

# Assistant Superintendent's Report

## December Board Meeting

### December 20, 2021

#### Events of Note in December

### Gentry High School Cheer

2nd Place at Alma Cheer Competition  
 2nd Place at Gentry Competition  
 2nd Place at Van Buren Competition

### Robotics

Gentry Robotics has tripled in size since last year. Now housing over 50 students each day, we have formed 5 competition teams this year of which one has already qualified for the state tournament. Our robotics team named "Fluffles" is qualified for the state tournament in March and currently holds the #1 Programming Skills Run in the state of Arkansas, and are ranked #5 in the World Skills Rankings for the state of Arkansas. Other teams named "Five Man Band" and "Toxic Bot" have their robots completed and are preparing for competition in Bentonville West on January 15th. "Five Man Band" is a team full of seniors and has been competing since the start of the year and made multiple quarterfinals and playoffs throughout the season. They are aiming for a victory in Bentonville West.

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10	181	60	121	60	121	2021-11-13 20:36:57	2021-11-13 18:57:55	0	0	80452B	Shake it Up a Little!	Sheridan High School	Arkansas	United States

## **Esports**

Gentry Esports formed the most teams in school history this past fall season fielding 5 separate teams of over 40 students across 3 different video game titles. This was without a doubt the highest enrollment for esports in Gentry history. Esports fielded one League of Legends team, one Rocket League team, and 3 separate Smash Bros. teams! One Smash Bros. Team posted a 5-2 regular season record and qualified for the state tournament. We are looking forward to tryouts for the Spring Season which will be announced when we get back from Christmas break.

## **Special Project**

Some high school reading students that have been learning about the Titanic were able to participate in a Breakout activity in the library. Mrs. Blanchard, our high school media specialist and MCL, created a series of puzzles based on facts about the Titanic that the students had to solve in order to unlock a series of locks. It was a great activity and the students learned a lot of new interesting facts while being challenged in problem solving."

## **FACS:**

- Family and consumer science had a bake sale this week. We partnered with Mrs. Blanchard in the library to create cookie cutters and print them out with the 3D printer.
- Foundation of Education class create their portfolio containing their own biography, resume and cover letter, philosophy of education, and lesson planning.

## **FFA and Ag Education**

- United welding came and talked to classes about a career in the welding field
- Held a Food Drive competition amongst the encore classes of the High School and Middle School to donate to the local food Pantry - Collected over 800 items
- Several students competed at the Thanksgiving classic showing cattle over the Thanksgiving weekend - Jace Galyean, Reagan Rigney, Reagan Amos, and Bailey Malone
- New cabinets have been delivered and installed in the shop
- Christmas party will be after school on the 20th for the FFA
- Fruit sales completed
- Made Plaques with our CNC Router for the Football awards
- Have been using the 3D printer to create succulent pots for the plant sale
- First Floral Subscription went out for Thanksgiving for the fall, will complete another for Christmas

## **Gentry Middle School**

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1SHQMdD5stTIMYMWTIMX1LIRnj3cr0aLmVLlxGQCO2Og/edit?usp=sharing>

## Gentry Intermediate School

Ms. Tasha will be starting a program after break that is guided by OGC, and it's called "Kids Helping Kids". There will be a handful of students from each grade level nominated and they will be dubbed as our "Culture Keeper". Her goal is to build up our undeveloped future leaders, empower our at-risk students, and help prevent any negative outcomes of bullying by allowing students to lead the way in advocating for respect, cooperation, and conflict resolution in our school.

Mrs. Ivey, Mrs. Evans (formally Edwards), and Ms. Nellia will start Girls Who Code in January. They will meet each week for 8 weeks. Activities will include reading from a book, Q&A, then taking on creative challenges that relate to the chapters as they read.

## Gentry Primary School

Brashears Furniture is donating some beds for families in need. We raised \$432 with our pizza fundraiser for resources for classrooms. We had our third snack day with Kona Ice and raised around \$350. A Santa assembly will be held on Monday, December 20. PTO purchased a staff gift and a book for every child. Hot cocoa treats were provided for the faculty.



## **Operations Department**

The Gentry Public Schools Operations Department continued this year with the tradition of collecting donations to purchase toys and gifts for the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter instead of exchanging Christmas gifts with each other. In our 4th year of participating we were able to raise \$650 to purchase items listed on the shelter's "wish list". Ms. Waltina Hanna, the shelter's Volunteer Coordinator, and Ms. Emily Medlock, the shelter's Community Engagement Manager, expressed their thanks on behalf of the children that the shelter serves.



## **Curriculum/Instruction Department**

### ***REACH University***

Gentry currently has four people enrolled in this program with one additional person starting this Spring.

### ***LEADS Gentry Program***

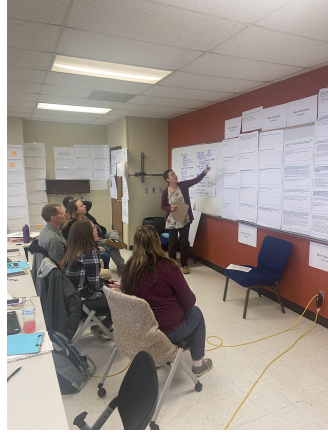
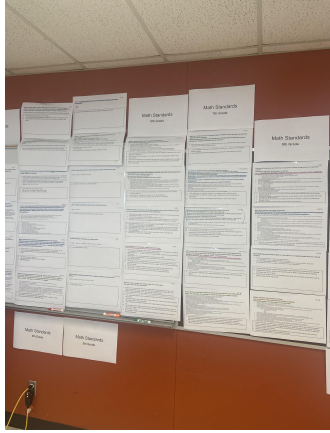
We have eleven teachers enrolled in the Teacher Leader and Master Teacher micro-credential program. The goal for this year is to complete five microcredentials by May 31. As of November 18, six teachers had earned a total of fourteen microcredentials. We also have six teachers who are currently active with the High Reliability Teacher program.

### ***Opportunity Culture***

Applications for 22-23 positions were opened up this month. We have 20 in-district applicants for MCL positions, four applicants for Direct Reach Teacher positions, and three applicants for Reach Associate positions. The District Design Team will begin the review of applications on January 10.

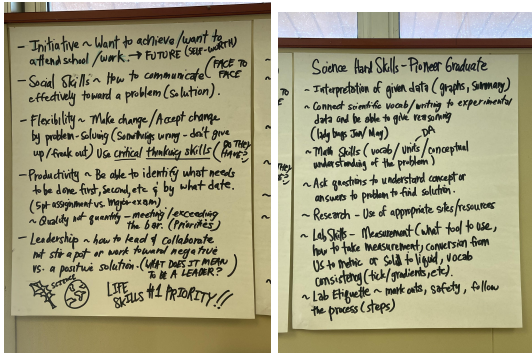
## ***K-12 Alignment***

The district alignment team reconvened for two sessions. Math and English Language Arts committees have now aligned essential standards K-12 and have this information in draft form for publishing. The Science team successfully developed “I can” statements for all essential standards for K-12 classes. The Social Studies team identified overarching priorities for instruction in this subject area and performed a gap analysis to determine if explicit instruction on priority concepts is missing at any point K-12.



## Pioneer Ready

As part of our alignment and strategic planning work, all of our teams are working on creating a definition of “Pioneer Ready” that will steer the direction of our daily work. Here are a couple of examples from the Science Team. We look forward to working with our Board, parents, and community in the future to develop a complete and comprehensive definition of “Pioneer Ready” for our students.



## Work Keys

The CTE team met for the first and second times as a collaborative team this month. They have begun work on a strategic plan for their department and planning for implementation of the Work Keys curriculum in their classes beginning in the Fall. All students will take the Work Keys assessment in their senior year beginning next year. We will

## PLCs at Work

We held two meetings with Jason Andrews from Solution Tree. He worked with the District Leadership Team on our Response to Intervention system. He also met with district MCLs and the district alignment teams to troubleshoot and support them with issues they are currently working through in the PLC process. Both days were extremely productive.

## Family and Community Engagement (Secondary)

Gentry High School FACE Facilitator, Kendra Crouse, developed and published this [website](#) for parents to access important Family and Community Engagement information for their high school children.