

GILA Principal's Board Report  
April, 2019



We promise to ...

- help our students increase their math performance 4% annually and their reading performance 3% annually,
- treat all students with compassion, dignity, and respect so that at least 85% will continue schooling with GCSD, and
- personalize instruction for each student based on assessment data.

**I. Student Learning & School Innovation**

- a. David Wightman will soon be trained as a Hunter Safety Instructor. We will replace Residential Wiring with Hunter Safety for the upcoming year. There is enough content for a semester class do to the fact that students will be receiving training in Rifle/Shotgun, Muzzle Loader, and Bow Hunting. The training for Mr. Wightman is free other than the cost of a substitute teacher for two days.
- b. We are looking at whether or not we can receive approval from the University of Alaska Fairbanks to offer Small Engines as a semester rather than a year long course. We are still not sure how budget cuts will affect our ability to offer dual enrollment courses.
- c. Due to a lack of students wishing to enroll, the YKSD Health Academy has been cancelled for this year. Hopefully we can offer it again during the 2019-2020 school year.
- d. PEAKS testing went smoothly. Freshmen took the English Language Arts test on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Math test on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our sophomores took the Science test on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Makeup tests occurred the week of the 8<sup>th</sup>.
- e. The TABE will be given to approximately five students this year. This is a basic test of reading/writing and is required by AVTEC and certain other post-secondary career training centers.
- f. The Workkeys test is a general aptitude test which provides students with information about careers which might fit their profile which is generated their by test performance. It is geared for technical skills. This is also a qualifying test for the Alaska Performance Scholarship.
- g. WIDA is the test we give to all students who have been identified as English Language Learners. This test has been administered to students this past week. It is administered in a 1-1 setting.

- h. We continue to need education regarding what it means to be in a Healthy Relationships—“Prime for Life” is a course that will be provided in May by the clinic. We will send approximately 10 students to this class. We will also be implementing a multifaceted program during the 2019-2020 school year to educate students on the dangers and consequences of date rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, drug use, and cybercrimes.
- i. Dave Wightman’s Boat Building students have done a great job building a boat. Please stop in and see it if you get a chance. Mr. Pittsenbarger’s students have finished some of their storage sheds. If you haven’t seen the beautiful bowls and other objects made from wood please stop by and see these as well.

## **II. Community and Stakeholder Engagement**

- a. We continue to request that parents/guardians complete surveys to provide us with feedback regarding their perception of the services we provide to their student. We are also seeking permission from parents to allow their student to participate in specific surveys.
- b. We are working with Crystal Javier to put together GILA promotional items for a variety of media platforms.

## **III. Resource Management**

- a. We continue to look for an Automotive Instructor, and a school-based counselor
- b. Mac Wied and his students have painted the entire floor in our Automotive Shop. It looks much better and it is more durable.