

Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet School JAWesome Journal

March, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

- 2nd** Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- 9th** Movie Night - 6:35pm on turf
- 12th** School is **in** for students
- 15th** Spring Concert for 2nd and 3rd grade on GBEMS turf
- 21st-22nd** JDRF Walk-a-thon
- 26th-30th** Spring Holidays-no school for students

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 **February** was:

Self Motivation.	Conrad Rice
Levi Perry	Mark Hibbs
Ryan Nouv	Lorelei Perera
Jameisha Akins	Bo Blair
Kate Saunders	Emily Seay
Nolan Keenan	Jake Willaert
Ryan Price	Sabrina Jannino
Jonathan Flores	Mackenzie Cottrell
Jean-Luc Lemos	Tristan Carroll
Juniper Simpson	Ruby Perry

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your kind donations!

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| Winn Dixie | | Mentors |
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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello GBEMS Families!

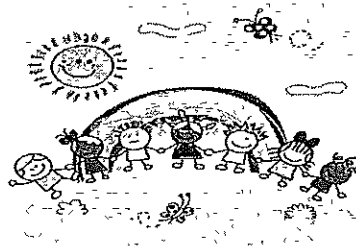
It is that time of the year once again when all our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students are taking the state's **Florida Standards Assessments (FSA)**. Please support your child by making sure they are well rested, have a good breakfast, and arrive to school on time in order for them to do their best. We are excited for our students to have this opportunity to participate in standardized assessments, as it measures their growth compared to their peers across the state, qualifies students for eligibility for Middle School programs, and is a tremendous point of pride for our school. If you have any questions regarding the FSA, please contact your child's teacher.

It is also that time to begin thinking about our PTA and SAC Executive Board positions for next year. Elections will be held before the end of the month of May. Please consider making a nomination that will help our school in moving forward!!!! If you would like more information, please call to set an appointment so that we can discuss it further.

Campus safety is everyone's responsibility particularly when operating vehicles and watching out for pedestrians. Please continue to utilize the Car Circle for student drop off and pick up respectfully lining up heading north along Boca Ciega Drive. Do enter the Car Circle via a "Right Hand Turn" on to 85th Avenue from Boca Ciega Drive, and avoid blocking the pedestrian crosswalk. If you choose to walk your child into the front office, please carefully park and escort your child into the Front Office. With your help, "All Accidents are Preventable".

"Thank You!" to all those participating in our Annual Survey. We are looking forward to receiving our results and planning for continued success.

I wish everyone a restful and relaxing Spring Break. During this time I encourage all students to take the Principal's Learning Challenge and stay engaged by reading everyday and practicing the skills that ensure highest achievement for every student!!!



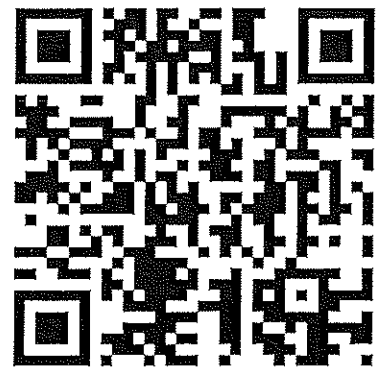
Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of our school's accreditation, we are conducting a parent/guardian survey. Your feedback to this survey provides guidance for our school's improvement and helps us identify our best practices. Your participation is very important for the results of this survey to be meaningful. We value your opinion and ask that you take the time to complete this survey. Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. Please follow the link below to complete the survey by March 12, 2018.

[https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/
action/57402/36763](https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/57402/36763)

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Robert Kalach, Principal





MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, March 9th



Join us March 9th for GBEMS PTA Movie Night. We asked the school to vote for their favorite movie and we have a winner! This year we will be showing **The Lego Ninjago Movie**. Please join us on the lawn for this family fun night out. Gates will open at **5:45pm** and the movie will start around sundown at **6:35pm**. Fifth Grade will be selling snacks to help raise money for their upcoming end of year trip. Bring a blanket, Pack a picnic and come join us under the stars! See You There!

PTA

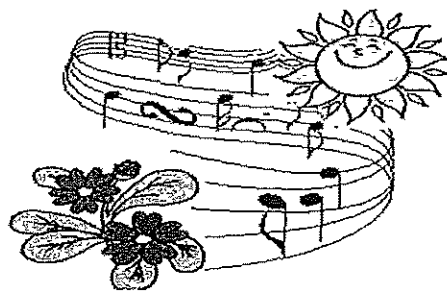


MUSIC NOTES

Dear Shark Parents,

We have a lot going on this month! It is **Music In Our Schools** month. We celebrate having music in our schools and lives this month. We look forward to the first celebration at our **All County** performance. The three students selected, **Caitlin Clark**, **Jean-Luc Lemos**, and **Zohra Mellouki** are performing Saturday, March 10th, at 2pm. If you are free, please show them your support and attend the concert at the First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg. Second and third grade parents, be ready for our amazing performance on **March 15th!** Slips should have already gone home regarding this performance. Fifth grade students, please don't forget our music test is quickly approaching. You should be studying to ensure you are ready for this test! If you study even just 5 minutes a day, you'll do well. Ensembles parents, please remember our concert change to **Wednesday, May 16th**. This year has been amazing and there is still more to come!

Katherine LaRose/ Music Teacher



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!

FEBRUARY SUPER SPORTS!

K. Casandra Meyer, Colton Inman, Vincent Mitchell

1st Shaniya Stolz-Smith, Lincoln Reistrom, Victor Reynoso-Arias

2nd Antonella Chavez, Madilyn Johnson, MacKenzie Hughey

3rd Kylee Wimmers, Gemma Mangiafico, Maddox Capps, Marley Caskey-Watson

4th Oliver Bonta, Macgyver Carney, Taylor Floener

5th Audrey Gentry, Seth Dykstra, Autumn Weaver

COMING SOON!

Please mark your calendars for **Field Day - Friday, May 11th!** We need **as many volunteers as possible** to make this event successful! It will be an all day event. Thanks for your help!

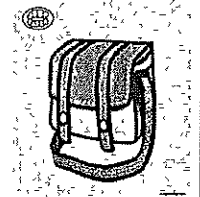


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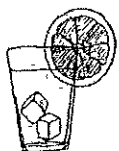


NOTE TO PARENTS

Please **write** your child's name on any coats, jackets, water bottles, backpacks, etc. so when we find forgotten items, we will know who they belong to. That would be **greatly appreciated!** Thanks for your support !

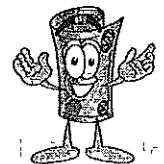


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GIVE BACK GALLONS AT CHICK-FIL-A

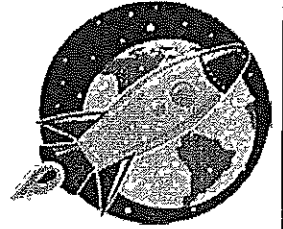
During the whole month of March, if you mention **GBEMS** when purchasing a gallon of lemonade or iced-tea, Chick-fil-A on St. Pete Beach will donate a dollar back to our school!!



MARCH 20th- ALL DAY SPIRIT DAY!!!



GIFTED FIELD TRIP



Calling All Space Cadets!

The gifted students in grades 3, 4, & 5 went on an overnight field trip to Kennedy Space Center Feb. 20-21st. This awesome trip showcased all the great space events from the past and current times. The group slept under the Saturn 5 Rocket, and enjoyed an audience with a real astronaut, Bob Springer!

Imax movies showed Earth and space from the International Space Station, children tried the rocket simulator, explored the Atlantis Shuttle, made their own rockets, had a scavenger hunt, and simply had so many enriching activities. They all highly recommend this trip to others, even if you don't get the chance to sleep under the largest rocket in the world!

DARLENE MCLEAN/GIFTED TEACHER

METEOROLOGIST TO VISIT 5TH GRADERS

This **Thursday, March 8, 2018** Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet is very excited to welcome ABC Action News Meteorologist, **Greg Dee** to our 5th grade classrooms. Mr. Dee will be teaching the students a lesson on Severe Weather that aligns with our current classroom learning goals and standards. The 5th grade has been working hard on learning the concepts of weather and weather prediction for the last 2 weeks. Mr. Dee will be the capstone to our weather segment, and will be a perfect transition into our upcoming climate topics. Please be sure to ask your children about their experiences. **PLEASE NOTE**, Mr. Dee shares his stories and photos of the students the following morning "on air", so be sure to tune in **Friday Morning between 6:30 & 7:00 a.m. to ABC news.**



MR. STRAWDER/5TH GRADE TEACHER



T-Shirt Design Winners!

I have been working with K -5th Grade students to create T-Shirt designs that we will actually make into **t-shirts**. We voted this week on which design will be used for each grade level. All the kids did a great job with voting!

The winner of the designs are:

K. Price- Averie and Quincy

K. Steiner- Evan, Sasha, Otis and Adrian

(K. Drew sharks only)

K. Walsh- Rilynn, Amani and Xander

1st Stritar- Ruby

2nd Mr. Carney- Prestyn

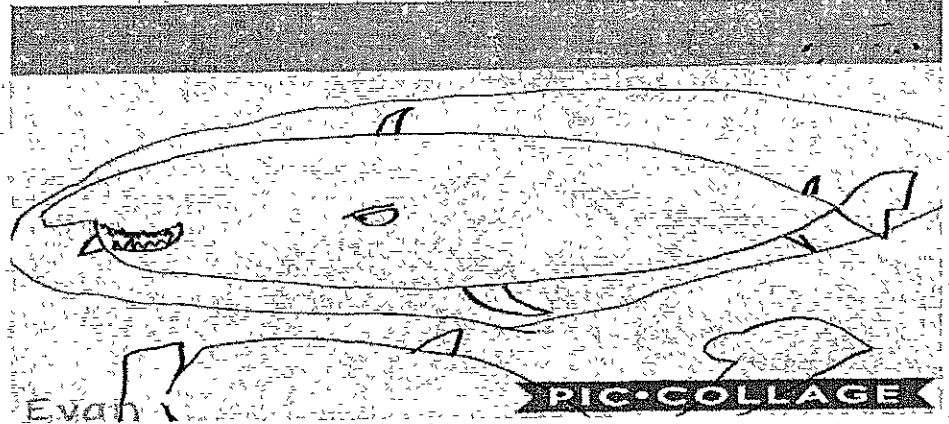
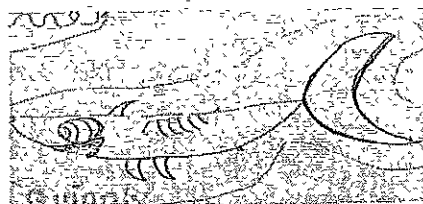
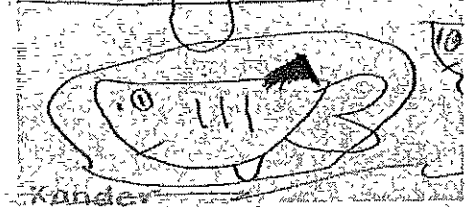
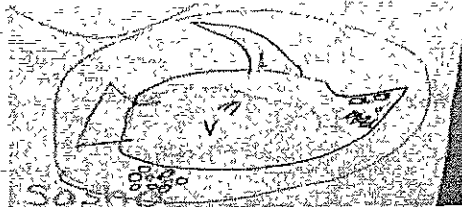
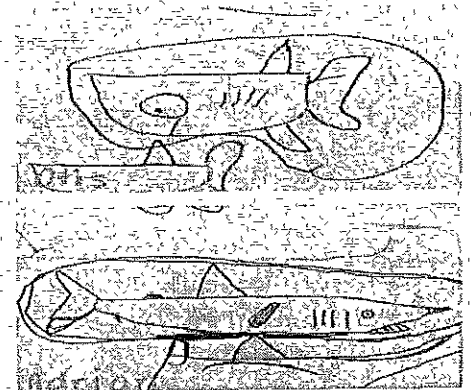
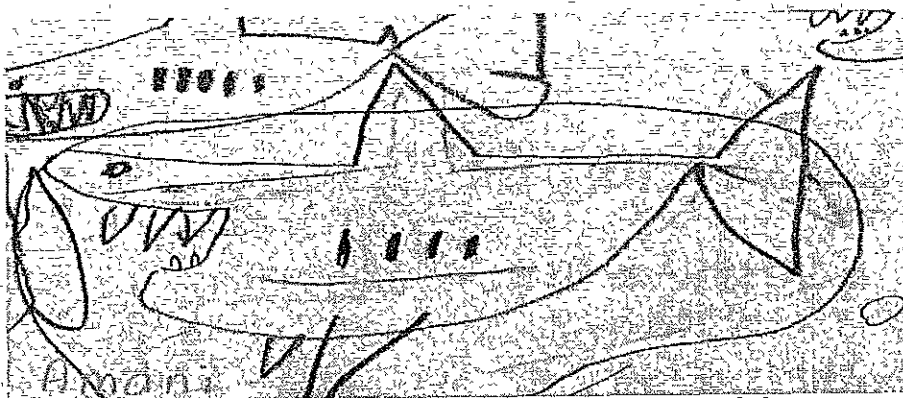
3rd O'Leary- Rylee

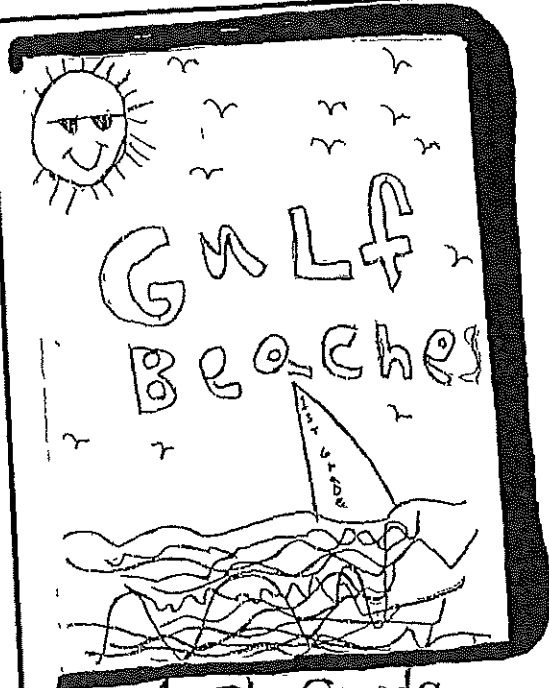
4th Suerte- Alivia

5th Strawder- Sophiejoon Alfonso

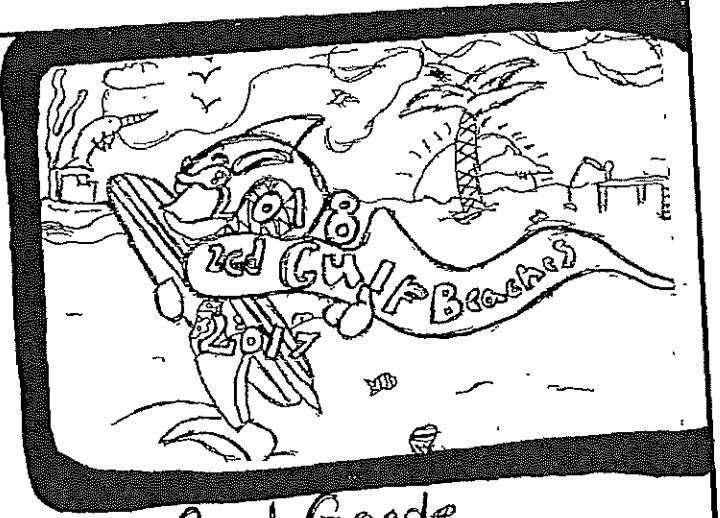
Congratulations to our winners! I am so proud of these wonderful designs!

Kindergarten





1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade

5th grade



LIZJENSEN/ART TEACHER



NURSE'S CORNER Snack attack

Promoting Healthy Living

Stock the kitchen

Whatever is in the house is what your youngster will eat—so shop with that in mind. Get interesting fruits and vegetables in different colors. Buy mango or peach salsa, and let your child dip in veggie sticks (carrot, celery, jicama). Stock popcorn to air pop (rather than getting less healthy microwave popcorn). Then, offer her choices. She'll have a say in what she eats, but she'll be choosing only from healthy foods.

Have a mini-meal

Breakfast or lunch foods can make a good snack. You could serve oatmeal with bananas and cinnamon or tuck scrambled eggs into a pita pocket. Or try individual pizzas on whole-wheat English muffins. Top each half with a little tomato sauce, shredded low-fat mozzarella cheese and vegetables (sliced mushrooms, chopped onions), then bake until the cheese melts.

Build your own

Let your youngster get creative in the kitchen, and she'll be likely to eat the results. She can make kebabs by threading fruit (grapes, melon chunks) and cheese cubes onto toothpicks. Put out cookie cutters for her to cut sandwiches into fun shapes. Or she could spread cream cheese on rice cakes or apple slices and decorate them with raisins or dried cranberries.

Feeling good about sports

Participating in sports can build your youngster up... or drag him down. Make athletics a positive experience for him with these strategies.

- Keep games in perspective. At this age, sports should be about having fun and developing skills. Ask about his favorite part of practice or the most interesting play in the game, rather than focusing on his performance or the score.
- Encourage your child to set goals—but make sure the goals are realistic. He might aim to touch the ball three times during a game or to try a move that he's been working on.
- Avoid comments about your youngster's size or body. Concentrate on the friends he is making and the effort he is putting forth ("I love how you tried to get the rebound").



VISION, HEARING, AND BMI SCREENING

Vision, Hearing, and BMI Screenings will take place at Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet School on **March 21st**.

Kindergarten – Hearing & Vision

1st Grade – Hearing, Vision, and BMI

3rd Grade – Vision and BMI (unless new to Pinellas County Schools then hearing is also done.)

All students new to Pinellas County Schools and teacher referrals: If you **DO NOT** want your child to be screened, please let Ms. Waller know **IN WRITING**. If you have any questions, please contact me at wallerph@pcsb.org.

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