

# The Weekly Cliff

The Week of January 9th, 2017

Welcome to the Third Edition of the Weekly Cliff

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

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## Feature Piece

### What Some Gators Did Over Break!

One of the gators, Maddie C went to Mexico over break. She thought it was ok because her family got the flu. Her brother had to get stitches in his knee because he cut it open on a broken chair.

Another gator, Mason H went to Jamaica with his family. He stayed out in the sun most of the time because he is TAN!!!!!!

A third gator, Tori C went to Dave and Busters on News Year's Eve. She had an awesome time she even got a polka dotted llama!! Her family went along too.

Winter break was fun right? Well Lilly in 4th Grade sure thought so. This winter break Lilly went to Ohio. Lilly's favorite part about going to Ohio was seeing her amazing family. She likes to go swimming, going to the science museum, and the zoo. The first night she slept at her cousin's and then next night night she slept at her grandma's house. She visited her cousin, aunts, uncles, grandmas, and grandpas. The best of all she had fun!

## Johnny from TLC

Johnny: Why did you start doing art? Doing art was fun and he started when he was a kid. Do you enjoy working here? He likes working with his friends he was. Where were you born? He was born in the Philippines, Manila. Would you like to work somewhere else? He would like to work with animals around the world. Were you ever in the armed forces? He was in the Navy for 14 yrs. Is handling kids easy? He says handling children is pretty easy. Do you like working here? He likes working at TLC because of the people he works with and the kids. Do you like playing games with the kids? He likes playing games with the kids for fun. Have you made any friends over the years? He says over the years of working here he has made many friends. What are some of your hobbies? He coaches youth sports, and plays video games as a hobby. overall he enjoys his job.

## Hidden Figures 6th grade field trip

Hey 6th grade, guess what is going on February 1st? Oops too slow, they are going to see the new movie Hidden Figures.

So just a reminder to turn in those forms by Jan. 18, 2017 because you don't want to miss Hidden Figures along with your parent signature make sure to enclose \$2.50 in an envelope. You will receive a soda and a popcorn for the movie. The bus will be leaving the school at 9:00 a.m and will return at 12:05 p.m. the Gifford PTA has been kind enough to pay for the rest of this field trip.

Well then 6th grade, you better get a move on because you don't want to miss Hidden Figures.

## Advice Column

### What should I do when my friends do something behind my back?

First, you could talk to them and say why you're upset or mad. If they take it the wrong way, you should talk to them again later to cool down. You don't want them to get mad at you, then you might get more upset or mad.

If someone's picking on you or bullying you and won't stop-

Well first you can tell them to stop nicely, if that doesn't work tell your parents, trusted adult, or teacher. If they keep bullying you try to ignore them. If they don't you're out of luck! Kidding!!!!!! Sooo, it might be tough but your friends and family will help you through it! I hope this will help you in the future or present!

## Basketball Tryouts

Boy's Basketball Tryouts are this week at Gifford. Please look for interviews next week from the coaches and Players. 8th Grader Andrew A is excited because he likes to compete and looks forward to being on a team with his friends.

## Some of the World Comes Together at Gifford

Hey Gifford Gators, guess what? Mr. Strutz 7th and 8th grade Enrichment class is doing a very cool project. It is called the store project.

The store project is about the students learning 21st century skills. That including learning how to collaborate, cooperate, and run a business. With that being said they are learning how to manage money and do research.

The Store Project is all about the students learning about another state and country that they have chosen. Then they get real items that somehow relate to their state or country. From Jan.11 to Jan.20 from 2:00 - 2:40 P.M 3rd and 5th grade have the opportunity to come in. They can buy the items for fake money.

Wow, that sounds like a lot of fun, I even wish that I was in that class. I would even like to shop at there store. I hope that Mr. Strutz enrichment class is having fun and enjoying the Project. Have a great rest of your day Gators!



### G.E.M.S. Field Trip

By Tessa M

Today I interviewed Mr. Strutz about the upcoming trip for girls, G.E.M.S. ( Girl Empowerment through Math and Science). These are the questions I asked and they answers he gave:

So, in your own words, what is the G.E.M.S. trip? Mr. Strutz answered, "It's an opportunity for female students to dive further into getting better at math and science."

How do you think this trip benefits girls? Mr. Strutz said, "They get to choose to work in multiple workshops and experience different scenarios, and it will help them imagine their futures."

Is there anything about this trip that you don't think is a good idea/good thing? Mr. Strutz said, "I honestly don't think it's really a bad thing that boys can't go; I'm more set on the fact that it's such a great thing for the girls. Girls don't always get opportunities like this."

Have you been on this trip before? No, he hasn't.

When and where is this trip? The trip is on Wednesday, January 18 at U.W. Parkside.

Is there any unique experience that other teachers have told you about this trip? Mr. Strutz answered, "No, no other teachers have really been on this trip."

"Are you excited to go on this trip/how do you feel about it?" Mr. Strutz feels "thrilled, because of all the good things I have already said, and just because I'm a guy doesn't mean I'm not excited for the girls to be successful."

Hopefully after this event, I will get the chance to interview another teacher about what it was like. Until then, I hope you girls are looking forward to G.E.M.S.!

Everett E

My favorite thing about basketball is, being able to shoot jump shots without someone yelling at me. My favorite Basketball team is the Golden State Warriors. My favorite thing about Gifford is the new school add-on. My teachers are Mrs. Beguhl, Mrs. Pollatz, and Mrs. Yonkovich.

