

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 and Volunteering!

Assistant Principal's Message

Parents,

As we begin Quarter 2, it is an important time to meet with your child's teacher. You will want to find out if your student is "On Track" for graduation. Yes, we know this is elementary school, but now is the time to take action. Research shows by the time a student is in 6th grade, and "Off Track" in one or more areas, the chance of graduating on time is only 15 to 25 percent (Balfanz, 2012). That is an alarming number and we must be proactive. You can find great resources to help you with your child's academic plan on the District School Board of Pasco County's website at <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/parents>. I look forward to seeing you on campus having this important conversation with your child's teacher.

Sincerely, Mrs. Jarvis

Fall Fundraiser

November 1st was our cookie dough and tumbler fundraiser kick-off. We need your help to make the fundraiser successful this year. Students can collect a dolphin for every order and can collect all 12. Every student that sells 10 items will receive a free field trip to the Clearwater Aquarium. Students who sell 20 items will get to bring an adult for free on the field trip. Students who sell 50+ items will get all 12 dolphins, the free field trip with an adult guest and the large Winter the Dolphin plush. Our next sales coupon/money drop off days will be 11/10 & 11/13. Final orders are due 11/15.



Mark Your Calendar

November

- 11/8 1st Grade Power Words in Pajamas 8:50am
- 11/9 5th Grade Deposit Day
- 11/10 K Math & Munch Morning 8:45am
- 11/10 Veteran's Day Celebration 2:00pm
- 11/10 Astro Skate 4:00 - 6:00pm
- 11/13 Capoeira Enrichment 3:45pm
- 11/13 4th Grade Legend Presentation
- 11/14 4th & 5th Grade Dash Robotics Enrichment begins 8:45am
- 11/14 Intermediate Science Fair Family Night 5:00pm
- 11/15 Primary Dash Robotics Enrichment begins 8:45am
- 11/15 Great American Teach-In
- 11/15 Cookie Dough Orders Due
- 11/16 SAC Meeting 8:00am
- 11/16 Thanksgiving Dinner 5:30pm (HLE Civic Center)
- 11/17 Lizzy Sider Assembly 2:30pm
- 11/17 Progress Reports go home
- 11/20 – 11/24 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/30 Student Council Meeting 3:15pm
- 11/30 5th Grade Deposit Day

December

- 12/1 Citizen of the Month
- 12/4 Breakfast & Banking Family Event 8:30am
- 12/8 Astro Skate 4:00pm – 6:00pm
- 12/12 K Field Trip to Old Mickey's Farm
- 12/13 Intermediate Gingerbread Shop Day
- 12/13 2nd Grade American History Museum Walk 11:30am
- 12/14 Primary Gingerbread Shop Day
- 12/14 Chorus Concert 7:00pm
- 12/16 OCN Christmas Event (HLE Civic Center)
- 12/19 Chorus Community Performance 10:00am
- 12/21 5th Grade Student Led Conferences 5:30pm
- 12/23 – 1/7 Winter Break
- 1/8 No School for Students – Teacher Planning Day

Grateful, Thankful & Blessed

We would like to thank our sponsors, families and staff for their generous donations: AmVets Post 98 Ladies Auxiliary, Bayonet Point Hospital, Beall's Outlet – Tarpon Springs, Brennan's Pub, Calvary Baptist Church, Encore Music, First United Methodist Tarpon Springs, Generations Christian Church, Gulfside Custom T-Shirts, Horace Mann, Ladies Auxiliary MCLA, Little Caesars – Holiday, Man Up and Go!, Marjorie's Hope, Muvico Palm Harbor, One Community Now, Piano Care Inc., Publix – Tarpon Springs, Sandpeak Realty, Thrivent Financial, Toast Restaurant, Tri County Aluminum, , Valley National Bank, Wal-Mart - SR 54, Kathy McIntosh, Angel Mitchell, Dianne Kiss, Gasteno Lopez Santos, Danielle Phillippi, Denise Tuchman, Jen Yergy, Mary Lou Rinner, Rebecca Wells, Jeanne Krapfl, Melissa Jarvis, Susan Vey, Kristina Sampson, Becky Davis, James Sutherin, Shannon Wharff, Nanette Galati, Denise Lukacik, Laura McClellan, April Williams, Jennifer Tate, Lisa O'Keefe, Myra Sierra, Collen Rivera, Mary Peralta, Katerina Vergos, Tammy White, Jodi Ehrsam, Diane Furtek, Nancy Hinkle, Wendy Jones, Donna Jandro, Patrice Dotoli, Jack & Pat Murphy and Linda DeClue.

Volunteers Make A Difference

We appreciate our volunteers and the time you invest in our students, staff and school: Lucinda Abrantes, Mikey Berg, Chef Vince, Michael Bryant, Elizabeth Chmielnicki-Engler, Rebecca Cole, Linda DeClue, Peter & Stacy Emerito, Destiny Engler, Frances Engler, Rosa Feliciano, Jacob Ferguson, Jason Ferguson, Brook Gagan, Alyssa Gaynor, Karen Geissle, Melanie Hagerty, Brooke Holmes, Debbie Holmes, Dundee Horn, Heather Hurley, Catherine Lampman, Hubert Maddox, Avalon Moorehead, Madison Morrow, Nena Myers, Maureen Outlaw, Cianna Pabon, Mary Peralta, Phyllis Phillips, Marguerite Rogers, Carol Sakers, Michael Sierra, Mary Skaggs, Barbara Slover, Christine Taylor, Jessica Tufano, Irene Varias, Kyle Vey, Lacy Vey, Jennifer Wilson, John Young, Tammy Zander, Annamarie Zeravsky, Dimitri Ziogiannis and Margot Zukowski

Parent Resource Center

Our Parent Involvement Coordinator, Mrs. Galati has great resources for you and your family. Our parent resource center has games and other fun activities you can borrow to host a family night at your house. Stop by and visit with Mrs. Galati

Veteran's Day Celebration

We will be honoring our Heroes on Friday, November 10th at 2:00pm. If you or a family member are active duty or have served in the military please submit your participation form to Mrs. White. All honorees will be given a carnation during the ceremony. Families are invited to join us on the basketball court for our annual event

STEM Fair Family Night

Ms. Nettler & 3rd Grade will host an event on November 14th from 5:00 -6:00pm. Students in 3rd – 5th grade may attend. Please join us to receive information on how to make your child more successful.

Great American Teacher-In

GATI is Wednesday, November 15th. Do you have a career or hobby you would like to share with our students? You could share with your child's class, their grade or multiple classes. Your presentation can be 10 to 30 minutes. GATI is sponsored by Duke Energy and a program designed to share career possibilities. Please contact Mrs. Galati at 727-774-6009 and consider participating this year.

Voices of Youth Chorus

Chorus will begin combined groups (3rd, 4th & 5th) Thursdays and Fridays at 9:10-9:45am, 11/2 and run until 12/8. All members are encouraged to come in early if possible. It is very important that we have as many members present as we can!! - Here are the dates of rehearsals and Concert events: Dress Rehearsal - Wednesday, December 13th at 9:50-10:50am in the cafeteria. Concert –Thursday, December 14th at 7:00pm. Members should arrive to the Music room by 6:45pm. This year's concert is going to be great!

September Citizen of the Month



Congratulations: Zenia Zander, Madison Coon, Selena Frangie, Mario Torres, Sophia Deleon, Sean Karpel, Keirah Wereski-Moon, Jenna Ferguson, Riley Webb, Alexis Grabowski, Kayla Marquez, Jazira Falconer, Cater Stedje, Kylie Vaughn, Madison Emerito, Lian Pereira, Elijah Stansbury and Brianna Wilson

Volunteers Needed

We need help stamping and organizing books in Media, reading with students, extra eyes and hands in the cafeteria, classroom projects, making copies and helping with our daily routines. Events coming up soon are; Gingerbread Shop 12/13 to 12/15. We will need volunteers from 9:30 to 3:30 every day. Volunteer times can be as little as an hour to a full day. You could help us make these days extra special for our students. We appreciate all of our wonderful volunteers!!!

PBIS News

Our Pelican post has been renovated with chalk paint, which means it can be updated seasonally. Our school store has items such as coloring books, folders, glitter glue, play doh, cars, stuffed animals, games, and 3 bikes to name a few. Items range from 5 tickets to 120 tickets for items in the store cabinet, with the bikes costing 500 tickets. So, tell your kids to save up those tickets for some big items!!

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

This year's trunk or treat was a huge success. Thank you to our volunteers, the AHS Interact Club and staff for making the event fun for our families. The Gingerbread Shop is returning this year. Shopping dates will be December 13th to 15th. Start talking with your child today about who they may want to purchase for and the importance of saving money.

Holiday Food Drive

This year we are collecting food to help support some of our families during the holiday season. We will be accepting donations from 11/1 to 11/10 and 12/4 to 12/15. The items we are collecting are canned vegetables, canned soups, canned spaghetti sauce, canned meats, boxed potatoes, gravy, boxed pasta, rice, mac n cheese, peanut butter, jell breakfast cereal, oatmeal, cranberry sauce, stuffing and frozen turkeys. We appreciate all donations to help us make the holidays special for all of our families. For more information please contact Nanette Galati at 727-774-6009.

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

Out-of-Field Teaching Assignments

Individuals who are teaching out of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/in-service towards an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student.

Teaching Elementary Kids to be Grateful

In the elementary years, help your kids reach out to others in meaningful ways. They're old enough to make a real difference, even if it's a small one. Not only will they feel good about what they can do, but also helping others will foster a sense of appreciation for the people, experiences and things they value in their own lives:

1. **Hand-write thank-you's.** One sentence per grade is a good rule of thumb, and be sure to send them out promptly.
2. **Make a gratitude jar.** Fill it with short handwritten notes of gratitude ("I'm thankful we won the big game!" or, "I'm grateful Grandma came to visit."). Pick a special time to pull out notes at random and read them aloud.
3. **Say thank-you with cookies.** Prepare and deliver a homemade "thank you" to your local fire or police department, or your pediatrician's or dentist's office.
4. **Make it stick.** Leave sticky notes for each family member to thank them for something you appreciate.
5. **Celebrate your year.** Every birthday, make a list of things you are grateful for that year. A 5-year-old can think of five things, while a 10-year-old can manage at least 10. *Article is from Today.com

YMCA of the Suncoast

Cultivating 21st century learners is an ever-growing challenge in today's school system. It is statistically proven that a child today needs additional opportunities outside of the classroom to deal with real – life problem solving skills. By sending your child to the Y each day you are helping them interact with materials to build cultural sensitivity, foster 21st century skills, discuss healthy life choices, and interact with math and literacy to build a better learner. Please contact Brie Thompson at bthompson@suncoastymca.org or Laurie Schroeder at laschroe@pasco.k12.fl.us.

One Community Now & Neighborhood News

Holiday Lake Civic Center located at 3624 Atlantis Drive is a meal partner site of Metropolitan Ministries. Volunteers serve dinner every Thursday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. A free program with child care is offered from 6:00 to 8:00pm

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 16th

5:30pm Gulfside Chorus Performance

6:00pm Dinner

Please bring a dessert or side dish to share.

To sign up for more information

contact Margot Zukowski at

margotzukowski@gmail.com

Volunteer opportunities:

oncommunitynow.com/thanksgiving

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?

