

**Student Hours**

M-F 8:35 am -3:05 pm



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The Vision of Gulfport Elementary is provide a positive learning environment where ALL students, teachers, and staff are engaged.

## Principal's Pride

Jess Hathaway, Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians, and all members of our Gulfport Family,

Your Gulfport Elementary Bulldog is using plenty of interesting websites during their school day. Teachers put helpful log-in tips inside the front page of the student agenda as well. Visit [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org) (Click on *Clever* and visit student sites including iStation, MyON and ST Math. Students are familiar with these programs and their log-in information.)

We received positive feedback from our GME families regarding our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades Awards Ceremony and our recognition of Perfect Attendance students in Kdg, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades. Thank you parents and staff for all your support.

The FSA for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and SAT-10 for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> test dates are quickly approaching. Regardless of the grade level, we hope you are talking about math and how it impacts your child's life on a daily basis. Math is all around us and here are a few ways to work math into conversations with your Wildcat:

### Remember...Be positive about math:

- Let your child know that **everyone** can learn math.
- Let your child know that you think math is important and fun.
- Point out ways in which family members use math in their jobs or everyday lives.
- Be positive about your own math abilities. Try to avoid saying "I was never good at math" or "I never liked math".
- Encourage your child to be persistent if a problem seems difficult.
- Praise your child when he or she makes an effort, and share in the excitement when he or she solves a problem or understands something the first time.

As a reminder, we are always monitoring student absences and tardies. For elementary students, it is the parent's responsibility to make sure their student attends school and is on time. If your child has several absences and/or tardies, please contact the school so we are able to determine if these unexcused absences can be changed to excused. If there is a problem that is making it difficult to get your child to school, please contact our social worker or guidance counselor for additional help.

Thank you for allowing us to work with your child/children each day at Gulfport Elementary. Let us continue to work together to make this an amazing 2017-2018 school year.



## The Latest and Greatest News from the Library

Mrs. Droke - Library/Media Specialist

Thank you to all the Gulfport families and staff members that supported our Spring Book Fair! All the monies raised during this book fair are spent to put books and materials right back into the classroom for our students. We appreciate everyone who sent money in with your children to shop, or stopped by to purchase books with your kids! Happy Reading! We will also be having our BOGO Book Fair during the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>. I know we are

all looking forward to that one. Thanks again for all your help in making our students successful.



## Counselor Connection

Sarah Flick, Guidance Counselor

I wanted to take the time and introduce myself! My name is Sarah Flick, and I am the new School Counselor. Unfortunately, Mrs. Santiago had to move up north (burr), but I am so excited to join the Gulfport Montessori Elementary family! It is my hope to get to know each student and help them with any social/emotional needs they may have, to be truly successful in the school environment. Feel free to contact me if you think I can be of assistance to your child.

### 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents:

Make sure to attend the upcoming Expo Night at the middle school you plan on having your child attend. There will be important information provided about student schedules and middle school expectations. Here are a few that you may be interested in:

- Azalea Middle School: March 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-7:30pm
- Bay Point Middle School: March 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-7:00pm
- Lealman Innovation Academy: March 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-7:30pm
- Thurgood Marshall Fundamental: March 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-7:00pm
- Tyrone Middle School: March 6<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30pm

If you have any questions please contact the PCS Middle School Office at [\(727\) 588-6453](tel:7275886453).

Do you have any gently used and washed school uniforms? We need all sizes. Our clothes closet is running low and we could use your help. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Flick



## Volunteer Corner

Ms. Carolyn Bystrycki, Volunteer and Community Liaison

Parents, Guardians, and Friends

My Name is Ms. B and I am your Family and Community Liaison. It is an honor to be a Bulldog, and I look forward to meeting each of you!

As your Family & Community Relations Liaison, I am here to help you with your volunteer needs, build relationships with you, our community and business partners, and coordinate our school's volunteer and mentor programs.

Do you have any spare time? Come join our team and be a Bulldog Volunteer! There are many opportunities to volunteer at our school by mentoring, reading to students, chaperoning field trips, assisting teachers, or helping in the office. For more information, contact Ms. Carolyn Bystrycki at 893-2643, ext. 2078 or [bystryckic@pcsb.org](mailto:bystryckic@pcsb.org).

## What's Popping With the PTA



For the past 18 months or so your PTA has led the campaign to raise funds for a new playground at our school. The layout has been chosen, the parts have been ordered and we will have our new playground by the end of April. This has been a journey of many ideas, many hours and many new Community friendships. Your PTA is proud to soon present our school with the new playground. To every Community member, organization, every child that brought in pennies, dimes, quarters, purchased candy canes or Valentine's roses...every penny has been an important part of bringing this dream to a reality. Thank you for your caring and your support. It is deeply appreciated for each child at our school, today and in the future. Our new playground; **FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERING FOR FUN!**

*It is hard to believe that the school year is more than half over, and our PTA thoughts turn to the 2018-2019 school year. The PTA needs YOU! Please consider a position on the PTA Board as we are advocates for all children and families! The PTA is an essential partner with the school. The April/May PTA meeting will elect a new PTA Board. Will you be the next advocate for our children?*

## Notes from Music Department

Mrs. Freeman, Music Teacher



### March is Music in Our Schools Month

The National Association for Music Education has designated March as **Music in Our Schools Month**. Researchers have studied the benefits of music education for decades, consistently finding strong correlations between music and academic achievement. The College Entrance Board found that students in music programs scored 63 points higher on the verbal and 44 points higher on the math sections of the SATs than students with no music participation. Music not only impacts academic achievement, it also shapes the way our students understand themselves and the world around them. Let's think beyond the bubbles™ and educate the whole student.

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen to represent Gulfport Montessori Elementary at the **2018 Pinellas County Honors Concert**

**Chorus:** Brooke Belus and Zeph'r Kluytman

**World Drum Ensemble:** Chayton Allen

The Performance will be **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** at the **First Baptist Church** of St. Petersburg at 4:00pm. The students will perform with approximately 250 of the top Music students from Pinellas County. It is an amazing concert experience, if you'd like to join us tickets can be purchased at the door for \$8.00.

## Monthly Montessorian

Annette Anthony, Montessori Coordinator

As we move into the spring, our children get the opportunity to exercise their science brain. The entire school will be participating in our annual science fair event. Students in the primary grades (PK – 2<sup>nd</sup>) will have a whole class project, and student in our elementary grades (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>) will work on individual or group projects. Look for information to come home during the month of March.



| Grade           | Teacher               | February 2018         |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                 |                       | <b>Tolerance</b>      |
| Pre-K           | Mary Singleton        | Nhe'ojae Jones        |
| Pre-K           | Rachel Mita           | Johnathan Malachowski |
| Kindergarten    | Madison Buchert       | Ky'mani Mitchell      |
| Kindergarten    | Imee Killian          | Ishaan Wright         |
| Kindergarten    | Mandy Leetang         | Maylen Powell         |
| Kindergarten    | Joanne MacConnell     | Avion Salabie         |
| Kindergarten    | Miranda Frobisher     | Aziyahna Johnson      |
| Kindergarten    | Mashainah Mallory     | Taliah McPherson      |
| Kindergarten    | Rachel Yousey         | Eloisa Montes         |
| 1               | Amy Skinner           | Casyn Rawls           |
| 1               | Madison Welch         | Lillyanne Pegues      |
| 1               | Charlene Davis        | Zyanna King           |
| 1               | Kathleen Warren       | Ya'mean Seron         |
| 2               | Ashley Gray           | Laila Fields          |
| 2               | Samantha Wold         | Aiden Powell          |
| 2               | Lauren Alexander      | Ramarion Dent         |
| 1,2 Montessori  | Cate Alam             | Chris Angeles         |
| 1, 2 Montessori | Donna Mulholland      | Lilian Ahlgren        |
| 1,2 Montessori  | Conchita Davis-Walker | Matthew Rodrigues     |
| 1,2 Montessori  | Donna Jo Reynolds     | Isis McDaniel         |
| 1,2 Montessori  | Suzanne Hitchens      | Vance Heflin          |
| 1,2 Montessori  | Wanda Rothrock        | Angelo Smallwood      |
| 3               | Jenna Klawiter        | Abrianna Pentasuglia  |
| 3               | Nicole Samolej        | Samiyah Lavine        |
| 3               | Autumn Ely            | Shekinah Andrews      |
| 3               | Kelley Papinchak      | Casio Bingham         |
| 3 Montessori    | Catherine Gallagher   | Arianna Wilson        |
| 3 Montessori    | Katie Hayes           | Jacob Wall            |
| 4               | Alexandra Smart       | Yedian Arroyo         |
| 4               | Jennifer Ward         | Samuel Ramirez        |
| 4               | Amanda Wahl           | Tracelyn Walker       |
| 4,5 Montessori  | Dustin Triplett       | Clinton Lott          |
| 4,5 Montessori  | Lisa Neal             | Miranda Corsette      |
| 4, 5 Montessori | Susan Campbell        | Valentina Rosario     |
| 4, 5 Montessori | Lorraine Grizzle      | Canyon Joseph         |
| 5               | Megan Hires           | Angelina Rubiano      |
| 5               | Kirsten King          | Tyi'Tianna Walker     |
| 5               | Rebecca Sullivan      | Antonio Trevino       |

**Congratulations to our February Citizens of the Month  
Go Bulldogs**