

Bear Facts

GMS Newsletter



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BEARS, BELTS, AND BOOKS

As you walk down the halls of the Gladewater Middle School, you may witness kicking, hitting, and yelling. But it is okay. It is part of the new Warrior Bears Martial Arts class this year under the leadership of Theresa Brown. Sensei Brown hold an 8th degree black belt in Samurai Jujitsu and is an inductee to the original USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame.



The martial arts class was added this year for multiple purposes. It offers many benefits to the students including fitness, self-discipline, and confidence. This year's class has 16 students enrolled. They have started learning their basics and have memorized and recited the Warrior Bears' Code, based on the tenets of the Samurai. The overall goal of the class is based on the founder of modern martial arts Ginchin Funakoshi's quote: "The ultimate aim of the martial arts is not in winning or losing, but in the perfection of the character of its participants."



Coffee With the Counselor



September 29, 2016
GMS Library 8:00-9:00am



Parents bring your favorite cup and meet the new GMS counselor. Find out what the GMS counseling program offers, ask questions, and meet other middle school parents.

Questions: Call Kacy Rodgers, [903-845-2243](tel:903-845-2243) or email rodgersk@gladwatermiddleschool.com



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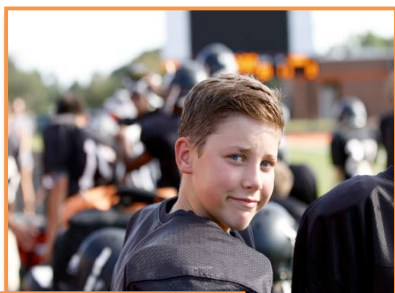
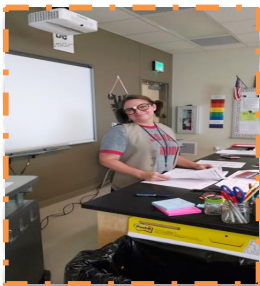
CONVERSATION ABOUT RESPECT

Mrs. Rodgers is the counselor at GMS. During their library time once a grading period or as needed, Mrs. Rodgers will be discussing character education and other social issues.

The first topic of discussion was respect. She questioned students to access their definition of respect. She brought to their attention that various areas of their life require different types of respect. For example, respect in a friendship is very different than with a teacher. She also highlighted how to respectfully disagree with someone. She spoke about dealing with a problem assertively instead of aggressively. She gave them examples they may encounter in their life. In all, she gave them skills to handle conflict in responsible manner.



Although technology has given GMS some difficulties these past few weeks, Mr. Neal's students decide to pair up and learn how to spot fused sentences and coma splices on ChompChomp.com!





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TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY 2016 Accountability Summary GLADEWATER MIDDLE (092901042) - GLADEWATER ISD

Accountability Rating

Met Standard

Met Standards on

- Student Achievement
- Student Progress
- Closing Performance Gaps
- Postsecondary Readiness

Did Not Meet Standards on

- NONE

In 2016, to receive a Met Standard or Met Alternative Standard rating, districts and campuses must meet targets on three indexes: Index 1 or Index 2 and Index 3 and Index 4.

Distinction Designation

Academic Achievement in ELA/Reading

NO DISTINCTION EARNED

Academic Achievement in Mathematics

NO DISTINCTION EARNED

Academic Achievement in Science

NO DISTINCTION EARNED

Academic Achievement in Social Studies

NO DISTINCTION EARNED

Top 25 Percent Student Progress

NO DISTINCTION EARNED

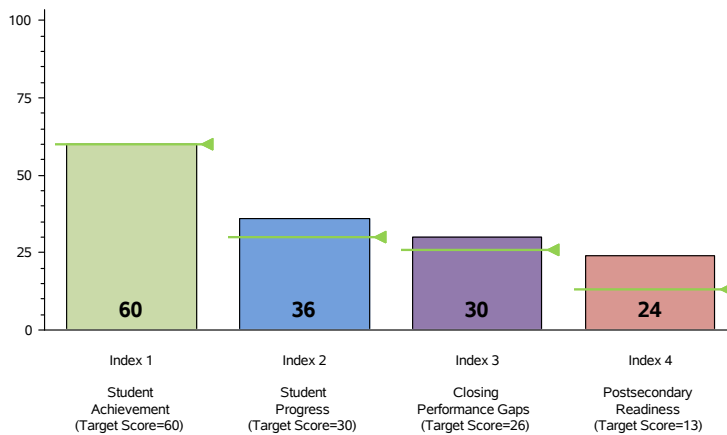
Top 25 Percent Closing Performance Gaps

NO DISTINCTION EARNED

Postsecondary Readiness

NO DISTINCTION EARNED

Performance Index Report



Campus Demographics

Campus Type	Middle School
Campus Size	403 Students
Grade Span	06 - 08
Percent Economically Disadvantaged	67.7
Percent English Language Learners	4.0
Mobility Rate	22.0

Performance Index Summary

Index	Points Earned	Maximum Points	Index Score
1 - Student Achievement	635	1,056	60
2 - Student Progress	510	1,400	36
3 - Closing Performance Gaps	593	2,000	30
4 - Postsecondary Readiness			
STAAR Score	23.8		
Graduation Rate Score	N/A		
Graduation Plan Score	N/A		
Postsecondary Component Score	N/A		24

System Safeguards

Number and Percentage of Indicators Met

Performance Rates	8 out of 22 = 36%
Participation Rates	12 out of 12 = 100%
Graduation Rates	N/A
Total	20 out of 34 = 59%

For further information about this report, please see the Performance Reporting Division website at <https://rptsvr1.tea.texas.gov/perfreport/account/2016/index.html>

Principal's Corner

We are off to a wonderful start at Gladewater Middle School. First and foremost, I would like to thank the voters in Gladewater ISD. Passing the bond for our beautiful school to be built has enabled us to have the opportunity to change the culture within our school. The culture is changing and it is for the better.

One of the biggest helps we could have on our campus right now is for parents to be on the Parent Portal. Parent Portal is an online way for parents to be aware of their student's grades. It is really important for parents remind their students to maintain their grades. If any parent needs to gain access to the Parent Portal, contact the Gladewater Middle School office @ 903-845-2243 and we will set you up.

Report cards go out on October 5. We will be sending report cards home with students. If you have questions about your child's performance, please contact their teacher via email. Those email addresses can be found on our website.

We hope everyone is off to a wonderful start to his or her school year. If you ever have any questions or needs, contact the office or email me @ langfordc@gladewaterisd.com. Go Bears!