

Introducing our staff:	* Montessori
<b>PPK:</b> Ms. Delally, Ms. Ana	<b>VPK:</b> Ms. Brown, Ms. Chamberlin Ms. Mercedes, Mr. Hartley
<b>Kindergarten team:</b> Ms. Yousey * Ms. Blevins* Ms. Bartlett * Ms. Skinner Ms. Caccamise	<b>1st Grade Team:</b> Ms. Noblitt * Ms. D'Alessandro * Ms. King-Byrns Ms. Werbow
Assistants: Ms. Maki Ms. Stotts Ms. Liversage	Assistants: Ms. A. Ms. D. Ferro, Ms. DeParis
<b>2nd Grade Team:</b> Ms. Sequino * Ms. Dyer * Ms. Drayton Mr. Cramer	<b>3rd Grade Team:</b> Ms. Campbell * Ms. Daniels * Ms. Jimenez Ms. Morrison Ms. Khoury & Ms. Ward
Assistants: Ms. Leonard	Assistants: Ms. Blevins, Ms. C
<b>4th Grade Team:</b> Ms. Kesmodel * Mr. Kuzniacki * Mr. Mowatt	<b>5th Grade Team:</b> Ms. Grizzle * Ms. Duphily * Ms. Gray
Assistants: Ms. S. Ferro	Assistants: Ms. Keller Ms. Edwards
<b>Specials Team:</b> Art: Ms. Elam Music: Ms. Cruz PE: Coach Holmes & Coach Johnson	Psychologist: Dr. Tohman Social Worker: Ms. Stewart Guidance: Ms. Marchioli Behavior: Ms. Johnson, Ms. Ward Gifted: Ms. Diaz ESE: Ms. Knorr, Reading Recovery: Ms. Davis-Walker, Ms. Papinchak, Ms. Sheehan, Ms. Svetlana Intervention: Ms. Stevenson, Ms. Bohrnsen, Reading Coach: Ms. Hackett Math Coach: Ms. Collier Science Coach: Ms. Petrucci
<b>Office Staff:</b> Magnet Coordinator: Ms. Anthony Adm. Assistant: Ms. Miller DMT: Ms. Lewis Community Liaison: Ms. De Paris Front Desk: Ms. Danielle	
MTSS: Ms. Khoury Media Specialist: Ms. Droke	

## September, 2022 Newsletter

Welcome to the 2022 - 2023 school year! We are happy you are here.



**Principals Post:** Hello Bulldog Families,

We are excited to see how successfully our scholars are starting this school year. We are seeing scholars arrive to school every day, in uniform and ready to learn. As a reminder, our uniforms are: Solid color polo shirt worn with black, navy, or khaki pants/shorts/skirts.

This week we are completing our first round of FAST testing with every scholar. Test results will go home with Kg, 1st and 2nd graders. Information will be posted on FOCUS for 3rd—5th graders.

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Our First bulldog bash is 9/30. We will recognize students who follow our PRIDE expectations, have perfect attendance, and who go above and beyond in specials.

**OUR SCHOOL HOURS: 8:45—2:55**

*T-Shirt Design contest going home this week!*

**Important Info his week:**

\*Progress reports sent home. Contact your teacher if you have questions or concerns..

\*9/16 T-Shirt Design and Club application due

\*9/30 Bulldog Bash

\*10/25 is Trunk or Treat and PTA meeting

Introducing Assistant Principal, Mrs. Harris:

I am excited to serve as the assistant principal at Gulfport Montessori Elementary School this year. Before becoming an assistant principal in 2016, I was a behavior coach, teacher and professor. I was voted teacher of the year twice; once by faculty and staff and once by students enrolled in the Upward Bound Program. I enjoy motivating students through the use of music. I also enjoy writing books and poems to encourage students. I believe all students can make learning gains and achieve anything they put their mind to. My goal is to ensure 100 percent student success in a safe and nurturing learning environment.

I look forward to working with you and your children.



## Introducing Gulfport Montessori Elementary Promise Time and Extended Learning Opportunities



### TUTORING

After school tutoring will be available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday. Teachers will contact families directly for tutoring availability. If your child would benefit from tutoring, please email our site facilitator, Annette Anthony at [anthonya@pcsb.org](mailto:anthonya@pcsb.org). We will connect you with a teacher to work with. Please include: your student name, teacher and grade along with your contact information. R'Club students will be identified automatically for before or after school tutoring.

### BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS



#### 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Chorus Monday

Chorus is for those interested in developing their singing voice and musicianship skills. Chorus has multiple performance opportunities throughout the year and encourages an appreciation of music. Ms. Cruz

#### Ukulele Club 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Thursday



Students who are interested in learning to play the ukulele and perform in concerts. Learning the Ukulele will also encourage an appreciation of music and prepare students for secondary music classes. Ms. Cruz

#### 4<sup>th</sup> grade Art Club Monday & Wednesday

#### 5<sup>th</sup> grade Art Club Tuesday & Thursday



Students interested will explore art & craft forms beyond our curriculum. They work individually and in small groups. Art projects will be on display during our winter event. Ms. Elam

### SCHOOL CLUBS

We will be offering before and after school clubs to students this year. Each club has a specific theme and targeted audience. The following are the requirements for the clubs:

- ⇒ Families are responsible for drop off or pick up in a timely manner. **Before school clubs are 7:30-8:15. After school clubs are 3:15—4:15.** Students in R'Club will be picked up and dropped off directly.
- ⇒ Students will follow our PRIDE behavior expectations to stay in the club.
- ⇒ Attendance is part of the program. If several club days are missed, or frequent tardiness, you may be dismissed from the club.
- ⇒ Each club has a maximum number of students and the facilitator will maintain a wait list, as needed. Spots are filled on a 'first come' basis. You will be notified by the facilitator of your status.
- ⇒ **The club facilitators will send home applications.**

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

#### Sports Club K-2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Wed.

Students will engage in team and individual activities learning sportsmanship, cooperation and agility. Coach Holmes.

#### MORNING COMPUTER CLUBS



#### Dreambox Math Club Kg - 5<sup>th</sup> Mon—Fri

Students will expand their math abilities using Dreambox software. Various Teachers

#### Kids Code 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday & Thursday

Students are introduced to coding using online software. Coding encourages attention to detail and perseverance. Students develop pride in their workmanship and problem solving skills. Ms. Diaz

#### American Sign Language Club Wed. & Thu.



Bulldog ASL Performance Team- increasing literacy by developing English skills via learning a second language of ASL. Students learn ASL as they translate popular, motivational songs. They will create their own choreography and perform songs in ASL at bulldog bashes & our Winter event. They will represent the school at Martin Luther Day parade etc. Ms. Daniels & Ms. Ward.

#### Girls on the Run 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Mon & Wed from 9/19 - 11/30.



Girls on the Run is a fun, after-school program designed to inspire girls of all abilities to recognize and embrace their inner strength! GOTR encourages girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates running. Girls learn critical life skills and behaviors such as how to manage emotions, help others, make intentional decisions, and resolve conflicts. Information about enrollment, costs, and scholarships is going home in the coming weeks. Various teachers

#### STEM Club - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade AND 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

STEM is a district sponsored initiative that teaches collaboration among teammates and the engineering design process. More information will be coming