

GULFPORT ELEMENTARY



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Gulfport Elementary/Montessori Academy

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March 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

Three months of school remaining in the 2014-15 school year! The time has flown by as we have been working with you and your children. It is amazing what our children have learned this year! In 3rd, 4th and 5th grades, it is now time for State Testing called Florida Standards. Sometimes children become nervous or even stressed at the thought of testing, but they should not be. Our teachers have worked hard to prepare them well. During this time, take the time to encourage your children and help them to realize how much they really do know. What matters is that they do their BEST. It doesn't have to be perfect. If they are like my son, they know a lot more than they show or think they know :)

Spring Break is also coming up at the end of the month. Now is the time to make sure you have a few days that you can spend with your family while the children are home from school. Before you know it, your children will be all grown up and involved in all types of extra-curricular activities. You will not get to spend that same kind of quality time with them. So it is never too soon to make sure you have time for a picnic, a bike ride, or visit to relatives. Spending this kind of time as a family also helps to decrease any kind of nervousness or worries they may have about testing. It will help your child see that even though showing what they know is important, family is even more important. That may be one of the greatest lessons in life that you can ever teach them. :)

I look forward to seeing my Gulfport Elementary Family around campus this month. Let your teacher or staff know if you have any questions on your child or testing. We want every child to showcase what they know!

Mr. Pribble

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 3rd–6th: 4th & 5th grade testing

March 10: "Mental Math" Help – Baypoint Elementary – 6 p.m.

March 12: Kickoff party for PTA ALS walk

March 13: End of 3rd Quarter

March 14: PTA ALS Walk – please walk or donate!

March 16: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!

Week of March 17: FUNdraiser Pickup – One Night Only! Night TBD

March 19: PCCPTA Meeting, Largo Admin Bldng – 6/6:30 All PTA members invited

March 24th–27th: 3rd & 4th grade testing

March 30–April 3: SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!

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

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

Mid April: 5th grade testing (TBD dates)

Montessori School News

The invitation and acceptance period for 2015-2016 spots in our Montessori program ended in mid-February. The next period is the acceptance period for newly invited siblings. I started calling families from our wait list on February 20 to fill additional kindergarten seats only. Grades 1-5 have no openings at this time.


How can I help my child is a common question asked by parents. In our Montessori classrooms, we relate to your child with some basic tenets.

How can I help my child?

1. Treat your child with respect.
2. Show your child consideration.
3. Provide an environment with predictability.
4. Establish routines.
5. Consider your child has a much slower sense of time.
6. Provide your child with freedom to choose when possible. Limit the choice to two things and either choice should be acceptable. Otherwise the choice shouldn't be given.
7. Give your child many opportunities for success.
8. When consequences occur, it is not necessary to lecture them on top of it.
9. Try to give your child more positives than negatives.
10. Use proper language when speaking with your child.

Thank you parents for sending us your children every day, we are in awe of their potential!

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PTA Update

GIRLS ON THE RUN UPDATE:

Girls on the Run is at Gulfport Elementary! Two weeks ago, on February 2, 2015, GOTR-Gulfport had its first practice. We have an incredibly intelligent and beautiful group of girls, ranging from 3rd to 5th graders. We feel very fortunate to have nineteen girls in total!



Girls on the Run is a transformational physical-activity-based positive youth development program. Our girls practice twice a week for twelve weeks in preparation for a 5K (3.1 mile) celebratory run at the end of the program. Not only do our girls become runners, they also grow their leadership, social, and psychological skills.

GOTR-Gulfport is led by **Coach Mita**, a Pre-K teacher at Gulfport; **Coach Courtney**, a law student at Stetson University College of Law; and **Coach Brian Garner**, an assistant at Gulfport.

On **Saturday, March 14th**, members of your PTA are walking in the GREATER TAMPA BAY ALS WALK. ALS is a debilitating, and fatal disease that robs people of their mobility and always leads to death. To raise funds for patient care and research we are walking for those that can not.....please consider making a pledge to help us raise funds! You may call contact either Barbara Pace or Regan Henry for your donation or link thru the website under GULFPORT MONTESSORI / ELEMENTARY. To kick off the event the PTA is hosting a dance party on Thursday March 12th from 6 to 7:30 pm.....come support us, dance and sign our banners that we will carry during the walk. Refreshments will be available for purchase, all proceeds are donated to the ALS WALK.

Parent Academy Workshops

The following Parent Academy workshops are being offered during the month of March:

March 10: Helping Your Child with Math: "Mental Math": Techniques for Math Readiness (Grades 3-5), at Bay Point Elementary School, 5800 22nd Street S., St. Petersburg 6-7 p.m.

March 18: Helping Your Child with Math: "Mental Math": Techniques for Math Readiness (Grades 3-5), at Garrison-Jones Elementary School, 3133 Garrison Road, Dunedin. 6-7 p.m.

March 19: Boosting Your Child's Reading Skills (Elementary School), Cross & Anvil Human Services Center, 1201 7th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, 6-7 p.m.

We're inviting your family to join our family!



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Citizens of the Month

January's Citizen of the Month

Kindergarten: Skylea Poorman, Zackary Brett, Taylor Hemmings, Emalee Effner, Deanna Carter, Ty'ron Ross and Aldean Whyte

First Grade: ReAsia Boyd, Jeremiecia Robinson, Madilyn Lancaster, Kylie Thomas, Geno Ferrari, Shytiah Rowe and Aniyah Mitchell

Second Grade: Zoe Esposito, Rebecca Lepore, I'Kenya Blair, Walter Gamble, Maggie Munoz and Hunter Triplett

Third Grade: Delvontae Inmon, Rashad Golden, Nicholas Holmers, Gabe Sotomooore and Satori Royle

Fourth Grade: Andrea Erickson, Angel Hopkins, JaLeah Mitchell and Dominic Polk

Fifth Grade: Caitlyn Agostine, Trevor Fritz, Martez Allison and T'lyssia Everett

February's Citizens of the Month - Cooperation

Kindergarten: Ryan Keith, Deziree Roberts, Amelia Anders, Ja'cayla Davis, Gunner Fowler, Kaydance Nabors and Ireland Cuddy

First Grade: Shyiem Briscoe, Elias Ross, Tamirra Dunn, Khloe Temple and Ra'mya Green

Second Grade: Maddie Shepard, Messiah Cook, Jamaría Hudson, Patricia Delgadillo, Gavin Harris, Marc Dunaway, Sakina Badani and Samantha Hoffmire

Third Grade: Sophia Santiago, Kimberly Gonzalez, Savieon Garrison, Derick Neal and Andrew Wood

Fourth Grade: Selena McPherson, Nasear Cumberbatch, Raphael Sims and Abdul Was-sid

Fifth Grade: Brianna Lamb, A'nijah Butler, Kealan Leaks and Sam Turner

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Nurse Notes

Change in Florida Law: Child Safety Seats Until Age 6

On January 1, 2015, Florida House Bill 225 took effect, changing the Florida Child Restraint Law. Children ages 4 and 5 are required to be in a child safety seat while riding in a car. "In Florida, crashes involving motor vehicles are the #1 killer of children ages 1 - 14."



The use of age and size appropriate car seats, booster seats, and seat belts greatly reduces the risk of serious and fatal injuries for young passengers. Penalties have also been added to include fines and and points against a driver's license for drivers who do not have children under five in a child safety seat. After the age of 5, children should be allowed to wear a seatbelt without a booster seat if:

- * the child is at least 4' 9" tall;
- * the child can sit all the way back in the seat and bend knees at the edge of the seat;
- * the shoulder belt lays across the chest, not the neck; and
- * the lap belt lays across the upper thighs, not the stomach.

All Children's Hospital offers free child safety seat checks. More information can be found at: www.allkids.org/carseats or by calling 1-800-756-7233 extension 4. According to their website, they also offer convertible car seats for \$20 and booster seats for \$10.

Information summarized from the following sources: Florida Department of Health and All Children's Hospital

Please feel free to call me at (727) 688-6012 if you have any ideas for health topics families might be interested in. Thank you!

Kerry

Kerry Carlisle RN, MBA



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Bulldog Barkouts

Excellence in Reading

Congratulations to the top first grade readers. The first grade students participated in a Reading Challenge. The two top readers were rewarded by having a special dessert reception with Mr. Bill Silva and reading dog, Max.

Thank you to Mrs. Silva for this unique idea of rewarding our best readers. Mrs. Silva prepared goody bags and had a new book for each student. Mr. Pribble and Mr. Silva along with reading dog Max made presentations including certificates to the following students:

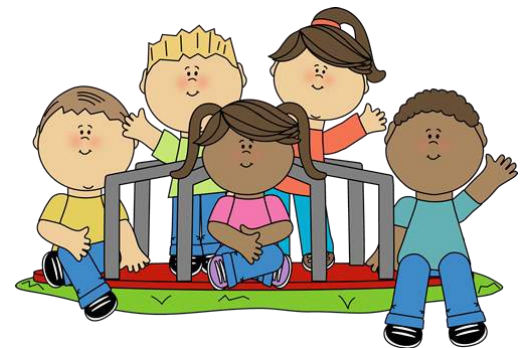
Sierra Z.-- Jabria T.--Emiliano D.--Jada S.--Ty'unna C.--Madilyn L.--Xavier M.-- Julian R.--Robert C.--Aleia F.--Kylie T.--Tamirra D.--Garrick L.--Jordan M.

Birthday Barks.....

- 3/5 – Diane Baines, Title 1
- 3/9 - Neola Jackson, 4th grade
- 3/17 - Steve Cornell, Social Worker
- 3/23 - Jennifer Lawless, K teacher
- 3/31 – Deb Auman, Montessori 1/2 Assistant

Apologies for missing these February Birthdays.... Hope you celebrated BIG!

- 2/8 – Beverly Jackson
- 2/10 – Maki Yoshikawa
- 2/11 – Ines de Azevedo
- 2/14 – Eddie Walker
- 2/19 – Susan Basack
- 2/20 – Betsy Kinsley
- 2/22 – Brandie Williams
- 2/23 – Ashley Joinville



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 - Websites
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- 📌 **Get Engaged** – Daily Tips, Family Resources,
 - Opportunities to volunteer – mentoring workshops, volunteer registration
 - Daily Tips for families
 - Family Resources –Family First, 2-1-1, Clothes to Kids, JWB Resources
- 📌 **More** – Important information for parents



MORE –HIGHLIGHTS

- 📌 **Messages** – the district can push messages to parents directly to their phones. These messages will alert parents to upcoming events, weather alerts, parent meeting notifications, etc.
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 - ST Math
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 - Brain POP
 - InSync
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 - Math
 - Algebra
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Fun Fact! March Pinellas Elementary School Menu

3/2-3/6 National School Breakfast Week
 3/3 Dr. Seuss Birthday Read Across America Day



3/8 Daylight Savings Time



3/20 Spring Begins

DAILY BREAKFAST CHOICES
 Choose up to 2 Grain Choices such as cereal (=1), toast (=1), pancakes (=2), cinnamon Texas toast (=2)

OR
 Choose a 1 Grain and 1 Meat Choice such as a breakfast sandwich (=1G/1M)
Must choose at least 1: Fruit or Juice
May choose 1: Milk

DAILY LUNCH CHOICES
 Choose 1: Entrée
Must choose at least 1: Fruit or Vegetable (may choose up to 2 servings each of fruits & veggies with their meal)

Available Daily: Meatless Entrée, Entrée Salads, Cold Sandwiches
 Low Fat White Milk, Fat Free Flavored or Skim Milk, Variety of Fruit & Juice
May Choose: 1 Milk
 8 oz. water is also available at no extra charge with a full lunch

All menus are subject to change.
 We do our best to provide our customers with all of our planned options, however, occasionally crops, weather & supplies have other ideas!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
March 2 - 6 • National • School • Breakfast • Week				
<p>2 Ham, Egg & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose One: ▶▶ Featured Entrée ◀◀ Loaded Potato Skins w/ Pretzel</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Sandwich Farmers Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Baby Green Peas Tossed or Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>3 Breakfast Sausage Bagel</p> <p>Choose One: Mini Calzones w/Marinara Bar B Q Pork on a Bun Chef Salad Italian Twist Combo</p> <p>Choose: Oven Baked Beans Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>4 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Biscuit</p> <p>Choose One: Chicken Tenders & Dip Spaghetti & Meatballs Fruit and Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Prince Charles Blend Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>5 Pumpkin Bread</p> <p>Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/Rice & Roll Max Snax Quesadilla w/Salsa Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Creamed Spinach Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>6 Chicken Breakfast Bites w/Gravy</p> <p>Choose One: Pizza Variety Baja Fish Sticks w/Hush Puppies Chicken Dipper Salad School Favorite Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Sliced Carrots Coins Mixed or Romaine Side Salad</p>
<p>9 Pancake Sausage Wrap</p> <p>Choose One: Hamburg/Cheeseburger Bean & Cheese Burrito Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Tator Tots Tossed or Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>10 Chicken Biscuit</p> <p>Choose One: Cheese Max Sticks w Marinara Sauce Tacos: Seasoned Beef or Pork Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Twist Combo</p> <p>Choose: Refried Fiesta Beans, Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>11 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza</p> <p>Choose One: ▶▶ Featured Entrée ◀◀ Turkey Pot Pie w/ Biscuit</p> <p>Beef Ravioli w Roll / Macaroni & Beef Hummus Salad Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Corn Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>12 Sausage Gravy Breakfast Toast</p> <p>Choose One: Toasted Cheese Sandwich Hot Dog on Bun Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Tomato Soup Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>13 Apple Cinnamon Muffin Top</p> <p>Choose One: Pizza Variety Ocean Treasure Nuggets Veggie Double Dipper Salad School Favorite Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Steamed Broccoli Mixed or Romaine Side Salad</p>
<p>16 Pro-Ed Day</p>	<p>17 Sausage Biscuit</p> <p>Student Involvement Day</p> <p>Menu to be chosen by a group of students at each individual school</p>	<p>18 Maple Pancake Minis</p> <p>Choose One: Potato Turbata w/Roll Chicken Nuggets w/ Dip Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>19 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast</p> <p>Choose One: ▶▶ Featured Entrée ◀◀ Gilardi Stuffed Crust Pizza</p> <p>Breakfast for Lunch Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Deli Roasted Potatoes Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>20 Rich's Cinnamon Roll</p> <p>Choose One: Pizza Variety Cheesy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken Cobb Salad School Favorite Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Steamed Broccoli Mixed or Romaine Side Salad</p>
<p>23 Ham, Egg & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose One: Macaroni & Cheese w/ Roll Crispy Chicken Sandwich Farmers Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Baby Green Peas Tossed or Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>24 Breakfast Sausage Bagel</p> <p>Choose One: Mini Calzones w/Marinara Bar B Q Pork on a Bun Chef Salad Italian Twist Combo</p> <p>Choose: Oven Baked Beans Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>25 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Biscuit</p> <p>Choose One: Chicken Tenders & Dip Spaghetti & Meatballs Fruit and Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Prince Charles Blend Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>26 Pumpkin Bread</p> <p>Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/Rice & Roll Max Snax Quesadilla w/Salsa Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Creamed Spinach Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>27 Chicken Breakfast Bites w/Gravy</p> <p>Choose One: Pizza Variety Baja Fish Sticks w/Hush Puppies Chicken Dipper Salad School Favorite Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Sliced Carrots Coins Mixed or Romaine Side Salad</p>
<p>Spring Break</p>				<p>Monthly Birthday Celebration Wednesday March 4th</p>

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