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T3 Grant Provides FREE Technology Training for the Community

Community members, students, parents, and teachers may now take FREE online technology training. The training provided will help prepare students, teachers, parents, and community members for Microsoft Certification Application Specialist (MS Office 2007 – Word, Access, Excel & PowerPoint) and Microsoft Office Specialist (MS Office 2003) certification tests, as well as Adobe CS4 Web Design certification. This free training is through an online learning environment called LearnKey and is brought to you as part of the stimulus dollars invested in Texas. The program is part of the Target Tech

in Texas (T3) grant administered by the Texas Education Agency in Austin. The Region VII Education Service Center in Kilgore received the grant and is working collaboratively with several school districts in Region VII. GISD is excited to extend this training to our community in hopes that the training will improve technical skills and help prepare local community members for better jobs.

To participate in the training, one must have the use of a computer, an internet connection, and the applicable software. Upon request, community members may complete the training using local technology equipment. Since training is online, it is available 24/7 and is at your own pace. Upon completion of the training, individuals may pay a small testing fee and take the certification tests at Region VII in Kilgore. Applicants armed with these certifications are in high demand with employers.



For more information and to sign up for classes, go to www.gladewaterisd.com and click on the T3 icon.

2009 Gold Performance Acknowledgments

Gold Performance Acknowledgments or GPA's were created by the Texas Legislature in 2001 to recognize districts and campuses for high performance in areas that go above and beyond the basics. There are thirteen different categories in which a GPA can be earned at the district level and fourteen different categories at the campus level. Gladewater ISD is pleased to announce that it has earned ten campus and three district acknowledgments for the 2008 - 2009 school year. This is a huge accomplishment for our students and teachers.

- Gladewater ISDAdvanced Course/Dual Enrollment Completion
College-Ready Graduates
Commended Performance Social Studies
- Gladewater High SchoolAdvanced Course/Dual Enrollment Completion
College-Ready Graduates
Comparable Improvement Mathematics
- Gladewater Middle SchoolCommended Performance Reading/ELA
Commended Performance Social Studies
Comparable Improvement Mathematics
- Weldon Intermediate SchoolCommended Performance Mathematics
Commended Performance Science
Comparable Improvement Reading/ELA
- Broadway Elementary SchoolCommended Performance Reading

Year	GISD		GHS		GMS		WIS		BES	
	Rating	GPA	Rating	GPA	Rating	GPA	Rating	GPA	Rating	GPA
2009	AA	ADV. COLL. READY, CSS	AA	ADV. COLL. READY, CIM	AA	CR, CSS, CIM	Rec	CM, CS, CIR	Ex	CR
2008	AA	CSS	AA	CIM	AA	CSS	AA	CM, CW	AA	CR

Become a Volunteer

Gladewater ISD reports parent and community volunteers have already contributed more than 220 hours to supporting our students and teachers since the beginning of this school year. Volunteers have participated in a variety of ways including helping teachers in the classroom and gym, and helping the school nurses, secretaries and counselors. Volunteers also assisted teachers preparing for various art activities. Most importantly, volunteers have been helping students practice their reading and math skills.

"Gay Avenue Primary is very appreciative of the time that volunteers have donated," according to Mrs. Lois Reed. "We had two moms who taught first grade students how to make applesauce. Students were allowed to peel the apples with a potato peeler, stir the apples while cooking in the crock pot, and finally enjoy the finished product. What a great way to celebrate the harvest season and Johnny Applesseed's birthday!" On October 30, parent and grandparent volunteers enjoyed helping out on the Broadway campus as third graders celebrated Pirate Day.



Doug Rode, volunteer pirate and father of Patton, gives Davina Davis some helpful pirate tips

If you are interested in learning more about the Volunteer Program at GISD or would be willing to serve as a volunteer, please contact the District at 903.845.6991, extension 624 or email inquires@gladewaterisd.com.

Broadway Student Cast in Production

Layla Wragg, a 3rd grade student at Broadway School got to "star" in the Kilgore Junior College's operatic production of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." Layla was cast as "Dwarf #7", and stole the show as the elves sang and danced throughout the performance. The entire Broadway student body, along with their teachers got to go to Kilgore in order to see the live opera put on by the music and theater departments of the college. Mrs. Lori Nino, music teacher at Broadway, who coordinated the trip, also did an excellent job preparing the students for the opera and they exhibited superior behavior during the show.



Layla Wragg starring as "Dwarf # 7"

Teen Leadership Summit



The Gladewater Middle School All-A Honor Roll for the 1st six weeks participated in the Region VII Teen Leadership Summit. The students participated in workshops consisting of Internet Safety, Balancing School and Leadership and Duties of a Teen Leader. Don't be surprised to see these student leaders in the not to distance future making a positive difference in their community.

What's Happening in Middle School Science

Seventh (7th) grade teachers and students at Gladewater Middle School engage themselves in learning about pulleys as part of their study of simple machines. In this experiment students learn that grouping pulleys together decreases the amount of force needed to lift an object. Two pulleys require only half the force, but you must pull the string twice as far to perform the same amount of work. Students also did experiments dealing with friction, inertia, and inclined planes; all areas that will be tested in the 8th grade TAKS Test. Job well done Mr. Buchmeyer and Mr. Willett.



Students Pictured are: Hedrick Holden, Diamond Goodwyn, Randi Parker, Hayden Dees, and Ashley Tierrablanca.

"Donuts With Dad"

Gay Avenue Primary continued the proud tradition of "Donuts with Dad" on September 28th. We had a terrific turnout and the students were really excited that their dads came to this wonderful event. Our cafeteria ladies did an outstanding job of preparing the donuts for our students and special guests. Our theme this year was "The Mighty Bears" and the tables were set with orange and black football decorations. We even had some of our very own Mighty Bear football players to join us for donuts. FUN was had by one and all!



"Pumpkin Patch"

Students from Gay Avenue Primary celebrated the Fall season by visiting the local pumpkin patch. The boys and girls visited the pumpkin patch created by Friendship Baptist Church where they were read a story and had the opportunity to examine the variety of pumpkins. The kids were also treated to cookies and juice. Each boy and girl was able to select a "mini pumpkin" to take home with them. The learning experience was an exciting time for the students which went along with the curriculum of learning the seasons.



Makayla Rodriguez & Dusty White are "putting a cap on drugs."

Red Ribbon Week & Drug Awareness Week

Red Ribbon Week and Drug Awareness Week were a fun-filled time at Weldon School. Among the themed days, we "socked it to drugs" and "put a cap on drugs" were the funniest days (pictured above). We also had a class poster contest. Mrs. Thompson's "Too Cool for Drugs" won the 4th grade competition, and Mrs. Morrison's "We are the future, let's make it drug free" was on the 5th grade competition.



GHS students use the Agile Mind software to increase knowledge and understanding in math

Our Day at the Yamboree

Students from GHS had a wonderful time at the Yamboree. The weather was beautiful! The students showed off their social skills by interacting with other people. Everyone they met was very nice and gracious. Also, they used their money skills by paying for their own delicious food. They had a blast on the various rides. Prizes were won by everyone that played games. Thanks to Martha Day for being our chaperone. A fun time was had by all.



Ashley Perry from GHS shows her pig at the Annual East Texas Yamboree

Agile Mind in the Math Classroom

Agile Mind is a software program that was purchased to aide our students in understanding the math being taught in our classrooms. This program has been valuable in engaging our students' attention through animated demonstrations and interactive practice. Each student has an individual login and access to the animations, practice and self-assessments in his/her subject area. Being able to watch a demonstration of an application helps the students see the value in the lesson and helps the teacher show concepts in various ways. Teachers can also assign and keep a summary of student work within the program, making it easier to monitor progress. The Agile Mind program has been a beneficial asset to the math curriculum.

Broadway Students Participate in Brain Busters

On Thursday, October 29, 2009, the 3rd grade classes at Broadway Elementary School participated in "Brain Busters", an academic group problem solving activity. "Brain Busters" is a math activity that started approximately 20 years ago by 3rd grade teacher, Lynne Davis, and retired teacher, Mary Spradley. It was originally called "Think Olympics." For 30 minutes, teams of students work the problems, and their captain takes the answers to the team of graders (comprised of teachers and other guest graders.) Bonus problems are given to teams who finish all six problems. The teams are encouraged to discuss the problems and answers within their groups before submitting them for grading. According to Mrs. Davis, the activity started with just a couple of classrooms, but has evolved over the years and now includes all eight of the 3rd grade classrooms.



Brandon Smith, Sha'Riah Walters, Adam Morgan, Zachary Wise and Collin Sisk pause for a snap shot during Broadway's Brain Busters