

## **GORMAN T3 GRANT PRESS RELEASE**

**Gorman is one of ten school districts in Region 14 and one of 132 in the state that will participate in the T3 Grant. For us, this grant is being administered by the Region 14 Educational Service Center. The purpose of this grant is to improve math and science performance through the integration of technology into the classroom. It is the belief of those involved that this will help improve our student performance and help bring our math and science classrooms more into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This money is additional stimulus money. The ten schools will be sharing in \$965,000.00 and what each district will receive will be proportional to their size. We will be required to spend twenty-five percent on staff development. These funds will complement the technology stimulus funds we've already received. We are excited about the additional money we are receiving this year for technology through grant for it provides us with improvements we could not otherwise afford! We will continue to strive to bring the very best to the students of Gorman ISD.**

**Our volleyball team had last week off and will be off to a fresh start this week. Our varsity football team will face the Tolar Rattlers here at home Friday night while the junior high team will travel to Tolar Thursday and play Tolar's 8<sup>th</sup> grade team at 6pm. Last week our varsity beat Ranger on their field 32-19. It looks like the changes Coach Bunch has made paid off. All of you Panther fans need to show up Friday night and cheer your loudest for our team! Let's make those Rattlers crawl back into their hole.**

**The Flu has arrived in full force at Gorman ISD. Fortunately, so far our teacher's have not been hit as hard as our student population. Although absences are high, I don't plan to close any campuses unless a large percentage of our teachers are infected at one time. We just don't have that many substitute teachers.**

**We are already in the third week of this six weeks. Progress reports will go out Monday. We send these notices out after the third week every six weeks, however, you don't have to wait until you get a notice if you see your child is struggling in a particular subject. Call the teacher and meet with them. They want your child to succeed as much as you do! Together you can work out a plan of action to help them.**

**Red Ribbon Week was moved to next week. The activities that are scheduled are as follows:**

- Monday--Hula Away Drugs (wear your hula skirts)**
- Tuesday--Sock it to Drugs (wear crazy socks)**
- Wednesday--Protect the world from drugs(Superhero day)**
- Thursday--Tackle drugs (wear football and cheerleading suits)**
- Friday--Rope Up Drugs (Dress like a cowboy)**

**The Scholastic Book Fair has been scheduled for the first week in November. The proceeds from this fund raiser are to be used to help purchase playground resurfacing material. If you would be interested in helping with the Book Fair, please sign the form sent home with your child and indicate the times you can work on the form and return it to the school.**

**The Fall Festival is scheduled for November 10th. It will be held in the Elementary Gymnasium from 5:00 till 7:00. The money earned will be mainly used to purchase prizes for the Accelerated Reading Program.**

**Please do NOT send your child (ren) to school if they have had fever 24 hours prior to attending. This includes extracurricular activities like football and volleyball games and practices of any kind.**

**Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us!**