

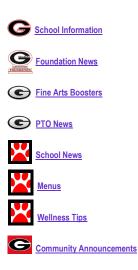
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March 2016

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Maybe it is just because I am getting a little older, but this school year is absolutely flying by! We had been very lucky in January with no snow days, unfortunately, February has not been so kind. We have had three snow days so far and our end date for school is now June 6^{th} for the students. While this is not ideal, we are confident that everyone will do their best to stay enthused right up to the last day.

One sure sign of time passing is that we are already in tournament season for our winter sports. Congratulations to Chris McGuire for making it to state in wrestling and to his coaches, Scott Auderer, George McGuire, and Will Owens for all of their hard work as well. Our girls' basketball team has completed their season with a hard fought loss to Roland Story. The boys will begin next week against Ballard and we wish them the best of luck.

If it is tournament time, then it is also time to start gearing up for the Rock Hop. This year's theme is Celebrating Our Super Heroes. This evening is a great time to visit with members of the Gilbert district while purchasing some fabulous items that benefit the district. If you don't know anything about the <u>Gilbert Education Foundation</u>, please visit their page on our website and learn about all of the wonderful things this group has done for our school. The <u>Rock Hop</u> is on April 2nd, beginning with the Silent and Super Silent Auctions at 5:00, followed by dinner at 7:00 and live auction at 8:00. Please make plans to join us as we celebrate the Gilbert district.

The Gilbert Middle School is hard at work preparing the musical *Schoolhouse Rock Live*, Jr. The show will take place on February 26th and 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The show is based on the cartoons we used to watch on Saturday morning that helped us learn what a conjunction was or how a bill becomes a law. The students are excited to share all of their preparation with the audience and hope the show brings back a lot of memories for those who see it.

There are a number of upcoming music concerts coming up from all different levels of the program. Be sure to check out our <u>calendar</u> as we always have something entertaining going on and many things to enjoy at our school. We have so many talented students and love to be able to showcase their abilities!

-Lindsey Beecher

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-SCHOOL INFORMATION-

Parent Teacher Conferences PK-12 are **March 8th and March 10th** 4:30-8:00 pm (preschool starts at 3:30 pm) We will once again be using an online sign-up found at https://www.myconferencetime.com/gilbert/index.php

For more information go to http://gilbert.k12.ia.us/district/conferences

Don't Delay - Sign-up Today!

Calling all 2016-2017

Kindergarteners!

In an effort to make plans for next school year, we are beginning sign-up for the Kindergarten class of 2016-2017. If you have a child that will be **5 years old** by **September 15, 2016**, he or she is eligible for kindergarten. Please call the Elementary School office at 232-3744. We will take the student name and some other basic demographic information. This is not registration. Enrollment forms will be sent, and we will hold a kindergarten round-up and parent meeting in the spring.



"Tiger Bingo for Books"

is fast approaching. The event will take place on March 6th at Gilbert High School from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. A fun family event for a great cause! All proceeds will go toward the purchase of much needed curriculum material for our schools. Turn in your bingo packet order forms by March 3rd to receive the discounted price. A hard copy of the bingo packet order forms will be coming home with your child by Friday of this week. Also, don't forget to turn in your T-shirt order forms by 10:00am on Monday, Feb. 22nd. An order form for the tshirts is available on the PTO website and in digital backpack. Purchase your chance to win an Amazon Echo or fujifilm instant camera for just \$1.00 per raffle ticket. Thank you to Wilson Toyota & Scion for sponsoring the

PTO Bingo Committee

bingo raffle prizes this year.



SPRING BREAK

Classes will not be held March 11 through March 18. Students will return to classes on Monday, March 21, 2016.



עעעעעע **Rescheduled: 1st Grade Music Concert** The 1st grade music program is rescheduled for Monday, February 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gilbert High School Auditorium. The High School Auditorium is located at 312 Gretten Street in Gilbert, IA. Please contact Mrs. Brown (browna@gilbert.k12.ia.us) if you have any questions. We look forward to Seeing you there! Make this summer extraordinary! (P) Invention Project Sign up for Camp Invention by March 21 to save \$25! *See this team in action CAMP INVENTION REGISTRATION INFO Camp Invention Gilbert Middle School Price \$220 (Before discount) 201 East Mathews Dr Gilbert, IA 50105 For children entering 1st - 5th grade Register at campinvention.org June 20 - 24, 2016 from 9:00am to 3:30pm THINK GIVE U BOLD Directed by Melissa Jones jonesm@gilbert.k12.ia.us (515) 232-3748 Innovation, creative problem-solving and teamwork are important to us at Bring a team of friends or team up with new friends as you get started Camp Invention. Here's how some young innovators will be spending their time ct is a new kind of experience for 6th through 8th graders only. During this fun and high-energy program you'll team up to make the Impossible po THE CHALLENGES DESIGN 3 BUILD | 4 AND - STYLE AND BATTLE -CREATIVE-MINI-BOTS PERSONALITY SMART MULATE A GEAR OWNER CONCEPTS 87 Find out more by visiting Are you ready to acc tion Project is coming to Price - \$275 For current ! Gilbert Middle School ent 5th - 7th grad ocated at 201 East Math Silbert, IA 50105 lune 13 - 17, 2016 from 9:0 品

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Gilbert Parks and Recreation: T-ball and "Coach Pitch"



National Inventors Hall of Fame'

Gilbert Parks and Recreation will be offering T-ball for Pre-K and K boys and girls and "Coach Pitch" for boys who just completed 1st & 2nd grade. Registration will be through April 8, 2016. The season will begin in mid-May and conclude in June. The registration form can be found at:

www.gilbertyouthsports.com under the T-ball/Coach pitch link.



Mark your calendar: Iowa Assessments will be taken for ALL grades March 29 through April 8th!

Business Horizons Big Success

Thanks to a unified effort by a multitude of individuals and organizations, Business Horizons at Gilbert was once again a great success. All juniors and seniors, over 200 students, participated in this four-day immersion into the world of business on February 9-12. Students' regular classes were suspended, so they could learn from business experts.

Gilbert is the only school in the state of Iowa to offer Business Horizons in-school program. Every Gilbert junior and senior has had this unique opportunity since 2000. Thanks to Kay Newmann-Thomas, Vice-President of Programs, and her staff from the Iowa Association of Business and Industry Foundation for providing the curriculum and organizational leadership for this program.

Students were randomly divided into teams of approximately 14 students with a business partner and teacher assigned to each group. A special thank you to the following individuals who were willing to share their time and expertise, so Gilbert students could have this rich learning experience: Brenda Schwager, Steve Bock, Angie Dorenkamp, Sean Barber, Benji Deal, Kate Stephens, Shelly Billings, Bob Hague, Joel Barbour, Abbie Lang, Brian Anderson, Amy Abrams, Tia Davis, Jerry Holtan, Mark Chasey, and Michelle Chasey.

In addition to learning from the business partners listed above, throughout BH, students had the privilege of hearing from outstanding speakers, David Williamson, Joseph Jones, Tia Davis, Christina Moffatt, Sean Barber, Justin Brady, Scott Bailey, Tim Gartin, Shari Naughton, Adam Carroll, and Lawrence Cunningham. Thanks to the generosity of the Greater Iowa Credit Union, Exchange State Bank, and the Gilbert Education Foundation, each student was able to take home his/her own copy of *Winning the Money Game* written by Adam Carroll and Chad Carden.

A huge thank you to the Gilbert Education Foundation for financially supporting Business Horizons. Thanks also to Ryan and Gale Gehling and Perfect Games for supporting prizes for our winning industries. Thank you to Danfoss Power Solutions for supporting our thank you gifts. A big thank you to the SCORE association who invested time to help our students have a deeper understanding of the financial side of business. Thank you to Andrew Ricklefs, Cindy Wirth, Christina Moffatt, Carl Markley, Mike Phillips, Gabe Glynn, Joel Thilges, and Destiny Lempiainen for taking a morning to judge our investor presentations. Thank you to Samantha Boyd, Eve Lederhouse, and Anand Bala for taking an afternoon to judge our infomercials. A big thank you to Sean Barber and friends for providing amazing music throughout BH. A very big thank you to our wonderful parents for bringing delicious snacks, breakfast muffins, candy, and water. We were able to keep our business advisors well nourished during the four days.

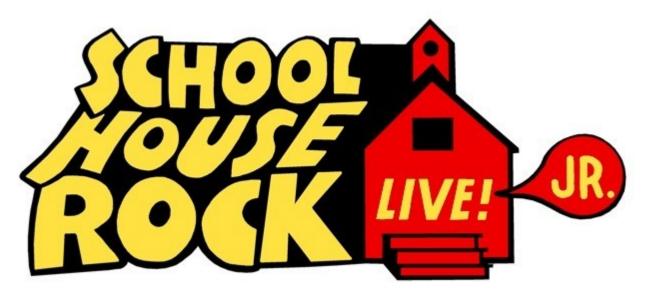
This is a community effort and could not happen with support from multiple groups. Business Horizons 2016 exemplified why Gilbert is a great school-all stakeholders working together to benefit student learning



Middle School Information

-Chris Billings, Principal

Gilbert Middle School Drama Presents



February 26th and 27th 7:00 PM H.S. Auditorium

Admission: Adults \$5 Students \$3

SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE! JR is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Phone: 212-541-4684 Fax:212-397-4684 www.MTIShows.com





D--Teen Driver, Inc--DD ANNOUNCING 2016 SESSION DATES!

Teen Driver Inc. is excited to announce class offerings for the Gilbert Community. We are the private driver education company serving the Gilbert District. Classes and drive times at Teen Driver Inc. meet all state guidelines. Our certified instructors working for Teen Driver Inc. are from the Gilbert Community with educational backgrounds and years of experience. They enjoy working with young drivers; are patient and understanding, very flexible and willing to work with the young driver to help them develop safe and defensive driving skills. Guest speakers are brought in to help emphasize the importance of safe driving. Each speaker shows the consequences of what could happen if rules of the road are not followed. Personnel from law enforcement, the medical field, insurance agents, the railroad department, the truckers association, and the lowa Statewide Organ Procurement Organization are all included as guest speakers. Drive times are arranged the first night of class.

Upcoming 2016 Sessions:

- Spring GHS-8 Mon/Wed:03/21/16-04/25/16 (6-9pm)
- Summer GHS-9 Mon-Fri:06/01/16- 06/14/16 (1pm to 4pm)

GHS-10 Mon/Fri:06/15/16-06/28/16 (1pm to 4pm)

REGISTRATION: For registration and more specific information please check out the Teen Driver Inc. website at teendriverinc.com. Questions please call or email Karl Terrones, Teen Driver Inc. Coordinator at 515-520-1485 or karlterrones@gmail.com. Thank you for considering Teen Driver!

High School Information

-Layne Billings, Principal

NHS Blood Drive



The Gilbert High School chapter of National Honor Society will be hosting its annual blood drive on <u>Friday, February 26</u>. The event will run from 11-4 at the High School gym.

If you would like to donate blood please call Jen Schnormeier at (515)232-2728 or sign up online at <u>http://tinyurl.com/GHSdrive</u>

Attention all Junior and Senior Parents:

It is time to start planning the "After-Prom" party for 2016.

If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, please join us for the next meeting: <u>Thursday, February 25 at 6:30pm in the high</u> <u>school commons.</u> There will be a meeting Thursday, March 9 at 6:30.

The "After-Prom" party is open to all Junior and Seniors and their dates. Students do not have to attend the Prom to attend the "After-Prom" party. The party is a fun, safe environment for everyone to enjoy.

Prom will be April 16, 2016 and the "After-Prom" party will follow in the GHS commons and gym area. There will be food, drinks, games, prizes, and a raffle. This party has been a highlight of the Junior and Senior class and has been well attended in past years.

This event is funded exclusively by donations and is coordinated by Junior and Senior parents. In order to make the "After-Prom" a success, we are asking for a suggested \$30.00 tax-deductible donation per child. Please feel free to send your donation to the high school office or you may pay online through RevTrak on the district web site.

Thank you for your support.

Rhonda Gardner and Diane Rioux

Guessing Jars for After Prom The After Prom Committee needs your help! We need 200 Guessing Jars so that every student who attends After Prom gets a jar. Your donated jar can be as creative as you'd like! The kids love it when cash or gift cards are visible in the jars with the goodies! Jars or donations can be dropped off at the High School office during office hours before Friday, April 1st. Please put a note on the jar with the number of pieces inside. Contact Eileen Carter if you have questions: esc600@gmail.com

-FOUNDATION NEWS-



GILBERT EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS:

Find us at www.gilbertiowafoundation.org or Email:gilbertfoundation.ia@gmail.com

We would like to start out by sending out a BIG thank you to all who support the Gilbert Foundation and the school district through your donations of time, talents, and treasures.

Schools Wish List

On the Foundation website you will find a school wish list of items that the administration and teachers would love to have funded. If you are looking for a way to give and want to sponsor an item, please visit the Foundation website and look under the tab "Support the Foundation ~ Make a Gift". On the left hand column you will see, "Wish List Gift Opportunities".

ROCK HOP 2016 – SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, April 2nd

The theme for the 2016 Rock Hop is "Celebrating our Super Hero". Grab a mask, cape or go all out! Captain America, Superman, Wonder Woman...who will you be? We can't wait to see all of our Super Heroes at the Rock Hop! Watch your mailbox invitations will be mailed on Leap Day! If you have not received an invitation by March 8, please contact Lisa Snyder, <u>lisa.snyder@sigler.com</u>, to get one sent to you. Be sure to include your mobile number and email for mobile bidding! Mobile bidding is back by popular demand! We will be using Mobile Bidding for our silent and super silent auction! You will be notified via your smart phone if you have been out bid on your auction item! This will be the only bidding method for the silent and super silent auction. No more crowding around bid sheets! Be sure to check your inbox for our weekly sneak peeks of our live auction items! We have some fabulous packages that we are excited to share with you. If you see any package that a group can go in on, please contact your friends. Get your raffle tickets NOW! This year's tickets feature coupons from Brick City Grill, Dairy Queen, Fareway, Subway, and Texas Roadhouse. Not only can you get some great coupons, but the raffle prize is cold hard cash!



 AREA FARMERS : Grain Donation Opportunity to Support the "Gilbert Community Garden" Still interested in donating bushels of grain to the Gilbert VoAg/FFA Community Garden? The Gilbert Key Co-Op is still accepting bushels of grain to support the infrastructure for the Community Garden.



-FOUNDATION NEWS-



Gilbert Rock Hop 2016 Save the Date: April 2nd - Gateway Hotel

<u>Save the Date!</u> The theme for the 2016 Rock Hop is "Celebrating our Super Hero". Grab a mask, cape or go all out! Captain America, Superman, Wonder Woman...who will you be? We can't wait to see all of our Super Heroes at the Rock Hop!

<u>Watch Your Mailbox</u> Invitations will be mailed Leap Day! If you have not received an invitation by March 8, please contact Lisa Snyder, <u>lisa.snyder@sigler.com</u>, to get one sent to you. Be sure to include your mobile number and email for mobile bidding!

<u>Mobile Bidding</u>: Back by popular demand! We will be using Mobile Bidding for our silent and super silent auction! You will be notified via your smart phone if you have been out bid on your auction item! This will be the only bidding method for the silent and super silent auction. No more crowding around bid sheets!

<u>Sneak Peeks</u>: Be sure to check your inbox for our weekly sneak peeks of our live auction items! We have some fabulous packages that we are excited to share with you. If you see any package that a group can go in on, please contact your friends.

<u>Raffle Ticket Sales:</u> Get your raffle tickets NOW! This year's tickets feature coupons from Brick City Grill, Dairy Queen, Fareway, Subway, and Texas Roadhouse. Not only can you get some great coupons, but the raffle prize is cold hard cash!



Classroom Baskets- Thank you for donations to classroom baskets! Look for these at the Hop!

Foundation Neighborhood Drive: Thank you so much for your donations! This year our Neighborhood Drive raised \$6,280, which will be used to purchase auction packages! We couldn't purchase these packages without your support!



-GILBERT FINE ARTS BOOSTERS-

March 2016

SCRIP PROGRAM HELPS **RAISE FUNDS FOR THE GILBERT FINE ARTS BOOSTERS.**

Fine Arts Boosters and Gilbert PTO benefit when friends and family use SCRIP certificates to shop at places like Walmart, Younkers, and Walgreens. The funds raised are split:

- 50% goes to your family's Gilbert school account and can be used for school-sponsored trips and/or schoolsponsored driver education class.
- 25% goes to Fine Arts Boosters
- 25% goes to PTO.

More information may be found at gilbert.k12.ia.us/district/scrip.



About Us

The fine arts uniquely enrich and enhance our students as they prepare for the future. The Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters are a group of Gilbert area parents and patrons who volunteer time and resources to enhance the fine arts program offered by the Gilbert school system. We actively:

- Raise money to support the fine arts programs at Gilbert.
- Organize volunteers to support fine arts activities such as large group contests, theater productions, and concerts.
- Communicate fine arts priorities to Gilbert school administrators and the school board.
- Identify and meet the needs of fine arts teachers and staff.



Board of Directors

President Jane Weaver

Vice President (Membership) Jen Weber

Vice Presidents (Volunteers) Shelly Billings & Pam Vandenberg

> Treasurer Diane Janvrin

Secretary Laureen Borg

Gilbert Schools Rep (ex officio) Byron Tinder

The Gilbert Fine Arts Booster Club is classified as a public charity and exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters are deductible under section 170 of the Code

2015-16 MEETING SCHEDULE

- October 8, 2015 November 12, 2015 December 10, 2015 January 14, 2016
- February 11, 2015 March 9, 2015 April 14, 2015

Meetings are held at the High School at 7PM. Please check website as dates are subject to change.

Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters

P.O. Box 192 Gilbert, IA 50105 www.gilbertfab.org

Annual Fundraising

Every fall the Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters conduct a membership drive to generate funding to support ongoing fine arts activities at Gilbert schools. Each year we raise and distribute thousands of dollars that directly benefit Gilbert fine arts students: collegiate and music camp scholarships, instruments and equipment, meals for students attending honor events in art and music, middle school band pins, high school drama awards, meals for contest judges. music contest medals and accompanists, supplemental choir robes and band uniforms, money for drama production expenses, and more.

How Can I Get Involved?

We are always looking for individuals to get involved with the Fine Arts Boosters!

- Become a Booster member.
- Attend the Fine Arts Boosters monthly meetings.
- Sign up to help volunteer with fine arts events and activities.



GILBERT FINE ARTS BOOSTERS





Enhancing the fine arts programs offered by the Gilbert School System

GET INVOLVED TODAY AND SUPPORT THE GILBERT FINE ARTS PROGRAM!

Sign me up for a Fine Arts Boosters membership!

Select one

- Platinum Includes four fine arts passes* \$500 Gold Includes four fine arts passes* \$250 Silver Includes two fine arts passes* \$100 Bronze \$50
- * Fine arts passes are valid for entry to band/choir concerts, plays, and musicals.

Sign me up for volunteering!

- Sewing/alterations of uniforms and costumes.
- Donate food for events.
- Volunteer at events
- Chaperone events.
- Return cans/bottles to redemption center.
 - Help with fundraising activities.

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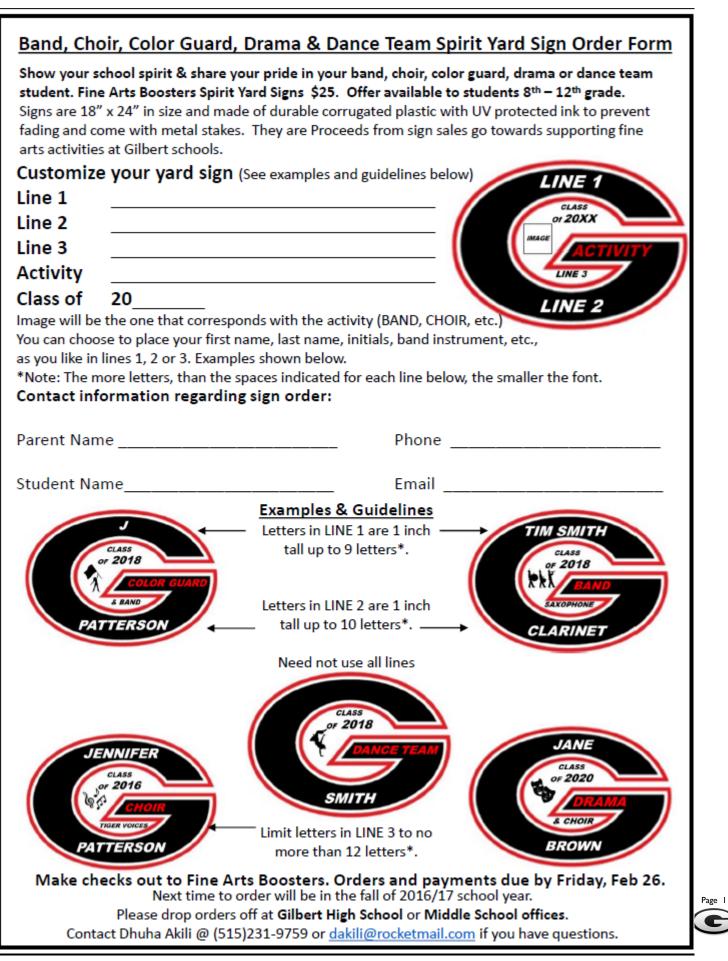
Email:

I wish to keep my membership anonymous.

Make checks payable to "Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters" and

Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters P.O. Box 192 Gilbert, IA 50105





Gilbert PTO News

Volunteer Opportunities: We need volunteers for the following activities:

- 1) Carnival organizers
- 2) Back-to-school social at Intermediate school
- 3) Yearbooks at Elementary and Intermediate schools

If it's the time commitment you're worried about, find a friend (or 2 or 3!) to work with!

<u>Library Volunteers Needed</u>: The librarians at the Elementary and Intermediate schools appreciate all the volunteer help they have received! But, the year isn't over yet! If you have time to volunteer (mornings at the Elementary school and afternoons at the Intermediate school), please visit our website GilbertPTO.org for the link to sign up.

<u>Conference Meals</u>: Spring parent teacher conferences are taking place Tuesday, March 8th, and Thursday, March 10th. Gilbert PTO volunteers will organize meals for teachers and staff those evenings, but we need lots of parent help to make sure there's enough for everyone! Look in your inbox for a sign up and it will also be posted on GilbertPTO.org!

<u>Mileage Club:</u> This program is sponsored by Mary Greeley Medical Center and organized by Gilbert PTO volunteers at Gilbert Elementary and Intermediate Schools. Students can walk or run during designated recesses to earn toe tokens, certificates, t-shirts, and much more! Parent help is needed to mark cards as students complete laps, so keep an eye on your inbox for the sign up and it will also be posted on GilbertPTO.org!

<u>Yearbooks</u>: Gilbert Elementary and Intermediate school yearbooks are on sale until Friday, March 25th. To buy one, visit Gilbert K12.IA.US. Choose "RevTrak Payments" > "RevTrak Online Payments Click Here" > "Yearbooks". Or you can send a check to school with your student made out to "Gilbert PTO". Please write "Yearbook" in the memo line and, if you are buying more than one yearbook, include whether you want the Elementary school yearbook or the Intermediate school yearbook and how many. They are \$13 each.

<u>Meeting:</u> Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25th at 7:00 pm at Gilbert Elementary School. Free childcare is provided. We will discuss Bingo, Mileage Club, and Teacher Appreciation. This is a great opportunity to meet other Gilbert parents and learn how you can support our schools!

<u>Follow Us:</u> You can keep updated on all of our activities on our Facebook page "Gilbert Iowa Community Schools PTO" or our website GilbertPTO.org! To learn more about our volunteer opportunities or if you have questions regarding any of our activities, please email us at PTO@Gilbert.K12.IA.US.

















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Sunday, March 6, 1-4 p.m. Gilbert High School

PRESALE PRICING

\$10 General Admission \$8 for Seniors (3 cards per round - 12 rounds total) After the presale the cost

will be \$15

\$5 for Kindergarten and under (1 card per round - 12 rounds total)

> Presale pricing is good until March 3.

> > Proceeds go towards the purchase of new curriculum materials and text books.

★ Ice-cream Floats \$4

Doors open at 12:15 p.m. for

pregame sales and packet pick up.

for BOOKS!

Sundaes with topping bar \$5

Raffle, Cash & LOTS of Fun Prizes!





Listen to music, check traffic, place an Amazon order, listen to an audio book, control your house lights, etc...



Its like having your own personal assistant

Fujifilm Instax Mini 8 👞 Instant Camera

with Film Take that shot and get a hard copy now! Have the camera booth experience without the booth



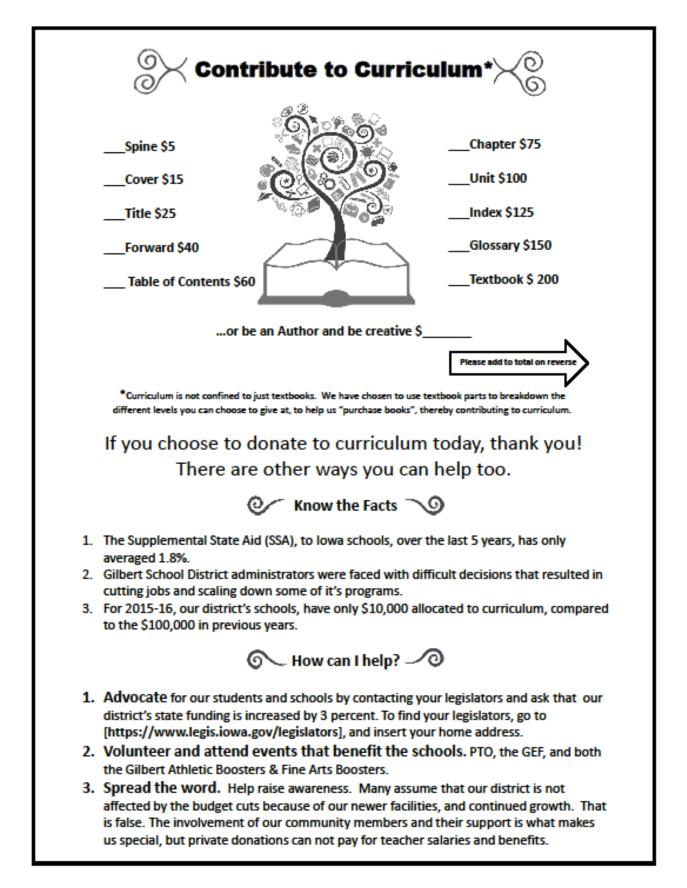






1 Ticket = Only \$1.00 = Chance to Win!

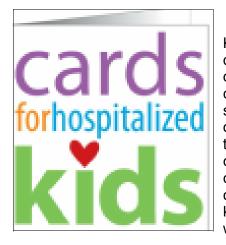






Elementary News

-Staci Edwards, Principal



Kindergarten Service Learning Project!

Kindergarten students participated in a service learning project to brighten the day of hospitalized children nationwide through Cards for Hospitalized Kids, an organization that spreads hope and joy to hospitalized children with homemade cards. Since all children know the joy in receiving cards and special notes, this seemed like a great project for Kindergarten students to give that same joy to others. First, teachers read stories about some of the children in the hospital that would receive cards through the organization. This peaked the students' curiosity! Students then discussed how children in hospitals need friends, what children do in the hospital, and how sending a card to someone you don't know can brighten their day. The next step was students thinking about what other kids would like on a card and brainstormed appropriate uplifting messages to write.

Over 100 homemade cards were sent to the children in hospitals to receive by Valentine's Day. A special thanks to the Gilbert PTO for supplying arts and crafts supplies to make the cards extra special. Cards for Hospitalized Kids is an organization that accepts homemade cards year long.

Visit <u>http://www.cardsforhospitalizedkids.com/</u> to learn more about this organization.

Intermediate News

—Amy Griffin, Principal

Book It Forward!

The fourth grade reading council is hard at work planning a **Book Drive** to benefit community organizations that serve young people.

"Our goal is to share the love of reading with kids in our community that may be going through a rough time in their lives. Making connections within the pages of a book can be comforting and inspiring. We look forward to making a difference in the lives of kids in our community!"

> 4th grade reading council spokesperson

The Book Drive will take place **February 29** – **March 4** at the Intermediate School. Book collection boxes will be placed in every classroom. Please donate new or gently used children's books. Thank you for helping us with our book project!





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—Amy Griffin, Principal

Fourth Grade Wax Museum

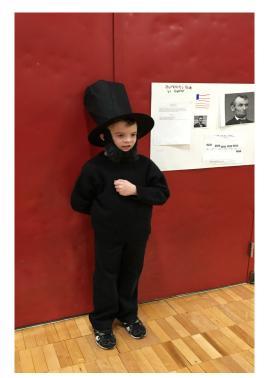
The fourth grade classes will bring history to life with their Live Wax Museum presentation on March 3 (10 am and 2 pm) and 4 (10 am) in the East gym of the Intermediate School.

In fourth grade, we read to learn, and learning is what is going each day in our classrooms as we read biographies about people that have made a difference in our world. We use the text features of our biography books and websites to build our schema, so that we can bring these famous characters to life.

We can make connections to our lives and historical events that we have heard about and learned about in our classes. "Digging" into books, thinking about the facts, and expressing our learning into a presentation that includes reading, writing, speaking, and listening is what we do in fourth grade!

Come and meet people from all eras of history. With a wave of your hand, history comes alive!

Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Hennigh Reading and Language Arts





These photos were taken when figures came to life during Mrs. Hennigh's Living Wax Museum that was held on February 4th.





—Layne Billings, Principal



17 Teams Represent Gilbert at Pork Judging Contest

68 Agricultural Education students attended the IPC Swine Judging Contest hosted by the Iowa Pork Producers Association in Des Moines. The event is a youth activity offered as part of the Iowa Pork Congress. The contest consists of market hog evaluation, breeding gilt evaluation, a keep-cull gilt class, live carcass evaluation and an industry knowledge test. The Gilbert students had a good showing with 3 teams in the top 20. The high scoring individuals for Gilbert were Riley Nelson and Anthony Porter. Both are 9th grade students in the Animal Care and Production Class.

"I was really surprised when I found out that I was the top scorer for us. I do not know that much about pigs", Nelson explains. "I just did my best and tried to pick the ones that we talked about in class."

Although most schools only send one or two teams, Gilbert has always taken advantage of the educational opportunity that the contest provides. Ag Instructor Melissa Appel takes the Animal Care and Production class to the event annually. "We discuss swine production in class and talk about its importance to our state. We also talk about what makes a good market and breeding animal. This is an experience that I cannot replicate in the classroom. They provide us with high quality animals to evaluate. They also offer some educational seminars while we are at the event. It teaches the students critical thinking and decision making skills that they can use in any application."





High School News

—Layne Billings, Principal

FFA News



Outstanding Performance by Gilbert FFA Sub-District Contest

The Gilbert FFA Chapter took a full slate of career development contests to Sub-District FFA competition on February 17th at lowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge. Career Development Events help develop individual responsibilities, foster teamwork and promote communication while recognizing the value of ethical competition and FFA member achievement. Some activities included in these career development events are problem solving, critical thinking and teamwork skills, where appropriate, and develop general leadership skills.

As a result of placing in the top two, the following events will advance to District contest on March 5th. Conduct of Meetings (Mark Steffen - President, Mason Tharp - Vice President, Olivia Whitham - Secretary, Gabi Ricklefs - Reporter, Kenyon O'Brien - Sentinel, Lucas Carpenter - Treasurer, Olivia Fink - Advisor, Kyle Grossnickle and Natalie Lawrence), Public Speaking (Ally Babcock), Extemporaneous Speaking (Christian Harder), Parliamentary Procedure (Cody Dvorak, Philip Roetman, Eric Davis, Calvin Stewart, Alexander Delaney, Garrison Holck), and Ag Sales (Joe Gibbons).

The following did not advance but had a strong performance for the Gilbert FFA Chapter: Creed Speaking (Anna Babcock), Program of Activities (Russell Jennett, Kenzie St. Germain, Mason Williams), and Job Interview (Mary Marsh).

Members will continue to practice their event areas and will compete at the North-Central District FFA Convention to be held on March 5th.





High School News

—Layne Billings, Principal

FCCLA NEWS

On Tuesday, February 9th the Gilbert FCCLA Chapter held a Spaghetti Supper to raise money for Iowa FCCLA's Statewide Service Project. Thanks to all of you who attended. The meal was a hit and we were able to raise over \$500 for Children and Families of Iowa! Thank you Barilla for donating the pasta and sauce. A huge Thank You to the high school and middle school students who helped with preparing and serving the meal. This activity would have never been possible without your help so thank you to everyone involved!



National FCCLA Week, which annually takes place the second week in February, began on February 8th with Day at the Capitol. Members attended Advocacy Training before they met with their senators and representatives to discuss the importance FCCLA, FCS Education, and Career and Technical Education has played in their lives. The State Executive Council, including Gilbert student Nick Greiner, was recognized by the 86th General Assembly of the Iowa Senate alongside member Kendra Michael of West Lyon for her efforts in Haiti.

We would like to thank Lindsey Beecher for serving on the Iowa FCCLA Board of Directors and for his continued support.



Gilbert Community School District

Elementary/Intermediate Breakfast Menu





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WG Pancake-Sausage Stick Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	8 Cheese Omelet WG Toast Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk	9 WG Cinnamon Roll Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	10 WG Waffles Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	11 NO SCHOOL TODAY
4 VACATION	15 VACATION	16 VACATION	17 VACATION	18 VACATION
1 WG Breakfast Pizza Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk	22 WG Pancakes Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	23 WG Cinnamon Roll Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	24 WG French Toast Sticks Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	25 Egg and Cheese on WG Bun Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk
NO SCHOOL TODAY	29 Cheese Omelet WG Toast Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk	30 WG Cinnamon Roll Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	31 WG W affles Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	Breakfast \$1.35

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	Middle So	chool Break	fast Menu	
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	Ma	arch		Friday
- National School Breakfast Week March 7th - 11th	WG Pancakes Sausage Links Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	WG Cinnamon Roll Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	WG French Toast Sticks Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	Sausage and Egg/WG Bun Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk
WG Pancake-Sausage Stick Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	8 Cheese Omelet WG Toast Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk	9 WG Cinnamon Roll Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	10 WG Waffles Juice and Fruit Milk WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	11 NO SCHOOL TODAY
VACATION	¹⁵ VACATION	¹⁶ VACATION	17 VACATION	18 VACATION
21 WG Breakfast Pizza Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk	22 WG Pancakes Sausage Links Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	23 WG Cinnamon Roll Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	24 WG French Toast Sticks Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	25 Sausage and Egg/ W G Bun Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk
NO SCHOOL TODAY	29 Cheese Omelet WG Toast Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk	30 WG Cinnamon Roll Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	31 WG Waffles Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	Breakfast \$1.35

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National School Breakfast Week March 7th - 11th	WG Pancake-Sausage Stick Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	WG Cinnamon Roll Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	WG Bagel Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk	Friday Sausage and Egg/W G Bur Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk
7 WG Breakfast Pizza Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk	8 WG Pancake-Sausage Stick Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	9 WG Cinnamon Roll Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	10 WG Bagel Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk	11 NO SCHOOL TODAY
14 VACATION	¹⁵ VACATION	¹⁶ VACATION	17 VACATION	18 VACATION
21 WG Breakfast Pizza Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk	22 WG Pancake-Sausage Stick Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	23 WG Cinnamon Roll Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	24. WG Bagel Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk	25 Sausage and Egg/WG Bun Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk
NO SCHOOL TODAY	29 WG Pancake-Sausage Stick Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	30 WG Cinnamon Roll Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Yogurt Juice and Fruit Milk	31 WG Bagel Juice and Fruit Milk or WG Cereal and Muffin Juice and Fruit Milk	Breakfast \$1.35

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E	lementary/]	Intermediat	re Lunch Me	enu
	Italian Dunker Sauce Spinach Salad Grape Tomatoes Applesauce Kiwi Bread Stick Milk	Chicken Nuggets Seasoned Green Beans Cyclone Salad Pear Halves Strawberries & Bananas Teddy Grahams Milk	Deli Combo Sub Sweet Potato Crisp Cuts Lettuce & Tomato Fruit Cocktail Red Grapes Milk	Friday Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Carrot Sticks Broccoli Florets Mandarin Oranges Melon Goldfish Crackers Milk
7 Pepperoni Pizza Mixed Greens Salad Cucumber Slices Carrot Sticks Pineapple Tidbits Sliced Apples Banana Cake Milk	8 Fish Sticks Mashed Potatoes Red Pepper Strips Broccoli Florets Sliced Peaches Orange Wedges WG Dinner Roll Milk	9 Hot Dog on a WG Bun Baked Beans Carrot Sticks Applesauce Red Grapes Milk	10 Cheeseburger on a WG Bun Seasoned Corn Sliced Tomatoes Radish Pear Halves Melon Milk	¹¹ NO SCHOOL TODAY
¹⁴ VACATION	¹⁵ VACATION	¹⁶ VACATION	17 VACATION	18 VACATION
21 Corn Dog Sweet Potato Puffs Broccoli Florets Celery Sticks Mandarin Oranges Kiwi Milk	22 Tacos Lettuce and Cheese Refried Beans Carrot Sticks Pineapple Tidbits Sliced Apples Milk	23 Popcorn Chicken California Vegetables Green Pepper Strips Radish Sliced Peaches Melon Apple Crisp Milk	24 Baked Ham Au Gratin Potatoes Carrot Sticks Grape Tomatoes Applesauce Red Grapes WG Dinner Roll WG Brownie Milk	25 Cheese Omelet Tri-Tater Red Pepper Strips Sliced Cucumbers Apple Juice Banana French Toast Sticks Milk
28 NO SCHOOL TODAY	29 Spaghetti and Meat Sauce Mixed Greens Salad Sliced Cucumbers Grape Tomatoes Fruit Cocktail Orange Wedges WG Italian Bread Milk	30 Mandarin Orange Chicken Brown Rice Stir Fry Veggies Red Pepper Strips Broccoli Salad Mandarin Oranges Sliced Apples Fortune Cookie Milk	31 Mr Rib on a WG Bun French Fries Creamy Coleslaw Carrot Sticks Pineapple Tidbits Melon Milk	Lunch Prices: Elem K-5 \$2.35 Adult \$3.45 Extra Milk \$0.30

	Middle S	School Lunc	h Menu	
Chef salads are also	Italian Dunker Sauce	Chicken Nuggets	Deli Combo Sub	Friday Grilled Cheese Sandwich
available	Baked Potato w/toppings Spinach Salad Grape Tomatoes Applesauce Kiwi Bread Sticks Milk	Macaroni and Cheese Seasoned Green Beans Cyclone Salad Pear Halves Strawberries & Bananas Teddy Grahams Milk	Chicken Alfedo Sweet Potato Crisp Cuts Lettuce and Tomato Fruit Cocktail Red Grapes Milk	Chicken Caesar Wrap Tomato Soup Carrot Sticks Broccoli Florets Mandarin Oranges Melon Goldfish Crackers Milk
7 Pepperoni Pizza Yogurt Parfait Mixed Greens Salad Sliced Cucumbers Carrot Sticks Pineapple Tidbits Sliced Apples Banana Cake Milk	8 Crispy Fish Beef Gravy Mashed Potatoes Red Pepper Strips Sliced Peaches Orange Wedges WG Dinner Roll Milk	9 Hot Dog on a WG Bun <i>Grilled Turkey Burger/Bun</i> Baked Beans Carrot Sticks Applesauce Melon Milk	10 Cheeseburger on a WG Bun <i>Chicken Tetrazini</i> Seasoned Corn Sliced Tomatoes Pear Halves Red Grapes Milk	11 NO SCHOOL TODAY
14 VACATION	¹⁵ VACATION	16 VACATION	17 VACATION	18 VACATION
21 Corn Dog Beef and Bean Enchilada Sweet Potato Puffs Broccoli Florets Mandarin Oranges Kiwi Milk	22 Tacos Cheese Quesadilla Lettuce and Cheese Refried Beans Carrot Sticks Pineapple Tidbits Sliced Apples Milk	23 Popcorn Chicken <i>Goulash</i> California Vegetables Green Pepper Strips Sliced Peaches Melon Apple Crisp Milk	24 Baked Ham Meat Loaf Patty Au Gratin Potatoes Carrot Sticks Applesauce Red Grapes WG Dinner Roll WG Brownie Milk	25 Cheese Omelet Ham & Cheese Bagel Tri-Tater Red Pepper Strips Apple Juice Banana French Toast Sticks Milk
28 NO SCHOOL TODAY	29 Spaghetti and Meat Sauce <i>Chicken Parmesan</i> Mixed Greens Salad Sliced Cucumbers Radishes Fruit Cocktail Orange Wedges WG Italian Bread Milk	30 Mandarin Orange Chicken Beef Gravy Brown Rice Stir Fry Veggies Broccoli Salad Mandarin Oranges Sliced Apples Fortune Cookie Milk	31 BBQ Pork on a WG Bun Fish on a WG Bun French Fries Creamy Coleslaw Pineapple Tidbits Melon Milk	Lunch Prices: MS 6-8 \$2.40 Adult \$3.45 Extra Milk \$0.30

High School Lunch Menu				
	Ma	rch		Friday
Chef Salads and Deli Sandwiches are also available as Entree Choices	Italian Dunker Sauce Baked Potato w/toppings Spinach Salad Grape Tomatoes Sliced Cucumbers Applesauce Kiwi Bread Sticks Milk	Chicken Nuggets Macaroni and Cheese Pizza Seasoned Green Beans Cyclone Salad Pear Halves Strawberries & Bananas Teddy Grahams Milk	Deli Combo Sub Chicken Alfredo Sweet Potato Crisp Cuts Lettuce and Tomato Fruit Cocktail Red Grapes Milk	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Chicken Caesar Wrap Pizza Tomato Soup Carrot Sticks Broccoli Florets Mandarin Oranges Melon Milk
7 Pepperoni Pizza Yogurt Parfait Mixed Greens Salad Sliced Cucumbers Carrot sticks Pineapple Tidbits Sliced Apples Banana Cake Milk	8 Crispy Fish Beef in Gravy Mashed Potatoes Red Pepper Strips Sliced Peaches Orange Wedges WG Dinner Roll Milk	9 Hot Dog on a WG Bun <i>Grilled Turkey Burger/Bun</i> <i>Pizza</i> Baked Beans Carrot Sticks Applesauce Melon Milk	10 Cheeseburger on a WG bun Chicken Tetrazini Seasoned Corn Sliced Tomatoes Pear Halves Red Grapes Doritos Milk	11 NO SCHOOL TODAY
¹⁴ VACATION	¹⁵ VACATION	16 VACATION	17 VACATION	18 VACATION
21 Corn Dog Beef and Bean Enchilada Sweet Potato Puffs Broccoli Florets Celery Sticks Mandarin Oranges Kiwi Milk	22 Tacos Cheese Quesadilla Lettuce and Cheese Refried Beans Carrot Sticks Pineapple Tidbits Sliced Apples Milk	23 Popcorn Chicken <i>Goulash</i> <i>Pizza</i> California Vegetables Green Pepper Strips Sliced Peaches Melon Apple Crisp Milk	24 Baked Ham Meat Loaf Patty Au gratin Potatoes Carrot Sticks Grape Tomatoes Applesauce Red Grapes WG Dinner Roll WG Brownie	25 Cheese Omelet <i>Ham and Cheese Bagel</i> <i>Pizza</i> Tri-Tater Red Pepper Strips Sliced Cucumbers Apple Juice Banana French Toast Sticks
28 NO SCHOOL TODAY	29 Spaghetti and Meat Sauce <i>Chicken Parmesan</i> Mixed Greens Salad Sliced Cucumbers Radishes Fruit Cocktail Orange Wedges WG Italian Bread Milk	30 Mandarin Orange Chicken <i>Beef Gravy</i> Brown Rice Stir Fry Veggies Red Pepper Strips Broccoli Salad Mandarin Oranges Sliced Apples Fortune Cookie	31 BBQ Pork on a W G Bun Fish on a W G Bun French Fries Creamy Coleslaw Pineapple Tidbits Melon Milk	Lunch Prices: HS 9-12 \$2.45 Adult \$3.45 Extra Milk \$0.30

-WELLNESS TIPS-



National Nutrition Month



Celebrate National Nutrition Month with your favorite fruits and vegetables!

You may have heard that half of your plate (and your children's plate) should be fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables help us to stay full, fight infections, avoid chronic diseases, and maintain a healthy weight. They taste great too! Sometimes you may feel like fruits and vegetables are too expensive. With some thoughtful planning and careful shopping, colorful fruits and vegetables can take their place on your plate and not break your budget.

Tips for Affordable Fruits and Vegetables

(Adapted from the 10 tips Nutrition Education Series at www.Choosemyplate.gov)

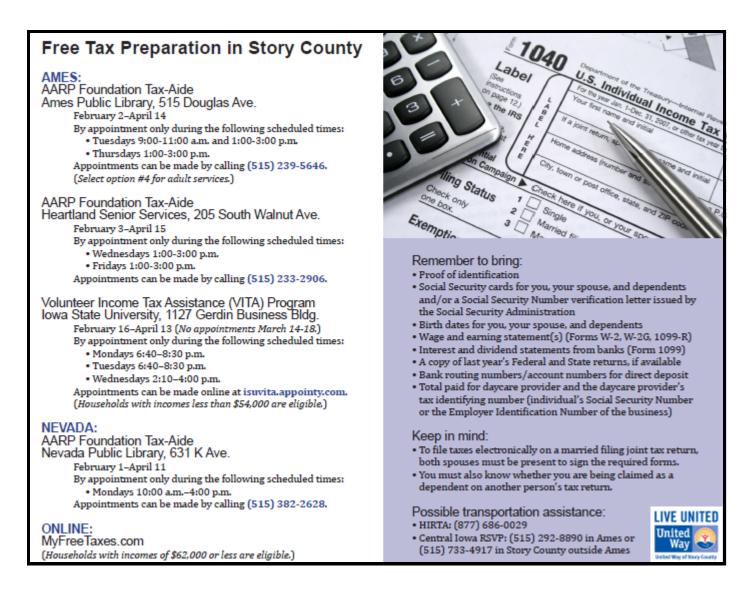
- Buy in season Choose fruits and vegetables that are in season. They will taste better and be available for a cheaper price. A farmer's market is a great place to find local produce.
- Shop sales Grocery stores typically have a weekly ad that will show what's on sale. Make your grocery list based on these sale items. Coupons are helpful too.
- Have a grocery list and stick to it Plan your meals for the week and make a grocery list before going to the store. You may find it easier to plan on four or five meals and then use leftovers for the rest of the week.
- 4. Buy canned or frozen Compare the amount you get from fresh, canned, or frozen for a particular fruit or vegetable. It may be cheaper to buy the canned or frozen versions. Look for "100% juice" for canned fruits or "low sodium" or "no salt added" for canned vegetables. Store brands may be cheaper and often the same or similar product.
- Keep it simple Choose fruits and vegetables in their simplest form. Pre-cut, pre-washed, or individual serving cups can be convenient, but usually cost more.
- Start a garden Gardening at home is a great way to have plenty of fruits and vegetables and not pay store prices. Start small with a pot on a door step or deck. Beginner gardeners may find herbs, cucumbers, peppers, or tomatoes a good place to start.

Funded by USDA's SNAP, an equal opportunity provider and employer, in collaboration with the Iowa Departments of Human Services and Public Health. Iowa's Food Assistance Program provides nutrition assistance to people with low income. It can help you buy nutritious foods for a better diet. Go to <u>dhs.iowa.gov/food-assistance</u> for more information.



-COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS-

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Gilbert Parks and Recreation: T-ball and "Coach Pitch"

Gilbert Parks and Rec will be offering T-ball for Pre-K and K boys and girls and "Coach Pitch" for boys who just completed 1st & 2nd grade. Registration will be through April 8, 2016. The season will begin in mid-May and conclude in June. The registration form can be found at:

www.gilbertyouthsports.com under the T-ball/Coach pitch link.



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> Are you or someone you know looking for a part-time position? We have openings for a part time custodian and custodial subs

If you are interested in any of these positions, please apply online at www.gilbert.k12.ia.us/employment

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