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Groundbreaking Ceremonies Held for Galena Park ISD Schools



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Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in May for the first two GPISD schools which will be rebuilt as part of the Bond 2016-Phase 1. Galena Park Elementary (GPE) broke ground on May 16, the same day as the school's 85th anniversary celebration. PBK Architects was named as the architect firm for GPE in December 2016, and at the May 2017 Board of Trustees meeting, Satterfield and Pontikes Construction, Inc. was awarded the construction contract. On May 23rd, groundbreaking took place at North Shore Elementary (NSE). Huckabee Architects have been designing their replacement building, and Drymalla Construction Company was awarded the NSE construction contract during the May board meeting.

North Shore Senior High 10th Grade Center and Woodland Acres Elementary are also part of Phase 1

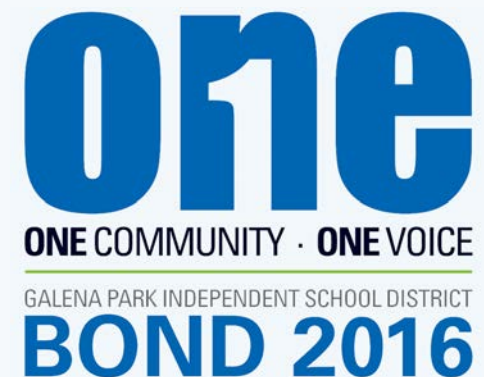


of Bond 2016. They will have their groundbreaking ceremonies in June. Construction on these four schools will begin this summer along with numerous renovations and upgrades to many other district campuses.

acquiring land for future facilities. On behalf of the children of Galena Park ISD, thank you!



These projects are all part of Bond 2016, which Galena Park ISD community members approved on May 7, 2016. This \$290 million package includes the rebuilding of six elementary campuses, a North Shore Senior High 10th Grade Center, renovations / upgrades to other campuses and facilities and



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2017 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

From June 5 – July 27, 2017, the Galena Park Independent School District will be sponsoring the Texas Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program by providing free breakfast and lunch to all children 18 years of age and younger. Regulations require that meals must be eaten at the school. Children do not have to sign up for meals. They are invited to attend any school site during serving hours. Serving sites, dates and times are listed below:

SITE	DATES	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Sam Houston Elementary	June 5 th – July 13 th Monday – Friday	7:20 – 8:30	10:45 – 12:45
Havard Elementary	June 5 th – June 29 th Monday – Friday	7:20 – 8:30	11:00 – 12:30
Galena Park High School	June 5 th – June 30 th Monday – Friday	7:00 – 8:45	10:45 – 12:45
MacArthur Elementary	June 5 th – July 13 th Monday – Friday	7:20 – 8:30	11:00 – 12:45
North Shore Senior High	June 5 th – June 30 th Monday – Friday	7:00 – 8:45	10:45 – 12:45
Cloverleaf Elementary	June 5 th – June 29 th Monday – Friday	7:20 – 8:30	10:45 – 12:30
Woodland Acres Middle	June 5 th – July 13 th Monday – Friday	7:20 – 8:45	11:00 – 12:45
Tice Elementary	June 5 th – July 13 th Monday – Friday	7:20 – 8:30	10:45 – 12:30
Normandy Crossing Elementary	June 5 th – July 27 th Monday – Friday	7:20 – 8:30	10:45 – 12:15

For more information about the program contact the Galena Park ISD Student Nutrition Department at 832-386-1211.

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Returning Student Verification *Save the date*

GPISD Policy, in accordance with Texas Education Agency regulations, requires returning students to verify residency within the GPISD boundaries annually. Please plan to attend one of the dates/locations below to complete the returning student verification for the 2017-2018 school year.

DATES	MORNING START TIME	AFTERNOON START TIME
Monday, July 24, 2017	8:30 - 12:30	2:00 - 4:00
Tuesday, July 25, 2017	8:30 - 12:30	2:00 - 4:00
Wednesday, July 26, 2017	8:30 - 12:30	2:00 - 4:00
Thursday, July 27, 2017	8:30 - 12:30	2:30 - 6:30

Locations - Cobb 6th Grade Campus, North Shore 9th Grade Campus, North Shore Senior High School:
North Side Feeder Schools (CIM, CLF, GVE, HAV, NCE, NSE, PSE, SAM, SJW, TICE, COBB, CMS, NSMS, NS9, NSSHS)

Locations - Galena Park Middle School, Woodland Acres Middle School:
South Side Feeder Schools (GPE, JCE, MAC, PYB, WAE, GPMS, WAMS, GPHS)

HURRICANE SEASON BE PREPARED

Make sure your family has a plan in case of an emergency. For more information on safety and emergency plans, please visit the following links:

www.ready.gov
texasprepares.org

For school closures, check the following:

- Blackboard Connect notification system
- GPISD website – www.galenaparkisd.com
- Local TV and radio stations

BEFORE A HURRICANE

- Build an emergency kit
- Make a family communications plan
- Learn community hurricane evacuation routes

DURING A HURRICANE

- Listen to the radio or TV for information
- Secure your home and secure outdoor objects or bring them indoors
- Avoid using the phone except for serious emergencies

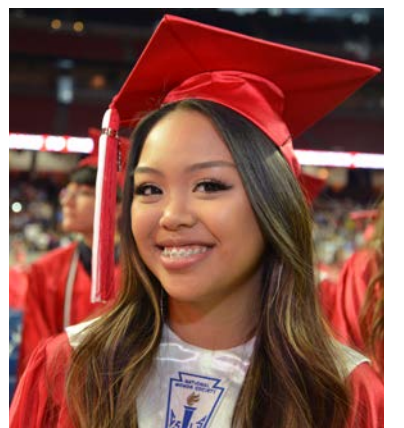
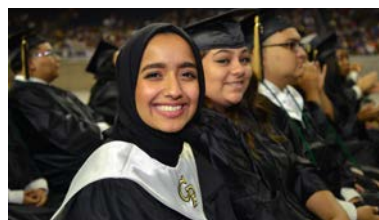
AFTER A HURRICANE

- Continue listening to a NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for the latest updates
- Inspect your home for damage and take pictures of any damage (inside and out) for insurance purposes
- Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads

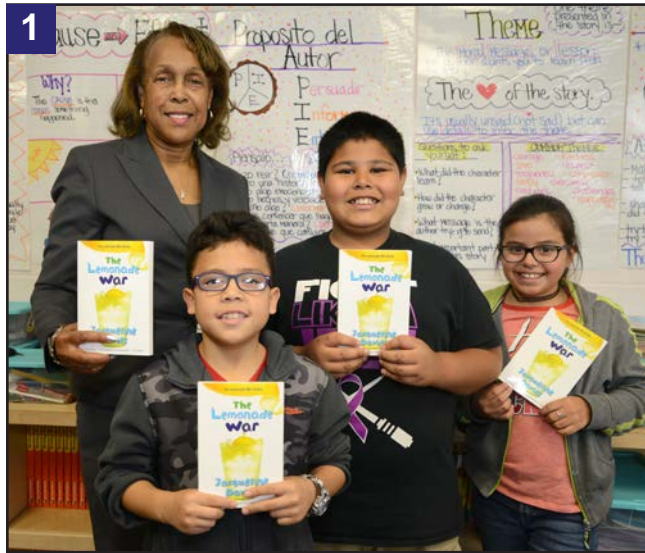
BASIC DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT

- Water - one gallon of water per person, per day for at least three days for drinking and sanitation
- Food - at least a three day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- A whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

GRADUATION MEMORIES



OUTSTANDING SUCCESSES



1

Third grade students from all GPISD elementary schools participated in Texas Reads One Book. Over the month of March, the students read *The Lemonade War*.

2

The Association of School Business Officials International awarded GPISD its Pathway to Meritorious Budget Award for excellence in budgeting.

3

Norma Burke, ECHS biology teacher, received an internship for the Research Experiences for Teachers (RET) in the Engineering Site program at Rice University.

4

Jessica Diaz, Galena Park High School senior, was named a semifinalist for the 2017 ACT College and Career Readiness Campaign.

5

Chasity Patterson, North Shore Girls' Basketball player, scored her 3,000th point during the regular season. She is now the 71st player in women's high school basketball to reach 3,000 points.

Patterson was selected to play in the 2017 McDonald's All-America Game. Patterson won the three-point contest and scored 14 points during the game.

6

Superintendent of Schools, **Dr. Angi Williams**, and students from CMS, GPMS, NSMS, WAMS, GPHS and NSSH bands and choirs earned 24 UIL Sweepstakes trophies and 13 First Division plaques at UIL Concert & Sight-Reading contests throughout the 2016-2017 school year.



7 On October 25, the Galena Park ISD Education Foundation made dreams come true again for Galena Park ISD teachers. The Education Foundation awarded 8 grants totaling \$18,000 during our annual Prize Posse.

Since 1998, the Galena Park ISD Education Foundation has awarded over 1.25 million dollars to the students and teachers in our community.

8 **Salvador Flores**, Galena Park High School senior, was named a 2017 Young Arts Finalist and received a \$10,000 scholarship.

Flores was also selected as a 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholar Winner, which recognizes academic achievements and is described as one of the Nation's highest honors for high school students.

9 Galena Park High School held their First Annual Senior Walk through GPE, JCE, MAC, PYB and WAES to bring awareness to the students about finishing school and sticking to their goals.

10 **Grace Devost**, principal of Green Valley Elementary, was selected as a 2017 National Distinguished Principal finalist from Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association.

11 **Bianca Alyssa Ibarra**, a 2017 Galena Park High School graduate, was recognized for her perfect attendance during her academic career while attending JCE, GPMS and GPHS.

12 *A Raisin in the Sun* presented by the North Shore Senior High theatre was selected as the winning play at the UIL District 21 One-Act Play competition.

OUTSTANDING SUCCESSES



13

The **GPHS Jacketeers** brought home their first ever Overall Grand Champion banner and trophy from the HTE Regional Contest.

14

Edras Mata, North Shore Senior High junior, was selected as Telemundo's first ever Star Player of the Month.

14

Imelda Hernandez, Cimarron's bilingual special education teacher, received a \$500 scholarship from the Texas Retired Teacher Association.

16

Galena Park ISD donated \$35,771.82 to United Way of Greater Houston. Galena Park ISD has donated \$85,000 over the past 3 years to United Way.

17

The North Shore Middle School Math and Science Team competed in the State TMSCA competition. The team placed 5th overall in State for calculators. Michelle Chan placed 5th and Cassie Mai placed 9th. Cecilia Mai was named the State Champion. Mai beat over 1,000 students with the highest score in the state.

18

The North Shore Senior High UIL Academic Team competed in the State UIL Academic Competition, and brought home three state titles in Accounting, Calculator Applications and Computer Applications.



19
Galena Park High School choir student, **Ivonne Arguelles** competed through four rounds of auditions to make the All-State Women's Choir. Ivonne is the first freshman from GPHS to make All-State Choir.

She is one of seven GPISD students who was awarded a place in the TMEA All-State Band and Choir.

20
Brian Allen, Director for Security and Emergency Management, was the first recipient of the Crime Stoppers' Superhero Safety Sidekick Award.

Mr. Allen was recognized for his initiative, enthusiasm and support to keep Galena Park Independent School District students safe.

21
For the first time in the history of GPMS and WAMS, both schools' band scored all ones and brought home a sweepstakes trophy during 2017 UIL Competition. (Pictured: GPMS Band)

22
Elva Williams, North Shore Senior High teacher, received the 2016 TextESOL Teacher of the Year award.

23
Team KAOS, GPHS robotics team, walked away with six tournament and state championship titles, three excellence awards and two design awards.

24
Pat Bremner, Green Valley Elementary librarian, accepted the Laura Bush Foundation of America's Libraries grant on behalf of GVE.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

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Cindy Greenwood, a 1979 Galena Park High School graduate, is a member of Austin's Elite 25, which is made up of the top 1 percent of realtors in Austin. She recently started her own company, Cindy Greenwood Residential.

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Judge Mike Parrott, a 1967 Galena Park High School graduate, worked at Harris County for 43 years before retiring this year. Judge Parrott was the Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3, Position 1 for 23 years.

26

Shamier Moore, Capt., USAF, MC, D.O., a 2003 North Shore Senior High graduate, is currently a Board Certified Family Medicine Physician in the United State Air Force. Moore provides care for the military students training at Keesler Air Force Base.

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Lee Rountree, a 1977 Galena Park High School graduate, is the Business Development Manager for ResourceMFG in Houston. Rountree has been inducted into the President's Club twice, which is the Top 5 percent of sales in the company.

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Dominique Mechelle Boykins

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Dominique Boykins, a 2006 North Shore Senior High graduate, is currently a licensed attorney in Texas and also mentors students interested in pursuing a law degree. Boykins attended The University of West Florida on a full athletic scholarship.

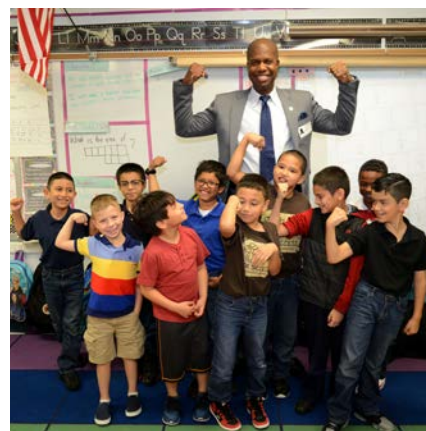
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Micah Autry, Jessica Martinez and Cristian Melendez, 2012 North Shore Senior High graduates, created their media production company, AUME Motion Arts. They specialize in wedding videography, portraits, corporate video production and advertising.

SHARED MOMENTS



ROOKIES OF THE YEAR



Wesley Okeke
Cimarron
Elementary



Maria Salinas
Cloverleaf
Elementary



Taylor Surratt
Galena Park
Elementary



Jacob Cerda
Green Valley
Elementary



Ilse Cruz
Harvard
Elementary



Tiarra Green
Jacinto City
Elementary



Alma Escamilla
MacArthur
Elementary



Ruby Cleto
Normandy Crossing
Elementary



Stephany Chaves
North Shore
Elementary



Stephanie Garza
Pyburn
Elementary



Edgar Mondragon
Sam Houston
Elementary



Pamela Lopez
Tice
Elementary



Oliver Perrett
Williamson
Elementary



Bryan Vasquez
Woodland Acres
Elementary



Katie Abalos
Cobb Sixth
Grade Center



Dariana Medina
Cunningham
Middle School



Josiane Santos Wade
Galena Park
Middle School



Elissa Adams
North Shore
Middle School



Ashleigh Williams
Woodland Acres
Middle School



Jessica Flatt
Zotz
Education Center



LaMicha Jackson
CTE Early
College High School



Sean LaBua
Galena Park
High School



Leila Park
North Shore
9th Grade Center



Jessica Hernandez
North Shore
Senior High School

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



Lilliana Martinez
Cimarron
Elementary



Daniel O'Tool
Cloverleaf
Elementary



Alicia
Gutierrez-Salazar
Galena Park Elementary



Tamara
Ojeda Bonilla
Green Valley Elementary



Shermanda Burton
Havard
Elementary



Maria
Lemus-Trevino
Jacinto City Elementary



Danielle Venable
MacArthur
Elementary



Nikole Cazares
Normandy Crossing
Elementary



Laura Ramirez
North Shore
Elementary



Melissa Perez
Purple Sage
Elementary



Kristin Dodson
Pyburn
Elementary



*Karina
Mantilla Urdaneta*
Sam Houston Elementary



*Dannelle
Coatney-Reichert*
Tice Elementary



Kenya Coffey
Williamson
Elementary



Sonia Lloyd
Woodland Acres
Elementary



Tamieka Tibbs
Cobb Sixth
Grade Center



Vanessa Davis
Cunningham
Middle School



Barbara Vasquez
Galena Park
Middle School



Morgan Lossow
North Shore
Middle School



Joy Price
Woodland Acres
Middle School



Anthony Felder
CTE Early
College High School



Pedro Molinas
Galena Park
High School



Danielle Harney
North Shore
9th Grade Center



Wendy Jones
North Shore
Senior High School



Marcos Bargas
Zotz
Education Center

RETIREEES

2016-2017

Linda Anderson

*Librarian
Harvard Elementary
15 years in GPISD*

Maryeva Beesley

*Teacher
Cunningham Middle School
13 years in GPISD*

Kathleen Bundy

*Administrative Assistant
Administration
39 years in GPISD*

Anthony Gibson

*Preventative Maintenance
Maintenance
35 years in GPISD*

Janis Atkins

*Teacher
Williamson Elementary
12 years in GPISD*

Bobby Bell

*Teacher
Galena Park Middle School
29 years in GPISD*

Maria Castillo

*Aide
North Shore Senior High School
13 years in GPISD*

Mark Goza

*Coordinator
Administration
27 years in GPISD*

Rosa Balderas

*Counselor
Galena Park High School
20 years in GPISD*

Roberta Bernard

*Teacher
Cobb Sixth Grade Center
29 years in GPISD*

Pamela Coleman

*Counselor
Galena Park High School
37 years in GPISD*

Robert Griffin

*General Laborer
Maintenance
31 years in GPISD*

Rebecca Barnett-Parkey

*Teacher
Cobb Sixth Grade Center
27 years in GPISD*

Karen Bomar

*Teacher
Cobb Sixth Grade Center
9 years in GPISD*

Melinda Coulter

*Campus Instructional Coach
Tice Elementary
28 years in GPISD*

Emely Hanna

*Nutrition Specialist
North Shore Middle School
18 years in GPISD*

Dennis Bartel

*Teacher
Zotz Education Center
37 years in GPISD*

Kimberly Brice

*Custodian
Galena Park Elementary
28 years in GPISD*

Charlotte Elder

*Teacher
Cobb Sixth Grade Center
12 years in GPISD*

Norma Hernandez

*Registrar
Galena Park High School
38 years in GPISD*

Ruthie Bass

*Coordinator
Administration
25 years in GPISD*

Ronald Brown

*HVAC Technician
Maintenance
21 years in GPISD*

Sheila Fade

*Secretary
Galena Park Middle School
29 years in GPISD*

Nelda Hinojosa

*Speech Pathologist
Administration
12 years in GPISD*

Stephen Hirth

Teacher
Zotz Education Center
24 years in GPISD

Holly Nairn

Diagnostician
North Shore Middle School
9 years in GPISD

Carmen Serna

PEIMS Clerk
Jacinto City Elementary
22 years in GPISD

Lisa Warren

Teacher
Cloverleaf Elementary
26 years in GPISD

Michael Holder

Teacher
Cobb Sixth Grade Center
38 years in GPISD

Nannette Natividad

Teacher
North Shore Elementary
4 years in GPISD

Harriett Sherrard-Page

Teacher
Zotz Education Center
16 years in GPISD

Beatrix White

Campus Instructional Coach
Purple Sage Elementary
24 years in GPISD

John Huff

Carpenter
Maintenance
15 years in GPISD

Brenda Owens

Teacher
Sam Houston Elementary
10 years in GPISD

Valerie Sivil

Librarian
North Shore Middle School
31 years in GPISD

Deborah Wroblewski

Aide
Cloverleaf Elementary
25 years in GPISD

Carol James

Custodian
North Shore Senior High School
27 years in GPISD

Armandina Parra

Aide
Sam Houston Elementary
26 years in GPISD

Gordon Skinner

Teacher
North Shore Middle School
25 years in GPISD

Cindy Joseph

Teacher
Zotz Education Center
19 years in GPISD

Rose Parra

Aide
Cloverleaf Elementary
16 years in GPISD

Henry Sprouse

Technician
Maintenance
14 years in GPISD

Julia Martin

Teacher
Purple Sage Elementary
5 years in GPISD

Arnold Ramirez

Associate Superintendent
Administration
19 years in GPISD

Vickie Taylor

Aide
Galena Park High School
11 years in GPISD

Sharon Maybin

Nutrition Manager
North Shore Middle School
28 years in GPISD

Leodell Redmond

Teacher
Tice Elementary
22 years in GPISD

Susan Tettenhorst

Nutrition Manager
Galena Park Elementary
30 years in GPISD

Cynthia McGregor

Teacher
Purple Sage Elementary
4 years in GPISD

Debra Rogers

Aide
Cloverleaf Elementary
23 years in GPISD

Joyce Thigpen

Teacher
Purple Sage Elementary
12 years in GPISD

Margarita Miranda

Diagnostician
North Shore Senior High School
3 years in GPISD

Helen Rosemore

District Wide VAC
Administration
16 years in GPISD

Sharon Trawick

Teacher
Galena Park Middle School
41 years in GPISD

Luzviminda Montano

Teacher
North Shore Elementary
5 years in GPISD

Charlotte Sepulvado

Nurse
Williamson Elementary
12 years in GPISD

Kathy Vicinanza

Campus Instructional Coach
Harvard Elementary
21 years in GPISD



Anthony Gibson



Gordon Skinner



Rocio Munoz



Deborah Wroblewski