



## Ngo to Serve on State Superintendent's Youth Advisory Board



Jenny Ngo was recently selected to the State Superintendent's Youth Advisory Board. The Youth Advisory Board is composed of 18 members: four members from each of the four congressional districts and two at large representatives.

Jenny is a senior at Gulfport High School and is very involved in school and community service organizations. She is currently a member of the GHS Quiz Bowl Team, the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and Team Fusion Robotics. She is a writer for Perspectives, a GHS literary publication, and is a member of Big Brother/Big Sister of MS. Jenny is also committed to her academics; she is currently ranked in the top three of her senior class.

Hank Bounds, State Superintendent, believes this board will serve as an exciting opportunity to engage our Mississippi youth in public education. The purpose of the Youth Advisory Board is to:

- Inform other youth on education issues
- Demonstrate to policy makers, educational leaders, and the public the positive role youth can play in ensuring quality education opportunities for all students
- Advise the State Superintendent on issues affecting education in Mississippi

Jenny will meet at least four times per year with the Advisory Board as well as communicate through e-mail, conference calls and video conferencing to conduct the business of the board. The first of these meetings will consist of an orientation on December 6, 2007 in which Jenny will be attending. The board members will meet at the Teen Summit on January 15, 2008, and then meet with legislatures on January 16th. Presentations will be made at an Adult Summit to be held later in 2008.

We would like to congratulate Jenny on this honor of being selected as a member of this prestigious group. As you can see, Jenny is very deserving and will be a great ambassador for Gulfport High School, the Gulfport School District, and the Gulf Coast.

## Candidate for the United States Presidential Scholars Program



Courtney Bush, a senior at Gulfport High School has been selected as a candidate for the United States Presidential Scholars Program. This program was established in 1964 to recognize the nation's most distinguished graduating seniors for their accomplishments in: academic success, leadership, and service to school and community. Only 40 students are selected from the state of Mississippi to be eligible for this program. Good luck to Courtney as she continues the process to be eligible to be one of the 141 students in the nation to be selected as a United States Presidential Scholar.

## COMMODORES FOR A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Gulfport Central Middle School students and faculty participated in a week of wellness. Students were introduced to new dance moves to show dance can be exercise by Javier and the Dance Studio. Students and staff pledged to eat healthy during the week and pledged to eat more fruits and vegetables and even eliminated fried foods for a day. The students also wrote about healthy lifestyles and pledged to exercise throughout the week. As a culminating activity, the students participated in a wellness walk at Milner Stadium with music provided by JZ94.5.



## Gulfport School District 2008 Reading Fair Winners



### Individual Category

#### *Division A/Kindergarten*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Haley Gritzman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ellie Herndon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Kayla Simpson

Anniston Avenue Elementary  
Bayou View Elementary  
Gaston Point Elementary

#### *Division B/First Grade*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Mandy Chambliss  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Caleb Topp  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Julia Penny

Bayou View Elementary  
Gaston Point Elementary  
Anniston Avenue Elementary

#### *Division C/Second Grade*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Millie Eubanks  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Maggie Defrances  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Trinity Huidobro

Anniston Avenue Elementary  
Bayou View Elementary  
Pass Road Elementary

#### *Division D/Third Grade*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Finn Hewes  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Pearce Raines  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Essence Evans

Anniston Avenue Elementary  
Bayou View Elementary  
West Elementary

#### *Division E/Grades Fourth & Fifth*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Joyce Isham  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Conner Fancher  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Kih'Ari Evers

Pass Road Elementary  
Gaston Point Elementary  
West Elementary

#### *Division F/Grades Sixth through Eighth*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Anthony Saracino  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ira Leggins

Gulfport Central Middle  
Bayou View Middle

#### *Division G/Grades Ninth through Twelfth*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Jordan Gill

Gulfport High School



## Gulfport School District 2008 Reading Fair Winners



### Group Category

*Division H/ Grades Kindergarten through Third*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Deanna Cox's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Samantha Benson's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class

3<sup>rd</sup> Place C. Floyd's Kindergarten Class

Pass Road Elementary

Central Elementary

West Elementary

*Division I/Grades Fourth through Eighth*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Tori Wilson/ Madison Rosskopf

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jason Nisewaner/Austin Weisenburg

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Emily Jarrard/Tishell Ruiz

Bayou View Middle

Gaston Point Elementary

Bayou View Elementary

*Division J/ Grades Ninth through Twelfth*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Kristen Campbell/Cynthia Dieher/Elisha Garrido

Gulfport High School

### Family Category

*Division K/ Grades Kindergarten through Third*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Amelia Sullivan/Marion Sullivan

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Madison Streetman/Owen Streetman

Elementary

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Jamesia Crossley

Bayou View Elementary

Anniston Avenue

Central Elementary

*Division L/Grades Fourth through Eighth*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Tyler Brashears

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Mikeal Barrett

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Kamri Streb

Bayou View Elementary

Bayou View Middle

West Elementary

## Bayou View Elementary Celebrates Mardi Gras



Grand Marshal-Mr. East



Students anxiously waiting for the parade.



Thumbs Up!!!



Friends are ready for the parade to begin.



Gulfport High Jazz Band plays for the crowd.



Mrs. Langenbacker caught some really big beads!



Do you really want me to throw this?



Happy Mardi Gras

## GHS Thespians

The Gulfport High School Thespians received a SUPERIOR rating and finished 2nd in the state in the One Act Play Competition held in Tupelo, Mississippi. Bryce Russell received an EXCELLENT rating in Solo Musical Theatre and Jasmin Kirkland received an EXCELLENT rating in the Monologue Division.

Gulfport High Thespians have been selected to host the 2009 State Thespian Conference which will bring nearly 500 high school Thespians to the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the GHS campus.

## GHS Stock Market Team

The GHS Stock Market Team of Stanton Schloegel, Missy NcNeely, Taylor Snowden and Shavara Watson placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 510 teams in the MCEE Stock Market Competition. Christian Ostrander is the teacher leader.

## West Elementary Geography Bee Winners

3rd place: Devon Williams

2nd place: Vivian Honguyen

1st place: Anna Swigris



## West Elementary Beta Club Officers

President: Madelyn Halterlein  
Vice President: Zedric Smith  
Secretary: Miranda Harvey  
Assistant Secretary: Alexis Jones  
Treasurer: Chani Cleveland



## Mardi Gras At Gaston Point



Everybody loves a parade! Students, teachers, and parents are enjoying Mardi Gras Mambo as kindergarteners at Gaston Point “strut their stuff” in their annual Mardi Gras parade. Second liners pictured are Mrs. Ava Conley, kindergarten teacher, Katie Baker, student, and Mrs. Patricia Toles, parent.

## The Path to Math at Gaston Point



The sum total was pure enjoyment as Gaston Point Elementary students and their families participated in a variety of activities designed to demonstrate the presence of math in most of their daily activities. It was fun as students applied their math skills to ordinary functions such as ordering pizza, measuring, and predicting. Izjha Bullard, Jarius Warren, and Timothy Griffin love it!

## Score One for the Home Team at Gaston Point



The Gulfport High School Football Team stopped by for a visit at Gaston Point Elementary School. Students learned that goals are important in all aspects of life. Pictured is Kobe Augustine as he listens to advice from the team.

## Central Elementary Receives the Mississippi Arts Commission Grant



Central Elementary of Gulfport, MS has been awarded a \$900 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission. This grant is a portion of the \$1 million in grants the Commission will award in 2007-2008 and will be used to construct a tile mosaic with guest artist, Elizabeth Veglia. Ms. Veglia is designing a 5' X 5" panel using the text of R. Kelley's song, "The World's Greatest." Each student at Central will be involved in this project as well as parents and staff. Upon completion, the tile mosaic will be hung in the school foyer. This work of art will be treasured for many years to come.

## GHS FBLA Competitors Win Southern District Competition



**Back row: Winstonn Moore, Candis Robins, and Marcus Nickerson**

**Front row: Clinton Simon, Zach Miller, Joseph Marquez**

Fourteen GHS Future Business Leaders of America competed at the Mississippi FBLA Southern District Competition on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at Jones County Community College in Ellisville.

Six Gulfport High School F.B.L.A. members placed in their competitive events and will now advance to the F.B.L.A. State Competition and Conference in Jackson on March 4 and 5, 2008.

First place winners were the 'Entrepreneurship' team of three juniors: Clinton Simon, Joseph Marquez, and Zach Miller.

Also in first place for "Technology Concepts" was junior, Winstonn Moore.

Candis Robins, senior, placed fifth in "Economics".

Marcus Nickerson, junior, placed sixth in "Business Procedures".

Students who place first or second in their competitive events at the state level will advance to the National F.B.L.A. Competition in Atlanta on June 25-29, 2008.

Co-sponsors of the GHS F.B.L.A. are Val Marcy and Cathy McGuffee.

The Bayou View Vikings 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Team ran the table this season finishing with a perfect 7 – 0 record. The season began with a 30 – 14 win over George County, whose 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams had been undefeated for three consecutive years. The Vikings won a defensive battle in game two, defeating Moss Point 12 – 6 on the road. Game 3 saw Bayou View defeat Ocean Springs 22 – 6 at home. Three consecutive road wins followed with a 30 – 22 win at Biloxi, a 20 – 16 win at Gautier, and a 26 – 12 win at Pascagoula. The final game proved to be the most dramatic and rewarding as Bayou View defeated cross-town counterpart Central Middle School 20 – 14 on a 4<sup>th</sup> and 12 hook-and-lateral in overtime.

The Vikings were led on offense by multi-talented quarterback Tommy Armstrong, who ran for 5 touchdowns and threw for 8 more. Nicholas Burks, a workhorse of a fullback, ran for 5 touchdowns and had one receiving. Speed-burner Stephen McGill had three rushing touchdowns, two receiving, and a critical kickoff return for a score against Central. James Edwards, a tenacious receiver and defensive back, scored a touchdown on a reverse, pass reception, and interception return. Jamison Goins, a beast of a tight end, had two touchdown catches, and Terrence Smith also hauled in a touchdown pass.

The Viking scoring machine was driven by a tough offensive line anchored by center Kyle Parker, guards Cody Slater and Garrett Blevins, and tackles Ryan Kavanaugh and “Big B” Brandon Farmer.

The defensive side of the ball was as punishing as the offense was prolific with a front four of Blevins, David Lewis, Imani Lombard and Kavanaugh. A dynamic group of linebackers, reminiscent of the four horsemen, included Armstrong, Burks, Goins, and McGill. The defensive secondary was led by Edwards joined by Austin Douglas and LaDarian Watts.

Several other Vikings played key roles at critical times. These players include David Hathcock, Daniel Campbell, Danny Jester, John Perkins, Robert Temple, Barrett Adams, Zach Bodenhamer, Tucker Smith, Michael McElrath, Austin Herold, Logan Broussard, Larry Redd, Fred McCall, and Gary Musgrave.

Bayou View would like to thank our students, parents, faculty, staff and fans for all of your support. A special thanks goes out to our cheerleaders for enduring the elements to support us this season. Great season Bayou View!



Middle School. The students in the picture are as follows from left to right:  
 bottom row: Stephen McGill, Nicholas Burks, Larry Redd, John Perkins, Tommy Armstrong, James Edwards, LaDarian Watts, Austin Herold, Logan Broussard, Kayla Payton, Manager  
 2nd row: Daniel Campbell, Robert Temple, Zacari Lavender, Austin Douglas, Fred McCall, Gary Musgrave, Michael McElrath, Danny Jester, Jamison Goins, David Hathcock, Katie Miller, Manager  
 3rd row: Coach Wolverton, Zachary Bodenhamer, Tucker Smith Barret Adams, Kyle Parker, Ryan Kavanaugh, Coach West, Garrett Blevins, Cody Slater  
 Brandon Farmer John Richardson Coach Elkins

## Pass Road Elementary 2008 School-wide Reading Fair Winners

### *Individual Category 1st Grade*

1st Place Ryan Deyoe  
2nd Place Timothy Hockenull  
3rd Place  
Honorable Mention

### *Individual Category 2nd Grade*

1st Place Trinity Huidobro  
2nd Place Charles Brookins  
3rd Place Christefer Mitchell  
Honorable Mention Lydia Alexander

### *Individual Category 3rd Grade*

1st Place Savannah Hockenull  
2nd Place Savannah Broxson  
3rd Place Erin Keys  
Honorable Mention Isiah Nance



### *Individual Category 4th & 5th Grade*

1st Place Joyce Isham  
2nd Place Jessie Thigpen  
3rd Place Mia Walton  
Honorable Mention Emily Uresti

### *Group Category Kindergarten through 3rd Grade*

1st Place Mrs. Cox's First Grade Class  
2nd Place Mrs. Lovett's Kindergarten Class  
3rd Place Ms. Drakeford's Kindergarten Class  
Honorable Mention Mrs. Whittet's First Grade Class

### *Group Category 4th & 5th Grade*

1st Place Andie Smith / Brianna Kuryan  
2nd Place Tyler Lewis / Quenesha Bowser  
3rd Place Eroni Gomes / Jose' Alsonso



### *Family Category Kindergarten through 3rd Grade*

1st Place Andrew Burrill  
2nd Place Noah Cox  
3rd Place Louis Sloan  
Honorable Mention Emily Lantron

### *Family Category 4th and 5th Grade*

1st Place Destiny Sullivan  
2nd Place Rose Pena  
3rd Place Ezra Thomas

## Pass Road Elementary

We are proud to say that all our students participated in the Reading Fair. The projects all showed what terrific and creative children we have at our school. We are also privileged to announce that Mrs. Cox's First Grade Class and Joyce Isham won 1<sup>st</sup> place in their categories for our school Reading Fair as well as winning in the District Reading Fair Competition! They will be representing Pass Road Elementary School and the Gulfport School District in the Regional Reading Fair that will be held in Hattiesburg later this month. We wish them and all the District winners tons of luck!

