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School celebrates homecoming week with dress up days

by: Sydnee Gully

Homecoming festivities took over the hallways last week as students celebrated throughout the days. On Monday, students dressed up in their favorite animal print for the first dress-up day. The hallway was filled with leopard print pants, zebra print, and even giraffe print!

Tuesday brought meme day where students dressed up as their favorite meme. In elementary, they participated in max-match day where they wore their wackiest outfits.

The hallways were filled with jerseys on Wednesday for dress as your favorite sport day, and on Thursday people dressed up as their favorite celebrities.

Friday was spirit day, and people showed off their best Bearkat gear!



JV Football wins on the road

by: Sydnee Gully

The JV football team traveled to Robert Lee on Thursday night to take on the Steers on their home field. The game was exhilarating as it came down to the last quarter. The Bearkats fought hard, putting in a ton of effort and being connected on the field to play the best they could. Ariel Espinosa had several touchdowns under his belt to help contribute to the team. In the fourth quarter, there was 1:18 left on the clock when Garden City scored a touchdown to take the lead. The game ended with a score of 24-18 in our favor. Next week, they're looking to take on another tough team, and they're hoping to see even more improvement and continually get better.



Community celebrates homecoming

by: Sydnee Gully

On Friday night, a big crowd gathered in Bearkat Stadium for the homecoming game. Before kickoff, however, the crowning of the king and queen was held. Nominees were Claire Eggemeyer and Brody Walts, Ivy Braden and Bronc Gass, Sydnee Gully and Caleb Stewart, and Ella Brinkley and Juan Barco. The king and queen were Ella Brinkley and Broday Walts.

After this, the game took off as both teams had a lot of energy. It started off very back and forth, with the Robert Lee Steers and the Bearkats scoring touchdown after touchdown. Then, halfway through the second quarter Miles Colunga pitched the ball back to Brody Walts, and as the defense closed in on Brody, he passed to Colunga, who ran the ball in for a long touchdown. At this point, the score was 24-28 in favor of the Steers.

At halftime, the Steers were still on top at 30-42, but the Bearkats weren't losing hope. They came into the third quarter with tons of energy and they were ready to take on whatever Robert Lee threw at them. However, they weren't able to stop the Steers' momentum fully, making the score 50-63 in Robert Lee's favor by the end of the third quarter. When the game ended, the score was 79-74, keeping the Bearkats just one touchdown from winning the game.

After the game, students gathered in the gym for the annual homecoming dance. Everybody had a great time!



Students of the Week

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week we have two amazing students under the spotlight.

First up is senior Gracie Raney who wants to be a photographer and a real estate agent when she gets out of high school. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Hoelscher and her favorite subject is math. When asked who her role model is, she said, “My sister and my mom, because they are both very strong women.”

Raney’s biggest goal for this year is to get good grades and in her free time she likes to take pictures or do her extracurricular activities like FFA and yearbook. If she could give some advice to other students in high school, it would be, “Stay true to yourself and don’t get embarrassed.”

Next is freshman Roper Gass, who is not yet sure of what he wants to do after high school. His favorite subject is math and he is most looking forward to floral design. When asked what his favorite thing about the schools was, he said, “the students are nicer and the teachers are better.”

Gass’s favorite teacher is Mrs. Pierce and his biggest role model is Ryder. His favorite hobby is drawing and he is also involved in FFA and 4-H. If he could give some advice to other students, it would be, “Try your best.”

Cross Country Teams Race in Irion County

by: Claire Eggemeyer

The high school cross country team traveled to Mertzon on Wednesday, September 23rd.

The girls team started off the morning running at 9 a.m. The team consisted of seniors Sophie Sullivan, Claire Eggemeyer, Ella Brinkley, junior Landry Baker, sophomore Tori Anderson, and freshman Tori Anderson. Any scores are currently unknown due to a mishap with the scoring system.

The boys ran next at 9:30 a.m. The team consisted of sophomores Thomas Hillger, Clayton Hillger, Kannon Flores, and freshmen Rene Cano, Cooper Baker, Cade Baker, and Corbin Cervatnes.

Both teams competed very well and are looking forward to their next meet in Ira on Wednesday, October 1st.



Girls basketball takes on Odessa and Permian in fall league games

by: Sydnee Gully

On Monday night, the varsity girls basketball team traveled to Greenwood for their second week of Fall League. After picking up two wins the week before, they had some more confidence playing against bigger schools.

That night, they faced Odessa High School and Permian High School. First, they took on Odessa. Although Odessa had an early lead, the Lady Kats didn't stop fighting. In fact, they closed the score gap to make the score 20-21, with Garden City only down by one point. Still, the game ended with Odessa on top with a score of 24-24.

Right after that game, they took on Permian High School. After a tough game, they ended up losing with a score of 12-49.

This week, they are looking to battle Seminole and Odessa again. They are looking to see improvement from last week.



Staff Spotlight

by: Emily Easterling

This week, Mrs. Pierce was chosen to be featured for our Staff Spotlight! Mrs. Pierce graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in interdisciplinary agriculture. This is her second year here teaching principals of ag, floral design, and helps out with the ag mechanics class. She is also one of our FFA advisors so she helps to coach multiple LDE, CDE, and SDE teams.

Growing up, Mrs. Pierce always knew she wanted to be a teacher, but wasn't sure which subject she wanted to teach.

"I knew I wanted to be a teacher, but it wasn't until later in school that I realized that the teacher that I really wanted to be was an agricultural science teacher," she explained.

Mrs. Pierce had several amazing role models throughout high school including her Biology teacher, Mrs. Rich, and her Ag teacher, Mr. Woods.

"She supported everybody in everything that they did, whether you were an ag kid, an athlete, or you were in the theater, she definitely supported every single person that was there. Then also my ag teacher, Mr. Woods, I really, really looked up to. He showed me what it meant to work hard and put your best foot forward for the kids that you have and make sure that they are successful," she said.

This year, Mrs. Pierce is most excited to see how her students succeed in all of their activities.

"We had a really good year last year and I'm really excited to see how we can continue that here at GC," Mrs. Pierce said.

Her favorite part about living and working in GC is the community.

"Everybody's willing to look in on one another. Everybody sincerely cares about one another and that's something that you don't see very often anymore," she expressed.

Mrs. Pierce has done so much for not only our ag students, but for our school as a whole. Make sure to give her a huge 'thank you' when you see her!

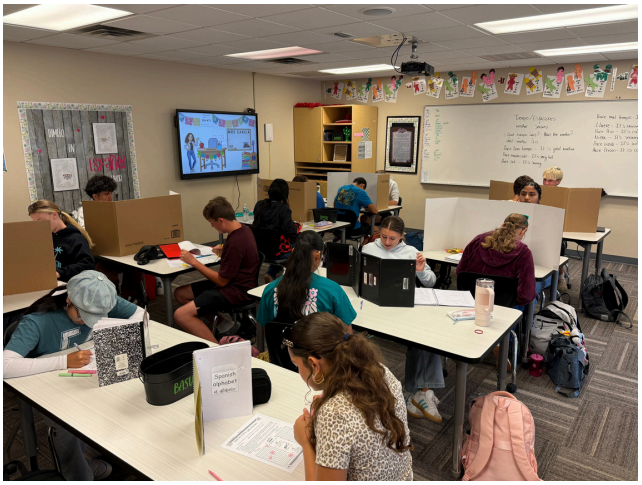
In the Classroom with Mrs. Garcia

by: Sydnee Gully

In Mrs. Garcia's Spanish classroom, students have been developing their Spanish skills in so many ways. In Spanish 1, students have been very busy improving their communication skills in Spanish by practicing greeting one another, using courtesy expressions, and talking about the days of the week, months, and their birthdays.

Students also played Spanish Battleship to make learning more fun and interactive. They practiced letters and numbers while strengthening their vocabulary and communication skills.

Through the variety of activities and worksheets, students have been having a great time in Spanish as they build their confidence through their journey of learning Spanish.



Students celebrate 'See You at the Pole'

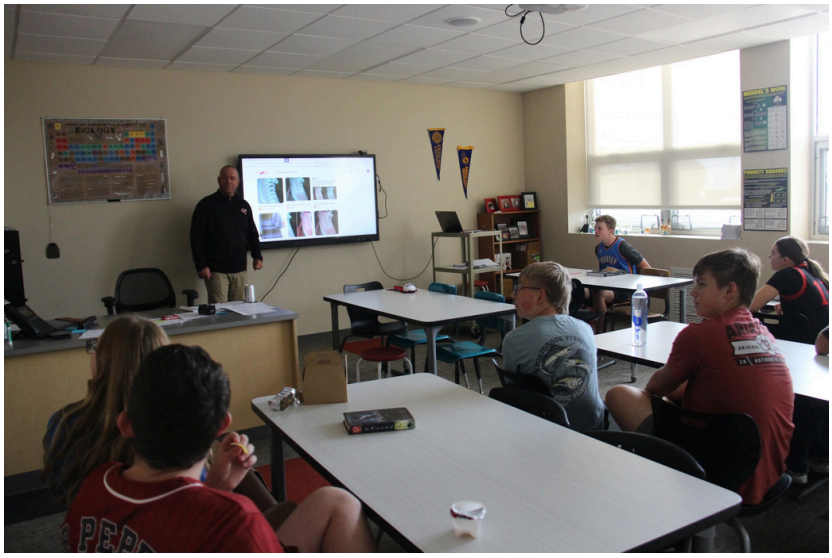
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Last Thursday, GC ISD held our first See You at the Pole! Students of all ages and parents all gathered at the flag pole by the football field to worship Jesus and bond over faith. Thomas Hillger, Clayton Hillger, Lilly Hillger, and Justice Douglas played and sang worship songs to open and close the morning. Shooter Brinkley, Sydnee Gully, Wyatt Everett, Emily Easterling, Ella Brinkley, Ivy Braden, and Landry Dieringer all prayed over our community, students, staff, government, and our safety. After the service, donuts were provided and everyone gathered for fellowship over our Lord!

In the Classroom with Coach Fryar

by: Claire Eggemeyer

This week we are taking a closer look into Coach Fryar's classroom. He teaches the freshman biology class, where they have been going over water passing in and out of the cell membrane. They also went over the biomolecules of life which are fats, proteins, lipids, and carbohydrates. This week, the students will learn all about the cell cycle and how the cell grows and prepares itself for Mitosis and Meiosis.

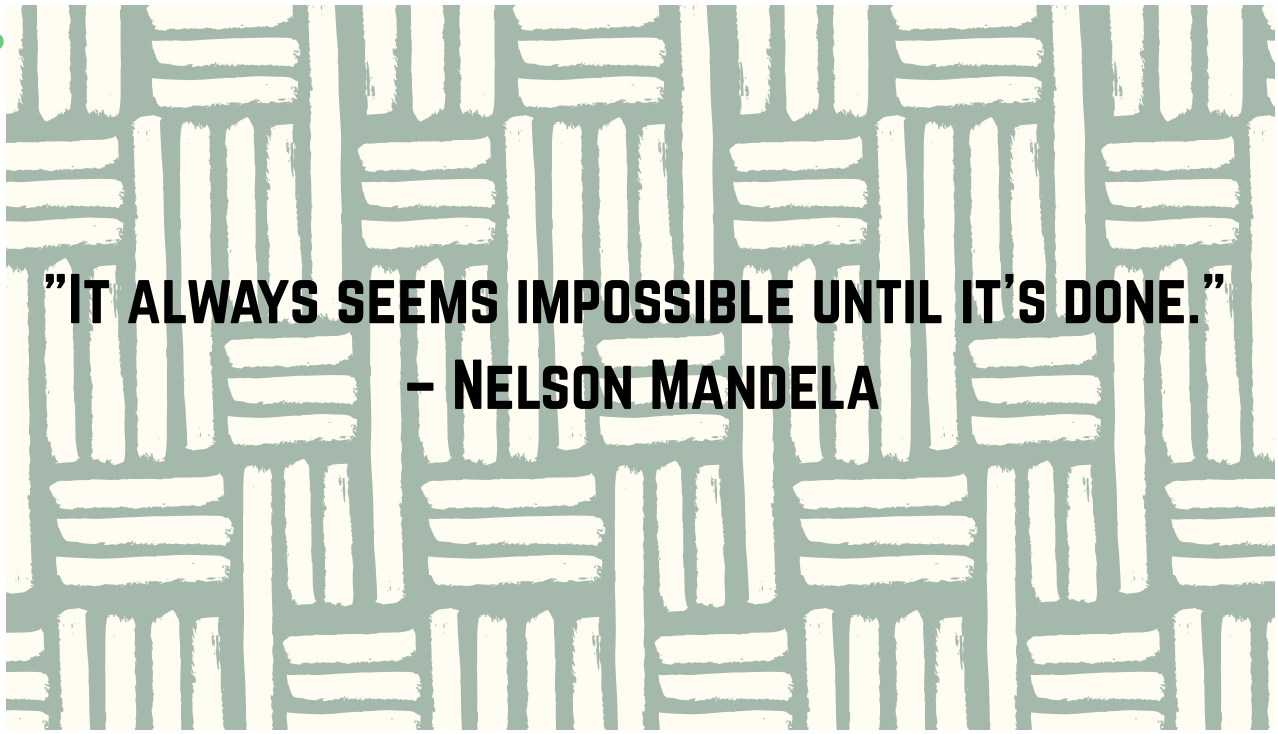


WEEKLY MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BANANA NUT MUFFIN & SAUSAGE OR CEREAL & TOAST	BREAKFAST PIZZA OR CEREAL & TOAST	SAUSAGE KOLACHE & YOGURT OR CEREAL & TOAST	OATMEAL, CINNAMON TOAST, & YOGURT OR CEREAL & TOAST	CINNAMON ROLL & SAUSAGE OR CEREAL & TOAST
STEAK FINGERS, GRAVY, OVEN FRIES, BABY CARROTS, GARDEN SALAD, RANCH, FRUIT, & A ROLL	CHICKEN SPAGHETTI, GREEN BEANS, GARDEN SALAD, RANCH, FRUIT, & GARLIC TOAST	CRISPY TACOS, REFRIED BEANS, ZESTY CUCUMBERS, SPANISH RICE, FRUIT	CHICKEN ALFREDO, GREEN BEANS, GARDEN SALAD, RANCH, FRUIT, & A ROLL	HAMBURGERS WITH FIXINGS, BABY CARROTS, RANCH, CHIPS, & FRUIT

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		JH/HS CROSS COUNTRY AT IRA	COAHOMA FFA BUILD OFF	VARSITY FOOTBALL VS UNION HILL AT STRAWN
		COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR	JH FOOTBALL VS MIDLAND TRINITY	
			JV FOOTBALL AT BORDEN COUNTY	



School hosts annual 'Report Card Night'

by: Sydnee Gully

Last Tuesday after school, students of all ages gathered with their parents to pick up their first report cards of the year. They were able to mingle with teachers and other students, then everybody headed over to the cafeteria for the meal. Meals were being sold by the local 4-H club, and everybody had a great time celebrating the end of the first six weeks!

Joke of the Week

How do you find a cheetah in the dark?

Use a spotlight.

