A Stroll Down Memory Lane
If you were born at least 50 years ago, you grew up in a world where . . . . . .
• All phones were landlines, and long distance calls were expensive. If you had to touch base with mom, you had to find a landline to call her or run home.
• College papers were typed on typewriters and you used white out or a type eraser to correct your mistakes.
• Your little brother was probably the “remote control” for the Television. There were only about 6 channels - including UHF.
• You had to watch your favorite show when it aired. No recording to watch it later!
• All mail was sent via “snail mail”.
• People took time to write handwritten notes, and they used complete words in written communication (No LOL, OMG, BFF).

• IM always came with an apostrophe (I’m).
• Current movies were watched at the theater.
• Popcorn was made on the stove top in a pan, because microwaves were not yet in home use.
• If you needed to know about a topic you didn’t know about, you looked it up in the World Book Encyclopedia or went to the local library.
• And if you did go to the Library, you needed to know how to use one of these.
• Photographs were taken with a camera and you had to wait a week to see the result when you had the film developed . . .

Unless you had a Polaroid!
• Listening to music involved a turntable, a needle, and if you wanted to hear a 45, you had to have one of these . . .
You grew up in a time before:

- The Personal Computer
- The Cell Phone
- Email or Text Messaging
- Instagram, Facebook, Twitter or Skype
- Digital Cameras or MP3 Players
- The World Wide Web
- Car Navigation Systems or Back-up Cameras
- You Tube, Netflix, DVD’s
- The largest retailer in America had no physical store!
“Thank you for calling Tech Support, but your computer is one month old. We no longer support that model. Good day.”
Today’s kindergarteners will be 50 in the year 2060.

Can we even begin to imagine what the world will look like then?
CREATIVE THINKING

innovation  unique
personal  emotive
imagination  help
symbolic  making  box
original  life
action  toilet  Madness
Thinking

Passion
Seeing  outside
ideas
inside

NEW

Doing  art

imposed  creative
old  new

Vision  Purveying
Collaboration
World's Coolest Office Spaces
So . . what are we doing in GPISD to develop our students into critical, creative, and collaborative thinkers who are ready for college or career?

Will our newest crop of kindergarteners be ready for the world of 2060?
Top 10 Reasons to Choose GPISD for Your College & Career Bound Student
Career Tech Programs
Question: How many GPISD students graduated with industry certifications in 2014-2015?

A) 117
B) 930
C) 2225
Outside-the-School-Day Opportunities for Challenge
Summer Camps / Academic Competitions

Summer Camps
• Camp Invention for Grades 1-6
• Career Quest for Grades 3-7
• STEM Camp for Grades 5-7
• Summer Bridge Programs

Academic Competitions
• Destination Imagination
• Academic Decathlon
• Robotics
• UIL
THANK YOU, LOCKHEED MARTIN!
QUESTION: Academic Decathlon students from GPISD have graduated to attend which of the following universities?

ANSWER: All of the Above
McDermott Scholars Exhibit Array of Abilities

July 23, 2015

The UT Dallas Eugene McDermott Scholars Program has selected 25 students to make up the 2015 incoming class.

The entering cohort, the program’s 15th class, was selected from nearly 1,400 high school students from 47 states and five countries who had initially expressed interest in the program. Sixty applicants were invited to the annual finalists’ weekend from which the scholars were selected.

The incoming class includes 14 students from Texas high schools. Eleven others come from eight states, from California to New Hampshire. Collectively, this class has an average SAT score of 1540. Five of them have perfect scores on the SAT or ACT. Andrew Swanson has been recognized by the National Hispanic Scholarship program, three were valedictorians and one was a salutatorian.

Andrew Swanson
South Grand Prairie High School, Grand Prairie

Andrew Swanson earned recognition as a National Achievement finalist, National Hispanic Scholar, National Merit commended scholar and AP Scholar with distinction. He played
Question: Which of the following is NOT an available school or program of study in GPISD?

A) STEM
B) World Languages
C) Leadership
D) Environmental Science
E) Fine Arts
F) College Prep
G) Basket Weaving 101
H) International Baccalaureate
I) Boys’ School
J) Girls’ School
K) Early College High School
L) School for the Gifted
M) Charter School
Early Exposure to Challenging Coursework

• Elementary
  – STEM and Leadership Academies
  – NEW Crockett Early Education Center – Pre-Kinder
  – NEW Uplift Lee - an International Baccalaureate (IB) School
  – NEW World Languages Academy at Travis Elementary

• Middle School
  – Arts, STEM, Leadership, College-Prep
  – Advanced Coursework (PreAP/AP)
  – Acceleration Opportunities in Early Alg I, Eng I ,PreAP/AP Spanish
  – NEW T-STEM Academy Designations
Crockett Early Education Center
The Bell Rang on August 4, 2015!
I like cooking my family and my pets. Use commas. Don’t be a psycho.
EARLY Pre-AP and AP Spanish Language @ 7th and 8th
• Grand Prairie ISD – Grand Prairie Collegiate Institute
• Grand Prairie ISD – Young Women’s Leadership Academy
Gifted Programs

• **GT Program K-12**
  – Elementary Grades 1-5 classes at every campus
  – Middle School Pre-AP/GT classes / Acceleration
  – High School AP classes / Acceleration

• **School for the Highly Gifted**
  – Grades 1-4 in 2015-2016
  – 88 students
  – Located at Dubiski Career High School
School for the Highly Gifted
• 24 out of 38 different AP Courses were offered in 2015 across the district
• 10 GPISD campuses offered AP courses
• AP classrooms reflect the diversity of our district
• Focus on skills and knowledge essential for college success
Increase in AP Participation

**Total # of AP Exams**
- 2013: 1973
- 2014: 2178
- 2015: 2725

**Total # of Students**
- 2013: 1208
- 2014: 1263
- 2015: 1506
HB 1992
New Texas Law requires state colleges and universities to accept scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams
QUESTION: How much could GPISD parents potentially save in college tuition from qualifying AP Exam scores in 2014-2015?

A) About $100,000
B) About $550,000
C) About $1,000,000

★
Grand Prairie ISD parents potentially saved $1,062,270 in tuition costs from qualifying AP exam scores—based on the average tuition/fees for Texas public universities in 2015!
AP Courses and College Success

Probability of an Entering College Freshman Completing a Bachelors Degree*

- No AP Courses: 33%
- One AP Course: 59%
- Two AP Courses: 76%

*US Department of Education Study “Answers in the Toolbox” (Adelman 1999)
ALL GPISD Bound for Success Students are offered early admission to UT Arlington based on the following criteria:

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<th>Class Rank</th>
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<td>Top 25%</td>
<td>Unconditional admission for Fall after graduation with qualifying SAT or ACT score</td>
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<td>Provisional admission with qualifying SAT or ACT and six hours of college coursework after graduation</td>
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<td>4th Quarter</td>
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1437 GPISD 11th graders participated in April 2015

An important step in the college admissions process
• Testing during the week at school avoids Saturday and family obligations
• Testing site is no longer an issue
• Connects students to free college-planning tools
• Opens the door to college admission
• Colleges and Universities begin recruiting students
Coming March 2016
College Readiness Pathway
PSAT 8/9 and 10

- PSAT 8/9 – being introduced in Fall 2015
- PSAT 10 - Early College Readiness benchmarks
- Access to College Board personalized study program for SAT from Khan Academy
- Access to AP courses through AP Potential
- Opportunities for practice on college admissions exams
QUESTION: Which of the following universities/colleges have partnerships with GPISD to offer Dual Credit coursework? 

Northlake Community College
Dual Credit Opportunities

- Significant Increase in Dual Credit enrollment
- Over 100 Dual Credit courses to choose from
- Numerous options for accessing Dual Credit are available
Dual Credit Options in GPISD

There are a number of ways to access dual credit in GPISD:

- **Embedded in the High School Schedule**
  - Career Tech, Mt View, North Lake, UT On-Ramps

- **University/College Setting**
  - Mt. View, North Lake, UTA, UNT

- **Early College High Schools**

- **Online Opportunities**
  - DCCCD
Early College High Schools

- Two Early College High Schools opening in 2015-2016
  - SGPHS and GPHS
  - About 181 participants this year

- Open access to all students willing to take on the challenge

- Provides an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and college credit through Mountain View Community College
Question: How many hours can a student potentially earn at an Early College High School?

A) 15 hours or the equivalent of 1 semester
B) 60 hours or the equivalent of 2 years
C) 120 hours or the equivalent of 4 years

★ ANSWER: 60 HOURS
The possibility of earning an Associates Degree!
• Creates a path to college for first-gen college-going students
• Increases college attendance and success rates
• Offers rigorous instruction and accelerated courses
• Provides academic and social support services
• Increases college readiness
Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

- College Tutors
- Note-taking strategies (Cornell notes)
- Organizational Skills
- Study Skills
- Self Awareness
- Check with academic counselors

College “Go Centers”

- College Mentors
- Financial Aid Forms
- Scholarship Applications
Question: What is the cost for each of these opportunities for GPISD students?

A) PSAT 8/9 Test for 8\textsuperscript{th} Graders
B) PSAT 10 Test for 10\textsuperscript{th} Graders
C) SAT Test for 11\textsuperscript{th} Graders
D) AP Exams
E) Dual Credit Courses at the High School

\textcolor{red}{\textbf{ANSWER:} All are FREE for GPISD Students}
A Culture of Excellence and Achievement

ACCESS + EQUITY

Offering ALL GPISD students the opportunity to excel
Providing multiple pathways to success
Grand Prairie ISD Honors Scholars Assembly 2015

Scholars 2015

Valedictorians & Salutatorians 2015

Reagan State Duke Scholars 2015
TEA DISTINCTION DESIGNATIONS

• Academic Achievement in Reading/English Language Arts
• Academic Achievement in Math
• Academic Achievement in Science
• Academic Achievement in Social Studies
• Top 25% Student Progress
• Top 25% Closing Performance Gaps
• Postsecondary Readiness

24 GPISD Campuses earned TEA Distinction Designations
TEA announces that 153 out of over 8,600 campuses statewide earned all 7 distinction designations in the 2015 accountability ratings.

Congratulations, GP Collegiate, Dubiski, and GPFAA!
10 Best Cities in America to Raise a Family

By Laurie Kulikowski

NEW YORK (TheStreet) -- Life is different now than it was in the 1950s, when newly formed middle-class Americans moved to the suburbs to enjoy their Levitt homes and women were encouraged to embrace their roles as wives and mothers while men were the sole breadwinners.

More than 50 years later, the world has changed. Both men and women work and cities and towns across the country have evolved to match today's family (most likely dual income) as they were stuck in the past.

WalletHub examined the 150 most populated cities to determine where today's essential family necessities can be found. These 30 key metrics such as: the relative cost of housing, crime, education, health care systems, and the opportunities for fun and recreation.

While choosing a city to put down roots live depends on personal preference, here are 10 places where family

10. Grand Prairie, Texas
   Family Activities and Fun Rank: 48
   Health and Safety Rank: 52
   Education and Child Care Rank: 8
   Affordability Rank: 23
   Socioeconomic Environment: 24
Just remember that one day, today’s kindergarteners will look back and laugh at our antiquated technology too!
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