

# Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet School JAWesome Journal

February, 2018

## IMPORTANT DATES

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

**9th-** Valentine Dance 6-8pm

**14th** Crossing Guard Appreciation Day

**14th-21st** District Application Programs  
Acceptance Period

**19TH** No school for students



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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello GBEMS Families!

"Happy Valentine's!" to everyone.

I hope to see everyone at our **Annual PTA Family Valentine's Dance**. This is always been a terrific opportunity for GBEMS Families to join in an evening of fun, food, and excitement.

"Congratulations!" to **Mrs. Sacino** as our Outstanding Educator of the year representative from Gulf Beaches Elementary. Mrs. Sacino was recognized for her service as an educator at a District event held at Ruth Eckerd Hall in the month of January. "Thank You!" to Mrs. Sacino for all that she does for our students and school.

"Special Congratulations!" to our four student recipients for the Inaugural Maria Edmunds Hispanic Awards.

Lorelei Perera  
Alexander Perera  
Sophiejoon Alfonso  
Leilani Wenzel

Our honorees were recognized at a ceremony held at Ruth Eckerd Hall for their outstanding academics, good attendance, and citizenship.

Looking ahead, the months of March and April are the windows for the majority of our testing and assessments. In this window, our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the state's Florida Standards Assessments (FSA). Our students and teachers have worked diligently towards mastering the learning standards from the very beginning of the school year. Please join me in supporting their efforts as our students prepare to "Show Us What They Know!" Your help in making sure your child maintains their attendance and arrives to school on time will help immensely.

I would like to close with the importance of partnerships and encourage our adult family members to consider running for a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) position. Each year, we hold an election for our PTA Executive members. Please consider nominating your candidate choice for PTA leadership today!

## 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 **January** was: **Self-Motivation.**

Gemma Mangiafico	Rylee Cote
Casen Cash	Garrett Rice
Paxton Valenti	Lexi Bordeaux
Cadence Mayer	Rocco Romagna
Owen Lindenburg	MacGyver Carney
Natalia Rivera	Felicity Kurzawinski
Otis Russell	Shaniya Stolz-Smith
Andrew Burton	Caitlin Clark
Sophiejoon Alfonso	Taylor Hoaglan
Violet Macdonald	

## THANK YOU!

Thank you for your kind donations!

Winn-Dixie	Mentors
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Volunteers	



# Annual ESE Parent Survey

## **Parents of Special Needs Students: Make Your Voice Heard**

Take the ESE Parent Survey at [www.esesurvey.com](http://www.esesurvey.com).

It is time for the Florida Department of Education's annual ESE Parent Survey. The survey helps determine how well your child's school is partnering with you and promoting your involvement in your child's education.

The survey is for parents of students who receive special education services. Your feedback helps the state and the school district improve special education services for students and their families.

The survey is confidential, but PCS receives overall results and makes changes based on your feedback. As a result of feedback, the district has developed a new support group for parents of students who receive special education services, an ESE parent guide to help parents advocate for their children, and a new ESE department position that helps students and families plan for life after high school.

Complete the survey at [www.esesurvey.com](http://www.esesurvey.com) starting Feb. 1. Paper surveys are also being distributed. If you need a paper survey or want more information, please contact Tracy McMannus at 727-588-6062 or [MCMANNUST@pcsb.org](mailto:MCMANNUST@pcsb.org).





# NURSE'S CORNER

## TOOTH HEALTH

**Why are teeth important?** Teeth not only help you chew your food, but they also help you speak clearly. The sounds of many letters in the alphabet cannot be made without the help of your teeth.

**What is a cavity?** A cavity is a small hole in the enamel that can weaken your tooth. Cavities can hurt and cause problems.

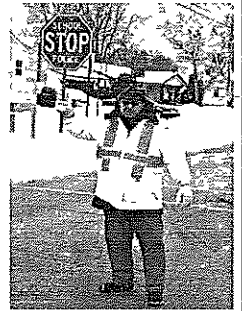
**When should I brush my teeth?** You should brush your teeth at least 2 times a day. The most important times are morning and before bedtime.

**How many teeth do I have?** Children usually have around 20 baby teeth, (they may have less because of losing them.) Adults have around 32 teeth.

**NURSE KATHY**

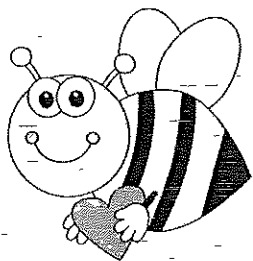
## CROSSING GUARD APPRECIATION DAY

**Feb.14nd** is National Crossing Guard Day. Crossing Guards are crucial in helping to ensure the safety of our students as they walk and bike to school. We appreciate their hard work and dedication in keeping our students safe! They are: **Bob Schaer,** and **Dona Beasley.**



**THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!!!**

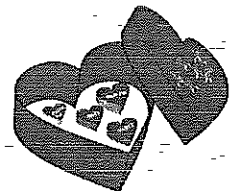
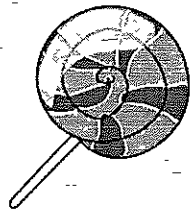
## STUDENT COUNCIL/CANDY GRAMS



**Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
Candygrams are sweet,  
And you are too!**



Are you looking for a sweet way to show your favorite friend or teacher that you appreciate them? Send them a Candygram! Candygrams will be sold Thursday February 8th/ Wednesday, February 14th for \$0.25 each or 5 for \$1.00. Be sure to stop by our booth by the car circle/café in the morning before school from 8:05-8:25. Deliveries will be made on **Wednesday, February 14th.**



# THE PRINCIPAL'S WINTER CHALLENGE

## WINNERS!

During the Winter Break, the students were encouraged to practice reading and math skills. The list of students below were the winner(s) of their classroom. Please help us to **congratulate** them! They are:

Price- Noah Cibrone

Steiner- Addisyn Bosworth

Walsh- Jasper Theis

Topkin - Daegan Smith

Dave- Braelyn Fahey, Savannah Nelson

Stritar- Sophia Abrams

Copley- Christian Galliano

Mr. Carney- Alyssa Onorato, Floyd Getzoff

Forte- Colin Hoaglan

Sacino- Laine Krupka, Rowan Keenan

O'Leary- Kayla Whitney

Merkle- Dyson Case-Helle

Stall- Julie Morris, Cannon Rice

Suerte- Michael Fauer, Dean Slator

Ms. Carney- Vincent Onorato

Owens- Jeffrey Crain

Oldani- Leilani Wenzel, Stephanie Willaert

Shields- Aidan Mayhew, Arnas Monkelis



## Business Partners

A **Big Thanks** to all our business partners for supporting our school! Our newest partner is: **St. Pete Beach Community Club!** Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000.00!

We appreciate your kindness and support!

**THANK YOU!**



**BOX TOPS**

Don't forget to turn in those box tops! We appreciate them! **THANK YOU!!**



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# PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT GULF BEACHES ROCKS!

## DECEMBER & JANUARY SUPER SPORTS!

**K.** Levi Perry, Maxim Kopychev, Dayveon Stolz, Charles Dreger, Otis Russell, Garrett Rice

**1st** Rocco Romagna, Aiden Biddle, Ellie Tuskowski, Peyton D'angelo, Niani Grimsley, Cameron Cote,

**2nd** Gabrielle Hoben, Steele Batchelor, Colin Hoaglan, Taylor Hoagland, Jake Willaert, Natali Steelman

**3rd** Lucas Kinsella, Brelynn D'Angelo, Julia Fauer, Christian Reyes-Gomez Laine Krupka, Jamie Calhoun, Lucca McMahon, Julianne Morris

**4th** Jeffery Crain, Alivia Simonds, Vincent Onorato, Nolan Miles, Riley Haynes, Felicity Kurzawinski

**5th** Aiden Ewell, Andrew Burton, Brodie Stewart, Tasneem Miah, Teagan Davies, Damon Perkins



**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!!  
MEAN OLD MR. FERGUSON & COACH D**



## VALENTINE DANCE

**FEB. 9th, 2018 from 6 to 8 pm**

**Boca Ciega Ballroom**

St. Pete Beach Community Center

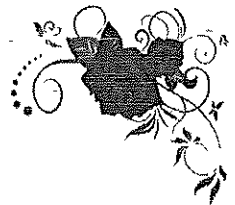
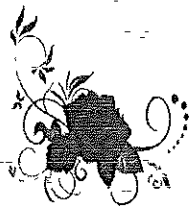
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**\$5.00** per family at door

Please go to the sign up genius link for attendance and volunteer information! Thanks so much!

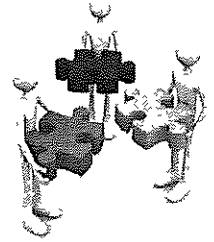
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# HOPS

**FYI:**

**Hands on Problem Solving** will be held on **Feb. 1st and 2nd**. This will be for grades: **2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th**. More information will be coming to you in the near future.



*Darlene McLean/Gifted Teacher*

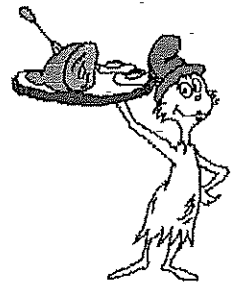
## LOOKING AHEAD

On **Tuesday, March 6th**, the café will be serving **green eggs and ham** to help celebrate **Dr. Seuss' Birthday!** They will also be serving other breakfast items if preferred.



Dr. Seuss

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



## MUSIC NOTES



Shark parents,

**Congratulations** to our **All County** students! Caitlin Clark, Jean-Luc Lemos, and Zohra Mellouki will be representing our school at the All County concert on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to support them, please go to the concert at the **First Baptist Church** of St. Petersburg off Gandy and 275 at 2 pm. Tickets are only \$8 and the music is sure to be **amazing**.

Please remember the 5<sup>th</sup> grade music test is quickly approaching. Your student can study for the test by going through: Clever – O365 – OneDrive – Shared with Me – Study Guide. Nineteen multiple choice questions will cover looking at a score, as well as listening to select excerpts. Question 20 is singing a scale by themselves, and will be completed in class prior to the test date.

Recorder Karate is still located on Clever – O365 – Shared with Me – Recorder Karate. Basic belts must be learned in order (white, yellow, orange, green, purple, blue, red, brown, black) while the extra belts only require the white belt to be completed. If you are having problems accessing it, please let me know.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade performance is quickly approaching. More information will be sent home soon regarding further information for our **March 15<sup>th</sup>** concert.

**KATHERINE LAROSE/MUSIC TEACHER**

# There are so Many Exciting Things Happening at GBEMS!

## DID YOU KNOW?

### **GBEMS is Renewing the Video Production Program!**

The GBEMS innovation lab has a fully functioning TV studio with green screen. Currently, 4<sup>th</sup> graders are producing a live 7 minute news program every Friday morning. The program, which includes news of daily school events, school lunch information, events for the upcoming weekend among other items, is shown in all the classrooms. The program has started with Friday morning production, with the ultimate goal of 5 days/week programming. A big thank you to GBEMS parent Andrew White who volunteered his time, money and expertise to get our audio/ visual equipment in the Innovation Lab up and running. Rumor has it that our students will also be taking their broadcasting talents around the school as "roving reporters". Students are not only learning how to be reporters but it is students who are setting up and operating the A/V equipment.

### **GBEMS has Amazing Technology in Our Innovation Lab!**

Our GBEMS Innovation Lab is a wonderful resource for students, - technology in the Lab includes:

- Four different 3D Printers, for rapid prototyping and modeling
- A screen printing machine, for silk screening fabric or t-shirts
- 2 Computer Numeric Controlled ("CNC") routers for engraving, cutting, carving, and creating
- A laser cutter, for cutting cardboard and wood, and laser etching designs onto different media
- A Lego Lab, soon to be a Lego wall
- 11 Ozobots - an Ozobot is a robot for coding
- 4 or 5 Makey Makeys - a Makey Makey is a programmable remote for use with just about anything
- 5 Audrino kits - which can be used to complete expected computer based tasks
- Various Vex Bug kits, and many other odds and ends
- And, the aforementioned video production studio!

### **GBEMS is starting a partnership with the Lakewood High School CAT ("Computer Assisted Technology") Program!**

High school students from Lakewood High School's CAT Program have been using 3D printers for several years and will visit GBEMS to share their knowledge and help our students and staff with the use of the 3D printers in our Innovation Lab. The students will initially visit GBEMS to help with the Robotics Club, and then other classes using the 3D printer machines. The plan is to have these high school students train teachers and parent volunteers on the 3D printers. If you would like to be involved in this exciting initiative, please contact Ruth Kisco, Volunteer Coordinator, at [rskisco@earthlink.net](mailto:rskisco@earthlink.net). A huge thank you to Mr. Carney for setting up this wonderful partnership!

### **GBEMS IT-'Fins Up' Forum to Assist with iPad Issues is Up and Running**

Created by parents at GBEMS, the IT Forum is a resource for students and parents to assist with at home iPad technical difficulties, whether connecting to the internet, troubleshooting with particular apps, etc. The online forum has answers to some of the most common questions that have come up when the children are trying to do their homework on their iPads. If you have a problem that has not already been addressed on the Forum, a member of the Forum will work to get an answer for you ASAP. A big thank you to Eric Theis for creating the

forum and recruiting parents Joe Pisani, Andrew White, Curtis Gunderson and Adrian Goetz. If you are interested in being a part of this iPad technical help desk, please contact Ruth Kisco volunteer Coordinator, at [rskisco@earthlink.net](mailto:rskisco@earthlink.net) Visit the Forum at: <https://groups.google.com/forum/m/#!forum/finsupportgroup>. Or use the attached QR code to access the forum site.

### **FINSS: Future Innovators' Network for Student Skillsets – to assist Project Based Learning at GBEMS**

GBEMS is creating a database comprised of parents, family, friends, and interested members of the community who are willing to share knowledge and personal life experiences with GBEMS students. Have you lived in another country? Do you have a hobby that gives you expertise or knowledge of a particular subject? What about your job? If you would be willing to volunteer in a classroom when students are studying a topic related to your life experience? There are many other ways to volunteer at the school! If you haven't done so already, please fill out the GBEMS Volunteer Survey and help make GBEMS even more amazing!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZAYBqd\\_wbJOmX-uyVVWX\\_AZTi1dv4P8srsLUerHkacyAbQg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZAYBqd_wbJOmX-uyVVWX_AZTi1dv4P8srsLUerHkacyAbQg/viewform)

### **Hour of Code**

GBEMS partnered with Accenture for this year's Hour of Code. Parent and Accenture employee Joe Pisani, coordinated the weeklong project. During the week, volunteers from Accenture visited classrooms and assisted with classroom coding projects, and talked to them about "real world" coding experience. GBEMS and Accenture are working to expand beyond Hour of Code, into a more extensive program and partnership. There is even talk of a coding club in the near future!

GBEMS offers something for all students. In addition to the above, GBEMS has STEM programs for grades 2 through 5, drama club, music club, art club, robotics/innovation club, Physical Education club, and Mad Science offered a few times per year.