

The Weekly Cliff!

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Welcome to the Seventh Edition of the Weekly Cliff

Please send us requests to cover or promote your upcoming events. I am soooooo proud of my staff!

Mr. Strutz Rodney.strutz@rusd.org

Teacher Feature Mrs. VK

Interview with Mrs. VK

Isaiah had a chance to sit down and find out more about Gifford's Mrs. VK.

What is your favorite part about being a counselor?

I would have to say working with students from all different types of backgrounds.

Is this your favorite school to teach at?

I came to Gifford because it was going to be a K-8. I am really enjoying a new challenge. I can't say that I have a favorite place I've taught at. Each place has had really good experiences and lots of fun students. They are such different experiences, that it's difficult to compare.

What's your favorite thing about helping kids?

Seeing the lights go on when someone has been struggling and watching students succeed at new opportunities.

Who is your inspiration?

My inspiration is my aunt. She's been like a second parent to me and has been there for me and helped me in so many ways when others either wouldn't or

couldn't. She's been the person I can go to who will listen when I need it and is not afraid to tell me to get over it when I need to hear it (even if I don't want to).

What places have you traveled?

I have been to Nova Scotia which is in Canada. That was fun! I went in the winter and saw the ice pack the channels and seals sunning themselves on the ice. We went hunting for muscles and my uncle cooked them up for dinner that night. I've been to Toronto too. I have been to the Caribbean, which was too warm for me! I have family and friends all over the states, so I've been to several states and will take pretty much any excuse for a road trip. Of course, it's a lot harder now to just pick up and go now that I have kids. One of the most fun trips though was to the Smoky Mountains. I got to in high school as part of the school's annual backpacking trip - twice actually.

What's your favorite kind of drink?

A rootbeer float.

What's your favorite kind of food?

I don't know, that's a hard one. My favorite snack is either popcorn or white chocolate-covered pretzels.

What other schools have you taught at?

Case High, McKinley Middle School

All About Mr. Strutz

By: Tori C

Mr. Strutz has two daughters. Their names are: the oldest child is 21 her name is Jordyn. His second child is 15 and her name is Josie. This is his first year teaching at Gifford. What Mr. Strutz teaches is 7th grade Math and Science. He likes teaching math, because when he was in grade school he hated math

because he couldn't understand it. Now that he understands it, he loves math! He even helps students who don't understand it.

Mr. Strutz's favorite songs are "Piano Man" by Billy Joel, "Boys of Summer" by Don Henley, "Here Without You" by Three Doors Down and "Folsom Prison Blues" by Johnny Cash.

He likes sports. His favorite sports teams are the Packers, White Sox, Blackhawks, and The University of Illinois. Mr. Strutz was born in Freeport, Illinois. If Mr. Strutz could teach anywhere he would teach in Arizona or Florida. He likes teaching 7th because they are the most insane or crazy. His favorite restaurant is Maders in Milwaukee. He has a girlfriend named Terri!! She is crazy beautiful!!! said Tori. That is all about Mr. Strutz!!

Advice Column

Here's some advice on what to do if you are being called a snitch but you did the right thing. You should just ignore them if they only do it every once in awhile. If they do it so much that you cry about almost every day about it you should tell an adult so they know what's going on. Most of all make sure you don't blame yourself for being called a snitch. Oh! and make sure you don't snitch on them if it only happened once or if they were just joking around. Last but not least just politely say I don't like it when you call me that name so please stop.

Student Story By Gavin B.



The Black River

Once upon a time there was a 10 year old and he's name is Jeremy. He loved the outdoors Jeremy ran into the forest chasing a butterfly

Jeremy went far into the forest and paused. Jeremy saw a Black river Jeremy saw lots of black fish so Jeremy ran home and told his Mother "Mom i found a Black river" Jeremy exclaimed. "Sure honey go ahead and have your dinner" his Mother in disbelief. Jeremy sighed. Jeremy ate his dinner and went to bed. He had a dream about the black river and in his dream he was one of the black fish and under the water it was beautiful and he saw Ghosts they were Indians there were tps and lots of Indians. Jeremy woke up in the middle of the night and tip-toed down stairs his mother was fast asleep on the couch he quietly grabbed his coat and boots and grabbed his camera. He ran to through the woods and to the river the river was gone it was just rocks,dirt,and grass. Then he turned around and all he saw was the black river so he grabbed his camera and took the photo he ran back home and his house wasn't there he was lost in woods.All sudden he woke up it was all a dream and he was so happy.

Math Meet

The math meet is about math and they have to answer questions about common core and constructed responses and it is also enrichment. The questions are challenging to test how good they are at math. There will be two parts of the math meet and those are individuals and teams.

Mrs. Bersch has been doing the math meet for seven years. There is going to be a little bit between 100 and 120 kids in the math meet. The math meet is on April 13th. There will be 5 teachers at the math meet and Mrs.Bersh will grade the papers. If they get 100's on their math paper they will win! By: Mina R.

Poetry

Being in middle school isn't easy.

It takes patience and assurance.

I know from experience that getting through it takes a lot of time.

But with the help of friends and family, the struggles are a lot easier. As long as you embrace them, they'll be easier to conquer.

To be a hero, you don't have to be smart.

You don't have to be brave or noble.

Because anybody can be a hero.

All you have to be is a good friend.

A Thought For The Day

There were two people standing outside in the cold.

One was wearing a big poofy jacket, gloves and a hat. They stood there freezing cold.

The other person wore nothing but jeans, a hoodie, and the bangs in their eyes. They stood there casual, not cold at all.

The person in the poofy jacket turned to the person in the hoodie. They asked them,

"How can you stand out here in a hoodie and not be cold? I'm all bundled up but I'm freezing out here!"

The other person replied,

"The difference between you and me is, I choose not to care."

The person in the hoodie was never cold again. Once the person in the coat took off their coat, they were no longer cold either.

There are two wolves engaging in a battle. One is anger, destruction, pain, and regret. The other is love, honesty, hope, and joy. But which Wolf will win? The answer? The one that you feed.

Events

THE Saint Patrick's day dance

ON friday March 17th for 6-8 graders and it will be from 6:00 to 8:00. More details to follow.

School Carnival

By: Tori C

The school carnival is on March 11. There will also be a magic show! They need people to start and create games. If you want to make games you can sign up at the website signupgenius.com. The games you can sign up for Jump House, Baggo, Balloon Darts, Small Marble Game, Bull Ringer, Horseshoe, Food Court, Bake Sale, Hole in One, First in Ten, World Cup, Frog Hop, Cake Sale, Donut Wall, Five Pin Bowling, Jungle Hunter, Bank Shot, Face Painting, Glitter Tattoos, Balloon Animals, Roll to Win, Three Ring Circus, Frisbee Toss, Selfie Station, Ring a Soda, Kool Pool, Duck Pond, Plinko, Bean Bag Toss, Lollipop Tree, Roller Bowler, Skee Ball, Bozo Buckets, Car Races, Prize is Right, Crazy Driver, Water Toss, Stand a Bottle, Tip the Cat, One on One, High Striker, Mini Striker, Bulls Eye, Wheel of Fortune! That is the games that you can play or sign up for.