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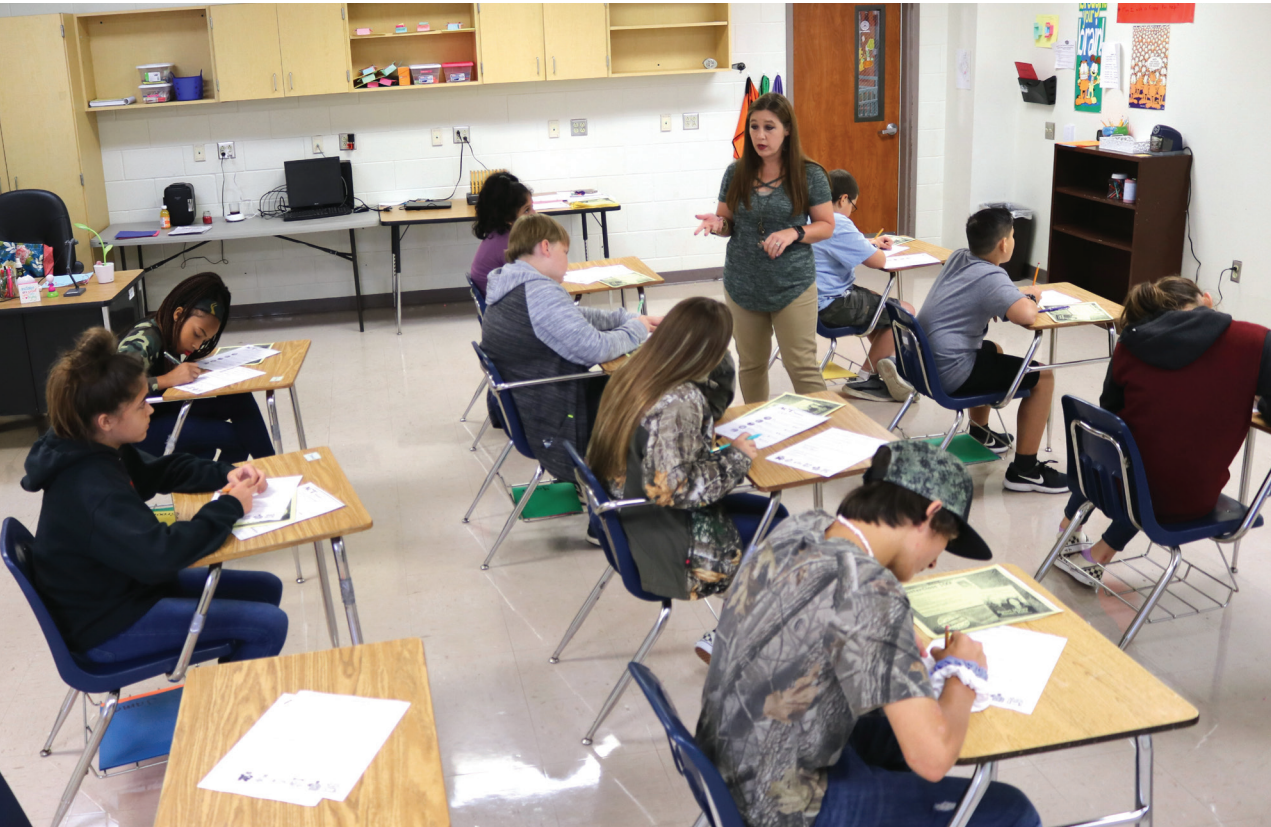
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GEAR UP Grant providing Financial Class for 7th and 8th-grade Parents

Livingston ISD has received a GEAR UP Grant. GEAR UP is an acronym for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs. The grant is from the state and federal level which aims to increase the number of students in low-income school districts who go on to attend college and/or vocational education post-High School. The grant which lasts seven years will require the district to provide services to students to help them with college choice, applications, and financial aid. The grant will also work to change the culture of our district to help every student realize they can achieve the dream of higher education. The grant is targeting the current 7th and 8th-grade students at Livingston Junior High who are members of the graduating class of 2024 and class of 2025.

LISD GEAR UP Coordinator Jenny Bush, GEAR UP Administrator Gregg Faith and LJH Counselor Robbie Vinson met with every 7th and 8th-grade student last week to discuss opportunities which lie ahead. Last May, 7th and 8th graders participated in a lengthy questionnaire that helped to determine a focus of interest for each student. Mrs. Bush distributed results for students to review. Mrs. Bush let the 7th graders know they will also be completing the questionnaire at the end of next school year so they can see how much they have grown.

The questionnaire results help lead students to a pathway that will follow their strengths. The pathway can lead them to technical classes, 2-year college, 4-year college or entering the military. In order to help prepare students and parents with continuing education, the GEAR UP grant is funding a Financial Class or Mas-



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE LISD GEAR UP Coordinator Jenny Bush, GEAR UP Administrator Gregg Faith and LJH Counselor Robbie Vinson met with every 7th and 8th-grade student last week to discuss the diverse opportunities that lie ahead including attending technical school, 2-year and 4 -year college programs or entering the military.

terClass that will be offered once a month beginning in October for 7th and 8th-grade parents. Sessions will be offered during the day, after school, evenings or through online webinars. Bush says, "I have received the book that will be used in the Financial Class and it's good stuff. I have two kids in college and the information covered in this course is so beneficial I wish I knew about it sooner. I'm excited about the resources that are available to our parents and I can't wait to share this information." To sign up for the financial class or for more information visit [ljh.livingstonisd.com/financialclass](http://ljh.livingstonisd.com/financialclass).

**7th & 8th Grade PARENTS WE NEED YOU!!!**

**The GEAR UP program is offering a FREE Financial Class**

**To sign-up or learn more about the class go to the following weblink:**  
[ljh.livingstonisd.com/financialclass](http://ljh.livingstonisd.com/financialclass)

UT Austin GEAR UP Presents

**MasterClass 100!**

Hey Great Parents!! Have you ever tried to navigate....

- How to get out of debt, budget, or help pay for college?
- How to be proactively engaged in your child's financial education journey?
- How to bridge the gap between classroom knowledge / education and practical real money skills?

...if so, then this fun and interactive financial capability class is for you!

**MasterClass 100:** will meet once per month, beginning in October. Participation, books and materials are **FREE** to GEAR UP cohort parents!! Enroll today!

**Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!**

**Now Enrolling**

**Dave Ramsey AND HIS DAUGHTER Rachel Cruze**

School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) kicks off new school year



Pictured at Left - Creekside Elementary PE Teacher Melanie Justice is pictured with 5th-grade students Stevie Salazar, Ashton Garrett, Jady Justice, and Addison Lowe. These Fuel Up to Play 60 team members served oatmeal to the members of the School Health Advisory Council during their recent meeting.

A School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is a group appointed by the school district to serve at the district level. Members of the SHAC come from different areas of the community and from within the school district. SHACs are required to meet at least four times each year. The remaining dates for LISD SHAC meetings are November 12, 2019, February 11, 2020, and April 7, 2020. The meetings are held at Creekside Elementary Multipurpose Room, the campus

is located at #1 Lions Avenue across the Hwy from Sam Houston Electric Cooperative. Community members are welcome and parents of LISD students are encouraged to attend. SHACs assist the districts in ensuring that local community values are reflected in health education instruction. Additionally, SHACs play an important role in strengthening the connection between health and learning. They can help parents and community stakeholders reinforce the knowledge and skills children

need to stay healthy for a lifetime. Creekside Elementary PE Teacher Coach Melanie Justice and students from Creekside Elementary Fuel Up to Play 60 (FUTP60) program served breakfast to SHAC members. The NFL created the FUTP60 program to encourage students to exercise 60 minutes a day and to eat a healthy diet. For more information about School Health Advisory Councils visit the following link - [www.dshs.texas.gov/schoolhealth/sdhac.shtm](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/schoolhealth/sdhac.shtm)



FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS CONGRESS LHS Junior Krislyn Patterson represented Livingston High School and the State of Texas at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders. The two-day event was held in Boston, Massachusetts in June. The health science student received the nomination for having a GPA above 3.5. Krislyn is being awarded an official Award of Excellence, certifying her successful completion of the Congress. Krislyn is pictured in the middle with Health Science teachers Kali Laird and Meagan Myers.

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