

Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet School

JAWesome Journal

HAPPY NEW YEAR! JANUARY, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

- 1-8** School **in** for students
- 1-9** Second semester begins
- 1-10** Kindergarten and new student enrollment
- 1-10th-19th** District Application Program/ Application period
- 1-11** Kindergarten Roundups
- 1-15 MLK-DAY** no school for students



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello GBEMS Families!

With second semester fully underway, I am asking that every family take some dedicated time each night to discuss the importance of maintaining "**High Expectations**" for every member of our school community and what each of us are doing to make these expectations reality. By our acceptance to attend Gulf Beaches, each of us has committed to dedicating ourselves to fully participate in the **Magnet Program**. This commitment connects all of us through academic courses of study, citizenship building, and maintaining good attendance. As a school staff, we strive to provide the very best educational opportunities for every student. In partnership together, we make the positive difference that transforms our school into the truly special place we so enjoy.

Looking ahead, the months of March and April are the windows for the majority of our testing and assessments. In this window, **our 3rd, 4th, and 5th 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!"**

I believe that the second semester is the **"Best Half!"** of the school year and look forward to partnering with every family for the success of our students.

FINS UP!!!

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 November was: **Citizenship.**

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| Ramy Keloth | Lincoln Reistrom |
| Lyndi Tobin | Madalee Owens |
| Taylor Lee | Gavin Richardson |
| Hailey Keenan | Mia Maurer |
| Averie Dupuy | Taseen Miah |
| Hannah Paradis | Scarlett Raiszadeh |
| Mackenzie Hughey | Karly Glenn |
| Meenu Sridhar | Elinor Jenson |
| Mayte Reynoso | Addyson Jannetides |
| Jayden Peters | |



THANK YOU!

Thank you for your kind donations!

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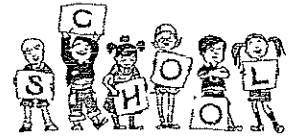
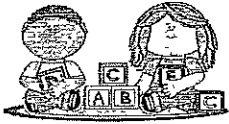
SCHOOL APPLICATION - IMPORTANT!

Application period for new students only: Jan. 10th-19th

Acceptance period February 14th-21st

If you are applying for a student whose **sibling** currently attends our school, you **must put Gulf Beaches as your #1 choice** in order to earn sibling preference.

* **Important** Make sure to **accept** the offer when presented to you!



THANK YOU! (GATI)

Thanks to all of you who came out and participated in the **GATI**. It was another **great year!** The students enjoyed seeing all the different career choices and learning about them as well. We really appreciate your hard work, time, and dedication to our school!

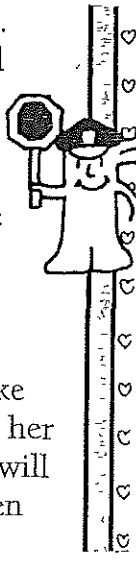
Thanks also to our **staff, volunteers,** and **PTA** who played a part in this to make it all happen! **Gulf Beaches Rocks!**

RESPONSIBILITIES

Have your child list his responsibilities. Examples: "Do my homework." "Feed the dog." Then, discuss the duties of others, such as teachers or policemen. Talk about what happens when responsibilities aren't taken care of. What if the policeman decided not to direct traffic when the traffic light broke?

INDEPENDENCE

Teach your youngster a new skill, like how to fix her own lunch or lay out her clothes for school the next day. She will gain a sense of accomplishment when she doesn't have to ask you for help.



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If you are interested in becoming a partner in education at Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet, or know of a business that may be, please contact:

Mrs. Messer at 893-2630 ext. 2005.



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NURSE'S CORNER

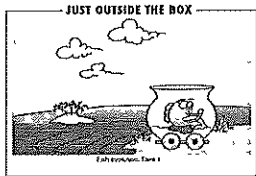


RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

1. Offer to let your classmates go first.
2. Collect foods and canned goods for a food bank.
3. Give someone a compliment **at least once** a day.
4. Donate your unwanted toys and books to children in need.
5. Write a **thank you** note to your teacher, coach, a firefighter, a mentor, or to someone who has influenced you in a positive way.
6. Be **extra** kind to your **bus driver.** Say "hello" when you get on the bus, and say "thank you" when you get off the bus.
7. **Smile.** Smiling is easy and **happiness is contagious!**



NURSE KATHY



5TH GRADE TAG ART

Kids Tag Art is a program our **5th graders** participate in where they design a license plate and it goes up for sale through the **Pinellas County Tax Collectors office.** These are license plates for the front of a car, and they are really **great!** Some of the money earned from the sales of the designs come back to our school and the rest goes to a scholarship for local High School students who are interested in the arts. **Anyone** can purchase them! To view or purchase these wonderful tags, please go to this website:

www.kidstagartpinellas.org

Liz Jensen/Art Teacher

TAG ART WINNERS!



Please join us in **congratulating** the three fifth grade students who were the award recipients for their Tag Art entries! They are **Lillian Bassett, Christian Sawney, and Zohra Mellouki.** The Award of Excellence Ceremony will be on **Jan. 18th, 2018** at **Largo High School at 6pm** in the auditorium.

WAY TO GO GBEMS! FINS UP!

Liz Jensen/Art Teacher

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT GULF BEACHES ROCKS!

NOVEMBER SUPER SPORTS

K Alivia Christmas, Emma Black, Averie Dupuy

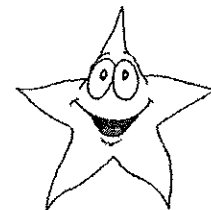
1st Madalee Owens, Josephine Delatour, Kira Lemmen

2nd Donovan Bowman-Kingham, Camden Luke, Alexis Frye

3rd Ava Crane, Bo Blair, Mira Snyder, Rowan Keenan

4th Bryce Beyer-Carson, Nicholas Flores, Audrey Didomenico

5th Jayden Peters, Christian Sawney, Anthony Trotman-Brown



Each December our Sharks jog/walk for twenty minutes each P.E. class. We keep track of how many 1/8 mile laps they complete over the course of six days. Prizes are awarded to the top girl and boy from each grade, the overall school leaders, as well as any student completing 100 or more laps. There was a **substantial** school-wide improvement this year!

TECHNO SHARK SUPER SPRINTS WINNERS!

K Hailey Keenan, Colton Inman

1st Ruby Perry, Jonathan Flores

2nd Mia Maurer, Victor Diot

3rd Kylee Wimmers, Cal Salcedo

4th Kate Saunders, Austin Biddle

5th Gianna Falkenstein, Aiden Mayhew



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2017-2018/ 100 LAPS CLUB WINNERS!

Bryce Beyer-Carson - **102**

Oliver Bonta - **103**

Taylor Lee - **104**

Jayden Peters - **105**

Aiden Mayhew - **106**



Our overall Top Techno Shark for 2017-2018 is.....

Austin Biddle with 112 laps!!! GREAT JOB!!! WOW!!

*We are in need of Ziplock Quart size Freezer bags for ice (bumps and bruises).
Thanks in advance!

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!!
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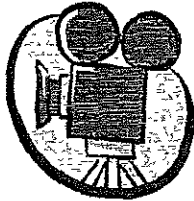
SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you **Foo Dog Productions** and The **Theis Family** for your support in getting our **Video Production** program running.
Thank you **Accenture** for partnering with our classrooms during the **Hour of Code**.

Mrs. Cody Piland, Ed.S.

Library Media/Technology Specialist
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Parent to Parent

Build, read, and write!

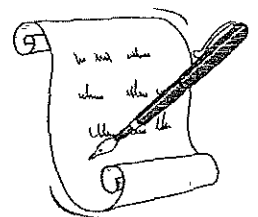
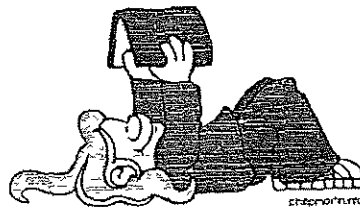
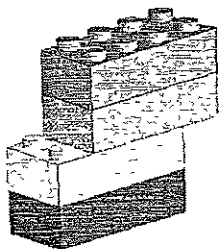
My son James loves to play with blocks. At our parent-teacher conference last month, his teacher suggested that we use blocks to fit in extra reading and writing practice.

We found books about things he could make, such as castles, skyscrapers, and monuments, and I put them with his blocks for inspiration. At first, I thought he'd just look at the pictures, but he has started pointing



out facts that he reads, like how moats kept enemies away from castles. I also encouraged James to write signs to go with his buildings. When he made an airport, for example, he wrote "Tickets," "Bags," and "Taxi" on slips of paper and taped them to the blocks.

I've noticed that James's buildings are more creative—and I'm happy that he's reading and writing while he plays. ♥



ST. PETE. BEACH LAND PARADE



Gulf Beaches participated in the St Pete Beach Land Parade on Saturday, December 9th. While the weather was dreary, spirits were merry and full of joy! The students did a wonderful job making decorations for our **"Sailing the Streets with Santa"** float.

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