

Gulfside Elementary

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Pelican Press

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Family Engagement

Families can partner with Gulfside by attending school events, supporting classroom activities, becoming a Pelican Partner, joining PTO, Watch D.O.G.S and Volunteering!

Principal's Message

What a great beginning to the 2016-2017 school year! Thanks to all the parents, teachers, and staff for working together to help prepare our children for success. Positive relationships between families, teachers, and students are a high priority at Gulfside. Please do not hesitate to schedule a conference to see how to best support your child and teacher. Open house is coming up Thursday September 8th! This is also our annual Title I meeting. We can't wait for you to see our classrooms. **Families, I need your help! The car loop needs to be a safe area for arrival and dismissal for all.** It is imperative to be patient. We start the loop at 3:50 and end by 4:05. This year we are using both sides of the entrance, then, as you get closer it's important to take turns and merge to one lane. Once you have your child please stay in line, flow with the traffic and do not pass other cars. There are many young students that have to get in on the driver's side to be put in a car seat and passing is not safe. I want EVERY child on campus or leaving campus to be kept safe at all times. We truly have an amazing community and our school staff appreciates all that you do for us and more importantly for the children. Thank you for the opportunity to be involved in your child's education.

Sincerely, Mrs. Krapfl

If you can DREAM it
You can DO it!
~WALT DISNEY

Thank You to Our Sponsors

Advantage Home Care, The Belair Family, Calvary Baptist Church, Faith Lutheran Church, Generations Christian Church, Marjorie's Hope, One Community Now and Valley Bank.

Citizen of the Month

One student from each class is chosen by their teacher or a staff member to be recognized for demonstrating positive citizenship, confidence, effort, honesty, kindness, perseverance, or responsibility. The ceremony alternates grade levels each month. September will be 1st, 3rd & 5th grade and October will be K, 2nd & 4th grade. Specials, Guidance and YMCA will chose a student every month. We look forward to seeing our families on September 30th at 8:45am for our first celebration of the year.

Mark Your Calendar

Soccer Registration, September 7th 4:30 – 6:30pm
Open House, September 8th 5:15 – 6:00 (Primary)
Open House, September 8th 6:00 – 6:45 (Intermediate)
Boy Scout Rally, September 8th 7:00 – 8:00pm
Soccer Registration, September 10th - 10:00am to 12:00pm
PTO Meeting, September 13th 6:30 to 7:30pm
Astro Skate, September 16th 4:00 – 6:00pm
Student Pictures, September 22nd school day
SAC Meeting, September 22nd 4:30 – 5:30pm
Smile A Van (Dental Services) September 26th & 27th school day
PTO McSpirit Night, September 27th 5:00 – 7:00pm
Citizen of the Month, September 30th 8:45 – 9:15am
Flu Clinic for students, October 7th – school day
Astro Skate, October 14th 4:00 – 6:00pm
Planning Day (no school for students), October 17th
Citizen of the Month, October 28th – 8:45 to 9:15am
Fall Festival/Truck or Treat, October 28th - 5:30pm

Visitor/Volunteer What is the difference?

Visitors and Volunteers must go directly to the front office to sign-in and pick-up their Raptor badge. All non-employee adults on campus must wear their identification badge during their visit.

Visitors are individuals who may be on campus. Most often, a visitor is a family member coming for lunch with their child, parent conference, or attending a meeting on campus. Visitors are not permitted to have contact with other students, besides their own child.

Volunteers must be approved through the District Office to work on campus under the direction of a staff member. To register to become a volunteer please visit www.pasco.k12.fl.us, under Helpful Links – Volunteer Application. Please contact Nanette Galati after you receive your submission confirmation.

Photos & School Videos

If for any reason you do not want your child photographed or in school videos please come to the front office to request a Media Release Non—Consent Form.

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH

Free and Reduced Lunch approvals are for one school year. All family should apply now to guarantee continued benefits. Please visit www.pasco.k12.fl.us, click Parent Link on the top of the page, then go to General Information and click on the Free and Reduced Lunch link. The approvals for 2015-2016 school year will expire soon. All students are offered a free breakfast beginning at 9:20AM each day – No application needed for breakfast.

Lunch Times

Kindergarten	10:55am - 11:30am
1 st Grade	11:25am - 12:00pm
2 nd Grade	12:25am - 1:00pm
3 rd Grade	11:55am - 12:30pm
4 th Grade	1:00pm - 1:30pm
5 th Grade	1:30pm - 2:05pm

Parent Right To Know

You have the right to know the professional qualifications of the educators who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to obtain certain information in a timely manner about your child's classroom teachers and instructional assistants/paraprofessionals. You have the right to ask for the following information about each of our child's teachers and instructional assistants/paraprofessionals:

1. The teacher's Florida certification area(s) and,
 - a. if the teacher is teaching infield, or
 - b. if the teacher is qualified infield according to the District School Board of Pasco County.
2. The teacher's college degree(s) and areas of study.
3. The teacher's advanced college degree(s) and areas of study.
4. The qualifications of any instructional assistant/paraprofessionals who provide services to your child.

In addition, you have the right to be provided information on your student's level of achievement on assessments in reading/language arts, mathematics and science. Please contact your teacher.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please send a written request to our school.

PTO News

This year is going to be exciting with all the events we are planning for our families. PTO will host 4 major events this year – Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat, a holiday store, Valentine Dance and Movie Night. Our first McSpirit Night will be Tuesday, September 27th at the Holiday McDonald's. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting of the year, next Tuesday, September 13th.

Big Brother/ Big Sisters

Make a difference by becoming a mentor to a needy child at least one hour per week during the school day. Contact Mrs. Galati 727-774-6009 if you'd like to learn more about the program.

Community School @ GSES

We are happy to announce that in addition to amazing administration and staff, Gulfside will also be home to Pasco County's first Community School. This means that designated staff will be on hand to help support Gulfside students and families.

We are very excited to announce that Premier Community HealthCare Group has a dental clinic on our campus here at Gulfside and will provide dental screenings/cleanings, fluoride varnish and sealants for students.

In order for your child to receive dental services from PCHG, a Patient Data Form and Consent to Treat must be completed in its entirety and signed by a parent or guardian. These forms were distributed last week. Parents/Guardians do not have to be present when services are provided. Premier staff will send written communication home with your child after he or she has been seen.

Please let us know how the Community School @ GSES can help support you in creating successful students.

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YMCA of the Suncoast

Registration packets for our before and after school program are available now. Contact Brie Thompson, Director at 727-774-6092 for more information.

School Counselor Corner

Hello Gulfside Families,

I'd like to take a moment and introduce myself. My name is Laura McClellan and I am the School Counselor at Gulfside. I have been working for Pasco County Schools for 10 years. I want you to know I'm here for you and your child(ren). I offer individual counseling; small focus groups, and teach classroom guidance lessons monthly in every class. If you need to get in contact with me, please feel free to email me at lmcclell@pasco.k12.fl.us or call 774-6007. I really look forward to working along side of you in making this school year the best ever!

Love, Ms. McClellan

Pelican Partners

Businesses and families can become a Pelican Partner by adopting a class and donating supplies for a school event, school supplies for the classroom or money. All Pelican Partners will be recognized in our newsletter, on our website and the school marquee. If you are interested in becoming a Pelican Partner, please contact Nanette Galati at ngalati@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Going Green

You can bring used batteries, paper, plastic and ink cartridges to recycle at the school. This is an easy way to help earn money for our school and protect our environment

Box Tops For Education

Did you know that last year Gulfside Elementary School families collected over \$1500 worth of Box Tops? The top three classrooms that collect the most Box Tops between now and October 26th will earn an extra recess for their class! Earning cash for your school with Box Tops is easy! Each one is worth 10¢ for your school and you can find them on hundreds of products. They don't need to be clipped perfectly - parents can cut them neatly or kids can just rip 'em off the packages! However, it's important that each Box Top clip has a clearly visible Box Tops logo and expiration date. Make sure to include your child's name and their teacher's name when sending in an envelope/bag of Box Tops. This year our goal is \$2000 for our school. We hope you will help us reach our goal this school year.



Are you a Dad of a Great Student? We need positive male role models helping at our school. Volunteer to make a difference in the lives of our students through the Watch D.O.G.S. Program. For more information, contact Nanette Galati at 727-774-6009.

Parent Involvement Information

Please visit the Parents Page on the District website, <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/parents>, for important information and resources.

Staff Shout Out

Has a staff member at Gulfside Elementary gone above and beyond for you, your child, or family?

If so, please take a few minutes to fill out this form, and send the form back to the school so that the administration can convey this recognition to that special person. We would love to hear from you!

(name of person you wish to recognize)

Your name _____

Your Child's (children's) names (s)

What did the person you wish to recognize do to exceed your expectations?

One Community Now & Neighborhood News

OCN offers free dinner and a program to all families in the Holiday Lake Estates Community every Thursday. Dinner is 5:30 to 6:00pm and the program starts at 6:30pm. Childcare is provided for families who attend the weekly program. This is a FREE event. All events are held at the Holiday Lakes Estate Civic Center located at 3624 Atlantis Drive. Also offered at the civic center are community classes. Septembers schedule is:

- Monday, 7:00pm – Line Dancing
- Tuesdays, 6:00pm – Zumba Classes
- Thursday, 7:00pm – Spanish Classes

Each of these opportunities has a cost to help pay the teachers; \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members.

7 Things You Should Say to Your Kids Every Day

1. "I love you."
2. "You make me very happy."
3. "You are very special."
4. "I like it when you..."
5. "I am grateful for you every day."
6. "I believe in you/I trust you"
7. "Are you able to/I know you can."

* <https://familyshare.com/20489/parenting/7-things-you-should-say-to-your-kids>



