

# Gulfside Elementary

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# Pelican Press

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## Family Engagement

Families can partner with Gulfside by attending virtual and on campus school events, supporting classroom activities, becoming a Pelican Partner, joining PTO, SAC and Volunteering.

### Principal's Message

Dear Gulfside Families,

It's been a very successful, safe and busy time as we begin the 20-21 school year! This year, students are engaged in learning both online and in the classroom, and we are excited to see their smiles as they connect with their teachers and their peers in the classroom and on Zoom!

The new school year also brings beginning of the year assessments, so that the teachers can meet each child where they currently are academically, and work to move them forward. By the end of the first quarter, teachers want share your child's data with you so please be sure to request a zoom or in person parent teacher conference. The beginning of the year assessment data includes your child's IRLA reading level and power goal, NWEA Math and Reading baseline scores for grades K-5, and Science scores for grades 3-5.

At Gulfside, we have many safety procedures and systems in place and our students are quickly learning the expectations. I appreciate your support to make sure your child wears a mask to school each day, and goes through the self-screener each morning before coming onto campus.

A big thank you goes out to our community partners, parents, staff and volunteers who made sure our staff and students began the school year prepared and ready to learn! Please let us know if your family has any needs at this time that we can help with.

As the principal of our community partnership school, I am so very grateful for all of our families, and for every member of our Gulfside community! Your support each and every day makes the biggest difference in a child's achievement and well-being.

Sincerely, Ms. Craig

### Mark Your Calendar September

9/16 Dental Services Day  
9/18 Progress Reports Posted in myStudent  
9/18 Breakfast and Lunch Pick-up 8-8:30am  
9/23 CLC/ SAC Meeting 2:00pm/2:30pm  
9/23 Dental Services Day  
9/24 Student and Staff Individual Picture Day  
9/25 Breakfast and Lunch Pick-up 8-8:30am  
9/30 Dental Services Day  
9/30 Virtual Open House 5:30-7pm-Individual  
Teacher times to be announced

### October

10/2 Breakfast and Lunch Pick-up 8-8:30am  
10/7 Dental Services Day  
10/9 Breakfast and Lunch Pick-up 8-8:30am  
10/16 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
10/16 Breakfast and Lunch Pick-up 8-8:30am  
10/19 Teacher Planning Day: No School for Students  
10/21 Dental Services Day  
10/23 Breakfast and Lunch Pick-up 8-8:30am  
10/27 Report Cards Posted in myStudent  
10/28 Dental Services Day  
10/28 CLC/SAC Meeting 2:00pm/2:30pm  
10/30 Breakfast and Lunch Pick-up 8-8:30am  
10/30 Good Character School Event

### Every Monday and Wednesday

Hot Dinner pickup in the car loop (registration required- see link on GSES Hub Facebook page)  
Food Box pick-up from 5:00 pm-5:30 pm at GSES,  
contact Mary Peralta at 727-774-6050.

## **FREE & REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION**

Free and Reduced Lunch approvals are for one school year. All families must apply now to guarantee continued benefits. Please visit <https://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/do/fns/?features=free-or-reduced-price-meal-application> and click on the Free and Reduced Lunch link. The approvals for 2019-2020 school year will expire soon.

## **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 moment and tell us so we can recognize them for their dedication. You can send an email to Dawn Ballister @ [dballist@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:dballist@pasco.k12.fl.us). We will share your moment with students, family and staff in the next newsletter.

## **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.

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One Community!**

## **School Involvement Opportunities**

If you would like to be more involved in your child's school, please contact Mary Peralta at 727-774-6050.

**SAC:** We are looking for parent representatives to serve on our School Advisory Council. We need your input and ideas in all the work we are doing, and our meetings will be virtual by Zoom for this Semester.

**PTO:** Parent involvement is key in our PTO this year as we get creative to plan events for our school community that are both safe and fun for the whole family! PTO fundraisers such as an online Penguin Holiday Shop and Smencil sales help support our students and school community.

**VOLUNTEER:** Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering this year on our school campus or from home. We have many opportunities!

## **FREE Breakfast and Lunch for All**

Starting on Monday, September 14, students who attend class on campus will still be able to get meals in the school cafeteria, and now those meals will be free. Also starting on Monday, September 14, students who attend school remotely will still be able to receive school meals on a drive-through basis. Those meals also will be free.

Here's how the program will work for students who are learning remotely through mySchool Online or Pasco eSchool:

Monday, September 14 through Thursday, September 17, the daily drive-through meal distribution will continue at the designated site time – and meals will now be free. Designated locations and times are listed at [https://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/do/fns/?page\\_id=6877](https://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/do/fns/?page_id=6877).

On Friday, September 18, the school district will serve a week's worth of meals (breakfast and lunch) curbside to mySchool Online students, quarantined students, and children in the community 18 years and under. That includes Pasco e-School students. We will keep the same times already established for curbside feeding. Curbside meal distribution will continue once a week on Fridays.

We encourage families intending to participate curbside to complete the Meal Reservation Form, <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/fns/mform/view.php?id=269401>, so we can be best prepared for curbside participation.

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Daybreak Cafe	June Fishbourne Chase Daniels	Tammy Keil Leigh
		Holiday McDonalds



## GULFIDE FOOD RESOURCES

### PACK A SACK

Eligible students can receive a sack of breakfast and lunch items every Friday to provide food over the weekend. Traditional students will get their food at school and parents of online students may coordinate pick up of their sacks every Friday. Please call Mary Peralta at 727-774-6050 to sign up.

### DRIVE-THRU DINNERS

Register for free hot dinners from Rose's Bistro Off Main every Monday and Wednesday. Drive thru pick-up 5-5:30pm in the Gulfside Car Loop. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-meal-request-tickets-105436898602> to register or call Pat Orth at 727-774-6083 for more information.

### FEEDING TAMPA BAY GROCERY KITS

Alongside our hot meals pick-up you can register for weekly grocery kits. Please call Pat Orth at 727-774-6083 for more information and to reserve your kit.

### FREE SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Every student attending the traditional learning environment has access to free breakfast and lunch every school day. If you have any questions, please call the front office at (727) 774-6000.

### PCSD BREAKFAST & LUNCH SITE

Gulfside Elementary will be a Pasco County Schools feeding site beginning September 18. Every Friday from 8-8:30am in the Gulfside Bus Loop, free meals will be provided for children age 18 and younger with curbside pick-up. Five breakfast meals and five lunch meals will be provided per child. Please email [jjgillmore@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jjgillmore@pasco.k12.fl.us) with questions.







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