

Darren Webb:

Wow! Another year is about to be completed. It seems like last week we were having freshmen and new student orientation. This year certainly has been a good one. Through hard work, dedication and their commitment, many of our students advanced to post-district competitions throughout the school year. We also had many teachers and coaches that put in a lot of extra time to work with and support these students during this year. Even with Graduation upon us, we are working to prepare for the 2008-2009 school year. Speaking of Graduation, I want to congratulate the 2008 seniors for reaching their goal of graduating. The high school faculty is proud of your accomplishments and hope you further your education in some way. We want to wish the seniors the best of luck with all of their endeavors.

I hope everyone has a relaxing summer. Important dates and times will be given throughout the summer for next school year. School will start on Monday, August 25th. See you then!!

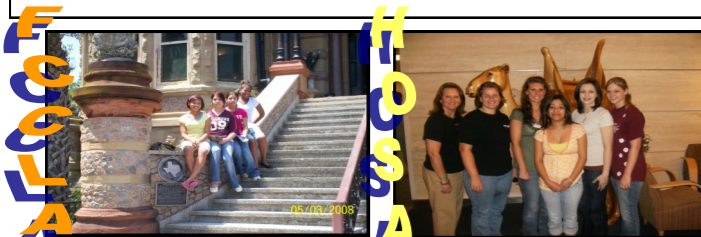
Cliffon Walker:

Congratulations to the HS band on their sweepstakes year. This wraps up a very successful year for the program.



Leslie Nichols:

The HOSA II seniors ventured to Houston last week to tour Texas Children's Hospital and Shriners' Hospital. We had a fun, informative trip. We met up with the Center HOSA group for our tours and eating. Each of these girls plan on furthering their education after high school by pursuing careers in the medical field.



Mrs. Anzuldua:

The Garrison High School FCCLA sold cases of drinks this year as the fundraiser for the organization to use the profits for various projects. The members were told they had to sell 30 cases to be eligible to go on the field trip. Those members that sold the allotted number were treated to a trip to Galveston to tour the Moody Mansion and The Bishops Palace on May 3rd. They learned some of the history of Galveston and how the island revived itself after the Hurricane of 1900. They enjoyed the tours and then went to the Aquarium restaurant in Kemah for dinner before returning to Garrison. Even though the trip was long, they had a great time you can tell from the picture. Thanks go to the community members that helped support our efforts in fundraising and in the scavenger hunt for food we did in the fall.

This makes the 3rd straight year the Garrison FFA has had the District President! **Colt Gresham** was elected as the Piney Woods District President for 2008-2009. Colt is fired-up about the coming year and has great plans for the Piney Woods District!

The FFA talent team members are Seth Haney, Lauren Lackey, Weston Griffin, Justin Murray, and Bryson Adkison. These members placed 1st at both the District and Area Conventions this year. They will represent the Garrison FFA as 1 of 10 talent teams in the state of Texas this July 14th-18th at The Texas State FFA Convention held in Lubbock!

All officers are getting geared up for this year's Area IX Leadership Camp to be held at Camp Tonkawa in Livingston, Texas. At camp they will learn valuable life lessons, and how to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Thanks to all the Administration, Teachers, Parents, Youth backers, and Community Members for another successful year for our Garrison FFA!



The following FFA Teams represented Garrison at Sam Houston State University:

Ag Mechanics: Jared Howard, Seth Haney, Cory Lilly

Farm Business Management: Allison Rountree, Shelby Stanaland Taylor Williamson, Slade McKnight

Land: Evan Delafield, Logan Box, Derek Runnels, Derek Secrest

Dairy: Taylor Williamson, Colt Gresham, Lauren Kirk, Teryn Chandler

Poultry: Lauren Kirk, Destiny Brown, Jennifer Walker, Shelby Crawford

Livestock: Danni Lunsford, Colt Gresham, Taylor Stokes, Russell Carrell, Jared Chandler

Horse: Taylor Stokes, Cory Lilly, Colton Ward

The Dairy, Livestock, and Farm Business teams were all **State Qualifiers** and represented Garrison FFA at the State level. We would like to congratulate all team members for an outstanding year.



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Newly Elected Board Members::

Randy Crawford

Billy Cooper

Russell O'Dell



Have a Great Summer

Superintendent: Arnie Kelley

As the school year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Garrison community for their help and support throughout the year. As I mentioned at a recent school banquet, GISD is a great school composed of great teachers, great administrators, and more importantly, great kids. With the continued support of parents, family, and community, GISD will continue to improve student performance and strive to meet local, state, and federal expectations. It is extremely important for everyone to work together so that we can continue to offer a positive learning environment for our students. Thanks again for making this a very successful year, and have a safe, enjoyable summer!

End of year pictures



ELEMENTARY

Lisa McKnight:

Well, we made it through the 2007-2008 school year! Didn't it just fly by? (I really missed the second Spring break!) I have really enjoyed working and playing with the elementary students! Our children have done a great job. I want to thank you for the support you have provided to our children's education. Without the parent support and the community support, our children would not have been as successful. Our faculty and staff and school board deserve a pat on the back too! They have dedicated themselves to making Garrison as renown academically as we are athletically. I am looking forward to the future we have together and to the possibilities the future holds when we work together as one.

Make this summer a fun and relaxing time with your family. There can be many adventures in your own backyard! My summer plans are almost the same as last year. I doubt with gas prices like they are that we will be taking a vacation, but I won't be giving up summer league baseball games! As always, there are plenty of home improvements needing to be done, AND of course I will be planning for an awesome, stupendous, and marvelous 08-09 school year! Have a wonderful and safe summer vacation. God bless you all.

2nd Grade:

Second Grade has been busy this six weeks. We have learned about bugs. We have even made our own bugs!! We learned a lot of neat things about the bugs.

We have planted our own plant. We went on a field trip to learn about plants. We want to thank Mrs. Samford, Mrs. Matura, Mrs. Hudson, and Mrs. Honea for going with us!! We really appreciate all their help.

We went to Panola College and saw a neat play about Fairy Tales. It reminded us of our play on Fairy Tales. Thanks to Mrs. Ramsey for going with us and all her help.

We want to let Mrs. Kimbrough know that we will miss her next year! We hope that she will come and visit us some next year. We hope that she enjoys staying home with her son. We will miss you Mrs. Kimbrough!

3rd Grade:

Third Graders are relieved that TAKS is over! We have finished our second novel study over *Because of Winn-Dixie*. We are also learning how to multiply 2-digit and 1-digit numbers so that we will be ready for fourth grade. In science and social studies we are learning about the earth's geography, and we have built volcano models which we plan to erupt! We had a blast on our field trip to the planetarium at SFA, and our burgers at Chilli's were delicious! We wish everyone a SAFE, HAPPY AND FUN SUMMER.

1st Grade:

Summer is fast approaching! The students and teachers are ready for a little R-N-R time. We have just returned from an awesome trip to Sci-port. The students enjoyed learning about the planets and stars in the Planetarium. They were able to participate in a water cycle lesson as well. The games at Sci-port are always a big hit with kids and teachers. May will go by fast, but we hope to keep the students on track for a little longer. Thanks to the parents that have worked so hard to make sure their child learned as much as they could this school year.



Counselor, Mrs. Lloyd:

Elementary and Middle School have completed the TAKS BLITZ! All of the students have worked so very hard in preparing and completing this important round of testing. We have the best children and students in Nacogdoches County!

LOT (Leaders of Tomorrow) Crew members, Tatum Greer and Kaley Brady attended the graduation ceremony for the LOT Crew. I am so very proud of these two young ladies. I am looking forward to the crew for next year.

The Elementary Gifted and Talented Class concluded the year with a field trip to historical sights in Nacogdoches.



Field Trips!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Allan Metcalf:

Can you believe that school is almost over? GMS students have been so involved in many activities all year. Band, agriculture, cheerleading, sports, and FCA are just some of the things GMS students participated in this year. It is such a credit to these young people that they can participate in many extra curricular activities and still be very successful academically. I would like to thank all the parents for the support and time they gave to help these students succeed. It is not just hard work and studying by these students, they are excelling because they are supported and encouraged at home and by their teachers. Parents, students, and teachers working together have allowed GMS students to have a great year!

The end of this year is fast approaching. Our students were rewarded for their efforts this year with a skating party on Wednesday, May 14th. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed being away from school and all the TAKS testing and stress! Students are anxiously waiting for the last day and the summer break to begin. Eighth graders are looking forward to their Six Flags trip and graduation. Thanks again for all the support and encouragement and working with us at GMS this year.

As the end of the school year approaches, I would like to send a very heart felt thank you to each employee, student, board member, and parent involved in GISD. From the moment I was diagnosed with lung cancer, many of you immediately came to me with prayers, words of encouragement, monetary gifts, flowers, cards, food, and phone calls. As the school year continued, my family was blessed time after time by the many fund raisers that the teachers organized and the students and parents supported. Many times the middle school students sent me huge banners filled with student photos and messages. Whenever I have a low day, I can read these messages and immediately feel better. Often I see students from each campus who tell me they are praying for me or that their church is praying for me. Your prayers are why I am doing so well, and I wish that I had the words to express proper gratitude. The T-shirt fund raisers, bake sales, auctions, and penny drives are much appreciated. The high school and middle school FCA groups have continued to show prayer support throughout the school year. The Christmas in a Small Town Bazaar could rival Holiday in the Pines. The decorations were beautiful, as were the many donated items and crafts. The music was also wonderful, and I appreciate each of you who entertained that day. I am also grateful to each merchant who donated items. The gift baskets were a very unique idea and thanks to all who donated items for the gift baskets. Many of you spent hours decorating, preparing food, and working the booths. Some of you were on your feet for hours. I also thank the administration for allowing the use of school facilities for the bazaar. I cannot finish without expressing gratitude to those of you who have helped and "looked out" for my own two children this school year. Each of them had a very successful and happy school year. I am very blessed to work in such a great school with such caring and compassionate people. I thank God for all of you each day. I think some of you are really angels, you just hide your wings!!

With humble thanks,
Brandi Edwards



Mrs. Hammer:

The Middle School FCA would like to thank Matt Murray for being our guest speaker for the meeting in April. We will have an end of the year party at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Hammer. We hope to end the year with a huge SPLASH (swim party). Thanks to everyone for a great year!

The 7th grade science students have been twisting, shaking, and breaking things during the study of earthquakes. Students learned what causes quakes and what actions to take before, during and after a quake.

The 8th grade students are now studying the nervous and endocrine systems and how the human body senses the environment. We are looking forward to the Lab: Eye Parts, where we will dissect a cow eye.



Mrs. Schaeffer:

We finally got our TAKS test in the middle school out of the way. Now we can focus on more important things, like the countdown to the last day of school for the year. In 8th grade we are going to see if we can improve our speed in keyboarding by at least three words per minute before we finish, and in Technology Applications we are trying to learn the ins and outs of word processing.

We hope everyone has a wonderful last month and we will see you at graduation!

Field Day