



### WALD'S WINNER PROGRAM

The Wald's Winner program was developed to recognize students for their academic growth and achievement throughout the year at Gililland Middle School. If students meet their growth targets (goals) and are achieving academic excellence on their NWEA or AIMS assessments, they will receive a Wald's Winner Card (Gold, Silver, and Bronze). Gililland students can use their cards for a variety of incentives such as a V.I.P. table at lunch, front of the lunch line privileges, popcorn party, pizza party, and special admission to events such as dances, basketball games, etc.

### HELPING ALL STUDENTS SUCCEED

- English as a Second Language Programs
- Special Education Programs
- Backpack Food Program
- Beans and Rice Food Assistance Programs
- Targeting Students to Ensure Academic Excellence

### FREE AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING

Free after-school tutoring is available on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of most weeks. Tutoring is available for Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Tutoring is available to all Gililland students.

### GILILLAND IN THE COMMUNITY

Gililland has created strong partnerships with various community organizations. Some examples of these partnerships include:

- Tempe Sister Cities partnership – participation in annual Oktoberfest Parade of Flags event
- City of Tempe – participation in annual Healing Field 9/11 memorial ceremony, annual Veterans' Day parade, and annual Fantasy of Lights Parade
- Music performances at Tempe High School
- Visits to Arizona State University, Heard Museum, and school events featuring guest community members
- Weekly communication in the Tempe Republic
- Partner with local businesses, churches, and organizations for local community outreach
- Community garden located at Gililland



### SCHOOL HOURS

7:10 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.  
12:25 p.m. early release every Friday

### OFFICE HOURS

6:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

### PRINCIPAL

Brady T. Wald

### ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

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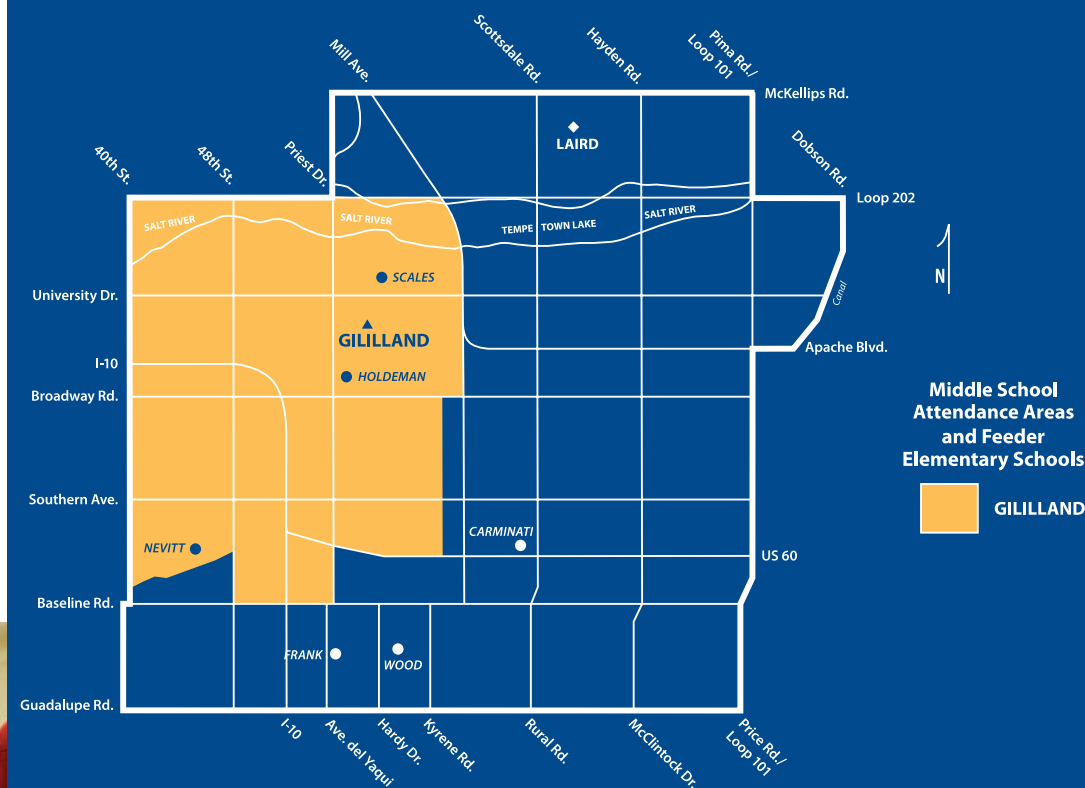
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# Gililland Middle School

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# Welcome

to Gililand Middle School! We are very excited and enthusiastic as we look forward to another school year at Gililand. Our school continues to make tremendous strides in achievement, growth, and success within our students each and every year. Our district, school, teachers, students, and the community take pride in the tradition and the environment that Clyde Gililand established in 1963. We ensure that ALL students are learning, growing, accountable, and have a positive experience at Gililand. They are given an education that has research-based instructional and engagement strategies, a high level of rigor within the classrooms, a technology-rich school where students are given opportunities to have interactive and engaging lessons, and dedicated, nurturing teachers and staff members that are passionate about kids and education.



At Gililand Middle School, we continue to work together toward the success of students in school and life. We use the T.E.A.M acronym that stands for Together Everyone Achieves More! Our data continues to move in a positive direction through the use of assessment, benchmarks, and targeting students to meet their needs in the classroom.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at (480) 966-7114 or e-mail me at [bwald@tempeschools.org](mailto:bwald@tempeschools.org). Thank you for your continued support at Gililand Middle School.

Sincerely,

**Brady T. Wald**  
Gililand Middle School  
Principal

## WHY CHOOSE GILILLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL?

Gililand Middle School's mission is to create opportunities for students to be successful through high expectations for academics and behavior. By ensuring that our programs are well planned and aligned to state standards, we provide student with knowledge, understanding, and skills needed for further success. So why choose Gililand Middle School?

- Ability to take 2 electives every day
- Technology Middle School
- One-to-one laptops in all Language Arts classes
- Proximas, document cameras, student response devices, and SMART Boards in EVERY classroom
- 80 minute Math block for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade
- Options to take high school coursework and attain high school credit
- Outstanding music programs
- Wide array of after-school clubs and athletic opportunities (free of charge)



## WHAT IS GILILLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL?

Gililand Middle School is a safe, engaging, and achieving school where we prepare students for the 21st century through the following:

- Goal setting
- Data driven decision making
- Implementation of research-based Instructional and engagement strategies
- 21st Century knowledge and skills (CCSS)
- High expectations for ALL students
- T.E.A.M. Work – Together Everyone Achieves More
- D.R.I.V.E – Determination, Responsibility, Inspire, Vision, Excellence

### D.R.I.V.E. to Excellence

at

## Gililand Middle School



Determination  
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## SPORTS AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Gililand Middle School offers a variety of opportunities for students to participate in afterschool activities. All clubs and activities are free of charge. These include:

**National Junior Honor Society** – Open to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who have demonstrated excellence in five key areas: scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. To be eligible, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 during previous and current school years.

**Student Council** – Participants provide student activities, share in management of the school, help problem solve, and help involve students in school affairs.

**Guitar Club** – Students play music while learning to read notes and strum chords on nylon string classic guitars.

**Ping Pong Club** – Students work on hand-eye coordination playing table tennis.

**Yearbook Club** – Members help develop the annual yearbook.

**Sports** – Gililand Middle School participates in the Tempe Athletic Conference and the All-City Athletic Conference. Sports offered include cross-country, volleyball, soccer, wrestling, softball, basketball, and baseball.

**Community Garden** – Participants have an opportunity to learn about sustaining a garden by planting flowers, vegetables, and other vegetation.



## HONORS CLASSES

Gililand Middle School offers honors classes in all core areas – Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science.

## PARENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Booster Club** – The Booster Club at Gililand works to promote children's health, well-being, and educational success through strong parent, family, and community involvement. The group meets once a month, and new parents are always welcome to join. There are various fundraising programs that the Booster Club facilitates; a complete list can be found at [www.tempeschools.org/gmsbooster](http://www.tempeschools.org/gmsbooster).

## SITE COUNCIL

The Gililand Middle School Site Council serves as a forum for communication between students, parents, staff, and the community. The Council establishes school improvement goals and monitors progress towards these goals. As a cohesive unit, it provides input, honors accomplishments, and facilitates future endeavors that enrich the school community.

## COMMUNICATING WITH FAMILIES

**Parent Teacher Conferences** – scheduled twice per year

**The Roadrunner Report** – monthly newsletter about Gililand

**Parent Vue** – An online tool that allows parents and guardians to view student's attendance, school schedule, health/ immunization data, and personal profile.

**Gililand website** – [www.tempeschools.org/GMS](http://www.tempeschools.org/GMS) – information on school activities and events

**Teacher web pages** – Many teachers maintain their own web pages, which can be accessed through the Gililand website.

**Facebook** – Like and follow us at [www.facebook.com/gililandmiddleschool](http://www.facebook.com/gililandmiddleschool).

**Twitter** – Follow Gililand Principal Brady Wald @GMSPrincipal43.

## DRESS STANDARDS

Although there is not a standard school uniform, Gililand encourages students to take pride in their attire as it relates to the school setting. Students should dress in a manner that, in addition to guidelines, takes into consideration the educational environment safety, health, and welfare of self and others.

## OUTSTANDING MUSIC PROGRAMS

Here at Gililand we are strong believers in incorporating music education into our students' daily routine. We have a large variety of courses and performing groups that students can participate in. These include band, choir, jazz, orchestra, and electric orchestra. Groups perform in four concerts per year, plus at various community events and festivals.

## PBIS – POSITIVE DISCIPLINE PROGRAM

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Support) is a positive discipline program that has been implemented throughout the Gililand campus. The system establishes school-wide expectations for all students; with these in place, instructional time is increased as problematic behaviors are kept to a minimum. Included in the PBIS system is a positive reward system for students who are caught doing good deeds on campus, such as picking up trash or helping a fellow student. Students can receive "Gotcha" tickets for every good deed they perform (to use for a variety of rewards at the Gotcha store) and other awards in recognition of their behavior and attendance.

