

The Weekly Cliff!

The Week of January 30th, 2017

Welcome to the Sixth 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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Student of the Month!

By: Tori C

The "theme" for student of the month for February is "KINDNESS!" What you have to do is show empathy to others, be considerate of the needs of others, be inclusive of others (invite someone to sit with you at lunch, etc.), fill a need without being asked (help someone clean up a spill, help them with books that fell, etc.).

Last student of the month "theme" was citizenship, there were many winners from all grades. For example: when someone gives a wrong answer say nice try or good answer instead of laughing! Another example is if you see two people having a disagreement just sit them down and have them talk about it. The last example is if someone drops books help them pick it up, i'm pretty sure they will have a smile on their face! :)

Help Us Raise Money for LLS

Hey, Gifford students guess what's going on from Feb. 1, 2017 through Feb.24,2017? Well, drum roll please... The annual Pasta for Pennies fundraiser! The Pasta for Pennies fundraiser is helping the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS).

What is The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society?

The LLS is the largest voluntary health organization that helps fund blood cancer research, education and patient services.

How do you donate money for this fundraiser?

Donating money to this fundraiser is so simple. Each of your home room teachers will have a box in their room that you can put your donations in. For a reward for your generosity, the class that raises the most money will receive a ... catered lunch from Olive Garden! That is awesome! So, if I were you I would start donating as soon as possible.

So, your donation will go to the LLS to help families that has a child with cancer and to help them with Childhood Cancer Research. All right Gators, time to get out there and donate today!

Advice Column

By: Makayla O

Here's some advice on what to do when your friend is disrespecting you or your friends and you know it. Number one if its not very serious just politely ask please do not treat me that way. It makes me feel and then say how you feel and if that doesn't work...then the anonymous person is not your friend. If they're constantly disrespecting you in public or at your house, sit down and talk about it instead of arguing. Hint hint, if none of those works tell your parents how you feel or simply find new friend especially since it's "kindness" week. Most importantly, be the best you can be even if your friends don't like it at all! Do what your gut and heart tells you.

MAP TESTING TIPS

By: *Tori C*

1. Take your time, it doesn't matter if you take two days to finish.

2. Use scratch paper and a pencil.
3. Eliminate TWO answers from A,B,C,D. Example: 7x4 A:21 B:11 C:3 D:28
4. Reread the question, sometimes teachers even have to reread questions .
5. Get a good night sleep and great breakfast.
6. Don't talk out loud and be respectful to the students around you.
7. When you're done read a book, so you don't disrupt anyone else around you.
8. Keep up with your school work so that you are prepared for the map test.
9. Keep your eyes on your screen.

Haiku Blizzard

It's time!

Lets all get ready,
We cheer for the super bowl,
2017!

Friendship

I upset my friends,
Sometimes they get mad at me,
Other times they don't.

Sad

I don't like the way,
That people treat me sometimes,
I feel sad inside.

These poems were created by: Olivia B

Here is a quick review on how the 6th grade Hidden Figures field trip went.

In my opinion the movie was really good! If you don't know about what the movie Hidden Figures is about, here we go. It was based on a true story about three real women who changed history. They were Dorothy Vaughn, Katherine G. Johnson, and Mary Jackson. They worked for NASA and helped launch John Glenn into orbit in space.

6th grade teacher, Mrs. Yonkovich, said that the 6th grade behavior was very good.

A little bit more about the movie. In 1961, black people were separated from the white people. The blacks had to sit in the back of the bus and the whites got to sit in the front of the bus. Some other examples would be that they couldn't drink from the same water fountain and couldn't use the same bathroom. It made me sad to see that. Another thing that was different from how it is now is that when people went to work they had to wear very formal clothes. The women had to wear skirts or dresses and the men had to wear a suit and tie.

Back then there weren't as many opportunities for black women. They only had two options and they were to be a nurse or a teacher. They had to persevere to overcome obstacles and reach their goals. They had to be respectful and act professional in order for others to help them reach their goals.

So if I were you I would go and see Hidden Figures!

Quinn D. a Gifford Hoopster

I had the chance to sit down with 8th Grader Quinn D of the Gifford basketball team. Quinn shared many of his thoughts on basketball. Getting together with my friends to go out there and work hard is my goal is that everyone succeeds.

His favorite person to compete against is Rakan. He said he is a very good basketball player. He is very aggressive and he pushes this team to come together.

He has two favorite NBA teams which are the Milwaukee Bucks and the Golden State Warriors. He thinks they both are hard working teams that love to shoot but aren't afraid to be aggressive in the paint.

He has been to a lot of NBA games. He has been to a Bulls game versus the Pelicans and many Bucks games including last year's win against the 24-0 Golden State Warriors.

His inspiration is Stephen Curry. Curry is a Man who goes out and puts his heart and soul in the game but off the court he also takes time to help others. He thinks all players should be like that.

Boys Basketball Schedule

Come cheer on your Gifford Gators! Here's the Boys Schedule.

Monday January 30	BYE
Thursday February 2	McKinley @ Gifford
Monday February 6	Walden @ Gifford
Thursday February 9	JAMS @ Gifford
Monday February 13	Gifford @ Starbuck
Thursday February 16	Gifford @ Gilmore
Tuesday February 21	Mitchell @ Gifford