

# School, Community and Magnet updates

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 11/16 Great American Teach In
- 11/20 Progress Reports Home
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Break *week off*
- 12/2 3:00—6:00 Virtual Pick up & frozen treat (Nov. perfect attendance)
- 12/4 Perfect Attendance frozen treats (Nov in person)
- 12/16 3:00—6:00 Virtual pick up
- 12/21—1/1 Winter Break
- 1/7 6:00—7:00 Discovery Night for prospective Montessori families
- 1/6 3:00—6:00 Virtual Pick up & frozen treat (Dec. perfect attendance)
- 1/8 Perfect Attendance frozen treats (Dec in person)

# Thank you

TO OUR

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Town Shores Community
- Pasadena Community Church
- Rotary Club
- Optimist Club

For your generous donations to our school



## Montessori Update

Our Montessori program earned the **School of Excellence** award for 2020 from Magnet Schools of America! **CONGRATULATIONS!**



## District Magnet Program Procedures

Students in the Montessori program are expected to follow the Code of Student Conduct and successfully complete the program. If a student is not following the behavior expectations, they may be placed on probation and, ultimately, removed from the program. Each magnet school has a Magnet Intervention Committee (MIC) to review cases, suggest interventions, recommend probation and make decisions regarding dismissal from the program.

We are looking for volunteers for our Magnet Intervention Committee.

If you are interested, please contact Annette Anthony at [anthonya@pcsb.org](mailto:anthonya@pcsb.org) or 727-893-2643 x2016

Please go online to our school website <https://www.pesb.org/gulfport-es> to view flyers and to get school information. Please review and return your signed Title I Parent Compact!

# Gulfport Montessori News

November, 2020



## Assistant Principal, Ms. Ku

In the first 13 weeks of school we have been navigating our way towards grade level proficiency. We have had to address unfinished learning that occurred due to digital learning for the remainder last school year. To keep on our pathway towards grade level proficiency, it is imperative that scholars arrive to school ready to learn. Scholars that are ready to learn; arrive on time, in uniform including their face mask, with their materials, their homework completed and a positive attitude. Let's work together as a team to support our GMES scholars.

Mrs. Ku #GULFPORTSTRONG



Thank you families for all you do to support your child's learning. This has been year of new challenges for all of us. Stay safe and healthy this Thanksgiving.  
Enjoy your week off!  
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## Stop the Spread of COVID-19



**WASH YOUR HANDS** often with soap and water for 20 seconds.



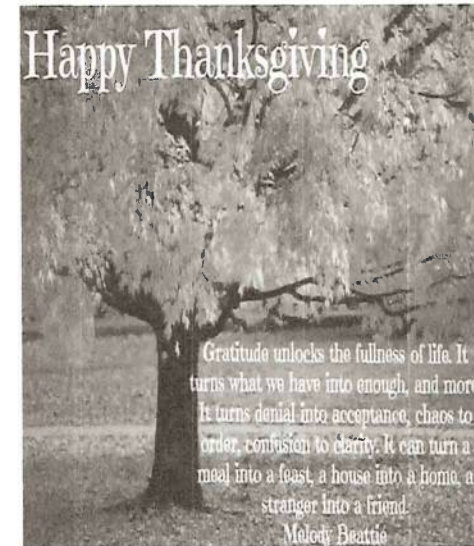
**WEAR A MASK** or fabric face covering.



**STAY AT LEAST 6 FEET APART.**



**STAY HOME IF YOU'RE SICK.**



Popsicle party for everyone who completes and turns in their Thanksgiving Homework packets! Keep the learning going while you are home.

**Enjoy your Thanksgiving! STAY HEALTHY**

## Coaches Curriculum Update



### Curriculum coaches:

**MATH:** Jenna Parker **SCIENCE:** Dayna Petruccelli  
**ELA:** Guiliana Smith & Kelley Papinchak

### Math (K-5) Ways to support your child's learning at home.

**Kg:** Practice counting items and writing numbers at home.

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Numbers within 10. Count forward and back, add and subtract.

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Numbers within 100. Count forward and back, add and subtract, create flash cards.

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Patterns in multiplication. Practice multiplication tables and create flash cards.

**4<sup>th</sup>:** Multiplication and division facts, factors and multiples. Create flash cards.

**5<sup>th</sup>:** Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of decimals.

Please practice on XtraMath, a free program that helps with multiplication & division facts.

**ELA (3rd—5th)** Scholars in grades 3-5 will be working on Opinion writing during our next unit. Please promote your scholars writing stamina *have them practice writing at home*. Give them topics to write about and read their writing with them.

*It's important that scholars are given time at home to read and write!* This will build their love of reading as well as their stamina for FSA. Ask your scholars questions about what they are reading or let them read their writing out loud to you. You can always allow them to work on IReady while they are at home.

All scholars will be working through literature standards where they will be comparing and contrasting themes, setting and plots of stories. Third grade is reading *Voices in the Park*, fourth is reading *Tiger Rising*, and fifth is reading *Number the Stars*. Virtual students may check out books to use during this unit.

**ELA (K-2nd) Kindergarten Scholars** are growing as readers and writers. Students are paying close attention to print on the page and using meaning, syntax and structure to gain information. Retelling is still a large focus as well as bringing what they know about letters and sounds to their writing. **First Grade Scholars** are retelling stories in order, and determining the lesson learned. They are also excited to write an Opinion Essay. **Second Grade Scholars** are focusing on fiction stories, analyzing characters and exploring how illustrations tell us details about the characters, setting and plot. They begin writing Opinion Essays and will pick their own topic and develop reasons to support their opinions.

**SCIENCE:** **Kg-** Physical Science-Changing Objects and Sounds **1st-**Physical Science: Physical Changes ... **2nd-** Physical Science: Observing and Measuring Objects **3rd-** Physical Science: Changing States of Matter ... **4th-**Physical Science: Changes in Materials and Seeing Sound ... **5th-** Big Idea 10 and 11- different forms of energy.

## School services and support

### Meet our Student Services and Support Team

**Guidance:** Robin Moore, **Social Worker:** Marissa Stewart,  
**Psychologist:** Rachel Mazione, **Behavior Support Team:** Lamar  
Washington, Brittney Johnson, Jumesha Brooks

### Counselor's Corner

*This week we had 6 students nominated for UPSTANDER awards!* These students were nominated for making someone feel welcome or included or standing up for someone who was being picked on or bullied. Students nominated for UPSTANDER awards get to go on the morning school news, receive 5 bulldog bucks and get their picture hung in the cafeteria on our "Brick Wall of Fame."



We are so proud of all our UPSTANDERS. They choose to do the right thing even when it might not be the popular thing to do. This shows tremendous character.

Our character trait for this month is Citizenship. Our Citizens of the Month will be nominated for following the rules, helping their neighbors, and helping to keep Gulfport clean.

### GREAT THINGS HAPPENING!

We earned the **GOLD LEVEL** award for our school-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. Our PBIS plan include our Bulldog Cart (students earn 'bucks' to spend on the cart weekly and classroom level incentives for positive behavior.

Our Child Study Team is working to increase attendance (**virtually and in person**). **ALL students with perfect attendance will get a special frozen treat for doing your best.**



We are having a food drive November 16 to December 4 to benefit families in our community. Please drop off your donations to the front office any day from 7:30—4:30.



### Feeding the Community

Super Scholar of the Month certificates are going home today for our 3rd—5th graders who have put forth the best effort and scores on their reading and math tests! Congratulations!