

# 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!

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## G.E.M.S. Article

### Part 2

So a few newspapers ago, I interviewed Mr. R. Strutz about the upcoming G.E.M.S. Trip for girls. The trip has passed, and now I have an interview article about the trip with Ms. Wagner. Here are the questions I asked her and the answers she gave:

My first question was, "What, in your own words, is G.E.M.S.?" She said "G.E.M.S. stands for Girls Empowered by Math and Science. I believe this means encouraging girls to continue enjoying math and science."

My second question was, "What did you expect this trip to be like before you actually went on it?" She answered "I expected this trip to include a lot of hands-on and exploratory activities. For the most part the break out sessions were hands-on."

My third question was "Was the trip everything you expected? Or was it more/less?" She replied "Overall the trip was a great experience for the students and teachers. I would have liked to seen a few more options for students to choose from, but it was a great experience. The conversations I had with students after the trip were extremely positive. The students enjoyed the experiences and would go on the trip again."

My fourth question was “What was the environment like? The building, the activities, etc.” She answered “The environment was similar to a college experience. Students had a longer break between sessions, but the class sessions were longer just like what you would experience in college. The class sessions were held in actual college classrooms and laboratories. Everyone was given food choices for lunch that were similar to what college students would be offered as well.”

My fifth question was “What exactly did the girls do there?” She said “What the girls did depended on the sessions they signed up for. Some learned about human anatomy and physiology where they learned how to take their blood pressure, put a skeleton together, and examined organs (hearts, eyes, brains, kidneys) from various animals. Others learned how to calculate what the media thought was important to put in the newspaper by counting how many articles and words were devoted to men and women in sports. They needed to decide if women were given the same amount of print space as men when it came to sports in the newspaper.”

My sixth question was “What was your overall opinion on this trip?” She replied “ I think this trip was a very beneficial experience for students and teachers. Everyone learned how students could use the science and math they were learning in school in the real world. Sometimes they were even able to learn how the science and math would help them with a future career.”

My seventh question was “Who went with you on this trip? Teachers and students you are acquainted with” She said “The teachers that went on the trip were Mr. Strutz and myself. We took about 7 8th graders and 17 7th graders.”

My eighth question was “Would you go on this trip again? She said she would.

My ninth and final question was, “Is there anything else you have to say about this trip?” She said “I hope that the district continues to offer experiences like this one

for all students. It was wonderful to see so many young ladies using math and science!”

Overall, Ms. Wagner had a great time on this trip; which is good. It sounds like it was a great and memorable experience for the girls. Hopefully, like she said, there will be more opportunities like this for us students.

### Advice Column

Here's some advice on what to do if you and your friends are having a conflict. You could calmly talk it out instead of taking your anger and firing it at them. If you're stuck in the middle of an argument you could always simply walk away for a few seconds, minutes, hours, or days for them to calm down. You could also say how you feel when you argue with them or when they argue around you. If they feel that they can't stop arguing then they're not your friend. Thanks for reading my advice column.

### 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. Bersch will grade the papers. If they get 100's on their math paper they will win!

By: Mina R.

# 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 there 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!

## Boys Basketball Schedule

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

Tuesday February 21 Mitchell @ Gifford

### Boy's Basketball Scores

#### 8th Grade

Gifford	34	Gifford	41
McKinley	81	Walden	34

Gifford	41
Starbuck	65

#### 7th Grade

Gifford	36	Gifford	55
McKinley	32	Walden	28

Gifford	64
Starbuck	50

### **Today we are going to talk about how the Gifford News is put together!**

The Gifford News is the announcements that students in the Newspaper Club do and then on Monday mornings your homeroom teacher shows it to you and your classmates. The first step to putting together the Gifford News is rehearsal.

As you might know the news is put together with the green screen. The two-three reporters go with Mrs. Yonkovich to the library to do the Gifford News. Each person takes their turn reading their parts out loud.

The next step is record the news! The person with the first piece will start reading and everyone else will wait for their turn. The main topics that we try and focus on are the weather, upcoming field trips, sports, and upcoming events/fundraisers. The first topic that we talk about is normally the weather or the 7 day forecast. Then the second person reports on their topic which is usually sports scores and dates of upcoming games. As you all see on the Gifford News we continue, going thru the rest of the topics and reporting on the upcoming events.

The third and finally step to putting the Gifford News together is the putting the background in the news. As you see each week Mrs. Yonkovich adds in cool background to correspond to the topic being presented at that time. Remember Gators Newspaper Club is always looking for more ideas to add the paper.

Well there you have it, you can thank Mrs. Yonkovich for the Gifford News. Have a great rest of your day Gators!

## **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.