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Principal
James Pribble

Vice-Principal
Brenda Butler

School Hours
8:35 to 2:35
"We teach bell to bell"

Uniforms: Yes

Title I School: Yes

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Montessori Academy

Mascot: Bulldogs

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From the Desk of Mr. Pribble

Happy New Year to everyone! We are half way through the school year and your children are progressing academically, thanks to your support. Children tend to work harder and focus better when they are happy with school. Children will be excited if parents are excited! So I encourage you to take the time to enjoy what your child is learning or just getting excited about coming to school events, like our Winter concert or upcoming Valentine's dance. That little extra personal focus on school is so much better than just saying, "SCHOOL is important." Help us keep it exciting for your child and thank you for all you do for us! I am looking forward to the second half of the school year :)

Principal Pribble



Tea Room

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- Special Events by Reservation
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Birthday Parties

- 2 Hour Tea Party for Girls Ages 4-12
- Tea & Treats
- Games & Prizes
- Make & Take Craft Favor

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PTA Corner

JANUARY 14TH ... Join us for our GENERAL MEETING 6 PM IN CAFE.....new family initiative coming, watch for details!!

FEBRUARY 12TH (Friday night) **PTA SOCK HOP**

*** enjoy music by DJ PAM, root beer floats, popcorn, hula hoop contests,

****PTA MEMBERS ARE FREE for familyNON PTA MEMBERS ARE \$ 3.00 PER PERSON....so get those poodle skirts, blue jeans and white tees ready! And join the PTA today for the big discount!!!

Looking ahead: **March 5th** is the ALS WALK, we would love to have you join our Team!! contact Barbara Pace 727-432-1875 for more info

It is not too late to **join the PTA!** Membership forms are located in the school office and in this newsletter. We are stronger and value each member. As a strong PTA we can accomplish so much for OUR CHILDREN!!

Contact your PTA via email: Gmepresident1@gmail.com
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Yearbook Assistance

If you are interested in any type of assistance, please send an email to htracy@tampabay.rr.com. You can help by taking pre-orders, formatting pictures, helping either at home on your off hours or during the school day. Please contact Holly Tracy if interested.

Bulldog Barkouts

A big **THANK YOU** to **Mrs. Anderson**

and all of the teachers and



staff who helped pull together the Winter Concert. Kindergarten through 2nd grade performed some old favorites such as the Dreidel Song and Santa Claus Rock, along with some funny songs such as Jammin' in My Jammies and I Want to Be An Elf. The Chorus sang Believe so beautifully that it made Mrs. Anderson cry as she felt she heard the voice of Gulfport Angels! Mr Pribble and staff joined in for a final song of 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'. Thank you to all the children for putting everyone in the Spirit of the Holidays! A big thank you to all of the families who came out and supported the Gulfport children.

Congratulations to **Miss Iris who celebrated her 82nd birthday and 37 years of volunteer service** at Gulfport Elementary. Miss Iris helps in the front office with all kinds of special tasks including handling our Box Tops, Labels for Education, Coke Rewards, Tyson A+, and so much more! Thank you Miss Iris for all that you do!!!



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Girls on the Run

Girls On the Run is a positive youth development program that inspires third through fifth grade girls to stay true to themselves and live free from social stereotypes. The 10-week curriculum innovatively weaves training for a 5k run with lessons that empower girls to celebrate their bodies, honor their voices, and embrace their gifts.

Courtney Cox, a Stetson Law student, and Rachel Mita, a Gulfport Elementary teacher, have been coaching Girls On the Run at Gulfport Elementary for 2 seasons. Recently the group has been discussing different kinds of communities and the importance of using their unique gifts and talents to positively impact their community. The girls came up with so many lovely ideas, and decided to bake holiday cookies for the residents at nearby Boca Ciega Center, a nursing and rehabilitation center.



See the photo in this newsletter. Unfortunately, Coach Courtney was unable to be there due to an exam. :<

Calendar of Events

Jan 6–15: School Choice Application Period – NEW Applications for the Montessori Magnet K-5 or Middle School Choice Schools MUST APPLY during this timeframe. Check pcsb.org for more info

Jan 18: NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Jan 19: Montessori Meet Up – Highlight Lower Elem & Craft Night 6 pm (watch for flyer)

Jan 28: PTA General Meeting – 6 p.m. Café

Feb 3-10: School Choice Acceptance Period – IF you participated in the Application period, You MUST log in and accept or decline your options

Feb 12: PTA Sock Hop Dance – Become a PTA member today to get the discount!

Feb 15: NO SCHOOL – Teacher day

Feb 20: Pinellas County PTA Health & Safety Fair – Largo Park 10–2

Girlfriends of Gulfport

Just wanted to let everyone know that the Girlfriends of Gulfport Elementary is up and running. We have 37 girls who were inducted into this program and given their 'pearls' in November at Gulfport Elementary. On D days, these young ladies will wear their black and white outfits along with their pearls.

If anyone is **willing to be a Mentor** to a few girls please let me know. All the help with mentoring would be greatly appreciated.

Our first service project this year is a Toy Drive to collect toys for an organization that helps provide gifts to those who need assistance. The girls will be making posters and helping getting everything set up as well as collecting the toys.

Thank you for all the support that you give these girls and all your students.

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School Psychologist Says...

Ask Small Questions:


When you are interacting with your kid, you must remember to gather lots of information from him or her.

- * This would help you to understand your child's psychology.
- * If you have small kids at home, their communication would be more of facial and body expressions than speaking it aloud.
- * When you ask your kid small questions, it would be easy for him to answer and share his feelings.
- * This will help you to know whether your kid is facing any issues at school like bullying, etc.

Allow Your Kid to be a Kid:

Your kid is after all a child Allow him or her to be.

- * If he make a mistake, let him learn from it.
- * Do not have too many expectations.
- * Tell him in a gentle way to be careful instead of banning an activity altogether.




**Get Engaged
in Education**
PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

Make Education a Priority in Your Home!

- ✓ Discuss the importance of education with your child.
- ✓ Have your child attend school every day. If they are not in school, they **will** miss information.
- ✓ Talk with your child daily about his/her school day, homework, and activities.
- ✓ Assist with homework, when needed.
- ✓ Check homework to see if it is complete and correct.
- ✓ Attend your child's performances and other school events.
- ✓ Celebrate their accomplishments.
- ✓ Listen to your child. You will learn as much from them as they learn from you!

For more information on how to get engaged in your child's education, contact your school's Family and Community Liaison!



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