



# Gulfside Gazette



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## Principal's Message

The month of November is a perfect time to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. I am certainly thankful for the many blessings in my life, including working with our amazing children, teachers, parents and support staff at Gulfside Elementary.

Many families in our school community can use a helping hand from time to time. If you or someone you know could use some parenting help or help connecting to community resources, then please contact our School Community Advocate, Nanette Galati at 727-774-6000 or by email [ngalati@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:ngalati@pasco.k12.fl.us)

Our boys and girls are spending lots of time this year practicing the skills needed to be GREAT readers AND teachers are conferencing with scholars to make sure they are getting what they need to be successful. You can help too! Ask your child about the "100 Book Challenge" and make sure they are earning their at home "Steps" with at least 15 minutes of reading nightly.

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## Reading Makes Life Better!

By now, your scholar should have brought home directions for accessing our new *Bookshelf E-Reader*. Our school spent over \$2,000 to purchase *Bookshelf* so our scholars can read dozens of cool and interesting books at school and at home. Contact your teacher for more information.

## Help is a Phone Call Away...

Call or visit Metropolitan Ministries if you need help with food, electric, water, clothing, GED or job assistance. Metro also offers help for the holidays - 727-937-3268.

## PTO News

What a great time everyone had at our annual Trunk or Treat event! Thank you to all the parents, high school and middle school students, staff and teachers who volunteered to help make this so special for our kids!

This year we have a new event that we are doing. The last week of school before winter break we will have a Holiday Shop for our kids to shop at for their family members. Everything in the shop will be VERY reasonably priced and kids will get an envelope with their choices (but not specifics as we want your gifts to be a surprise!). Look for information to come home after Thanksgiving break.

If you ordered cookie dough and have not yet picked it up please come to the front office and pick it up as soon as possible. Thanks for supporting Gulfside.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Lori Homer  
PTO President

## **Check us out on Facebook and Twitter!**



*Happy Thanksgiving!  
To You And Your Family*

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Nov 11	Veterans Day Celebration 10AM
Nov 14	Flu Mist Day (Call our school)
Nov 14	Astro Skate Party 4-6PM
Nov 17	Progress Reports
Nov 19	Great American Teach In
Nov 19	Student Picture Re-Takes
Nov 21	I-MOMS BREAKFAST 8:30AM
Nov 21	Student of the Month Celebration 3PM
Nov 24-28	Thanksgiving Holiday - NO SCHOOL
Dec 11	Winter Concert 7PM
Dec 18	ALL PRO DAD BREAKFAST 8:45AM
Dec 22	Winter Break Begins
Jan 6	Back to School

**HAVE A SUGGESTION, COMPLIMENT OR CONCERN? PLEASE EMAIL MR. CLAYTON AT:  
CCLAYTON@PASCO.K12.FL.US**

### **Honoring Our Veterans**

For 17 years, we have been recognizing and celebrating our country's Veterans and current service men and women for their USA service. It's important that our boys and girls know and understand what it means to serve others and the sacrifices that were made to keep our country strong and free. Join us as we celebrate our Veterans on **Nov.11 @ 10AM.**

### **School Community Advocate**

The goal for our new School Community Advocate, Mrs. Galati, is to help our Gulfside boys and girls to be successful. Mrs. Galati will be working with parents and the community to make sure our Scholars are healthy, happy and enjoy coming to school each day. Mrs. Galati is a parent of 3 boys and she lives in our neighborhood, so she understands the joys and challenges of being a parent. Please reach out to her - 727-774-6000.

### **It's Great to be a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader**

Our oldest scholars have two really awesome field trips coming up. In December, they will get to visit and tour St Petersburg College. In January, they will have a chance to learn all about economics and the world of work by running their own business at Enterprise Village.

### **Coach's Running Club**

The PE department will be offering our students in grades 3-5 an opportunity to run for 30 minutes before school. This club will be available every Thursday morning at 8:45AM until winter break. This is a great way to get some extra exercise and get ready for the Presidential Fitness events. Coaches will meet kids in the front hallway. After they exercise, the students will be able to get their breakfast and begin their day.

### **SOCCER AT Gulfside**

Our soccer season is a huge success! More than 90 kids in grades K-6 are getting a chance to play on an organized team and have lots of fun. Our next season begins in February so look for registration information due out soon! A special thanks to "One Community Now," Dave and Lisa Heeter for their support.

### **Student of the Month - October**

Jariel Vazquez, Katelyn Kodenrock, Mlik Decastro, Emili Beltrad, Shayla Conine, Gianna Woolley, CJ Vyhnanek, Xander McKinney, Trevor Knight, Madison Emerito, Citaly Leal, Jimmy Moreno-Salamanca, Nick Boccia, Lilia Sysa, Jeremiah Robinson, Greg Osbourn, Jose Miranda, Myrnellis Vargas, Dillion Spitzer, Sa'Riyah Reynolds, Geo Parris, Ashley Vazquez, Thayana Golden-Rodriquez, Elijah Campos, Andrea Ghatas, Elvin Pacheco, Manny Montes, Madison Pendleton, Nicholas Freeman, Abigail Cooper, Kalissa Rotella, Abby Hill, Nathan Jewett, Kenny Cottrell, Brittany Benz, Angelina Pacheco, Isabella Peterson and Jaden Freeman

### **Career Day - AKA.. Great American Teach In**

Call your teacher or the school if you can come in and talk about your job, hobby, special travels, collections etc... with your child's class on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Why Spend the Money??**

Stop making lunch at home! We serve delicious, healthy lunches each day and you might be able to get it for FREE. Apply for FREE lunches on our school website or call our office 727-774-6000. All students are offered a free breakfast beginning at 9:20AM each day - No application needed for breakfast.

### **All-Star Attendance Challenge**

Will you accept the challenge to get your Scholar to school on time and every day during November? If so, your class could win the "BIG TROPHY."

### **NEW Playground - UPDATE**

Lots of old playground equipment has been removed and a couple of trees too to make room for our NEW playground that's going to be installed this week. Our boys and girls will get to enjoy it every day at recess. Check out the picture on our Gulfside Facebook page.



