

# Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet School JAWesome Journal

April, 2018



## IMPORTANT DATES NATIONAL AUTISM MONTH

**2nd** Schools reopen, classes resume

**2nd -14th** National Library week

**2nd-16th** Initial Special Assignment Request (SAR) application period

**11th** Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

**22nd** Earth Day

### LOOKING AHEAD IN MAY

**7th** Student iPads returned to school



**7th-11th** Teacher Appreciation Week

**11th** Field Day - all day

**15th** Book Swap

**16th** Concert - 3rd,4th and 5th grade World Showcase Night

**18th** Last day for backpacks

**21st** Giving Tree Drum Circle (PE)

**22nd** Faculty & 5th Grade Kickball

**24th Last day of school** for students-**early dismissal at 12:35pm**  
Report cards go home

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello GBEMS Families!

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in their Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) window through the months of April and May. Please continue to support your child by making sure they are well rested, have a good breakfast, and arrive to school on time in order for them to do their best. We are excited for our students to have this opportunity to participate in these standardized assessments, as it measures their growth compared to their peers across the state, qualifies students for eligibility in Middle School Programs, and is a tremendous point of pride for our school. If you have any questions regarding the FSA assessments, please contact your child's teacher.

This month, our **PTA** holds elections for Executive Officers to serve on the Board along with our School Advisory Committee (SAC). PTA elections will be held on Monday, 5/16, and SAC elections will be held on Wednesday, 5/18. If you are interested in serving in these capacities, please contact the school's Front Office. Your added dedication truly helps to move our school forward!!!!

A "**HUGE Thank You!**" to all of our Volunteers that have served our school this year. **Our Annual Volunteer Breakfast Celebration** was a terrific event. We are on pace to exceed 7,000 volunteer hours for this school year, which equates to approximately 20 hours of volunteer support per student enrolled here at GBEMS. "**Way to Go!**"

Although our students and staff are working diligently to meet their end of year expectations, we are also preparing for and looking forward to the many events and activities planned for celebrating the successes of the school year. Please mark your calendars for our **Field Day** on 5/11, and **STEAM Night EXPO** on 5/16.

Thank you for your support and partnership in making GBEMS a "**Great School!**"



## CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Please join us in **congratulating** these students for receiving the Citizen of the Month award. The **Commitment to Character** for the month of **MARCH** was:

### **HONESTY-**

Sydney Ziccardy

Christian Kinsella

Rylee Cote

Katalina Taylor

Harmon Sunquist

Nathaniel Nordmann

Bryleigh Bongiorno

Hunter Sunquist

Christian Sawney

Abby Adams

Vincent Mitchell

Xander Valenti

Isaac Dorsey

Alexis Frye

Savannah Nelson

Jordan Dudley

Madeline Johnston

River Spain

Brennan Bongiorno

# NURSE'S CORNER

## NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

In the United States, Autism affects 1 in every 110 children. The goal is to make the public more aware about this widespread disability. About 1 in 150 people in America have Autism, the chances are that you know someone with this disability.

### THE COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

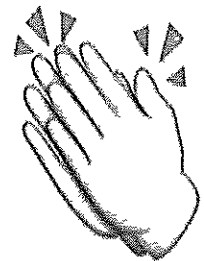
No two people with Autism will have the same set of symptoms, there are common characteristics found in those with this complex disability. Briefly, these characteristics include: social skills, empathy, speech, physical contact, sudden changes to their environment, changes to behavior and routine.

NURSE KATHY

## SPRING BREAK CHALLENGE

We would like to **congratulate** these students for being top achievers in the Spring Break Challenge! Let's **give a hand** to these fine students:

Steiner- Otis Russell, Sasha Mauersberger  
Price- Madison Wheaton, Brennan Bongiorno  
Walsh- Emma Black, Garrett Quinton  
Dave- Melina Carney, Peyton D'Angelo  
Stritar- Richie Arroyo, Hannah Paradis  
Sacino- Nina Cox, Kyle Cooke  
Merkle- Karly Glenn, Sian Sadler  
Suerte- Marley Mead  
Mrs. Carney-Felicity Kurzawinski, Ramy Keloth  
Owens- Marley Wedin, Fenix White  
Oldani- Gianna Falkenstein, Autumn Weaver

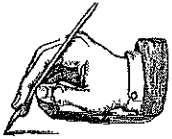


## BOX TOPS

Thanks for all the box tops!! We appreciate your support! Keep sending them in!!



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# CROSS CREEK CHRONICLE

Gulf Beaches is excited to announce that we have **8 writers** who were selected to be published in the Cross Creek Chronicle this year. The Cross Creek Chronicle is a yearly publication for young writers in Pinellas County Schools. These students will be recognized at a ceremony at the **Palladium in downtown St. Petersburg on May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Congratulations to these students!**

Mrs. Dave's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Students: Savannah Nelson, Melina Carney, Madelee Owens.

Mrs. Sacino's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students: Kaleiah Dave, Cal Salcedo, Meenu Sridhar, and Trinity Peters.

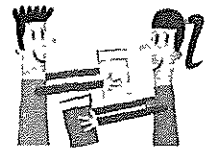
Mrs. Carney's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Student: Elaina Esposita

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**



## GBEMS Annual Book Swap

Sponsored by Student Council



**WHAT:** Students will swap a book and bring home a "new to you" book. If you would like to participate, please bring in **ONE** or **TWO**, gently used books to swap with a classmate. Please only bring in books that you are willing to give away, for the swap. (Kindergarten to fifth grade topics are preferred. We could use more books geared toward grades 3-5 this year). Books will be collected by classroom teachers and a box will be located in the front office.

**WHEN:** Collection of donated books will begin April 24<sup>th</sup> - Drop off to the box in the front office! Book swapping will be May 14-16.

**WHERE:** Teachers will sign up for a time for their class to swap during the school day!

**WHO:** GBEMS students Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**WHY:** Swapping gently used books is a great way to recycle books that you may no longer read. It is also a great way to find new books to read without any cost to families. The book swap was a great success last year! If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Suerte ([suertee@pcsb.org](mailto:suertee@pcsb.org))

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT GULF BEACHES ROCKS!

## MARCH SUPER SPORTS!

K. Lily Gumos, Adriana Zambrano, Xavier Segundo

1st Savannah Nelson, Lydia Shields, Hunter Sunquist

2nd Miles Karakoudas, Nathaniel Nordmann, Ryan Price

3rd Adora Mitchell, Reese Sanchez, Chloe Ales, Landon Newman

4th Pitnee Moore, Rowan Marks, Jacob Elmore

5th Aidan Mayhew, Gavin Richardson, Marion Franke

**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!!**

## FIELD DAY!/MAY 11th!

**Mark your calendars** for this special event! We need as many **registered** volunteers as possible. If you have not registered, please see Mrs. Gates in the front office. This is guaranteed to be a **fun filled day!** The more volunteers, the smoother the activities run. Thank you for your time and help! We appreciate all you do!



**MEAN OLD MR. FERGUSON & COACH D**



# THANK YOU!

Thank you for **all** your kind donations and time!

Volunteers

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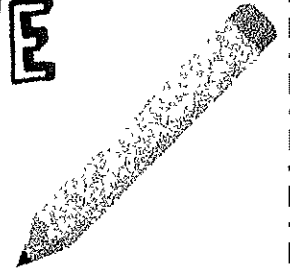
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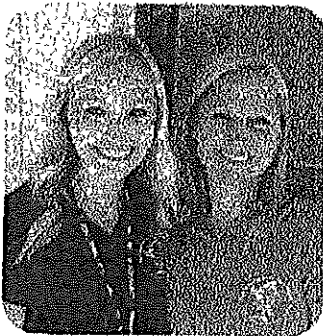
Spiro's Market

# SUMMER CREATIVE WRITING CAMP



Help your child take their writing skills to the next level!

Hello! We are Kindergarten teachers at Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet School on St. Pete Beach and we are excited to offer a fun creative writing camp! Our goal this summer is to mix fun with learning to prepare your child for their next grade level. Camp is open to non-GBEMS students as well - tell your friends!



Dates:

Week of June 25-28 M-Th

Week of July 16-19 M-Th

\$125 per week  
9am-12:30pm

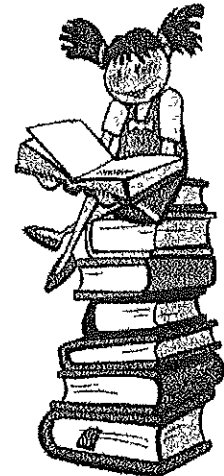
Location: Gulf Beaches Elementary

Offered for incoming Kindergarten,  
1st, 2nd and 3rd graders

CAMP FOCUS:

- Building writing skills
- Arts and crafts
- FUN activities

Snack will be provided.



**TO SIGN UP, PLEASE  
CONTACT:**

Emily Walsh - [walshe@pcsb.org](mailto:walshe@pcsb.org)

Camp dates are subject to date/time changes or cancellation due to enrollment.

# NEWS FROM THE CAFÉ AND OFFICE



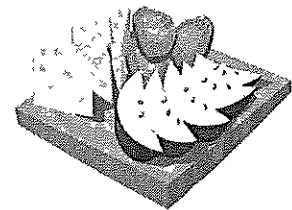
As the end of the school year approaches, no checks will be accepted in the office after **April 13, 2018!** After that, payments have to be made by **cash or money order only.**

In the café, any **deficient** accounts will be given a **one day** grace period. Cash will only be accepted, otherwise, your student will receive an alternative lunch.

***Thanks for your cooperation!***

***Traci Messer/Secretary/Book Keeper***

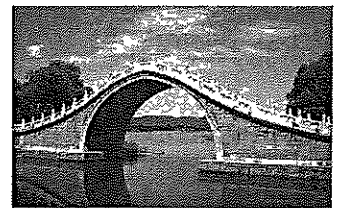
***Ro Cugini/Café Manager***



## **SUMMER BRIDGE**

**(Elementary Locations are for K-4th grade only.)**

Summer Bridge is a **great summer opportunity** for all students! It is a 6 week program that will include acceleration and enhancement of skills in reading, math, science, and individualized instruction in the three core subjects using blended model of the arts, technology, small group instruction, hands-on -labs and project based learning. The program will be held from 6-5 through 7-19, Mondays-Thursdays from 8:30-12:30. Registration can be done through the Student Reservation System. **<https://reservation.pcsb.org>** If you have any questions please contact the school at 727-893-2630.



# Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

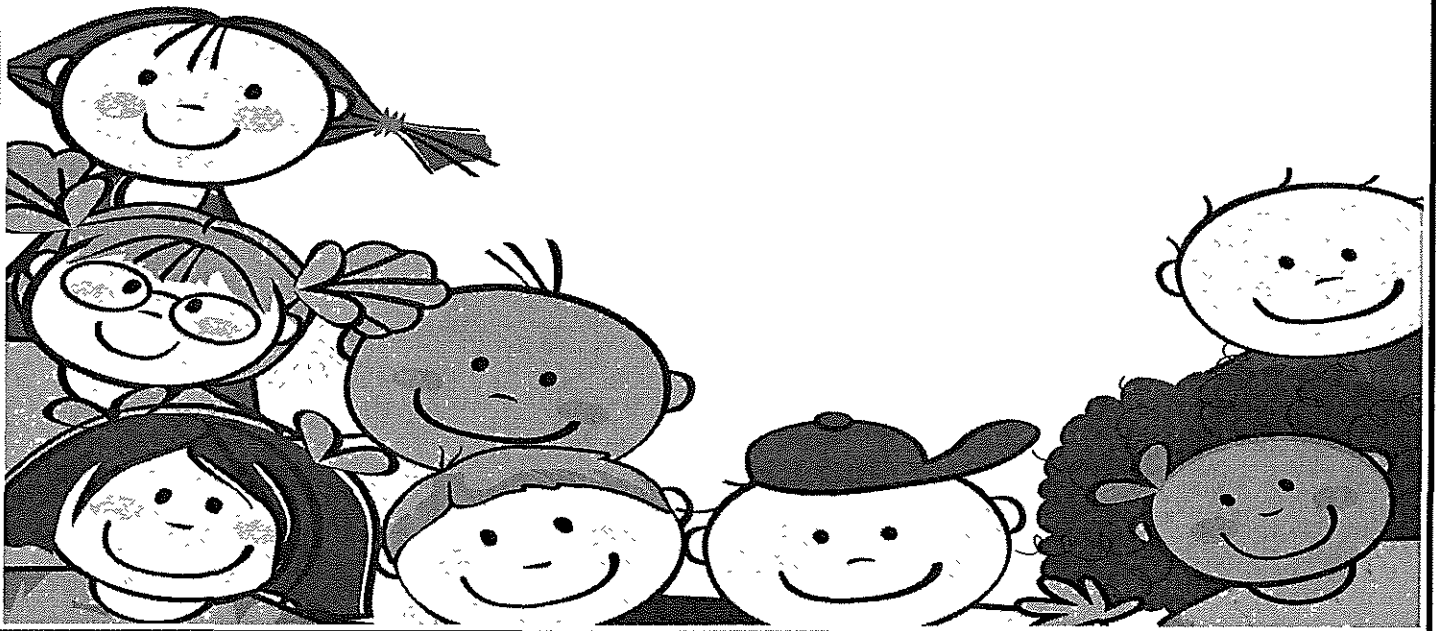
This annual event, will be celebrated on **Thursday, April 27, 2018.**

However, we do provide very flexible means for you and your child to take part in this day when it does not conflict with the state of Florida **testing window.**

- If you and your child are not scheduled for testing and you want to take him/her out of school on April 27th to participate in the Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day at your workplace, then please confirm with your administration and such an absence would be an excused absence for your child.
- If you and/or your child are scheduled for testing, you can request other suitable times and days to participate in such a day as long as it does not conflict with already scheduled activities at the school and gaining prior approval of all parties concerned.

Please work through your Principal or Administrator and the Principal of your child's school when arranging a **Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day.**

**Thanks for your cooperation!!**



# MUSIC NOTES

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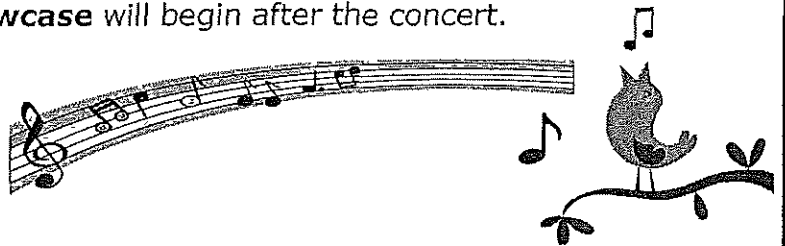


Thanks so much for all of your help and support with our 2nd/3rd grade spring concert. Our students did such a great job and even with the shift in weather, it was still **amazing**. Thanks to those who helped with the performance before and after.

Our 5th grade music test is just a month away. **Please, please, please**, remind your 5th grade students to use the study guide on Q365. They can access it: Clever – Office 365 – OneDrive – Shared – 5th Grade Study Guide. We have been preparing in class, but I know a reminder to the instrument families would not hurt.

Our **Ensembles Spring Concert** has a slight change. It is still on Wednesday, **May 16th**, but the time has shifted from 6:00pm to **5:30 pm**. Students will need to arrive between 5 and 5:15 pm for the performance. There will not be drums that day to allow students time to prepare for the concert. Our school **Showcase** will begin after the concert.

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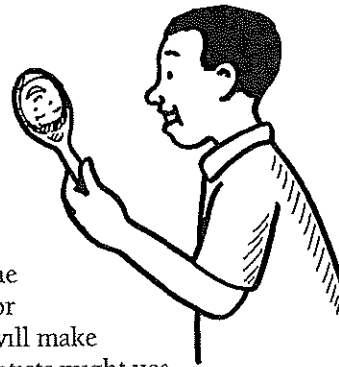
## Look at me!

Help your youngster learn about the science of *optics* with this mealtime activity.

Have him look at himself in a clean spoon. What happens if he looks in the bowl of the spoon? (He's upside down ) What happens on the other side? (He's right side up )

Next, have him bring his finger toward the spoon and watch what happens on each side. The bowl (the *concave* side) will magnify his finger, or make it look larger. The back (the *convex* side) will make his finger look smaller. Ask your child how scientists might use this information to make eyeglasses, cameras, or telescopes.

*Tip.* He can remember which side is which by thinking of concave as "caves in"!



## Business Partners

**Thanks** to **all** our business partners for their kind donations!!!

Our newest partner is **New Advantage Corp.** with a \$500.00 donation! They are our PASS Program partner.

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**THANK YOU!!**

