by attending our monthly meetings or donating your time or money. Information about our meetings, current projects and donation forms are available on our website at <http://www.gilbertfab.org/>.

This fall has already been a very active one for the Gilbert FAB. We recently began selling ads in the fall play program and met with great success due to the generosity of local business and the parents of the Gilbert drama participants. This program will continue for the spring play and we hope to expand it even further. Please take a moment to thank one of our sponsors and let them know their investment in our kids is appreciated. We will also continue our active support of the fundraising efforts currently underway.

A healthy and active Fine Arts programs provides many benefits. Recent studies indicate that participation in the fine arts can increase a student's chances for better employment, better educational scholarships and a lifetime of appreciation for and enjoyment in the Arts. One of the national Scholastic studies boils down the high points as follows:

- Fine Arts Students develop more responsible and healthy study habits.
- Fine Arts Students learn leadership and teamwork skills.
- Fine Arts programs attract and benefit a wider variety of students than most extracurricular activities.

However, the most interesting benefit listed in these studies is the well documented benefit that participation provides for future employment. In today's competitive job market, employers are actively searching for candidates with the creative thinking skills students learn in the fine arts. More mundane (but equally important) results indicate a significant increase in math application skills, history and general social skills. Findings like these double our resolve to support the fine arts with the best materials, opportunities and facilities we can possibly provide.



The boosters hope that you too will choose to support Gilbert's Fine Arts Programs by becoming active!

**Future FAB Meetings** - All meetings are held in the High School ICN Room (next to the library) and start at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- Monday, January 23, 2012
- Monday, February 27, 2012
- Monday, March 26, 2012
- Monday, April 23, 2012
- Monday, May 21, 2012

## Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle AND DONATE!

- Please consider donating your redeemables to GHS activities by placing them in the GHS Redeemable Bin
- The GHS Redeemable Bin is located in the back driveway of the Gilbert Car Wash
- There are also collection bins at the school for the soda containers you empty at the sporting events
- Currently, the money raised through this program is benefiting the Spanish Club and the Fine Arts Boosters

So, after you enjoy your favorite carbonated beverage, donate the bottle/can to GHS

Thank you, The Fine Arts Boosters and the Spanish Club

Questions? Please contact Gayle Brown 292-2627, [gbrown@iastate.edu](mailto:gbrown@iastate.edu) or Natalie Haverdink, 233-0739, [natalie.haverdink@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.haverdink@gmail.com)

## Box Tops for Education

Start saving your Box Tops! 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 brought in the most Box Tops for a weekly prize. If you do not have any children at the elementary, we will accept Box Tops in the office. If you would like to help count or cut Box Tops, please contact Julie Ungs at 232-3744. Last year we collected over \$1700 in Box Tops that were used to purchase books for our media center. There are over 300 items that have the Box Top label. Below are just a few examples:

- Betty Crocker® Brownie Mixes
- Betty Crocker Complete Desserts®
- Nestle® Juicy Juice® All Flavors
- Nestle® Juicy Juice® (8-
- Corn Chex® Cereal
- Honey Nut Chex® Cereal
- Multi-Bran Chex® Cereal
- Total® Plus Omega 3 Cereal

**Drivers Needed!** If you are interested in driving activity bus routes for Gilbert Schools, please contact Bruce Betts, Director of Transportation, at 515-232-0042 or [bettsb@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:bettsb@gilbert.k12.ia.us). Great drivers are needed!

## **Gilbert Athletic Booster Club**

*Dedicated to the support, promotion, and celebration of our Gilbert Tiger sports.*

Now that everyone has had a chance to enjoy the Christmas and New Year's break, it's time to crank it up for 2012 and prepare for the second semester at Gilbert Community Schools.

Students, teachers, administrators, coaches, kitchen and custodial staff, and many other support staff that we have in our school district that keep the machine running smoothly know what is expected of them and have a specific plan and schedule. The beginning of the new year is also a great time for the Gilbert Athletic Booster Club to reflect on our execution, plans and schedule over the last six months. We can set expectations and define our responsibilities to Gilbert athletics for the second semester; prepare the Spring budget for our Athletic Director; and set attainable goals for the Booster Club. We will identify ways that will make this second semester's performance better than the first semester's; make this fiscal year better than last year's; and take whatever steps are necessary in planning for the future to make sure next year is better than this year. It's what we should expect from ourselves.

The evaluation of new ideas and processes is important. That's how we get to that next step or level of achievement. I'm grateful that I am surrounded by very talented and conscientious individuals in our Athletic Booster Club's Executive Committee that are dedicated to the cause. These individuals (*who are volunteers*) represent the general membership of the Athletic Booster Club, and the Athletic Booster members represent the fans of Gilbert athletics. We are all in this together with the same underlying goals to increase the standard for excellence and achievement in Gilbert. Our Booster Club mission statement reads: "*Dedicated to the support, promotion and celebration of our Gilbert Tiger Athletes and Sports*". In Gilbert, it doesn't matter who or what, but it is the tremendous support from the community that is the "Gilbert Way". After years of hearing this philosophy mentioned in a variety of settings (but never specifically defined) I believe a pretty good explanation of the "Gilbert Way" is doing things together, as a family, to get the job done... "*with support!*"

We have the opportunity to apply the "Gilbert Way" of doing things not only as the City of Gilbert, but within the school district as well. We are growing while most other school districts are shrinking which challenges us to be proactive. We are fortunate to have this problem. As we continue the process for design and site development of the new high school, and the remodeling of our other existing buildings, we *can* do it the "Gilbert Way". Our Administration, faculty, and school board are diligently moving forward with their comprehensive design of the primary academic elements of this project. These are the first and foremost criteria vital to a growing school district like ours, and one of the legs our foundation will be built upon.

The secondary elements consist of all other extra-curricular activities our students, athletes and community enjoys. Extra-curricular opportunities cover a wide spectrum of activities including boy's and girl's sports; instrumental, vocal, and theatrical performances; and the fundamentality competitive activities through FCCLA, FFA, etc. Together they cumulatively represent the other leg of our foundation. The best, most informed, and comprehensive facilities design plan for the Gilbert Community School District is the plan that utilizes both legs to stand on: 1) the academic leg and 2) the extracurricular leg. Each leg needs the other to stand the test of time as we formulate the best plans we can... in the "Gilbert Way".

There have been many positive things our student-athletes have accomplished from this past summer to the end of the first semester. My tenure as Booster Club President is already half over (I can just hear the collective sigh of relief). If the second semester passes as quickly as the first semester, it will be over before I know it. But, I look forward to continuing to be involved in some capacity if anyone will take me. I hope all of you will be involved, too.

And, as always, our meetings are held the first Wednesday evening of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library. These are open meeting so I would welcome any Booster member who would like to attend.

Here's to 2012!

**Jay Walton**  
**President, Gilbert Athletic Booster Club**

P.S. Please do not forget to volunteer to take a shift or two for taking tickets and working in the concession stand. If you are reading this, then you obviously care and understand the needs that we have to provide a great experience for our fans. Thank you!



## **Community Announcements**

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

### **A New Project by the Gilbert Lions Club**

Citizens of Gilbert and surrounding areas are encouraged to participate in a new recycling project sponsored by the Gilbert Lions Club. The Lions will be providing a semi-trailer, parked in a convenient location, where citizens can deposit old newspapers and other paper products. Funds collected from this program will help support local Lion projects. Some facts about the program:

1. The trailer will be parked at the north end of Main Street, past the Co-Op (there will be a sign on it).
2. The trailer will be open Monday – Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning October 24.
3. We can accept newspapers, magazines, phone books, paperback books, office paper, fliers, etc.
4. We CANNOT accept plastic bags, garbage bags, food packaging material, quantities of cardboard.
5. Paper sacks will be available for you to “package” your materials if needed.

Any Lion will be available to pickup quantities of donations from your home if you are unable to bring them to the truck. Perhaps your place of business would like to participate, too. The Lions hope you will be willing to help in this project. It will help the Lions' projects and it will help the planet. Call a Lion if you have a question. Thank you. P.S. The Lions are also collecting used light bulbs at City Hall.

### **Heart of Iowa Soccer Club**

**[www.hoisc.org](http://www.hoisc.org)**

**Spring registration NOW OPEN!**

#### **Registration details:**

- Online registration open now through January 26 at [www.hoisc.org](http://www.hoisc.org)
- Fee: \$60/player
- Late registrations (January 27-February 29) will assess a \$15 late fee  
\*\*Please note: players cannot be added after February 29\*\*
- First games of spring season: March 31  
Final games – current schedule, not including weather delays: June 2-3

More club news . . . new board member elections will be held in January. All are welcome to attend the HOISC Board meeting on Tuesday, January 17 at the elementary school commons. **Please consider volunteering** for a board position – Heart of Iowa Soccer Club is a great community organization with which to give your time. If you would like additional board member position details, see our website and “contact us” with any questions. Thank you!

### **United Way of Story County Service Bulletin**



United Way of Story County

HOMEWARD provides visiting nurse and home health services on a sliding fee scale; helps children and elderly adults maintain preventative health programs through community clinics; offers Meals on Wheels, Lifeline and Hospice services. For more information, call HOMEWARD at (515) 239-6730 or visit their website <http://www.mgmc.org/services/home-health/homeward-hospice>.

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

**High School Media Center**

**November 14, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Gilbert Community School Board of Directors was called to order by President Kim Mosiman, at 5:01 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Tanya Austin, Marcia DeZonia, Tyler Holck, Kim Mosiman and Mary Zimmerman.

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

District Owner's Representative Brad Heemstra informed the board of the drainage work schedule. Sandstone Management is about 8 days ahead of schedule and plans to be finished as of December 1, 2011. He also updated the board on city council timelines and meetings.

DLR Group representatives, Eric Beron, Tom Penney and Paul Arend, updated the board regarding time lines, responsibilities of general contractors and architect provided supervision and general progress or modifications that have been established.

Superintendent Lindsey Beecher updated the board on the plan of finance for school infrastructure projects prepared by Piper Jaffray.

Middle School Principal Chris Billings and Elementary Principal Staci Edwards gave a presentation regarding the importance of hiring an administrator for the new 3-5 building and how important it is to do this early enough to establish the expectations for this grade alignment.

High School Principal Greg Fisher updated the board on potential needs for students groups at the high school.

Athletic Director Don Knock reviewed the fall activity wrap up and the winter preview. He also discussed a variety of needs and fund raising opportunities.

Dr. Bonnie May, elementary ELP teacher, shared an invitation the district received to participate in a research project with the University of Iowa involving cognitive/IQ testing. Hope Bossard, director of school improvement and curriculum, discussed curriculum updates.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the meeting held October 10, 24 and November 2 and 9, 2011, the bills and claims and the secretary's report for October. Motion carried unanimously.

The board shared information regarding the positives and negatives of different construction delivery methods, specifically construction manager and general contractor styles.

Steve Vollstedt, facility director, updated the board on current placement of district personnel, facility projects, future projects and equipment purchases made over the past year.

The district's certified budget enrollment for 2011 increased by 66.12 students, for a total of 1,264.61 resident students.

The board finalized attendance at the IASB annual convention. All members are planning to attend.

Superintendent Beecher informed the board of the sunset of the current Instructional Support Levy at the end of this fiscal year. This levy amounted to approximately \$530,000 this past year. The board needs to start the process for board approval to renew for another 5 years if the levy is to be continued. This would require a resolution to start the process to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program.

Mr. Knock presented information involving Saydel CSD's request to enter the Heart of Iowa Conference.

Three companies submitted bids for a new 2013 84 passenger bus. Transportation Director Bruce Betts discussed the pros and cons regarding each bus and the service provided.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by DeZonia to approve the following 2011-12 open enrollment applications:

Zach Cramer from Nevada CSD	Aiden Wachter from Ames CSD
Margaret Cook from Ankeny CSD	Lexy Risdal from Ames CSD
Kirsten Wachter from Ames CSD	Anna Wachter from Ames CSD
Harrison Cook from Ankeny CSD	Cheyenne Lemmon-Linnell from Ames CSD

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by DeZonia to approve the following 2012-13 kindergarten open enrollment applications:

Abigail Thompson from Ames CSD	Samuel Braucher from Ames CSD
Finley DeLisi from Ames CSD	Cadence Walker from Ames CSD
Judah Owens from Ames CSD	Bowen Kruse from Ames CSD
Gina Fontanini from Ames CSD	

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve resolution to consider continued participation in the Instructional Support Program. Motion carried unanimously.

The board held first reading approvals of the following policies:

203 Board of Director' Conflict of Interest	212 Closed Sessions	401.2 Employee Conflict of Interest
401.5R1 Employee Records Regulations	705.1 Purchasing – Bidding	
711.2R2 Use of Video Cameras on School Buses Regulations		

Motion by Holck, second by Austin to table the \$2,000 change order from DLR Group. Motion carried 4-1 with DeZonia voting nay. More information is requested for this change order.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Austin to approve the change order for \$8,000 for Second Street extension work. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holck, second by DeZonia to approve the change order for \$14,125.62 for modification of detention area. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Austin, second by Holck to approve Saydel CSD's request to enter the Heart of Iowa Conference. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to accept the bid of \$98,760 from School Bus Sales from Waterloo for a 2013 Bluebird 84 passenger bus. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by DeZonia to approve the cooperative agreement with University of Northern Iowa for pre-clinical services (practicum and student teaching).

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve the school counseling supervision contract with South Dakota State University. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Austin to approve the cooperative sharing agreement with Ames CSD for Debate. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holck, second by Austin to approve the agreement with Schwig Marketing for the high school gymnasium scroll sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve the after-prom contract for the caricature artists. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Austin to approve participation in Iowa Drug & Alcohol Testing Program for 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve request for additional allowable growth for increase in enrollment in the amount of \$388,866. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve request for additional allowable growth for LEP students in the amount of \$2,589. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Holck to accept the following resignations:

Denise Cardella as special education aide effective October 28, 2011  
Troy Staudt as Assistant Baseball Coach

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to appoint the following support staff personnel:

Holly Bellon as special education aide, 7 hours/day @\$8.55/hour effective November 14, 2011  
Chantel Early as special education aide, 7 hours/day @\$8.55/hour effective October 31, 2011  
Lynna Murray as special education bus aide @\$10.42/hour

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holck, second by DeZonia to appoint the following extra-curricular contracts:

Graham Lundt	Fall Weightroom Supervisor	Graham Lundt	Winter Weightroom Supervisor
Gregg Durbin	Assistant Wrestling Coach	Kent Henderson	Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach
Ron Stubbs, Jr.	Co-JH Boys' Basketball Coach	Aaron O'Tool	Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach
Joel Franzen	Co-JH Boys' Basketball Coach	John Kinley	Volunteer Wrestling Coach
Chris Billings	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	Jim Clark	Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holck, second by Austin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILBERT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**High School Media Center**  
**November 28, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Gilbert Community School Board of Directors was called to order by President Kim Mosiman, at 6:02 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Tanya Austin, Marcia DeZonia, Tyler Holck, Kim Mosiman and Mary Zimmerman.

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

Travis Squires, Piper Jaffray, discussed the Plan of Finance regarding School Infrastructure Projects. He went into detail regarding the current financial assumptions, the breakdown on how the projects are funded and the financing plan by calendar year. Some positives were:

\*An increase in the revenue per student of sales tax revenue from \$800 per student to \$844 per student.

\*An increase in certified enrollment for the fall of 2011 of 66.12 students.

\*Lower interest rates on the sales tax debt.

All of these things combine to help with the overall financial picture.

Steve Vollstedt, head custodian, and Jim Stone, elementary custodian, updated the board on the square footage of roofing at each building and some of the different maintenance evaluation procedures currently being used. They also talked about different ways outlined the different roles and responsibilities that each custodian has at the various buildings. Information regarding the number of workers and hours worked and the need to look at what will happen with a new building being added were discussed.

Eric Beron, DLR Group, gave an overview of the 95% plan review process. Owner's Rep Brad Heemstra added information from his overall review of the plans. The board discussed what is included in the initial bid package and what will be bid as "cost option" alternates and the alternate of the auditorium shell. Last summer the board added an additional 8,000 square feet for the suite of music classrooms to the initial bid package which frees up the entire gym area for PE and athletics. The music addition necessitated moving some items to be bid as "cost options" to help the prospects of receiving bids at or under the target budget. Items that were put on the list of bid cost options are:

- 1) commons area flooring with the options of porcelain tile or terrazzo rather than VCT vinyl tile
- 2) wood floor in the gym
- 3) cabinetry in the classrooms
- 4) parking lot material

The auditorium shell will also be bid as an alternate. Bidding out cost options gives the board more information with which to make a decision on the final building contract amount. The board is hopeful that bids will come in under expectations. If that is the case, the costing information will be essential.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Austin to set the public hearing date for the high school project as December 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Zimmerman, second by DeZonia to set the bid date for the high school project as January 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried 4-1 with Holck voting nay.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve the Resolution Fixing the Date of Sale, Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures, and Approving the Official Statement in Regard to \$8.9 Million School Infrastructure Sales, Service & Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holck, second by Austin to approve Directing the Advertisement for Sale, Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures and Approving the Official Statement in Regard to \$1.1 Million General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve Great Western Bank as a depository bank for 2011-12 with a depository limit of \$20,000,000. Motion carried unanimously.

The board briefly discussed dates for a board work session.

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

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## **HARD SURFACE BUS ROUTE INFORMATION**

### **BUS # 1**

Departure Time: 7:25 AM From Bus Garage

PM From Elem. 3:18PM

<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Address</b>
7:31	3:25	4026 & 4025 Berkshire
7:33	3:26	4011 Hyde Ave.
7:35	3:27	3830 & 3831 Hyde Ave.
7:37	3:29	3828 & 3829 Westlawn
7:37	3:29	3918 & 3917 Westlawn

### **BUS # 2**

Departure Time: 7:08 AM From Bus Garage

PM From Elem. 3:18 PM

<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Address</b>
7:10	3:19	16110 170Th. St.
7:15	3:24	Prairie Ridge( Area)
7:16	3:25	6365/ 6299 510 th. St.
7:17	3:26	6115 510th. St.
7:18	3:27	Corner 190th./510 th.
7:22	3:31	2663 North Dakota
7:22	3:31	Onion Creek LN.
7:25	3:35	3751 Deer Run
7:26	3:36	3903 Deer Run
7:26	3:36	3972 N. Dakota
7:29	3:39	4248 N. Dakota
7:32	3:42	513th./199th./200 th. St.'s
7:35	3:45	5203 Valley Rd.
7:35	3:45	Valley View & Pleasant View
7:36	3:46	Valley View & Mathews Dr.
7:37	3:47	Valley View & Carey Ln.
7:38	3:48	Valley View & Margaret Ln. by mailboxes

### **BUS # 7**

Departure Time: 7 a.m. From Bus Garage

PM From Elem. 3:18 PM

<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Address</b>
7:15	3:28	16342 US. HWY 69
7:22	3:54	Athlone/Dayton
7:23	3:55	LakeView/Dayton
7:25	3:56	6213 Northfork Rd.
7:26	3:56	2243 Quail Ridge
7:27	3:57	2129/2131 Quail Rdg. Rd.
7:28	3:57	Quail Ridge/Michael Lane
7:28	3:58	2104 Quail Ridge
7:29	3:58	Quail Ridge/Katie Lane

7:30	3:59	2088 Quail Ridge
7:31	3:59	Quail Ridge/Pintail Lane
7:32	4:00	2080 Quail Rdg.
7:33	4:00	Quail Ridge/Pheasant
7:33	4:01	2040 Quail Ridge
7:34	4:01	53765 180 th. St.

### **BUS # 9**

Departure Time; 7:15 AM From Bus Garage

PM From Elem. 3:18 PM

<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Address</b>
7:23	3:26	150th. St./R-38 Corner
7:25	3:28	160th/r-38 Corner
7:27	3:30	Buck Hill/Xenia/167th.
7:29	3:33	170th.st./corner r-38
7:30	3:34	753 Y Ave.
7:32	3:36	South Swing- Turn around in drive
7:32	3:37	North Swing
7:34	3:39	Eagle Rdg./180th., Silverthorne Ln., Goldleaf Dr.

### **BUS # 10**

Departure Time: 7:10 AM From Bus Garage

PM From Elem. 3:18 PM

<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Address</b>
7:16	3:28	532 W. Riverside
7:17	3:28	Purvis Lane/Riverside
7:18	3:29	Corner 547th. Riverside Road
7:19	3:30	Corner/Stagecoach/Riverside
7:21	3:34	Eagles Loft Day Care
7:25	3:38	569 Riverside Rd.
7:27	3:40	5348 Arrasmith
7:27	3:40	5422 Arrasmith
7:28	3:41	5578 Arrasmith
7:29	3:42	5600 Arrasmith
7:30	3:43	Corner Skycrest/Skycrest Cir.
7:31	3:43	5806 Felber
7:32	3:44	5847 Arrasmith
7:33	3:45	109 Hanson
7:33	3:45	Hansen/Judy Dr.( Corner)
7:34	3:46	297 Dave Cr.
7:36	3:47	5779 Arrasmith
7:38	3:49	Arrasmith/O'Neil 5337
7:41	3:24	843 West 190th. St (by mailboxes)
7:42	3:25	West 109 th. St./Alta Vista



# Softball Pitcher Clinic for Girls 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

Begins Feb. 5, 5:00 and 5:30 pm GHS, East Gym

[http://www.gilbertparksandrec.org/softball/softball\\_home.htm](http://www.gilbertparksandrec.org/softball/softball_home.htm)

- Instruction by Gilbert High School softball coaches Melissa Jones and Kristin Baum
- Sundays evenings, 30 minutes of instruction
- 10 sessions beginning Feb. 5 ending April 29. No sessions the two weeks of Spring Break or Easter
- Cost for the clinic (10 sessions): \$45 –financial assistance available

What you need to do:

- Sign-up using the form below
- Pitchers need to bring a catcher – friend or parent (parents you may want a bucket to sit on).
- Parents are encouraged to attend

Why do this?

In order to pitch in games, special training is required. We hope all girls with an interest in pitching will attend these trainings.

Questions, please contact Coach Jones at [jonesm@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:jonesm@gilbert.k12.ia.us) or Gayle Brown, 292-2627, cell 291-0385, [gbrown@iastate.edu](mailto:gbrown@iastate.edu)

Send form and fee to: **Gilbert Girls Softball, Box 224, Gilbert, IA 50105. Checks should be made to: Gilbert Youth Sports, Inc** or bring to first clinic. Please call or email to let us know you will be coming.

Player name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred time: \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00-5:30 pm

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ 5:30-6:00 pm

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Gilbert Girls Softball League** **1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**



Gilbert Girls Softball is a recreational softball program for girls in the Gilbert School District grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. We play in the Story County Softball League which is coordinated by Nevada Parks and Rec and includes Gilbert, Roland-Story, South Hamilton, Collins-Maxwell, Colo, Nesco, and Iowa Falls (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> only). Practices are in Gilbert and begin in May. Games are played on weekdays between Memorial Day and July 4<sup>th</sup> “at home” and “on the road” at surrounding towns. Registration forms will be sent home via school folders in late January and will be due March 2, 2012. The forms are also available on-line at: [http://www.gilbertparksandrec.org/softball/softball\\_home.htm](http://www.gilbertparksandrec.org/softball/softball_home.htm). Questions? Please call or email Gayle Brown at 292-2627, [gbrown@iastate.edu](mailto:gbrown@iastate.edu)



## Join the Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters today!

- \$250 Platinum Membership (BONUS: 5 annual season passes to all fine arts activities!)
- \$100 Gold Membership (BONUS: 2 annual season passes to all fine arts activities!)
- \$50 Silver Membership
- \$25 Bronze Membership

Choose one of the following:

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out this form, cut it out and mail it with your membership check made out to Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters to: ***Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters, PO Box 192, Gilbert, IA 50105***. Thank you for your support of Gilbert students in the arts!

**January 2012 Activity List**

**Gilbert CSD - www.gilbert.k12.ia.us**

Activity	Type	Time	Opponent	Location
<b>Monday, January 2, 2012</b>				
No School - Vacation				All Buildings
<b>Tuesday, January 3, 2012</b>				
Inservice (Teacher Quality Day)-No School		8:00AM		All Buildings
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	Away vs. Nevada	Nevada HS
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Away vs. Nevada	Nevada HS
<b>Wednesday, January 4, 2012</b>				
No School-Staff Development		8:00AM		All Buildings
Booster Club Meeting		6:30PM		HS Commons
<b>Thursday, January 5, 2012</b>				
Begin 2nd Sem. & Q3		8:00AM		All Buildings
Classes Resume		8:00AM		All Buildings
Basketball: Boys 8th	Game	4:30PM	Away vs. Ogden	Ogden MS Gym
Basketball: Girls 8th	Game	4:30PM	Ogden	Gilbert MS Gym
Basketball: Boys 9th	Game	6:00PM	Away vs. Grandview Park Baptist	Grandview Park Baptist
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	6:30PM	Grandview Park Baptist	Gilbert MS
Wrestling: Varsity	Meet	6:30PM	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	Gilbert HS - Gilbert
Wrestling: JV	Meet	6:30PM	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	Gilbert HS - Gilbert
Basketball: Boys JV	Game	7:30PM	Away vs. Grandview Park Baptist	Grandview Park Baptist
<b>Friday, January 6, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Boys 7th	Game	4:30PM	Jefferson-Scranton	Gilbert MS Gym
Basketball: Girls 7th	Game	4:30PM	Away vs. Jefferson-Scranton	Jefferson-Scranton MS
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	Away vs. Colfax-Mingo	Colfax-Mingo
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Away vs. Colfax-Mingo	Colfax-Mingo
<b>Saturday, January 7, 2012</b>				
Practice ACT		8:00AM		Elementary Commons
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	9:00AM	Ballard	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Wrestling: Varsity	Tournament	9:00AM	Away vs. PCM	Monroe
Wrestling: JV	Tournament	9:00AM	Away vs. Ogden	Ogden HS
Basketball: Boys 9th	Game	10:30AM	Ballard	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	5:00PM	West Marshall	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	6:30PM	West Marshall	Gilbert HS - West Gym
<b>Monday, January 9, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Boys 8th	Game	4:30PM	Away vs. South Hamilton	S.Hamilton-Ellsworth Gym
Basketball: Girls 8th	Game	4:30PM	South Hamilton	Gilbert MS Gym
Basketball: Boys 9th	Game	6:00PM	Nevada	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	6:00PM	Away vs. Nevada	Nevada HS
School Board Meeting		6:00PM		High School LMC
Basketball: Boys JV	Game	7:30PM	Nevada	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Girls JV	Game	7:30PM	Away vs. Nevada	Nevada HS
<b>Tuesday, January 10, 2012</b>				
Wrestling: Middle School	Meet	4:00PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	S.Hamilton HS Gym in Jewell
Basketball: Boys 7th	Game	4:30PM	Away vs. Ogden	Ogden MS Gym
Basketball: Girls 7th	Game	4:30PM	Ogden	Gilbert MS Gym
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	Gilbert HS - West Gym
<b>Thursday, January 12, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Boys 8th	Game	4:30PM	Away vs. Nevada	
Basketball: Girls 8th	Game	4:30PM	Home vs. Nevada	
Wrestling: Middle School	Meet	4:30PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	Huxley
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	6:00PM	Colo-Nesco	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Wrestling: Varsity	Meet	6:30PM	Away vs. Nevada	Nevada HS
Wrestling: JV	Meet	6:30PM	Away vs. Nevada	Nevada HS
Basketball: Girls JV	Game	7:30PM	Colo-Nesco	Gilbert HS - West Gym
PTO Meeting		7:30PM		Elementary

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<b>Friday, January 13, 2012</b>				
Wrestling: Varsity	Tournament	5:00PM	Away vs. B-G-M Brooklyn	Brooklyn
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	Away vs. North Polk	North Polk HS Gym 1 Alleman
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Away vs. North Polk	North Polk HS Gym 1 Alleman
<b>Saturday, January 14, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Girls 9th	Tournament	9:00AM	Multiple Schools	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Wrestling: JV	Tournament	9:30PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	Jefferson-Scranton MS
<b>Monday, January 16, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Boys 8th	Game	4:30PM	Nevada	Gilbert MS Gym
Basketball: Girls 8th	Game	4:30PM	Away vs. Nevada	Nevada MS Field House
Wrestling: Middle School	Double Dual	4:30PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	Ogden HS
Basketball: Boys 9th	Game	6:00PM	Away vs. South Hamilton	S.Hamilton HS Gym in Jewell
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	6:00PM	South Hamilton	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Boys JV	Game	7:30PM	Away vs. South Hamilton	S.Hamilton HS Gym in Jewell
Basketball: Girls JV	Game	7:30PM	South Hamilton	Gilbert HS - West Gym
<b>Tuesday, January 17, 2012</b>				
Orpheus Honor Band				Simpson College-Indianola
Basketball: Boys 7th	Game	4:30PM	Away vs. South Hamilton	S.Hamilton-Ellsworth Gym
Basketball: Girls 7th	Game	4:30PM	South Hamilton	Gilbert MS Gym
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	Grandview Park Baptist	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Grandview Park Baptist	Gilbert HS - West Gym
<b>Wednesday, January 18, 2012</b>				
Early Dismissal & Staff Development		12:30PM		All Buildings
<b>Thursday, January 19, 2012</b>				
DAC Meeting		7:00AM		High School LMC
Basketball: Boys 7th	Game	4:30PM	Nevada	Gilbert MS Gym
Basketball: Girls 7th	Game	4:30PM	Away vs. Nevada	Nevada MS Field House
Wrestling: Middle School	Meet	4:30PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	CMB - Maxwell Gym
Wrestling: Varsity	Triangular	6:00PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	S.Hamilton HS Gym in Jewell
<b>Friday, January 20, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	Away vs. Roland-Story	R-S High School North Gym
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Away vs. Roland-Story	R-S High School North Gym
<b>Saturday, January 21, 2012</b>				
District Large Group Contest		8:00AM		DM North
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	9:00AM	West Des Moines Valley	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Wrestling: Varsity	Tournament	10:00AM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	R-S High School North Gym
Basketball: Boys 9th	Game	10:30AM	West Des Moines Valley	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Girls JV	Game	5:00PM	Away vs. Webster City	Webster City HS
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:30PM	Away vs. Webster City	Webster City HS
<b>Monday, January 23, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Boys 8th	Game	4:30PM	Roland-Story Middle School	Gilbert MS Gym
Basketball: Girls 8th	Game	4:30PM	Away vs. Roland-Story Middle School	R-S MS Multi-Purpose Room
Basketball: Boys 9th	Game	6:00PM	Away vs. Jefferson-Scranton	Jefferson-Scranton MS
Basketball: Girls JV	Game	6:00PM	Jefferson-Scranton	Gilbert HS - West Gym
School Board Meeting		6:00PM		High School LMC
Fine Arts Booster Meeting		7:00PM		HS ICN Rm (next to Library)
Basketball: Boys JV	Game	7:30PM	Away vs. Jefferson-Scranton	Jefferson-Scranton MS
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	7:30PM	Jefferson-Scranton	Gilbert HS - West Gym
<b>Tuesday, January 24, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Boys 7th	Game	4:30PM	Roland-Story Middle School	Gilbert MS Gym
Basketball: Girls 7th	Game	4:30PM	Away vs. Roland-Story Middle School	R-S MS Multi-Purpose Room
Wrestling: Middle School	Meet	4:30PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	Roland Story MS - M.S. Gym
Lions Club Chili Supper		5:00PM		HS Commons
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	South Hamilton	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	South Hamilton	Gilbert HS

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Basketball: Boys 7th	Game	4:30PM	South Hamilton	Gilbert MS Gym
Basketball: Boys JV	Game	6:00PM	Pella Christian	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	6:00PM	Away vs. Roland-Story	Roland-Story High School
Wrestling: Varsity	Double Dual	6:00PM	Away vs. Dallas Center-Grimes	Grimes
Wrestling: JV	Double Dual	6:00PM	Away vs. Dallas Center-Grimes	Grimes
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Pella Christian	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Boys 9th	Game	7:30PM	Away vs. Roland-Story	Roland-Story HS

**Friday, January 27, 2012**

5/6 Middle School Fun Night		3:30PM		Middle School Commons
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	Away vs. Jefferson-Scranton	Jefferson-Scranton MS
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Away vs. Jefferson-Scranton	Jefferson-Scranton MS

**Saturday, January 28, 2012**

Booster Club Youth Basketball Tournament		8:00AM		HS West Gym, HS East Gym
Wrestling: JV	Invitational	8:00AM	Away vs. Guthrie Center	Guthrie Center
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	9:00AM	Away vs. Webster City	Webster City HS
Wrestling: Varsity	Invitational	9:00AM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	Guthrie Center
Basketball: Boys 9th	Game	10:15AM	Away vs. Webster City	Webster City HS

**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

Booster Club Youth Basketball Tournament		8:00AM		HS West Gym, HS East Gym
Large Group Speech Family & Friends		1:00PM		High School
FFA Chili Supper		6:00PM		HS Commons

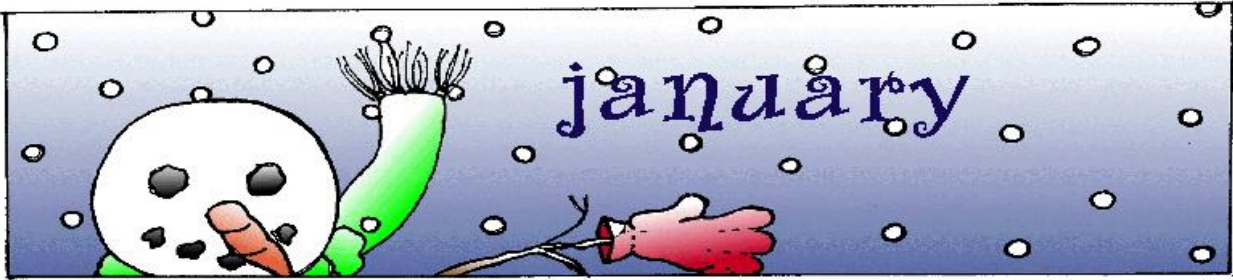
**Monday, January 30, 2012**

Basketball: Boys 8th	Game	4:30PM	Away vs. Jefferson-Scranton	Jefferson-Scranton Rec Cntr
Basketball: Girls 8th	Game	4:30PM	Jefferson-Scranton	Gilbert MS Gym
Basketball: Boys 9th	Game	6:00PM	Roland-Story	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	6:00PM	Away vs. Roland-Story	R-S High School North Gym
Basketball: Boys JV	Game	7:30PM	Roland-Story	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Girls JV	Game	7:30PM	Away vs. Roland-Story	R-S High School North Gym

**Tuesday, January 31, 2012**

District STAR Event Competitions				
Basketball: Boys 7th	Game	4:30PM	Away vs. Jefferson-Scranton	Jefferson-Scranton MS
Basketball: Girls 7th	Game	4:30PM	Jefferson-Scranton	Gilbert MS Gym
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	PCM	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	PCM	Gilbert HS - West Gym

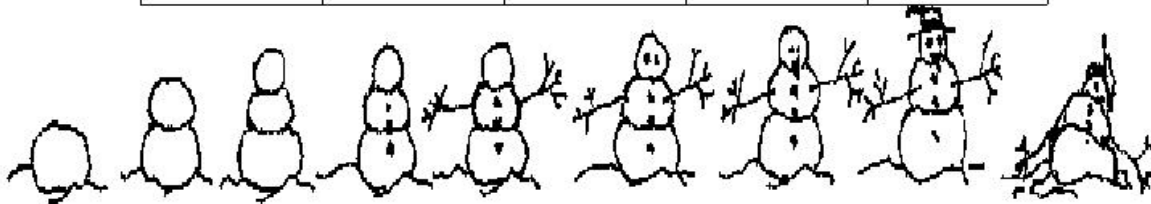
Please see the Activities Calendar on the District's website for the most up-to-date listing of events ([www.gilbert.k12.ia.us](http://www.gilbert.k12.ia.us))

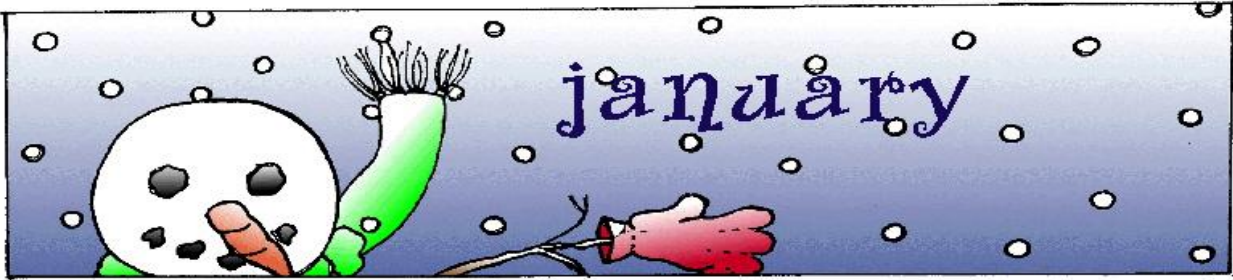


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2 VACATION	3 NO SCHOOL TODAY	4 NO SCHOOL TODAY	5 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	6 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk
9 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	10 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	11 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	12 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	13 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk
16 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	17 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	18 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	19 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	20 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk
23 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	24 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	25 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	26 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	27 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk
30 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	31 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk			Breakfast Prices: Students: \$1.10 Adults: \$1.20





Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday



2 VACATION	3 NO SCHOOL TODAY	4 NO SCHOOL TODAY	5 Hot Dog or Chili Dog <i>Sloppy Joe on a Bun</i> Tater Tots Sliced Peaches Graham Cracker Milk	6 Cheese Pizza <i>ww Rotini w/Meat Sauce</i> Peas and Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Oatmeal Cookie Milk
9 Chicken Fajitas <i>Tuna Salad Sandwich</i> Mixed Vegetables Sauteed Peppers and Onions Pear Halves Apple Streusal Milk	10 Spaghetti and Meat Sauce <i>Fish Shapes</i> Mixed Greens Salad Creamy Coleslaw Mandarin Oranges Texas Toast Milk	11 Grilled Cheese Sandwich <i>Cuban Pork on a Bun</i> Tomato Soup Carrot Sticks Applesauce Goldfish Crackers Milk	12 Deli Combo Sub <i>Chicken Alfredo</i> Sweet Potato Crisp Cuts Banana Belly Bears Milk	13 Taco Salad w/Chips <i>Chipotle Chicken Burrito</i> Lettuce and Cheese Refried Beans Cherries Cheese Cake Milk
16 Chicken Strips <i>Cheesy Tiger Bread</i> Sauteed Zucchini Corn and Blackbean Salad Sliced Peaches Pumpkin Bar Milk	17 Cheeseburger on a Bun <i>Chicken Rice Bowl</i> Green Beans Sliced Tomato Fruit and Jello Sun Chips Milk	18 12:30 Dismissal Corn Dog <i>Beef and Bean Enchilada</i> Mexicali Corn Shredded Lettuce Pineapple Tidbits Milk	19 Roast Turkey <i>Pork Chop Patty</i> Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Broccoli Salad Orange Wedges Hot Roll Milk	20 Macaroni and Cheese <i>w/ Sausage Patty</i> <i>Chicken Paninni</i> Peas Pear Halves <i>ww Bread Stick</i> Milk
23 Cheese Omelet <i>Hot Ham and Cheese on a Bagel</i> Tri Tater Juice Banana French Toast Sticks Milk	24 Lasagna <i>Shrimp Shapes</i> Mixed Greens Salad Sliced Peaches French Bread Milk	25 Crispito <i>Hot Dog on a Bun</i> Baked Beans Strawberries and Bananas Nacho Chips Cheese Sauce Milk	26 Stromboli Bites <i>Turkey Club Sandwich</i> Savory Carrots Applesauce Sherbet Cup Milk	27 Mandarin Orange Chicken <i>Baked Fish on a Bun</i> Brown Rice Stir Fry Veggies Pineapple Tidbits Cinnamon Crispy Cookie
30 Pepperoni Pizza <i>Chicken ala King on a Biscuit</i> Green Beans Celery sticks w/ Sunbutter Pear Halves Chocolate Pudding	31 Baked Potato w/ Ham and Cheese Sauce <i>Chicken Caesar Wrap</i> Broccoli Fruit Cocktail Oatmeal Cookie Milk		Lunch Prices: Elementary: \$2.00 Middle School: \$2.05 High School: \$2.10 Adults: \$3.10 Milk: 1/2 pt. \$0.30	H.S. and M.S. alternate menu item is written in italics  <i>ww=whole wheat</i>

