



From the Superintendent



Ty Sparks

Important Dates:

- May 23
Kinder Graduation
- May 27
4th / 5th Grade Awards
- May 28
6th Grade Promotion
- May 28
Early Release 12:30
- May 29
Primary Awards
- May 29
Early Release 12:30
- May 31
HS Graduation



Sam Keach and
Board President, Cheri Dee Moore

Foremost on my mind today, is a sincere appreciation for two members of the George West ISD School Board who have served the George West community admirably.

Grace Wilson has served as a Board Member for the past year. She graciously stepped in to serve after Mackey Alvarez resigned. Grace has been a calm and steady presence on our Board, and I sincerely appreciate her service.

Sam Keach has served on our Board for the past seven years. During his tenure, Sam also served as Board Assistant Secretary.

During Sam's years of service, the Board has approved two different bond elections and made significant strides in curriculum and technology. Sam has been integral in overseeing the District's \$10 million annual operating budget.

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the service of these two active community members. Both Sam and Grace decided that they would play an active role in the operations of our school system. I am grateful for all they have done for George West ISD.



Grace Wilson and
Board President, Cheri Dee Moore

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No Child Left Behind District Report Card Information

George West ISD is sharing this information about the district and your child's campus with you as part of its obligations under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB).

Federal Report Cards for the state, the district, and each of the district's campuses are now available on the district's website at this link: <http://www.gwisd.esc2.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/GWISD%20Home%7CDistrict%20Overview%3E%3ENo%20Child%20Left%20Behind> or are also available on the Texas Education Agency's website at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4638&menu_id=2147483742.

Information on these report cards includes:

Part I: Student Achievement by Proficiency Level – Provides the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) performance results for each subject area and grade level tested.

Part II: Student Achievement and State Academic Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) – Provides the STAAR performance results for each subject area tested. Also includes four-year and five-year graduation rates and participation rates on STAAR for reading/English and mathematics.

Part III: Priority and Focus Schools – Priority schools are the lowest 5% of Title I served campuses based on performance in reading and mathematics and graduation rates. Focus schools are 10% of Title I served campuses, not already identified as priority schools, that have the widest gaps between student group performance and safeguard targets.

Part IV: Teacher Quality Data – Provides information on teacher quality in three parts.

Part A – Percent of Teachers by Highest Degree Held – Professional qualifications of all public elementary and secondary teachers in the Texas.

Part B and C – Teachers with Emergency/Provisional Credentials, Highly Qualified (HQ) Teachers Low Poverty/Low Poverty Summary Reports – Percentage of all public elementary and secondary school teachers teaching with emergency or provisional credentials, and the percentage of classes in the state not taught by highly qualified teachers disaggregated by high-poverty compared to low-poverty schools.

Part V: Graduates Enrolled in Texas Institution of Higher Education (IHE) – Provides the percentage of students who enroll and begin instruction at an institution of higher education in the school year following high school graduation.

Part VI: Statewide National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Results – Provides most recent NAEP results for Texas showing reading and mathematics performance results and participation rates, disaggregated by student group.

If you have difficulty accessing the information from the website, hard copies of the reports are available at the district office, campus office and Live Oak County Public Library. If you have questions about the information, please contact Robin Sellman, Director of Educational Services, at 361-449-1914 extension 1005.

Ty Sparks
Superintendent

No Child Left Behind District Report Card Information

El Distrito Independiente Escolar de George West está compartiendo con usted la información sobre el distrito y la escuela de su hijo como parte de las obligaciones que se requieren bajo la ley federal del Que Ningún Niño Sé Que Atrás del 2001 (NCLB, por sus siglas en inglés).

Las Tarjetas de Reporte de NCLB para el estado entero el distrito escolar y cada una de las escuelas del distrito están ahora disponibles en la página de internet en este enlace: <http://www.gwisd.esc2.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/GWISD%20Home%7CDistrict%20Overview%3E%3E%20Child%20Left%20Behind> también están disponibles en la página de internet de la Agencia de Educación de Texas: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4638&menu_id=2147483742.

La información de las tarjetas de reporte incluye lo siguiente:

Parte I: Rendimiento de los Estudiantes por Nivel de Competencia - Proporciona los resultados de rendimiento del programa de evaluación académica (STAAR, por sus siglas en inglés) para cada materia y grado evaluado.

Parte II: Los Objetivos Académicos Anuales Mensurables del estado – Proporciona los resultados de rendimiento de las pruebas STAAR en cada materia. También incluye el índice de cuatro y cinco años de las tasas de graduación y las tasas de participación en las pruebas STAAR en lectura/inglés y matemáticas.

Parte III: Escuelas con Enfoque o Escuelas con Prioridad - las escuelas con prioridad son las que se encuentran dentro del 5% más bajo del Título I en el rendimiento en lectura y matemáticas y las tasas de graduación. Las escuelas con enfoque constituyen el 10 % del Título I que aún no son identificadas como escuelas con prioridad, que tienen la mayor diferencias entre el desempeño de grupo de estudiantes y garantizar los objetivos.

Parte IV: Calidad de Datos de Maestros – proporciona información sobre la calidad de los maestros en *tres partes*.

Parte A – porcentaje de maestros con el más alto nivel de título obtenido - cualificaciones profesionales de todos los maestros en las escuelas públicas de primaria y secundaria en Texas.

Parte B y C – maestros con credenciales provisionales o de emergencia, maestros altamente calificados (highly qualified), informes resumidos sobre la pobreza/con bajos índices de pobreza - porcentaje de todos los maestros en las escuelas públicas de primaria y secundaria trabajando con credenciales provisionales o de emergencia, el porcentaje de los salones de clases en el estado sin maestros que no están altamente calificados separados por niveles altos de pobreza en comparación con escuelas de bajos ingresos.

Parte V: Graduados Matriculados en una Institución de Educación Post-Secundaria en Texas (Universidad)

– proporciona el porcentaje de estudiantes que se matricularon y comenzaron en una institución de educación post-secundaria en el año escolar después de que se graduaron de la secundaria.

Parte VI: Resultados Estatales de La Evaluación Nacional del Progreso Educativo (NAEP, por sus siglas en inglés) – proporciona los resultados de NAEP más recientes en Texas del rendimiento en matemáticas y lectura y la tasa de participación, separados por grupos de alumnos.

Si usted tiene dificultad obteniendo esta información del sitio de internet, copias impresas de los informes están disponibles en la oficina del distrito, oficina de la escuela y Live Oak County Public Library. Si usted tiene preguntas acerca de la información, por favor comuníquese con Robin Sellman, director de servicios educativos, en 361-449-1914 la extensión 1005.

Ty Sparks
Superintendente



George West Independent School District

2009-2010 Recognized District

2005-2006 Recognized District

2000-2002 Recognized District

TY SPARKS
Superintendent

ROBIN SELLMAN
Director of Educational Services

May 9, 2014

RE: Smart Snacks in Schools

As per the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, all schools must meet the new "Smart Snacks in Schools" standards beginning July 1, 2014 for all food sold to students, including vending machines and a la cart items (snack bar). Since 2004, the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy has been in place limiting what could be sold to Texas students. As per these standards, GWISD previously phased out vending machines available to students. The majority of the changes that will be required to meet the Smart Snacks in Schools standards will be seen in the Main Cafeteria's Snack Bar and possibly some fundraisers. Starting July 1, 2014, all of these standards apply to each school day which is defined as midnight to 30 minutes after the end of school. Concession stands, fundraisers, etc. that are conducted after the 30 minutes past the end of the school day are not required to meet these standards.

We have begun analyzing the items we sell a la cart for breakfast and lunch and realize as a school, we need to make changes to, not only meet these new standards, but also for the health of the students we serve. Our goal is not only to provide a nutritious breakfast and lunch as part of the NSLP/SBP but also have nutritious items available to students who purchase food from our Snack Bar.

This has been an eye opening experience for me personally. As a parent, I have looked at calories, fats, and carbs that I serve my kids and eat myself. I stress looked because I never actually calculated the amounts as I have had to do with the food we serve in the Snack Bar and a la cart. The food that I would have considered acceptable or even "diet", can be deceiving and usually contain high levels of sodium. I even glanced at the nutritional value served at a local fast food restaurant and realized the only food available there that would meet the Smart Snacks standards was a fruit and yogurt parfait. I challenge parents to read the labels of the food you are serving your family to see what meets and does not meet the Smart Snacks standards.

As the Child Nutrition Director, I am in the process of finalizing our analysis of the foods we currently serve. We are diligently looking for alternative foods that meet the new standards. More information regarding the new standards can be found on the GWISD Cafeteria page on district website: www.gwisd.esc2.net. As always, my door is always open for you to visit with me on your concerns regarding the cafeteria food, service, and any ideas you might have to help improve the food available to our students. I can be reached via e-mail at hlee@gwisd.esc2.net, by phone 361-449-1914 extension 1060, or drop by anytime at the main cafeteria.

Attachment:
Smart Snacks in School Standards

Sincerely,

Heather Lee

Heather Lee
GWISD Child Nutrition Director
IM Coordinator

913 Houston Street, George West, TX 78022

361-449-1914 fax 361-449-1426

www.gwisd.esc2.net

George West ISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, or disability in providing education services, activities, and programs, including vocational programs in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

SMART SNACKS IN SCHOOL STANDARDS

	Nutrition Standards (Must Meet ALL Criteria)	Elementary (K-5 th Grades)	Middle (6 th -8 th Grades)	High School (9 th -12 th Grades)
Food	Any food sold must meet one of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a “whole grain-rich” grain product; or • Have as the first ingredient a fruit, a vegetable, a dairy product, or a protein food; or • Be a combination food that contains at least ¼ cup of fruit and /or vegetable; or • Contain 10% of the Daily Value – calcium, potassium, vitamin D, or dietary fiber (*criteria not used after 7/1/2016) 	Must meet criteria	Must meet criteria	Must meet criteria
	Calorie Limits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack items: ≤230mg (*200mg after 7/1/2016) • Entrée items: ≤480mg 	Must meet criteria	Must meet criteria	Must meet criteria
	Fat Limits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Fat: ≤35% of calories • Saturated Fat: <10% of calories • Trans Fat: 0 grams 	Must meet criteria	Must meet criteria	Must meet criteria
	Sugar Limits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≤35% of weight from total sugars in food 	Must meet criteria	Must meet criteria	Must meet criteria
	Accompaniments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be included when computing the nutritional values. 	Must be include in nutritional calculations	Must be include in nutritional calculations	Must be include in nutritional calculations

SMART SNACKS IN SCHOOL STANDARDS

	Nutrition Standards (Must Meet ALL Criteria)	Elementary (K-5 th Grades)	Middle (6 th -8 th Grades)	High School (9 th -12 th Grades)
Beverages	Plain Water	No limit on portion size	No limit on portion size	No limit on portion size
	Unflavored low fat milk	Up to 8 oz portion	Up to 12 oz portion	Up to 12 oz portion
	Unflavored or flavored fat free milk and milk alternatives permitted by NSLP/SBP	Up to 8 oz portion	Up to 12 oz portion	Up to 12 oz portion
	“No Calorie” or “Low Calorie” beverages	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	≤20 oz portions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calorie-free, flavored water • Other flavored &/or carbonated beverages that are labeled to contain <5 calories/8 fl oz or ≤10 calories/20 fl oz ≤12 oz portions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverages with ≤40 calories/8 fl oz, or ≤60 calories/12 fl oz *Caffeinated/Sodas are not allowed as per TXPSNP
	Fundraisers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale of food items during a school day must meet all standards. 	Must meet criteria	Must meet criteria	Must meet criteria

Exemptions:

- Entrees sold on as part of the NSLP/SBP can be sold `a la cart the day of or the day after serving only.
- Products consisting of dried fruit with nuts and/or seeds w/no added nutritive sweeteners and seafood with no added fat.
- Fresh, canned, or frozen fruits with no added sweeteners.
- Fundraisers help after the set school day.
- Fundraisers with the expectation that the food is to be cook/consumed at home (example: cookie dough, frozen pizza, etc.).

Transportation Toutings

Margaret Yarbrough

May 11 – 17, 2014 is National Transportation Week. George West ISD and the Transportation Department would like to thank all the people who dedicate their school days to the transportation of students to and from school. Our drivers are very special people who care for the well being of each student who rides with them, either in a school bus or in a vehicle. Below are the names of the drivers and bus monitors for George West ISD. If you see one of them, please be sure to thank them for the excellent job that they do taking care of our children.

“We Deliver The Future”

Connie Alaniz	Robin Gossett	Ramon Herrera	Wanda Huston
Mauri Joy	Emma Milam	Mellie Marroquin	Michael Peck
Carolina Ruiz	Lisa Rutledge	Viola Salinas	Al Scott
Beverly Scott	Kim Turner	Tim Turner	

The Transportation Department is always looking for more drivers to join this awesome group. If you are interested in a job in transportation please contact:

Margaret Yarbrough, Transportation Director

361-449-1914 ext 1061

IMPORTANT BAND DATES

- Beginner Horn Drive May 12th 4-6pm in the Band Hall
- Drum Major/Section Leader Tryouts May 15th 4-6pm Band Hall
- Band Banquet May 17th 7:00 pm Cafeteria
- Band Spring Concert May 23rd 7:00pm~Dobie Theatre
- Guard Clinic May 26-30 4-6pm Band Hall
- Graduation Performance 6:00- 8:00pm Stadium





7th Grade Immunizations Rachel Clayton, GWISD Nurse

Immunizations that will be required for the 2014-2015 school year for 7th graders:

Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV4)

One dose requirement for **seventh**-twelfth grade entry

Varicella Vaccine

Two dose requirement for kindergarten-fifth and **seventh**-twelfth grade entry

Tdap Vaccine (Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis)

Booster dose required for **seventh** grade

MMR Vaccine (Measles, mumps, and rubella)

Two dose requirement of MMR vaccine for kindergarten-fifth grade entry

Hepatitis A Vaccine

Two dose requirement for kindergarten-fifth grade entry

Proof of these immunizations will be required for the 2014-2015 school years and will be required by the **first day of school attendance**. Please provide your school nurse proof the immunizations were received. Valid proof consisting of the date the vaccine was administered along with the health office/physician's office stamp will be required. Any questions, please call the school nurse at 361-449-1914 ext. 1062, or email @ rclayton@gwisd.esc2.net.



The Primary school is winding down another successful year and has some important events during the month of May.

Kindergarten graduation will be held at 2:00 on Friday, May 23, in the High School Cafetorium.

3rd graders will have their annual fun day at Choke Canyon Park on Wednesday, May 28.

The final awards assembly will be on Thursday, May 29, at the following times.

2 nd Grade	8:15 – 8:45
1 st Grade	8:55 – 9:25
3 rd Grade	9:35 – 10:00
Kinder	10:15- 10:45

The Primary will be continuing the Jump Start Reading program this summer. Jump Start begins on July 9 and runs through August 7, four days a week from 8:00-12:00. Mandatory attendance is required of students assigned to this program.

Jump Start Dates:

July 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31.

August 4, 5, 6, 7.

The library will also be open for any student to check out books and continue reading over the summer. The computer lab will be open for testing. Prizes will be given for high point summer readers.

Class lists will be made during the summer. If you have any concerns regarding which class your child is assigned to, please contact the Principal for a conference prior to June 19 to discuss your specific reasons for concern. E-mails or letters will not be accepted and you may not request specific teachers.

Home & School Stephanie Schuette, Elementary Counselor

George West Elementary is proud to announce that our 5th Grade STAAR results are great! 92% passing rate in Math and 94% passing rate in Reading! Thank you very much students, staff and parents for your hard work and efforts. We are very proud of how hard these students worked all year to prepare. We expect these scores will be higher after second administration – our goal is 100% passing in 5th grade!

STAAR TESTING DATES

Second administration for 5th Grade:

Tuesday, May 13th – 5th Math

Wednesday, May 14th - 5th Reading

Third administration for 5th Grade:

Tuesday, June 24th - 5th Math

Wednesday, June 25th - 5th Reading

Other important dates and activities coming up are:

May 9	6 th Grade -Junior High Orientation 2:30
May 15	3 rd Grade – Elementary Orientation at 9:50
May 22	Bluebonnet Party
May 23	Splash Town School wide Trip (for those that qualify)
May 26	Holiday – Memorial Day
May 27	Award Ceremonies in cafeteria 4 th grade at 9:50 and 5 th grade 9:00
May 28	6 th Grade Promotion in front gym at 8:30 and early release at 12:30
May 29	Last Day of School – Early Release 12:30

Summer School: incoming 4th graders and 4th graders this year that did not perform to the state standards will attend summer school at GW Primary School Campus beginning July 9- Aug 7 (8-12am)

Class lists will be made during the summer. If you have any concerns regarding which class your child is assigned to, please contact the Principal or Counselor for a conference prior to June 19th to discuss your specific reasons for concerns. Emails or letters will not be accepted and you may not request specific teachers.

We want to thank you parents for helping us accomplish our goals with your children this year. It has been a great year with lots of growth, learning, fun, and friendships. We appreciate all of your support throughout the school year and we are very proud of our students, teachers and staff. We look forward to next year!!!

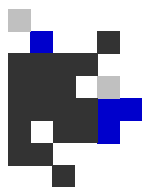
Junior High Library News



Janet Ferrell, Librarian

George West Junior High has an exemplary reader on its campus. Koury Blevins, a 7th grader, reached 1000 points for the year in the Accelerated Reader program on Tuesday, April 29. No one has achieved that milestone in approximately 10 years. Koury took 99 tests and passed all of them. She read a total of 6,568,462 words while accomplishing this feat. To put that in perspective, Huckleberry Finn, a classic American novel, contains 15,950 words. In one year, this amazing student has shown exemplary ability and tenacity. Her teachers expect big things from her in the future.

Reading can allow a person to travel anywhere on earth, in middle-earth, or outer space. Studies have shown that readers have larger vocabulary, better writing and math skills, and make better grades in all subjects. Motivating students to read is a challenge at times. Many of the books Koury has read are her own. Reading is definitely valued and encouraged in the Blevins home! When she isn't reading, Koury is outdoors with her horses and other animals. No couch potato, video-gaming lifestyle for this young lady! The world is her oyster, and she has found the pearl!





**Freshman
Orientation
Cafeteria**

May 14, 2014 @ 5:30

***8th Grade STAAR
Re-Test***

***Math—May 13,
Reading—May 14***

National Junior Honor Society Ceremony

May, 15, 2014 at 5:30 ~ GWISD Cafeteria

**GWJH Reward Trip
Fiesta Texas
May 27, 2014**

**7th Grader
Koury Blevins
1000 AR points**

***8th Grade Promotion &
7th Grade Awards Ceremony***

May 29, 2014 ~ 9:00 a.m.—Gymnasium

Class of 2014 Valedictorian



Shelby James



Ms. Shelby Therese James is the Valedictorian of the class of 2014. She is the daughter of Pat and Kelly James and sister of Whitley James, the George West High School Valedictorian for the class of 2010. Shelby's high school career was filled with memorable leadership experiences, service opportunities, and academic activities. The highlight of Shelby's senior year was being selected as a National Coca-Cola Scholar. She was 1 of 150 students selected in the nation out of an applicant pool of 88,000 students and attended the 2014 Scholars Weekend in Atlanta, Georgia. This was Shelby's second trip to Atlanta, GA. She also represented Texas 4-H at National 4-H Congress as a delegate in 2011 serving on the Texas Leadership team.

In the academic field, Shelby participates in UIL Accounting, News Writing, Feature Writing, Editorial Writing, and Informative Speaking. Shelby qualified to the UIL academic regional competition all four years and advanced to the UIL academic state meet her sophomore year in News Writing. She also advanced to the UIL state meet in accounting the past two years and was also the Regional Champion in Accounting for the past two years.

She is an active member in the Future Farmers of America, serving as the Area 10 Secretary and George West Chapter President. She holds the distinction of being a Texas FFA Ford Leadership Scholar and is one of ten students selected across the state for the class of 2014. Shelby's other FFA achievements include advancing to the state Leadership Development Events all four years and placing in the finals in Creed Speaking and Agricultural Issues. She was a member of the state champion livestock judging team and participated at the national FFA Livestock Judging contest in Louisville, Kentucky. Shelby also qualified to the state dairy judging contest and agricultural communications where she placed fifth. Shelby placed second at state in prepared speech and was the state alternate in extemporaneous speaking this past year.

The Business Professionals of America is another one of her favorite organizations. Shelby was a national alternate in Prepared Speech her junior year and the state champion in legal office procedures this year, attending the national contest in Indianapolis, Indiana. She also competed in presentation management where her team placed 3rd at state.

For the past four years, she held offices in the local BPA chapter, UIL Club, National Honor Society, Science Club, 4-H, and was a class officer and Student Council member all four years. Shelby is the current Vice-President of the High School Republicans of Texas and is a Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador. She was accepted to Rice University and Texas A&M University. She will attend Texas A&M University this fall and major in Business Honors, a selective program with over a thousand applicants and under 200 admits. Shelby would like to thank her teachers and classmates for shaping her into the person she is today and is a proud graduate of the class of 2014.

Class of 2014 Salutatorian



Avery Pawelek



The salutatorian for the graduating class of 2014 is Mr. Avery Pawelek. Avery is the son of Charles and Brenda Pawelek. Avery will be attending the University of Texas at Austin, majoring in Physics and Mathematics. He plans to attend graduate school and get his doctorate in Physics.

Avery has been very involved in academics and athletics. Avery has been a three year varsity starter on the football team, a two time first-team all-district cornerback, and was also named first team all-district running back this past football season. Avery was also selected to be a member of the Academic All-State Elite Football team, which is the highest honor that the Texas High School Coaches Association awards. Avery has been a varsity track athlete since his freshman year, and has competed at the regional level in track each year. He has also been the district champion in the 100 meter dash for two years, district champion in the 200 meter dash and 800 meter relay, and is the school record holder in the 100 and 200 meter dash. Unfortunately, Avery was not able to participate in track this year due to a knee injury sustained in football.

Avery has been successful in UIL academic competition, advancing to the regional level in Science since freshman year, and winning the state title in the Physics competition last year. This year he will be competing in Science and Mathematics at the state UIL meet, after getting first in Physics and Mathematics at the regional level.

Avery has also been involved in student government, and was President of the senior class, the Student Council, and the Science Club this year. While being involved in these extracurricular activities, Avery has maintained a 103.7209 GPA and was named a National Merit Commended Scholar.

Avery would like to thank all of the teachers, coaches, friends, and fellow members of the Class of 2014 who have helped shape him into the person he is today.



Class of 2014



Clarisa Jo Arciba
 Kelsi Ann Bartlett
 Julia Raye Bednorz
 David Luke Begley
 Morgan Ann Benavides
 Cecilia Lynn Benavidez
 Anastacia Bernal
 Jesus Alejandro Bernal
 Roland Michael Bernal
 Joseph Chandler Blevens
 Megan Riley Booth
 Morgan Avery Booth
 Carl Hunter Bottoms
 Randy Eugene Boyd
 Cody David Brown
 Paige Catherine Brown
 Kayla Nichole Cantu
 Geovanna Nicole Castillo
 Eliseo Javier Chapa
 Gabriella Ranae Chapa
 Matthew Anthony Constante
 Lucas Cortez
 Michael Polo Cortinas
 Maitlin Faith Couk
 Jake Alton Crisp
 Erica Renee Cumpian
 Nathan Dewayne Dabbs
 Kaitlyn Rose Dolan
 Emily Therese Feist
 Thomas Eli Garcia Rendon
 Matthew Aaron Grimaldo
 Jimi Jasmin Guajardo
 Elizabeth Coronilla Guerra

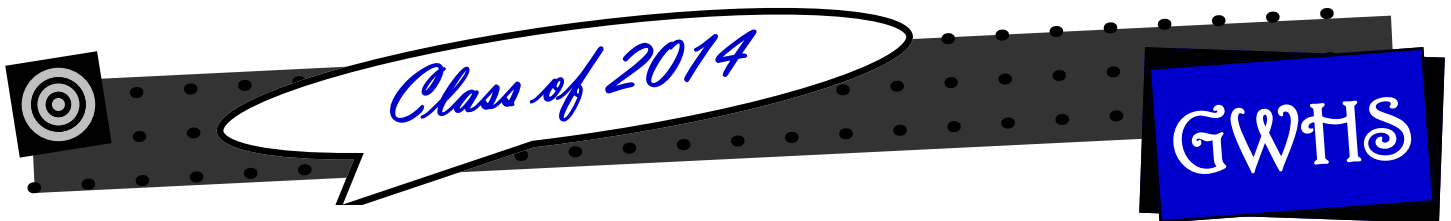
Samantha Nicole Gutierrez
 Tanicia Marie Gutierrez
 Delanie Danielle Harris
 Jordan Tailor Hensley
 Peyton Kane Hicks
 Bailey Ryan Hinojosa
 Justin Michael Holmes
 Kaleb Tyler Huebotter
 Matthew Edward Hyde
 Shelby Therese James
 Preston James Koenig
 Ciara Renae Lillie
 Tara Rose Liska
 Michael Andrew Locke
 Kaylee Antonia Martinez
 Maritza Ann Martinez
 Matthew Robert Martinez
 Tiffany Lynn Martinez
 Cameron Koy McIver
 Alex Ryan McKinney
 Devin Blake McNeil
 Sarah Kathleen Miller
 Tyler Colton Miller
 Kody Derek Mircovich
 Emily Marie Moffett
 Lee Roy Molina Jr
 Shelby Nicole Morton
 Ellen Marie Nance
 Cason Joseph Newberry
 Taylor Jordan Nichols
 Michael Anthony Palacios
 Avery Charles Pawelek
 Cody James Peck

Kyle Harlan Peck
 Mayra Angelica Pena
 Heather Jae Petru
 John Moises Picasso
 Casandra Jolene Ramirez
 Krystin Marie Reyna
 Sara Nicole Reyna
 Darren Alan Rhodes
 Ryan Gregory Rowson
 Casey Dwayne Russell
 Briana Brooke Salazar
 Cheyenne Louise Saldiva
 Karla Lorraine Saldiva
 Cynthia La Chelle Smith
 Michelle Elizabeth Smith
 William Albert Smith III
 Erin Nicole Snider
 Dalton Cole Stewart
 Bradley Thomas Strause
 Tristan James Talley
 Aimee Azucena Toscano
 Samatha Rae Valdez
 Amber Lee Zuniga

Honor Graduates ~ 2014

Kelsi A. Bartlett
Julia R. Bednorz
Kayla N. Cantu
Gabriella R. Chapa
Matthew A. Constante
Maitlin F. Couk
Erica R. Cumpian
Emily T. Feist
Jordan T. Hensley
Matthew E. Hyde
Shelby James
Tara R. Liska
Michael A. Locke
Kaylee A. Martinez

Matthew R. Martinez
Tiffany L. Martinez
Shelby N. Morton
Ellen M. Nance
Cason J. Newberry
Michael A. Palacios
Avery C. Pawelek
Cody J. Peck
Heather J. Petru
Darren A. Rhodes
Michelle E. Smith
William A. Smith
Erin N. Snider



Congratulations Graduates!

High School Highlights

◆ Representing GWISD in Outstanding Ways




FFA Ag Communication Team placed 15th in STATE @ Lubbock on April 26, 2014 and **Shelby James** was 5th overall.
Left to Right: **Shelby James, Blake Mosley and Taylor Thompson**



FFA Dairy Judging Team placed 8th in STATE at Stephenville in April. **Tara Liska** was 5th overall. Team Members include **Tyler Mixon, Tara Liska, Taylor Thompson and Lane McClelland.**

Coach Thompson will be hosting
Basketball Camp for girls

- 8th-12th grade on
- June 11 & 12 from
- 9am-4pm each day.



Tara Liska
Top 10 in the Nation
Advanced Interview Skills
BPA National Competition

Band Spring Concert

May 23rd 7:00pm
Dobie Theatre



2013-14 Athletic Year-End Ceremony
May 18th ~ Coliseum, 4:00pm

Regional Academic UIL Meet



Lynda Hamlin

George West High School UIL Regional Academic Qualifiers San Marcos, Texas

Shelby James —Accounting and Editorials

Avery Pawelek—Number Sense, Calculator, Science, and Mathematics

Morgan Miller—Number Sense, Calculator, and Mathematics

Jake Galloway—Number Sense and Mathematics

Catarina Ruiz—Calculator

Taylor Thompson—News Writing

Emily Ellison—Number Sense, Science, and Mathematics

Raye Bednorz—Caalculator and Accounting

Blake Mosley—Ready Writing

Kaleb Huebotter—Accounting

Shelby Morton—Accounting

Garrett Pawlik—Science

Sidney Freeborn—Science

Darin Cuevas—Poetry

Lindsay Hajek—Prose





The 15th Congressional District Art Competition



Samantha Gutierrez' artwork "Cherish" won Honorable Mention at the 15th Congressional District Art Competition.

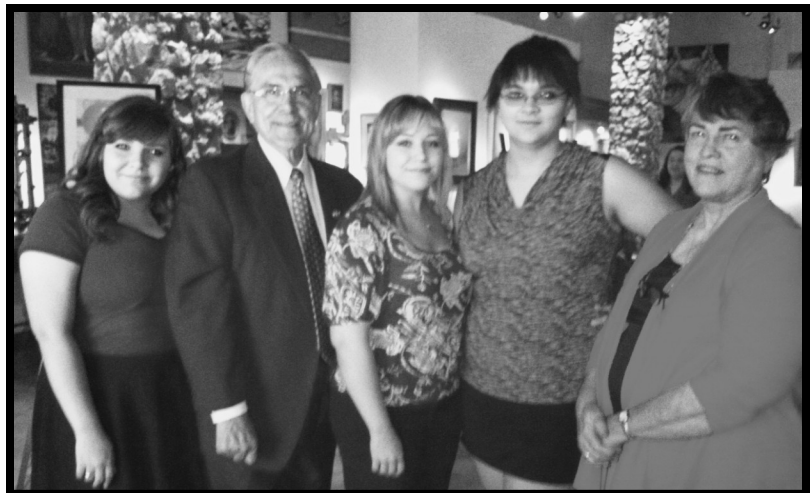
Each spring, a nation-wide high school arts competition is sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Artistic Discovery Contest is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in our congressional district.

The Artistic Discovery Contest is open to all high school students in the 15th District. The over-all winner of our district's competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. The exhibit in Washington will also include artwork from other contest winners nation-wide.

George West High School student, Samantha Gutierrez' artwork "Cherish" won Honorable Mention and was exhibited at the Nuevo Santander Gallery in McAllen, Texas along with all the winning high school finalists from this year's competition. Congratulations, Sam, for a job well done!



*The Spanish Club would like to announce and congratulate Mercy Alonzo (right), our 2014-15 President. Aimee Tascano (left) is outgoing President.
¡Gracias Aimee por un trabajo bien hecho!*



L to R: Sam Gutierrez, Congressmen Rubén Hinojosa, Sarah Miller, Kayla Cantu and their sponsor, Margarita Cantu.

High School Events



George West FFA Banquet

George West High School Cafeteria

May 12 @ 6:00 p.m.

To celebrate awards and achievements from the 2013-2014 school year.

FCCLA Banquet & Officer Installation

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 ~ 6:30

GWISD Cafetorium

RSVP to Ms. Deviney by May 9



Band Banquet

George West High School Cafeteria

Saturday, May 17 ~ 7:00 p.m.



Athletic Booster Club Ceremony

LOC Coliseum

Sunday, May 18 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Cake, cookies and drinks will be served



VALERO
ENERGY CORPORATION

Valero Academic Banquet
George West High School Cafeteria

Thursday, May 22 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Regional Track



Tom Warlick

Boys Regional Track Results

Kody Mircovich, senior track athlete, finished 2nd at the regional meet in the triple jump with a jump of 45'6". He will compete at the state track meet in Austin on Friday, May 9, 2014 at 12 p.m.

Other Regional Results

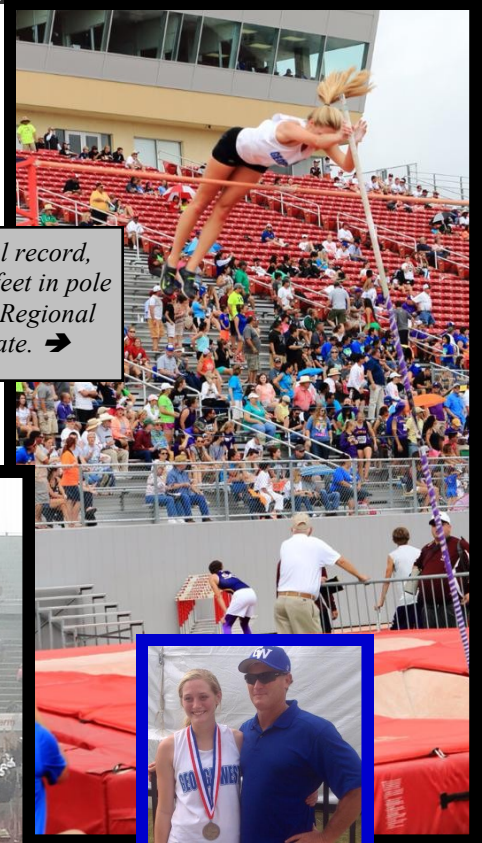
Garrett Pawlik, junior, also finished 6th in the 800 Meter Dash.

Tyler Mixon, sophomore, finished 5th in the Pole Vault.

The boys 1600 Meter Relay finished in 8th place. The relay members were Xavier Paiz, junior, Baldo Duarte, freshmen, Wyatt Wasicek, junior, and Garrett Pawlik, junior.



Garrett Pawlik broke the GW school record in the 800 meter race with a 2:04.



Caroline Bellows set a personal record, as well as a meet record of 12 feet in pole vault winning first place at the Regional Meet. Caroline advances to State. ➔



Caroline Bellows wins SILVER MEDAL at STATE TRACK MEET in Pole Vault. She cleared 12 feet to win second place. GWISD is so very proud of you, Caroline!

White Oak's Madison Pecot won the gold medal by clearing a state-record 12-6. ➔



Caroline with her UIL STATE SILVER MEDAL and her proud papa, Steve Bellows.

Regional Track



Regan Carriger

After claiming the Area title April 16th, the George West Lady Horns Track Team traveled to San Antonio to compete in the Region IV 2A Track meet Friday April 25th and Saturday April 26th. Friday got off to a good start when Caroline Bellows set a personal and meet record of 12 ft in the pole vault, earning 1st place and a ticket to Austin. Below are the results and times of all 12 athletes that competed.

High Jump-

12th Carson Crisp 4'8

Pole Vault

1st Caroline Bellows 12'
8th Abbi Schuette 7'6"

Long Jump

5th Brittney Mathis 16'11

Triple Jump

10th Brittney Mathis 32'10

Shot Put

13th Ciara Lillie 30'2

Discus

7th Sofia Ibarra 100'2"

3200 M Run

9th Summer Garza 13:22
15th Hunter Smith 14:45

100 M Hurdles

11th Allison Ruiz 17.55

400 M Dash

9th Baeja Miles 64.01

300 M Hurdles

3rd Andrea Waggoner 47.14
12th Allison Ruiz 50.72

200 M Dash

3rd Brittney Mathis 27.21

1600 M Run

13th Lillie Bottoms 6:47

4x400 M Relay

4th Bellows, Waggoner, Mathis, Miles 4:11.5



Lady Horn Track Team —Area Champions



GWHS TENNIS

2014 REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

BOYS DOUBLES:

Cody Brown • Preston Koenig
Kody Mircovich • Mason Moore

GIRLS DOUBLES:

Haleigh Warlick • Ellen Nance

GIRLS SINGLES:

Morgan Miller

ALTERNATES:

Catarina Ruiz • Preston Smith • Mercedes Alonzo

COACH:

Leigh Ann Warlick



Longhorn Baseball 2014



The George West Longhorns went 16-12 for the season finishing third in District 31-2A. Coach Chuck Pawelek summed up the playoff series, “The series against Falfurrias for bi-district was a hard fought series by two great teams. It’s a shame that someone had to lose. I’m super proud of the team. They displayed great sportsmanship and grit throughout the entire series. I’m very proud of them. Special thanks to the seniors Mikey Palacios, Trae Smith, Kody Mircovich, LeeRoy Molina, Kyle Peck, Darren Rhodes, and Avery Pawelek for carrying on the playoff tradition and passing it on to next year’s team.

Great Job Horns!

George West Summer Track

for Grades K-6th

Begins June 2, 2014

Practice Days: Monday-Thursday

Time: 9-10 am

Track Meets: Hallettsville-June 7

George West-June 13

Three Rivers-June 20

Uniform: \$12





Youth Summer Athletic Training for Incoming 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders

Start Date: June 2, 2014



Mondays-Thursday

10:00-11:30 am

in the Weight Room



Purpose: This program will be based around teaching the athletes proper weight lifting form/technique, plyometric and agility skills, form running, and core development. Our primary goal is to teach the athletes how to do these skills correctly.





GEORGE WEST FOOTBALL 2014 Varsity Schedule

August 15	Beeville (Scrimmage)	Away	TBA
August 21	Ganado (Scrimmage)	Home	TBA
August 29	San Diego (Recognize Jr. High Football Players)	Home	7:30
September 5	Freer	Away	7:30
September 12	Odem (Recognize Pop Warner Football Teams)	Home	7:30
September 19	Falfurrias	Away	7:30
September 26	Hebbronville (Parent's Night)	Home	7:30
October 3	Falls City	Away	7:30
October 10	Brooks Academy*	Away	7:30
October 17	Open		
October 24	Hallettsville*	Home	7:30
October 31	Mathis*	Away	7:30
November 7	Goliad* (Homecoming)	Home	7:30

* District Games

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GEORGE WEST FOOTBALL 2014 Junior Varsity Schedule



August 15	Beeville (Scrimmage)	Away	TBA
August 21	Ganado (Scrimmage)	Home	TBA
August 28	San Diego	Away	6:00
September 4	Freer	Home	6:00
September 11	Odem	Away	6:00
September 18	Falfurrias	Home	6:00
September 25	Hebbronville	Away	6:00
October 2	Falls City	Home	6:00
October 9	TBA		
October 16	Open		
October 23	Hallettsville*	Away	6:00
October 30	Mathis*	Home	6:00
November 6	Goliad*	Away	6:00

* District games

Revised
5/1/2014



GEORGE WEST FOOTBALL 2014 Junior High Schedule

September 11	Odem	Home	5:30
September 18	Falfurrias	Away	5:30
September 25	Hebbronville	Home	5:30
October 2	Falls City	Away	5:30
October 9	TBA		
October 16	Open		
October 23	Hallettsville*	Home	5:30
October 30	Mathis*	Away	5:30
November 6	Goliad*	Home	5:30

* District Games

Lady Horn Basketball

TENTATIVE



Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Teams	
October 15, 2014	1st Practice Day				
October 25, 2014	First Scrimmage Day				
November 14, 2014	Kenedy	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
November 18, 2014	Stockdale	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
November 21, 2014	Pettus	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
November 24, 2014	Freer	Away	5:00pm	JV&V	CONF
November 25, 2014	Three Rivers	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
December 2, 2014					
December 4-6, 2014	Karnes City Tournament	Away	TBA	V	CONF
December 9, 2014	Karnes City	Away	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
December 12, 2014	Pleasanton	Away	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
December 16, 2014	San Diego	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
December 18,19&20, 2014	George West Holiday Tourney	Home	TBA	V	CONF
December 21-28, 2014	<i>Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas</i>				
December 29, 2014	Sinton	Home	10:00am	JV & V	CONF
December 31, 2014	Karnes City JV Tournament	Away	TBA	JV	CONF
January 3, 2015		Home	5:00pm	JV & V	
January 6, 2015	Kenedy	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	CONF
January 9, 2015	Taft	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	
January 13, 2015	Mathis	Away	5:00pm	JV & V	
January 16, 2015	Aransas Pass	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	
January 20, 2015	Odem	Away	5:00pm	JV & V	
January 23, 2015	Skidmore-Tynan	Home	5:00pm	JV& V	
January 27, 2015	Taft	Away	5:00pm	JV & V	
January 30, 2015	Mathis	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	
February 3, 2015	Aransas Pass	Away	5:00pm	JV & V	
February 6, 2015	Odem	Home	5:00pm	JV & V	
February 10, 2015	Skidmore-Tynan	Away	5:00pm	JV & V	
February 14, 2015	District Certification				
February 10-11, 2015	Bi-District				
February 16-17, 2015	Bi-District				
February 19-21, 2015	Area				
February 23-24, 2015	Regional Quarterfinals				
February 26-28, 2015	Regional Tournament				
March 5-7, 2015	State Tournament in Austin				

Head Coach: Letha B. Thompson
Assistant Coaches: Leigh Ann Warlick,
Tamara Bednorz & Kayla Stewart

GW Athletic Booster Club News



Marcus Lane

2014-2015 Booster Club Officers and Representatives

OFFICERS:

President- Marcus Lane
 Vice President in Charge of Merchandise- Leann Weaver
 Vice President in Charge of Concession- Yvette Alvarez
 Secretary- Janet Ferrell
 Treasurer- April Zapata
 Reporter- Merri Darr

REPS:

Football - Yvette Alvarez
 Volleyball- Michael & Julie Upton
 Cross Country- Cindy Morin
 Boys Basketball- Yvette Alvarez
 Girls Basketball- Michael & Julie Upton
 Powerlifting- Susie Salaiz
 Baseball- Melissa Gee
 Softball- Leann Weaver
Tennis- *Please Volunteer Here!*
Boys Track- *Please Volunteer Here!*
Girls Track- *Please Volunteer Here!*
Golf- *Please Volunteer Here!*
 Cheerleading- Leann Weaver



- *We still have some slots open for REPS, if anyone is interested. I'm glad we have a full list of officers for next year, but we will still need all the parent/fan help that we can get.*
- *We have some GREAT goals for the upcoming school year, and the only way we can accomplish these goals is with your support.*
- *We look forward to a great 2014-2015 school year! Go Horns!*
- *Last meeting of the year will be May 21 at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria*
- *First meeting of the year will be July 23 at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria.*

End of the Year Athletic Booster Club Ceremony

*Sunday, May 18th
 4:00 pm at Live Oak County Coliseum*

Help us Celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our athletes!
Cake, cookies and drinks will be served.



*You are cordially invited
George West High School
Graduation Ceremony
for
The Class of 2014
OR
Saturday, May 31, 2014
8:00 p.m.
Longhorn Field*

Notification to Parents

George West ISD will make available a verbal Spanish translation of this newsletter. If you would like a verbal Spanish translation, please contact the campus in which your child is enrolled.

Notificación a Padres

El Distrito Independiente Escolar de George West hará disponible una traducción verbal en español de este noticiero. Si usted gustaria una traducción verbal en español, por favor de ponerse en contacto con la escuela en cual su niño este registrado.

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