# 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.

As we now begin Semester 2, please know that I welcome any feedback and truly appreciate your understanding, patience and support as we continue to provide the best education possible for your children while maintaining a healthy and safe learning environment for everyone. We are very proud of all of our students as they engage in learning with both online classrooms and in the traditional classrooms.

By January of the school year, we expect our students to begin applying the knowledge learned in Semester 1 to new learning experiences and opportunities for problem solving during this new semester. Be sure to have your child talk about their school day and the new learning they are engaged in each day. Please continue to encourage your child to read and practice their math facts each night. If your child prefers to learn through the use of technology, they can log on to Zearn, Smarty Ants, BookShelf and Prodigy.

Please let us know how we can better serve and support your family. As a community school we are able to provide many resources, especially during these times when we are experiencing challenges and changes.

Again, I am very thankful for all of our Gulfside families as we work together to make a positive difference in our community and for every child, every day!

Sincerely, Ms. Craig



# Mark Your Calendar

## **January**

1/18 No School Dr. Martin Luther King Day

1/20 School Advisory Council Meeting 2:30pm

1/22 Report Cards Available Online

1/22 Breakfast and Lunch Pickup 8-8:30am

1/26 Feeding Tampa Bay

1/29 Breakfast and Lunch Pickup 8-8:30am

# <u>February</u>

2/3 Early Release Day

2/5 Progress Reports

2/15 No School Presidents Day

#### March

3/3 Early Release Day

3/12 End of 3rd Quarter

3/15-3/19 Spring Break

3/22 No School Teacher Planning Day

#### April

4/2 No School

4/07 Early Release Day

4/23 Progress Report

#### May

5/26 Last Day of School for Students 5/27 Summer Break Begins

We love our Gulfside Pelicans!

#### **PBIS: (Positive Behavior Intervention System)**

Gulfside Pelicans have three school-wide expectations that we adhere to on a daily basis. They are: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. In addition to the school-wide expectations, teachers have a behavior plan in their classroom to hold students accountable for their actions and praise them when they are following the expectations. These behavior systems vary from individual points or tallies, color charts, DOJO, and other ideas as well.

In addition to the individual level, each classroom has a What if I do/ What if I don't chart where the class can earn rewards for making positive choices as a class! The class comes up with these rewards together in the beginning of the year and can be added to throughout the year. We have seen things ranging from extra recess, game room time, popcorn party, and even pizza! Classes earn these rewards by making great choices as a class! Ask your student about their classroom system and the rewards on their class chart!

## <u>December Citizens of the Month</u>



Congratulations: Austin Stedge, Jenna McBride, Adrianna Boccia, Martin Kharchuk, Chrishona Henderson, Kathleen Christian, Isabella Miller, Estelle Jenkins, Miguelangel Garnica, Leia Colon, Nicole Boccia, Gabriel Miller, Imani Ferron, Jeremiah Turner, Santiago Walker, Alexandra Garnica, Charles Groning, Alexander Cruz,

Emmanuel Mojica, Eric Thompson, Xavier Taylor, Seth Brinkmeyer, Layla Baione, Tatiana Turner, Antoine Hudson, Avery Farr, George Youssef, Isabella Jimenez-Santiago, Aniya Farr, Bledion (Joni) Pacolli, Xavier Taylor, Sophie Mechlinski *Great Job Pelicans!* 

## FREE Breakfast and Lunch for All

Pasco school district is providing free breakfast and lunch for all on-campus students. Additionally, Pasco school district is serving 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. Meals are free and Gulfside pick up is each Friday morning from 8am to 8:30am in the bus loop. Please use this link <a href="http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/fns/mform/view.php?id=269401">http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/fns/mform/view.php?id=269401</a>, so we can be best prepared for pick up.

## 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 @ <a href="mailto:dballist@pasco.k12.fl.us">dballist@pasco.k12.fl.us</a>. We will share your moment with students, family and staff in the next newsletter.

### FREE & REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION

Please keep your Free and Reduced Lunch status up to date as all approvals are for one school year only. All families must apply now to guarantee continued benefits. Please visit <a href="https://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/do/fns/?features=free-or-reduced-price-meal-application">https://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/do/fns/?features=free-or-reduced-price-meal-application</a> and click on the Free and Reduced Lunch link.

## FREE GROCERY BOXES

AVAILABLE AT GULFSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EVERY WEDNESDAY.

Please complete the following steps if you want to request one: **1. First**, sign up for Feeding Tampa Bay by going to our Facebook page under GULFSIDE HUB, look for the grocery box post and click the link or you can use this QR code. YOU WILL ONLY DO THIS ONCE.



**2. Next,** once you register for Feeding Tampa Bay, please go to our Facebook page, GULFSIDE HUB, and look for the grocery box post, click on the Eventbrite link to sign up. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU REQUEST FOR IT EACH WEEK.

Our Vision: One Team, One Mission, One Community