

# GULFPORT ELEMENTARY



# BULLDOGS

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Principal  
James Pribble

Vice-Principal  
Brenda Butler

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8:35 to 2:35  
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Magnet or Academy Program:  
Montessori Academy

Mascot: Bulldogs

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## From the Desk of Mr. Pribble

As we are in the season of Thanks and Giving, our Family & Community Liasion, Mrs. Bumgarner and I, as well as all of Gulfport Elementary would like to say Thank you to our wonderful volunteers including our PTA and community sponsors. Special thanks to all who helped make the Great American Teach-In such a success. Please enjoy your holidays knowing that you brightened the life of a child!

*Principal Pribble*

### Special Thanks to:

Administrators, Teachers and Staff

Safety Patrol Students:

A. Smallwood, T. Dudley, S. Wilson, S. Turner,  
A. Carroll, A. Harris, A. Wassid, K. Moore, L.  
Timko, E. Walden

Ms. Angela Herritt

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Mr. Tony, GPES Café

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Ashley Joinville, Otis Keels, Iris Manley, Bill Silva

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Tiffany Sabiel, Safe Routes to School Program

Nora Gaunt, Boyd Hill Nature Preserve

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## PTA Corner

The PTA / Scholastic fall book fair was a great success! Thank you to all that volunteered at the book fair! It was such a delight seeing the purchases the children made and the excitement at their new "treasures".

The PTA is sponsoring an AFTERSCHOOL skating party at ASTROSKATE on December 11th. Flyers will be coming home as this is a PRESALE event. Bus transportation is again available for a small additional cost. Parental pick up will be at school for the bus riders. Watch for more information!

The PTA is sponsoring a family event at the TITLE ONE FAMILY RESOURCE LIBRARY, December 17th, the "GIFT OF READING", all the details will be on the flyer coming home. Remember if your child is a CAR RIDER and you would like a PERMANENT placard for your car send a note into school with your child !

If you have not taken the time to join YOUR award winning PTA, please do so TODAY ! PTA is the oldest child advocacy organization, the dues are \$ 5.00 PER YEAR ! There will be spring events that are limited to PTA families only ! JOIN US TODAY!! The membership comes with a discount card where you can make the fee back in one trip to McDonald's, Auntie Anne's, Ace Hardware and more! Plus Legoland offers AMAZING discounts! Get them now. Just fill out the form below, put in an envelope with \$5 cash or check made out to Gulfport Elementary PTA. Our school, children and YOU benefit!

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## Montessori Academy Corner

I remember being a child and hearing the saying "time flies". I thought the adults around me were crazy. For me as a child it was the opposite. Time was dragging because I was looking for the end- which was Santa coming. Now I enjoy the season with activities that help our family enjoy each other. Decorating the house, making cookies for our family and others, shopping for the just right gift and then wrapping it. I'm old fashioned and still send Christmas cards to people near and far. I love receiving and displaying them in my house! I hope to remember the child's perspective as we begin this season and the frantiness that can occur. Patience is the word I want to remember.

I'll end with my suggestion from last year to begin a Holiday journal for your family. Our journal is almost 30 years old. We have written the gifts exchanged and the response from questions asked. One year I asked my parents what their best Christmas gift was growing up. My dad said- a ballpoint pen (He was in HS in 1950s) and my mom said- a cashmere sweater. My children didn't understand the ball point pen being a special gift but were struck that they had one present and fruit in the stockings. It was a great conversation. When we read the journal, my 4 remember that Christmas when both grandparents were alive. Happy Holidays

Kathy Ludlum  
 Montessori coordinator  
 Gulfport Elementary

"Children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future." Maria Montessori



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## Girls on the Run

The Girls On the Run 3rd Annual Let It Snow 5k will be held Saturday, December 12th! The location is Hillsborough Community College, 4001 W Tampa Blvd. The Race Village opens at 7:30 am and the 5k starts at 9:00 am. The race is open to the public, so if you are interested in registering (\$25) or being a running buddy for any of the girls (\$20 – use discount code RUNBUDDY2015F), you may find more details and information at <http://www.girlsontheruntampabay.org>. Online registration closes 12/9/15, and discount codes cannot be accepted on race day. Registration includes a t-shirt, medal, bib, swag bag, and post-race snacks. Please contact Coach Mita at 727-804-6482 with any questions.

A special thank you to all of the Gulfport Elementary Girls On the Run Sponsors! Coach Courtney, Coach Mita, and the girls are having an AMAZING season, which would not be possible without your caring and generous support!

Patricia Barnard  
 Scott Ohmstede  
 Matt Gaskin  
 Alina Greeley  
 Heather Hegh  
 Steven Holland  
 Dori Langston  
 Melissa Mita  
 Scott Ohmstede  
 Emerson Straw, P.L.  
 Whitney Wetherington  
 2 anonymous GES teachers

### Calendar of Events

- Dec. 10:** Winter Music Concert! All invited. K-1-2-Chorus Perform!! 6:15 pm
- Dec. 11:** Astroskate Party (flyer to be sent home with details, transportation option)
- Dec. 17:** PTA sponsors a TITLE ONE "GIFT OF READING" night @ the Title One Library
- Dec. 21 – Jan. 3:** NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK; Enjoy your Holidays!
- Jan. 4:** SCHOOL BEGINS for 2016!  
NOTE: this is a Tuesday!!
- Jan. 7 – 15:** District Application Period for Magnet and Fundamental Programs
- Jan. 18:** No School For Students – Martin Luther King Jr Holiday



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# School Counselor News

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Gulfport Elementary—School Counseling

## Building Your Child's Self-Esteem

Character Word of  
the Month:

### Kindness

Being nice and considerate toward others.

### Read a Great Book!

Charlotte's Web— E.B. White

Corduroy— D. Freeman

The Giving Tree— Shel Silverstein

The Tale of Despereaux- K. DiCamillo

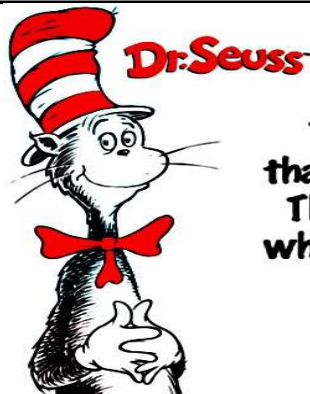
Holes- L. Sachar

Children who have high self-esteem come to value themselves and think of themselves as worthy and capable. With a healthy self-esteem, children feel that they have positive characteristics and skills they can offer to other people, and they also feel they are worthy of being loved and accepted by others including family and friends.

Here are 10 ways to help build your child's self-esteem:

1. **Be realistic.** Don't berate your child for not being "perfect." Don't think you have to be the best parent in the world.
2. **Be the best role model you can be.** Your child watches you every second you're together. He or she will do as you do, not as you say, so "do" the best you can.
3. **Talk with your child, not at him or her.** Show respect for your child's opinion
4. **Openly give your love with hugs, kisses, and praise.** The more a child feels loved, the more he or she will listen to you.
5. **Lighten up.** Allow yourself to laugh when things don't go as planned.
6. **Get involved.** Show your child you care about his or her life and education by taking an active role whenever possible.
7. **Discipline with love.** Treat your child fairly and firmly to establish a positive connection between the two of you. This will

Happy  
Holidays!



**Today you are YOU,  
that is TRUER than true.  
There is NO ONE alive  
who is YOUER than YOU!**

## Bulldog Barkouts

- \* **The PTA thanks Ms. Iris who helped the PTA earn \$144.20 in Coke Rewards.** THANK YOU! Remember to save your caps and easy dispense handle pulls with the Coke Rewards numbers on them! They add up quickly!
- \* **Thank you to all who came out to the Montessori Meet Up on November 11th.** We learned more about the 3/4/5 grade Montessori classes, testing, and School Choice process and schools. A special thanks to Ms Anthony and Ms Campbell!
- \* **As you cook this holiday season, remember to save your Box Tops** (Kleenex & many items), Labels for Education (think soup cans & stuffing boxes), Coke Rewards #s, Capri Suns (no straws please) and Tyson A+ chalkboard certificates (on frozen chicken fingers & more!). Turn them in the Ms Iris in the office for a special treat!
- \* Don't forget to check out the full page newsletter on the Gulfport Elementary website at <http://www.pcsb.org/gulfport-es> Look on the right side for the easy link!

## School Psychologist Says...

### Keep Your Promises:

- \* Just as you teach your child to not break a promise, so should you!
- \* You must first make sure that you win your kid's affection by keeping up the promises you make him.
- \* Whether it is a trip to the beach or a walk to the super-market, make sure you keep your promises.

This will encourage your child to always be honest.

### Give Them Some Space:

This is something that most parents battle with.

- \* Each child needs his or her own space.
- \* Don't barge your child's life and be a hyperactive parent.
- \* Allow him to enjoy a bit of activity he loves, but be around to ensure they don't go overboard.

You can guide him whenever help is needed.

**Danielle Kelley, REALTOR - GRI RSPS MRP**

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