

Greetings Gilbert Alumni,

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and fun summer since the last newsletter in May. At Gilbert we were able to use the time to make the buildings shine and to get ready for our students return in August. This summer the community of Gilbert revived their town celebration by holding a Gilbert Family Festival. The event included a carnival for kids, a 5K run, a classic car show and tractor pull, lunch and supper put on by local organizations, free homemade ice cream and a community theater production of *Grease*. My wife is the person who started a community theater company in Gilbert in order to give people an opportunity to “take the stage” again as adults and to promote a feeling of community since the school has seen such tremendous growth. This makes it difficult to know our neighbors as well as we used to and she believes this is a way for people of all ages to come together to work to entertain the community. If any of you are still in the area, I would invite you to either audition and become a part of summer theater or come and enjoy the show. The Family Fest was a success and the organizing committee will be hosting another one next July. Tours are also given of the schools so if you haven’t seen the changes, mark your calendars and make a trip home for this family oriented activity.

We received some good news recently in that MSN published a list of the best schools in each of the fifty states and for Iowa, Gilbert was #1!! We are pleased with this recognition and thankful that our teachers, students and parents work really hard to reach this excellent level of achievement. Additionally, we have held a school board election and two incumbents, Kim Mosiman and Tyler Holck, and one new member, Brian Anderson, were elected to serve for the next four years.

Another item of interest for the alumni may be that the Gilbert Boys Soccer Team made a run for a state championship this year. We came up short in the championship game but were excited about our second in state finish. The team is coached by BJ Jordison, an alumni of the district, and he is assisted by Cody Kleinwolterink, another alumni. Congratulations to the team and coaches on representing us so strongly at the state level!