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April 2015

Principal
James Pribble

Vice-Principal
Brenda Butler

School Hours
8:35 to 2:35
“We teach bell to bell”

Uniforms: Yes

Title I School: Yes

Magnet or Academy Program:
Montessori Academy

Points of Pride: On the fore-
front of Florida education with
the Marzano Pilot. Before and
after school tutoring.

Mascot: Bulldogs

From the Desk of Mr. Pribble

Spring Break has come and gone. I hope everyone enjoyed their time as a family and were able to relax and rejuvenate. That time with family is priceless and I hope you took the time to build those everlasting memories. Your child's brain will be nice and fresh to acquire new knowledge for the last two months of the school year.

During these last two months your child will still be learning mathematical concepts, Language Arts, Reading skills, and Scientific exploration. Our teachers will be working with students getting them prepared for the next grade level and they need your help at home. Please continue working with your child at home; reading every night, asking crazy Math questions at the grocery store, and pointing out interesting things in nature. Every little activity you do with your child at home, helps us here at school. All of us here at Gulfport thank you for everything you do to help us be successful.

I look forward to seeing you here at school for one of our events :)

Principal Pribble



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 6: SCHOOL STARTS 8:35 a.m. BE ON TIME!!!

April 7th–10th: 3rd & 4th grade testing

April 13: Montessori Magnet Orientation for Incoming Students

April 13: Montessori Monday

Mid April: 5th grade testing (TBD dates)

1st week of May: Spring Music Concert (exact date TBD)

May 12: Title 1 Math Night

May 18: Montessori Monday End of the Year Celebration

May 25: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

JUNE 2: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!!

Montessori School News

Here is some of the terminology used in Montessori classrooms and their meaning.

Prepared environment: A Montessori classroom is one that possesses a certain order that allows the child to develop self-discipline and develop a strong work habit.

Ground rules: are established on the basis of respect for self, others and the environment.

Freedom with responsibility: A child in order to develop his physical, intellectual, and spiritual powers to the fullest must have freedom- a freedom that is achieved through order and self-discipline, a freedom with responsibility

Absorbent mind: From the moment of birth each child has a mind to absorb (take within) knowledge. Each child has the power to teach himself many things.

Joy of learning: The “prepared environment” introduces the child to the joy of learning at an early age and provides a framework in which both intellectual and social development go hand in hand so that the child may respond to life with her complete personality

I leave you with a quote from Maria Montessori- **“We must not dwell on his limitations...we must focus on his possibilities”**

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PTA Update

Gulfport Elementary **PTA is looking for parents and teachers who are interested in serving on the PTA Board for the next school year.** Join a great team of dedicated people who work closely with Principal Pribble in making our school great! Official positions include: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President in charge of Membership, Vice President in charge of Ways & Means, etc. There is also a need for help with t-shirts, Book Fair, newsletter, yearbook, event planning and general volunteers. Whether you have a little or a lot of time to give, we would love to have you! Please feel free to contact **Anna Kate Mackle at 727.421.0557** or akmackle@me.com for more information.



Girls on the Run is going strong! The girls are training to run the 3rd Annual Girls on the Run 5k, which will be on Saturday, May 2nd at 9 a.m., at HCC Dale Mabry, 4001 W Tampa Bay Blvd. If you would like to show your support to these wonderful girls, you can do so in a variety of ways. You can sign up to be a Running Buddy and run alongside them, or you can just show up that morning and cheer them on. You may also purchase a Spirit Sign to cheer on the girls along the course. That morning there will be lots of fun activities for the girls, including Happy Hair, face painting, a photo booth, and an anti-bullying table where the girls can paint their pinky nail blue to show their support. There will also be snacks and a DJ Dance Party afterwards.

If you just want to show up to cheer on the girls, they would all appreciate it. If you would like to register to be a Running Buddy or for more information, please visit: www.GirlsOnTheRunTampaBay.org/GOTR-5k.

The Girls on the Run program at our school would not be possible without some very special individuals. Numerous people stepped forward to sponsor the girls, including some teachers and PTA members. Our wonderful coaches who graciously volunteered to teach and train these girls are: **Courtney Cox - a law student at Stetson, Rachel Mita - pre-K teacher at Gulfport, and Brian Garner - also a teacher at Gulfport.** And finally, there would not have been a program without the generous support of Principal Pribble.

We're inviting your family to join our family!



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Bulldog Barkouts

CONGRATULATIONS to volunteer, Halie West for being selected as nominee for the Pinellas County Outstanding Volunteer in the Youth Division from Gulfport Elementary School for the 2014-2015 school year. Halie has helped in Summer Bridge program, the after school soccer program, PTA Blues Fest and other school events including watching over CHAMP! PTA Ways & Means Vice President Mom, Reagan Henry, and brother, David Henry (Montessori-3rd) are both very proud!

BIRTHDAY BARKS GO TO...

4/7	Ms Snodgrass (Trad 5th)
4/9	Ms Bayonet (Mont Asst)
4/13	Mr Temples (ESE)
4/14	Ms England (Trad 5th)
4/27	Ms Davis-Walker (Mont 1/2)
4/30	Ms Barnard (Mont 1/2)

REMEMBER to **SAVE YOUR BOXTOPS, LABELS FOR EDUCATION, TYSON A+, CAPRI SUN and COKE REWARDS.** Turn them in to the office so we can send them in. The school and PTA receive funds and credit for food items. You purchase the products anyway, so take a moment to cut out the Boxtop or Label for Education from your soup cans, bottom of Kleenex boxes, paper towels, etc, and clip the A+ chalkboard on Tyson chicken products, as well as save the code inside Coke products 12 packs or the caps on plastic bottles, plus Capri Sun drink pouches (less the straw). Every one counts. We appreciate your support! Bring in your envelope or bag to the front office. We'll organize them and send them off for FREE MONEY!!!

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3rd Annual Girls on the Run 5k

Event Information

Date: Saturday, May 2nd
 Time: Race Village opens at 7:30 am and 5k starts at 9:00 am
 Location: HCC Dale Mabry, 4001 W Tampa Bay Blvd

Registration and Information

www.GirlsOnTheRunTampaBay.org/GOTR-5k

Cost: \$25 Regular and \$20 Running Buddies (see discount code below)
 Includes: T-shirt, medal, bib, swag bag, and post race snacks!

*Notes: GOTR Participants are already registered for the 5k!
 Online registration closes 4/29/15 and discount codes cannot be accepted on race day.*

Running Buddy Information

All GOTR participants need a Running Buddy to accompany them on the 5k course. Running Buddies can be parents, family members or friends (at least 18 years old). They make sure that no girl runs alone, encourage girls to do their best, share in the girls' enthusiasm, and celebrate their amazing accomplishments! We strongly encourage someone your daughter knows to be her Running Buddy, but can assign a Community Volunteer when necessary. Running Buddies receive \$5 off Race Registration, using the code:

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Only one discount code per girl. If other family members would like to run, they must pay the Regular Registration cost.

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What To Expect on Race Day

The Finish Line is creeping into sigh! So, what should you expect on Race Day? Well, other than AMAZING Girls on the Run Spirit and dreams coming true, you can expect:

Course Information

Our course is two loops around HCC Campus. The two loops keep it extra spectator friendly! We will have one water stop (which you will run by twice) with LOTS of water!

Girls on the Run Participant Check In

Your GOTR girl should check in at the Participant Check In Tent to pick up her race number (it's Number 1!) – 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Day of Race Registration

In case you haven't yet registered (note: no discount codes are available race morning, all registrations are \$25 on race day) – 7:30 am – 8:30 am

One in a Million

This season, Girls on the Run is celebrating serving its millionth girl! Stop by our One in a Million table to say what makes you one in a million! – 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Face Painting

Stop by the Face Painting tables to fancy up your face! – 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Happy Hair

A GOTR Classic! Get your hair (temporarily!) spray painted in fun colors! 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Secret "Mean Stinks" Anti-Bullying Table

Gang up for good and take the Anti-Bullying Challenge and paint your Pinky Nail blue to show your support! – 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Photo Booth

Open before and after the race, get your picture with your medal! 7:30 am – 10:30 am

T-Shirt Booth

Grab a GOTR t-shirt for a \$5 donation! Cash only. 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Post Race Snacks

Girls on the Run will provide healthy snacks and water to replenish you after the race!

Dance Party!

Join us post-race for a Dance Party led by DJ Patsy! 9:45 am – 10:30 am

NEW! Spirit Signs

Show your GOTR Girl support out on the course by purchasing a Spirit Sign! These signs are displayed along the course and can be personalized. Signs can be purchased by parents and friends, local businesses and anyone who wants to support the girls and the race. After the race, it's hers to keep! Purchase on our website for \$25 for individuals and \$50 for businesses; all proceeds support GOTR.



COMING SOON!



Volunteer News and Notes

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience and just plain loving one another.” Erma Bombeck

Reminder: End-of-the Year field trips will be here soon. If you would like to accompany your child on a field trip, please remember to complete a Volunteer Registration Form. It takes approximately two weeks for the clearance process. Contact Mrs. Bumgarner at 727-893-2643 x 2004 for more information. Enterprise Village is scheduled for May 13. Help is always needed for that special fifth grade field trip.

Thank you to our administrators, faculty, staff, mentors, volunteers, tutors, parents, students, Gulfport Elementary School PTA, The School Newsletter (Mr. Mark Baker), school newsletter editor Ms. Holly Tracy, Astro Skate, Celebration Station, Dinosaur World, Mike Price Martial Arts and Skate World.

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Elementary Book Drop Program

Special thanks to Mr. Keyser, one of our Stetson College mentors, and Ms. Warfield from Goodwill Industries for helping promote early childhood literacy and fostering a love of books and reading. Books for each of our first and second grade students have been donated through the Elementary Book Drop Program sponsored by Goodwill Industries. The goal of The Elementary Book Drop Program is to reach more children in hope that we can all play a part in improving literacy levels in the next generation. Thank you Goodwill Industries for including the first and second grade students at Gulfport Elementary School.

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Excellence in Reading

Congratulations to the top second grade readers. The second grade students participated in a Reading Challenge during the month of February. The two top readers in each class were rewarded by having a special dessert with Mr. Bill Silva and reading dog, Max.

The students were presented goody bags, books and certificates during the celebration. Thanks to Max, Mr. and Mrs. Silva and Mr. Pribble!

Maggie M. -- Jacob W. -- Kathryn P. -- Kaycee L. -- Ke'Marian A. -- John M. -- Patricia D. -- David G. -- Caroline F. -- Sakina B. -- Christina B. Morrissey F. -- Samantha H. -- Subhaba P. -- Haiden G. -- Corbin W. -- Amelie M. -- Chloe M.

Citizens of the Month for March for Positivity

Kindergarten: Markese Brooks, Mackenzie Peeples, Laila Isaac, Trinity Mozell, Na'Darion Wyman, Jocelyn Jackson, and Rose Lockwood

First Grade: Calvia Mosley, Ahman Belle, Tra'von Welch, Amaya Richardson, Brielle Williams, and Zainab Badani

Second Grade: Jordan Page, Kathryn Parsons, Jaelyn Taveras, Kyree Jenkins, Nia Kirkland, Haidyn Gordan, and Christina Baker

Third Grade: DaMari Bush, Kierra Hansen, John Jackson, Alex Villavicencio, Alexis Beam, and Alivia Wallace

Fourth Grade: Jana Peart, Alicia Mitchell, Ally McCarthy, and Teneko Dudley,

Fifth Grade: Marcelena Frazier, Richard Whitfield, and Blayz Bealle



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VOLUNTEERS

Parents, if you are considering attending field trips throughout the remainder of the school year, please complete the Volunteer Registration process or activate your volunteer account. The process of being cleared to volunteer usually takes two weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bumgarner at 727-893-2643 x 2004.

Please remember to log your volunteer hours. You can do this from an off-campus computer by using these directions:

Step 1 Login at <https://focus.pcsb.org>

Step 2 Sign into Focus using your v. account

User name Example: v.smithd (all lower case) v. last name, initial of first name

Password last name (first letter capitalized) immediately followed by 4-digit birth year. Password Example: Smith1979

Step 3 Click on "Volunteer" button in upper left corner

Step 4 Click "Add Hours"

Step 5 Answer questions and click agree

Step 6 Log your volunteer hours

Step 7 LOG OUT in bottom right corner

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