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Living life on the midpoint ...  
Coming full circle ...

# The Tiger 2015



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Raylen Gibson-K

Shaunna Corley-12

Renee Payne-12

Trenton Fields-12

Emily Trevino-12

Nate Roskens-11

Jocelyn Rocha-1

Caroline Britten-10

Braxton Ritter-2

Lauren Keuhler-9

Gage Whatley-3

Sydney Ritter-8

Molly Babcock-3

Cayden Lambert-8

Feet... Fall... Friends... Laugh... Learn... Kindergarteners Emily Britten and Taylor Ritter know what it's like to be "Starting from Square One." This opportunity for a new beginning happened on the annual field day, which is held the last week of school every year. "I feel birthday good," sometimes, Britten said.

Darius Terbush-4

Cael Ruthardt-5

Graci Treadwell-6

Braedon Williams-6

Gianna Miller-7

Derek Weinheimer-7

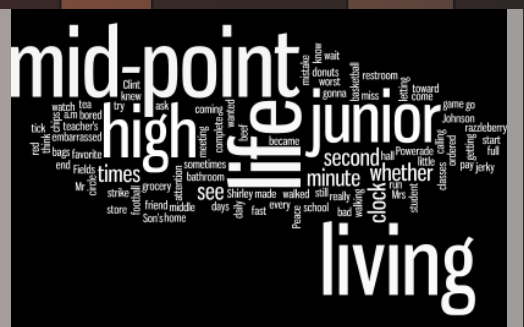
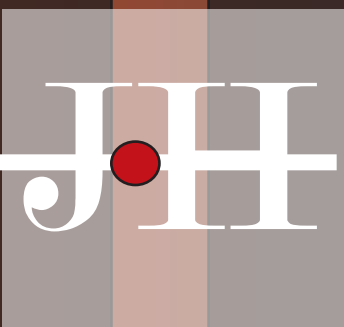
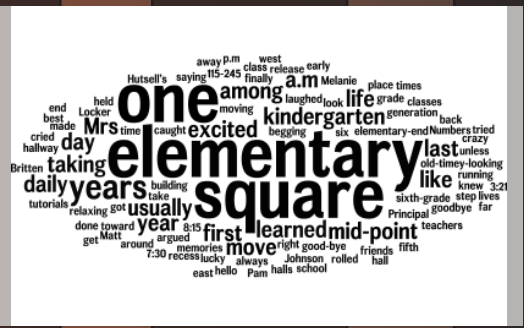
# Just a glimpse...

On this page, you will find a glimpse of our faces and our grade levels. Some of us are "Starting from Square One," others are living "Life on the Mid-Point, and many of us are beginning to be "Coming Full Circle."

# Groom School The Tiger

# In a School DAZE

Starting from Square One ...  
Living Life on the Mid-Point  
... Coming Full Circle



Wordles by Charity Perry



Owen Britten-4

Samantha Short-5

Kenny Blackwell-2

Blayne Shuck-4

Saffron Eugea-5

Brock Britten-k

Collins Koetting-2

**Claws Up...**  
 Kindergarten through Grade 12 attend Groom School pep rallies. This year held a record number as the Tiger football team made it to the state championship. It's become tradition for students to lift their "claws" for the school song and fight song. Elementary children can be heard singing loudly "Conquer and prevail."

Carrigan Kling-2

Skyler Siler-5

Kacie Eugea-3

Davis Babcock-K

Haylee McClenan-4

Braelyn Ritter-K

Leah Ruthardt-3

Ryan Weinheimer-3

Sophia Caro-1

Clay Olivera-1

Madison House-1

Hugh Britten-1

Lexi Ritter-3



**Elementary...** On this page, you will find a glimpse of our faces and our grade levels.

Here we are all "Starting from Square One." Many firsts can be found on the following pages, from first days of school to first pep rallies to first friends, mostly first friends, ones that are sure to last even beyond all of our years of school as young Tigers and Tigerettes.

# In a School DAZE

First steps often lead to laughing, learning ...

From taking that first step toward this crazy, old-timey-looking building into Mrs. (Pam) Hutsell's kindergarten class ...

... to taking our last recess in fifth grade and begging Mrs. (Melanie) Britten for more time ... like we had done daily all year ...

... to saying good-bye to our elementary-end of the hallway classes and teachers and moving west ... to take our place among Locker Numbers 115-245.

Those six years, kindergarten through fifth-grade, for the 62 of us, were the best and most relaxing years of our lives so far. We were excited to move on to the life on the mid-point, but first we look back at our memories from the east end of the hall that held our generation. We laughed ... we cried ... we argued ... but, most of all, we learned. We all tried to get away with running in the halls, but we knew that we almost always got caught by Principal Matt Johnson. As the years rolled by, we made more friends, and learned to say hello daily at 7:30 a.m. if we had tutorials, and 8:15 a.m., if we were among the lucky. Then we said goodbye 180 times a year, usually right around 3:21 p.m., unless it was an early release day, like the last day of school.

We are finally excited to move from square one on up to life on the mid-point.

-Charity Perry

5-Bullet boards in hall

4-New Teachers teaching

3-New Elementary Kids

2-Mrs. Britten's

1-FIELD DAY!!!

Knowledge!!!

Chart by Carson Ritter



Junior High ... On this page, you will find a glimpse of our faces and our grade levels.

Here we are all living "Life on the Mid-Point." Academics matter. Athletics matter. Anxious moments matter. Recess has been replaced with "hanging out" in the middle of the main hall. It's our place. We claimed it. We protected, and we even treasured it, especially because just being there meant we weren't in tutorials.

# In a School DAZE

Moving from Square One ...

To Life on the Mid-Point ...

Produces Times of Choices, Decisions, Doing

From those times when we walked to the grocery store between school letting out and the start of every home game, whether it's basketball or football, or whether we ordered our red Powerade or Razzleberry Peace Tea, complete with our little bags of Clint and Son's beef jerky, or made the worst mistake by getting donuts or chips ...

... to those times when we became so bored in the middle of some classes, but knew we had to pay attention before Mrs. (Shirley) Fields embarrassed us by calling us out on what we were doing ...

... to coming into junior high where we all wanted to be a teacher's favorite student, but sometimes we just couldn't be.

We would watch the clock tick by, second after second, minute after minute. We see the clock is about to strike 11 a.m., and we have to ask to go to the restroom really fast. We all try not to run down the hall, but we know our daily meeting with our friend is about to end when you see Mr. Johnson walking toward the bathroom. These are the days we are going to miss. We think to ourselves, living life on the mid-point isn't so bad after all, but we still can't wait to be coming full circle.

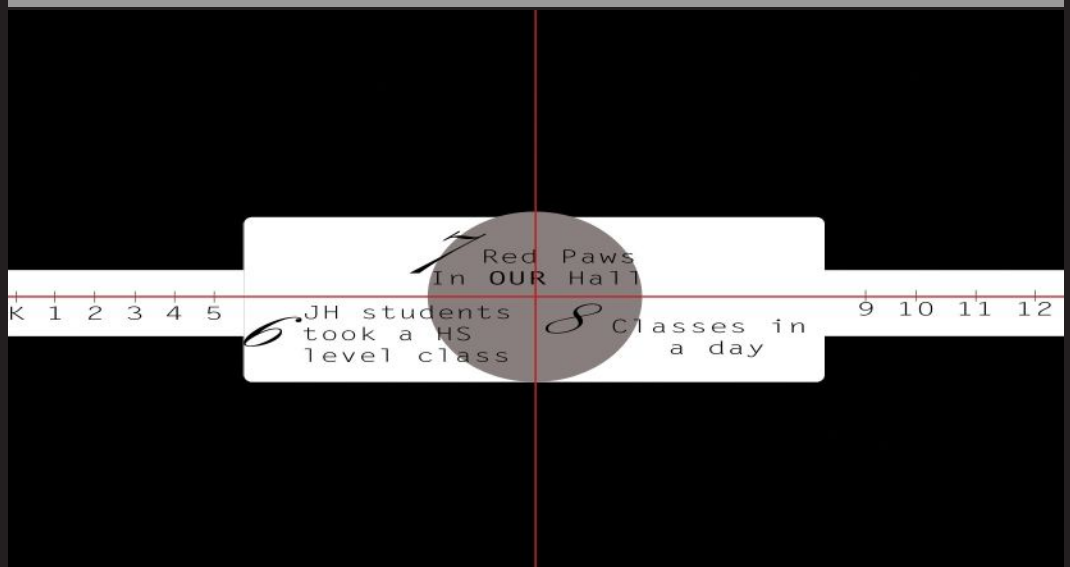



Chart by Carson Ritter



	Senior Shaunna Corley K-12	Senior Hayden Ritter K-12	Senior Renee Payne 8-12	Senior Brayton Hendricks 4-12	Senior Jacob Clifton 5-12	Senior Christy Painter K-12
						
Senior Emily Trevino. 3-12		<p><b>P</b>lanning... pranking... producing...          The senior guys, including Nick Bohr and Brayton Hendricks, were known for planning and executing great plans, like a hidden hang-out called "The Loft." Then, they "allegedly" participated in placing a Tiger on the roof before graduation. Most notably, they also helped produce a football season that ended in the state championship game.</p>				Senior Nick Bohr K-12
Junior Nate Roskens K-11						Junior Justin Cornell. 9-11
Sophomore Leslie Germany 7-10						Junior Cade Ruthardt. 5-11
Sophomore Jeff Marshall 10						Junior Bradie Dodson. 9-11
Sophomore Garet Rocha K-10		Sophomore Caroline Britten K-10	Freshman Lauren Kuehler K-9	Freshman Nathan Ruthardt K-9	Freshman Morgan Trevino 3-9	Sophomore Mason Miller. K-10



High School... On this page, you will find, not only a glimpse of our faces and our grade levels, but also a list of what years we have attended here. This year had so many more events than the 2014-15 chart lists on the right, but mostly it held us together through a few losses and many wins, more wins than our school careers had ever seen.

## In a School DAZE


Moving beyond the Mid, Leads to the Lockers ...  
of the Leaders, the Seekers of the Tiger Circle

From the time we finally entered the lockers in the hall of Coach (Larry) Roskens, the smelly end of the hall where the sewage pipes often got clogged and where the dissected sharks in biology often shared their aroma...

... It's the hall known for Locker Numbers 1-114;

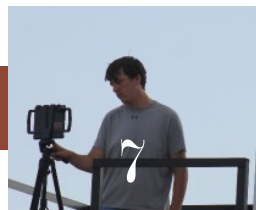
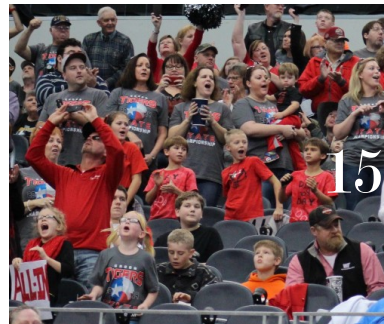
... It's the hall we had looked forward to our entire lives. These were the years that flew by the fastest - due attending state championship games and enjoying Netflix movies together. These were the years that we wished would have lasted longer than they did. We made more friends, and friendships survived more arguments. Some days, like the one that held our August yearbook-signing pizza party, we contributed a lot of attitude with our signatures. Then, during the last days of May, we finally said goodbyes, which we had looked so forward to saying, but in the end became difficult to voice ...

Before that, though, we wanted to give up every day we had to get up to come to this place and do geometry with Mr. (Steve) Hutsell, especially when we felt like we were getting up at the butt-crack of dawn. We got home from school and automatically wanted to sleep, but we had homework, the worst of the worst, the dreaded Mrs. (Leslie) Floyd or Mrs. (Lisa) Roskens' research papers. The days we counted down to graduation night, and wanted to burst into tears every time we had a last bittersweet moment: our last home games, our last track meet, our last prom, our last EOC, our last days in the hall. We we learned and grew together. Then came the last time the Class of 2015 walked under the flickering lights of this adventurous hall. The straight, "long" hall ... that led us all finally to coming full circle.

- 2 → Weather Delays
- 0 → Seniors Have Failed
- 1 → State Championship Game
- 4 → Cameras In The HS Section
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- 1 → Online Newspaper Staff
- 5 → NHS Members

**15** Moments from 2014-2015

Memorable times begin and end when Groom School and the Groom community unite. **The Tiger** yearbook and **The Times of The Tiger** online newspaper staffs worked to document these moments. **1.** Fans cheer on The Tigers in AT&T Stadium. **2.** Eighth-grade cameraman Cayden Lambert, volunteer color commentator Tony Rocha, eighth-grade producer Sydney Ritter, and volunteer play-by-play broadcaster Tim Case work together to keep fans at home up-to-date on the state game, as well as the others that led to it. **3.** Fans adopt the "All In" motto, and cheer on the Tigers. **4.** Junior high journalists Cayden Lambert, Halle Barkley, K'Leigh Thornton, Madison Friemel and Sydney Ritter take a break from class to check out the weather. **5.** Jacob Clifton prepares to broadcast a junior high football game. **6.** Garet Rocha, Shaunna Corley and Bradie Dodson work together to produce a podcast for the newspaper. **7.** Alan Bush prepares to film a junior high game to broadcast on TheCube.com and the online newspaper. **8.** High school journalists Nathan Ruthardt, Charity Perry, Carson Ritter, Jacob Clifton, Caroline Britten, Christy Painter, Mrs. Lisa Roskens and Shaunna Corley insist on grabbing a snow-day picture together. **9.** Yearbook ad sales co-manager Nick Bohr and the state online newspaper editor of the year, Jacob Clifton, add a double selfie to the camera. **10.** Journalists Halle Barkley and Sydney Ritter take notes on a guest speaker on the growing human trafficking problem in the Panhandle. **11.** Christy Painter, Adrian Hendricks, Mrs. Lisa Roskens and Caroline Britten set up equipment high above the Pampa press boxes to cover the play-off game with Follett. **12.** Mrs. Pam Hutsell reflects on past happenings in her kindergarten classroom as she clears it out over the summer. **13.** Tigers young and old mixed in the stands at AT&T Stadium to wait for the big game. **14.** Halle Barkley, K'Leigh Thornton, Madison Friemel and Jim and Lisa Bush get caught on the JumboTron, which was a hit at the game. **15.** Now, coming full-circle, these pictures show how the citizens and students of Groom look up together for ongoing mutual success.





Multiple state trips, 3 schools in 1 ... all make wrapping up a book difficult, but it still must be

# Colophon Time ...

The 79th edition of **The Tiger** was published by the yearbook staff of Groom High School. **The Tiger** was printed by Balfour Publishing in Dallas, Texas. This 100-page, full-color book, including candid photos, flew to Balfour digitally via Studio Works for a press run of 85. Dennis Ball served as **The Tiger's** sales representative, and Donovan Leary claimed the account executive responsibilities. Blunks/Lifetouch took mug shots and group photos.

The copy for **The Tiger** was written and edited by Groom staff members, with some of the text first appearing on the staff's ILPC top-rated "Distinguished Merit" **The Times of The Tiger** online student newspaper (GroomTigerTimes.com). Candid photos were taken by Groom staff members. Although, the community, including Donna Burton and Hop Britten, also helped. In addition, Seth Ritter, of Seth Ritter Photography, saved the day many times with his excellent sports' moments that he willingly shared any time a staff member requested. The staff used a Canon Rebel T3i 1100 or Canon Rebel T5i 700 digital camera to shoot most of this book's photographs.

Even though, they proved not to be the tool of choice, the new student

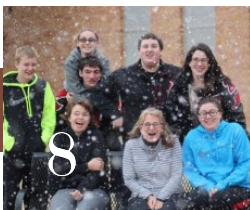
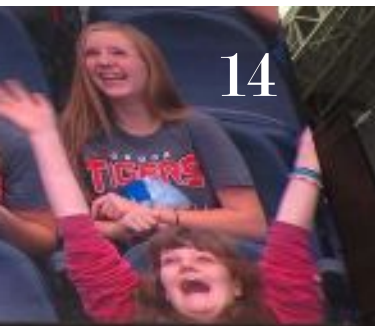
Dell Latitude 3440 laptops served as the place most pages started. The spreads then received finishing touches on the desktops in the two school computer labs.

The theme, "Starting from Square One, Life on The Mid-Point and Coming Full Circle" originated with Editor Shaunna Corley and Photo Editor Christy Painter during the 2014 ILPC Summer Workshop after Corley decided she wanted the 2015 Tiger to be "three yearbooks in one, creating a special place for each school within Groom School." Senior Hayden Ritter designed the cover. Junior Alan Bush, Sophomores Garet Rocha and Carson Ritter, as well as eighth-grader Sydney Ritter, brought that design to life. Corley created theme elements, and Charity Perry wrote division-page copy. Nick Bohr and Trenton Fields took charge of ad sales, and Bradie Dodson served as business manager. The journalism class contributors also included: Halle Barkley, Matthew Bowen, Madison Friemel, Wesley Froese, Cody Kling, Cayden Lambert, K'Leigh Thornton, Jacob Clifton, Justin Cornell, Andrew Ingle, Renee Payne, Cari Weinheimer, Caroline Britten, Charity Perry, Carson Ritter, Nathan Ruthardt and Brice White.

Book elements included these specifications: cover - glossy hardcover Lithocote; pages - 80# enamel with Smyth binding; fonts - Bern- headlines, Cassius- secondary heads, Lifetime - body and captions; font sizes - body - 8-point, caption - 7-point, photo credits - 6-point, headline - as large as spread allows; colors included Balfour red- X9247, black and white.

**The Tiger** staff holds memberships with the Interscholastic League Press Conference, the Journalism Educators Association and the Texas Journalism Educators Association. The 2014 Tiger yearbook achieved an award of Achievement from ILPC and received an Honorable Mention designation from Balfour Publishing's Yearbook Yearbook.

Finally, **The Tiger** yearbook would like to thank the administration of Mr. Jay Lamb and Mr. Matt Johnson along with key staff supporters Tammy Case, Frances Payton and Mary Treadwell for the ongoing help and encouragement. In addition the staff remains grateful to the faithful trust from these school board members: Ron Kuehler, Greg Hendricks, Jeannie Ruthardt, Cecil Gwyn, Brady Miller, Tony Rocha and Curtis H. Downs III.



# Coming Full Circle

From Starting from Square One to Life on the Mid-Point to Coming Full Circle... Cousins Nick Bohr and Trenton Fields discuss and reflect on a school career they have shared together, Kindergarten through Grade 12. The road ahead of them appears long, but if their beginning, and the ongoing accomplishments of their friends and of them are any indication of future success, the 2015 graduates of GHS should be just fine.



Photo by Andrew Ingle