

GULFPORT ELEMENTARY



BULLDOGS

Gulfport Elementary/Montessori Academy

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November 2014

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

Magnet or Academy Program:
Montessori Academy

Points of Pride: On the fore-
front of Florida education with
the Marzano Pilot. Before and
after school tutoring.

Mascot: Bulldogs

A Message from the Principal...

With the Holiday season closing in fast, I make sure I take the time to reflect on all of the things I am thankful for. (I actually try to do that on a daily basis :) When I do this I realize all of the great things I have going on in my life. I encourage you to do this on your own, but also to do this as a family.

The Holidays can be a tough time when the focus becomes what can I get at the huge sales the day after Thanksgiving (or now the sales are even the day of)? Do I have enough stuff for all of my family? But in the end that is not really what matters. The biggest gift you can give is yourself to each other. Your children may not want to hear this, but that toy they have wanted isn't going to be what they remember when they become grownups. What they are going to remember are the things you did together. So with the Holidays coming up, take the time to enjoy your family. If you want to do something academic and get on ST Math or I-Station together, read a book as a family and talk about it, or just play school under a makeshift tent out of sheets and your kitchen table, it is all still spending time together as a family.

Whatever you do, do it together as a family and be thankful for the joy you have together! I wish you all an amazing month of November!

James Pribble
Gulfport Elementary Principal



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/3 – 7 PTA Book Fair Daily – Stop by and Shop!!

11/6 - PTA Reading Under the Stars & Book Fair 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

11/10 - Montessori Monday Meet Up for Montessori Magnet (6 p.m.)

11/10 - PTA Toys for Tots Drive Begins

11/13 - District Application Program Informational Fair @ Gibbs High 6-8 p.m. Learn about Montessori for Elementary or Middle School options

11/15 - District Application Program Informational Fair @ Pinellas Park High 9 a.m. – noon. Learn about Montessori or Middle School options

11/15 - Montessori Meet Up for Montessori Magnet (Sat.)

11/19 - Great American Teach –In (see Ms. Bumgarner to register to share your activity)

11/21 - All Pro Family Event in A.M.

11/24 – 28 NO SCHOOL – Fall Holiday

11/27 - Thanksgiving

12/10 - Gulfport Montessori Magnet Discovery Night 6 -7 p.m;

12/11 - Winter Concert

12/12 - Last day of PTA Toys for Tots Drive

Montessori School News

I hope we saw you at the first Montessori Monday held on October 13th. Some of Ms. Dawson's children presented materials to the parents in attendance. It was great to see the materials in action! We discussed a bit about Maria Montessori and the materials she developed. The next Montessori Monday is scheduled for November 10th at 6:00 p.m. Plan on attending so you can meet other Montessori families and share in your child's excitement of Montessori!

What is Montessori like in the public school? Since we are a Pinellas county magnet school we are following the Florida standards and the district guidelines. As you have seen, there is a district magnet commitment form that spells out the expectations of your child, your family and the teacher. An Intervention committee meets once a month to review students who are not following the guidelines. That committee has parent representation, the teacher, the Montessori coordinator and administration. We look at potential ways that the child can meet the guidelines to be successful. After the meeting, Mrs. Ludlum then contacts the parents to notify them of decisions. You can refer to the guidelines on the back of your copy of the magnet commitment agreement for specific details of infractions and expectations.

What are the subject areas in the Montessori classroom? Math, Language and Cultural

Montessori lessons are taught from the concrete to the abstract. In math we use materials that allow the child to understand number sense and then move to working problems on paper using the methods that were taught.

Language materials are used in the same way. Grammar lessons teach parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, prepositions, conjunctions) and sentence analysis (diagramming sentences). Word study teaches compound words, antonyms, synonyms and others with cards.

Cultural lessons are lessons given in science, social studies, geography and history. We give the children lessons to help them see the universe and their place within it. Again there are materials used to teach those lessons.

Children have individualized work plans, and progress to next levels as they are successful.

Let me know if you have any suggestions for future Montessori sessions or magnet questions.

Kathy Ludlum
Montessori Coordinator
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We are always looking for new Board members, please drop a note at the front desk if you'd like to serve on the board or want to get involved in volunteering. The Book Fair is coming and the PTA will need helpers! It's lots of fun, so consider donating your time to your student's school.

PTA Membership is only \$5 this year! What a deal!!! One benefit is LegoLand tickets for \$30 through year end. Sign up for PTA today. Pick Up and Drop your form in the front office today!

A Message From the PTA President

Greetings!

How can this be the November newsletter already? It feels like school just started! The PTA has been having a very productive school year so far: we handed out free books at Parent University, held a PTA General Meeting at the school and a Get Acquainted Night at Gattitown, hosted a charity clothing drive, held fundraisers for Bucs tickets and through American Fundraising, sold Coke products at the Tangerine Blues Fest, participated in National Walk to School Day and held our first Trunk or Treat.



In the first week of November we will hold the annual Scholastic Book Fair, and Thursday, November 6 will be the Reading Under the Stars Family Night. Starting the second week of November we will be hosting a Toys for Tots drive, and we encourage students and families to donate a new, unwrapped toy to the toy drive.

We have lots more fun activities planned for the rest of the year, including more monthly Family Fun Nights at the school, clothing drives, an ALS Walk, National Bike to School Day and a Clam Bayou Clean-Up. Thank you to everyone who has joined the PTA: our number of members has climbed steadily for the fourth year in a row!

We also want to thank all the parents, teachers and staff who volunteered their time to help sell Coke products at the Blues Fest, as well as all the families who have participated in our other events so far. You are what makes our school special!

Anna Kate Mackle
PTA President

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Other News Updates

ART NEWS: The following students have artwork in the Pinellas County Schools Administration Building Annual Art Exhibition! The opening will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 from 5-7 pm. Here is a link to the exhibition: http://168.213.3.34/art/Images/Admin_Show_2013_14/Visual_Arts/PCS_Visual_Arts/PCS_Visual_Arts.html

Kalie Hicks
Chauncey Gregory
Elizabeth Mocaslin
Rayna Reissman

Please Congratulate them when you see them!

\$\$\$ SAVE THOSE BOX TOPS AND MORE THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS! \$\$\$

Take a close look at those Green Bean cans before recycling them. Look underneath those Tissue boxes. There are hidden Box Tops, Labels for Education, Tyson A+ Labels, Coke Rewards (on 12 packs where you pull off for the handy distribution and under the caps of others), and Capri Suns emptied without the straw.

Just stash an envelope in the corner of the kitchen and look over all of those items before you throw money in the trash or recycle center. Drop them off to the front desk, and the school earns money for each of them!!!

AMAZON SMILE: Shopping on Amazon as the holidays approach? Use THIS for your School..... go to... (www.smile.amazon.com), buy whatever you like, and then at checkout they can select "Gulfport Montessori Elementary PTA" and a portion of their purchase price will go to the PTA. Mark this as your favorite! Prices are the same, and our kids earn a profit!!!!

MUSIC NEWS: I have had the pleasure of working with all the wonderful students here at Gulfport Elementary for three years now. They have been working hard in class and learning lots of things about music. The primary grades, kindergarten, first and second grade students have been working hard on their Winter Celebration Songs. These students are invited to participate in the Winter Celebration on Thursday, December 11, 2014 here at Gulfport Elementary beginning at 6:15pm. These students, along with the after school chorus, will perform a selection of songs for your listening pleasure with a final song performed by all the students. I look forward to seeing all of you at our Winter Celebration for a great night of singing and fun.

Mrs. Jessica Anderson
Music Specialist



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteer speakers welcomed for the ***Great American Teach-In, Wednesday, November 19, 9:00-2:00.***

Let us know what topics, grade levels and times you would like to speak to our students.

Wacky Walking Wednesday – 7:45 a.m., near the Wells Fargo Bank Parking lot, join us to walk with your child **on Wednesday mornings.** Help your child learn to be safe walkers and bikers.

ADOPT-A-CLASS forms were sent home in August. If you need additional forms, let us know.

Volunteers Wanted

Parents, Guardians, Friends, do you have a bit of spare time? Come join our team and be a Gulfport Elementary School volunteer. Volunteers help by being field trip chaperones, working on special class projects and reading with students. It's also possible to help at home with cutting or organizing materials. Any pair of extra hands is appreciated! Please call Mrs. Bumgarner at 727-893-2643, ext. 2004.

GULFPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GIVES THANKS to ---

Parents and students
 PTA Board, Ms. Mackle, Ms. Pace, Ms. Guill, Ms. Henry, Ms. Tracy and members of the PTA
 School Advisory Committee
 Administration, Faculty and Staff
 Mentors, Tutors and Volunteers
 Pasadena Community Church
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Pinellas Elementary School Lunch Menu

November

Fun Fact!

Daylight Saving Time ends 11/2. The first Sunday in November.

National Sandwich Day 11/3 Birthday of John Montague-the Earl of Sandwich

Election Day is the 1st Tuesday of the month after the 1st Monday.

Veteran's Day 11/11

Push Button Phone was invented 11/18/1963

DAILY BREAKFAST CHOICES

Choose up to 2 Grain Choices such as cereal (=1), toast (=1), pancakes (=2), cinnamon Texas toast (=2) **OR** Choose a 1 Grain and 1 Meat Choice such as a breakfast sandwich (=1G/1M)

Must choose at least 1: Fruit or Juice
May choose 1: Milk

DAILY LUNCH CHOICES

Choose 1: Entrée
May Choose: 1 Milk
Must choose at least 1: Fruit or Vegetable (may choose as many different fruits & veggies as student would like)

Available Daily: Meatless Entrée, Entrée Salads, Cold Sandwiches, Low Fat White Milk, Fat Free Flavored or Skim Milk, Variety of Fruit & Juice. 8 oz. water is also available at no extra charge

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>3 Chocolate Chip French Toast Minis</p> <p>Choose One: Hamburger/Cheeseburger Popcorn Chicken w/ Biscuit Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Curly Fries Tossed or Romaine Salad</p>	<p>4 Chicken Biscuit</p> <p>Choose One: Seasoned Beef or Pork Tacos Max Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub</p> <p>Choose: Refried Fiesta Beans, Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>5 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza</p> <p>Choose One: BBQ Roasted Chicken w/ Corn Muffin Macaroni & Cheese Hummus Salad Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Corn Nibbles Romaine Salad</p>	<p>6 Sausage & Gravy Breakfast Toast</p> <p>Choose One: **Featured Entrée** Texas Turkey Burger Sandwich w/ Cheese & Bacon Cheesy Quesadilla w/Salsa Chicken Dipper Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Broccoli, Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>7 Dunk'n Stick</p> <p>Choose One: Pizza Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets Veggie Double Dipper Salad School Favorite Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Sliced Carrots Mixed or Romaine Salad</p>
<p>10 Pizza Pocket</p> <p>Choose One: Teriyaki Chicken & Rice Bowl w/Roll</p> <p>**Featured Entrée** Garden of Eatin' Cheese Filled Breadsticks w/ Marinara Sauce Chef Salad, Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Stir Fry Vegetables Tossed or Romaine Salad</p>	<p>11 Sausage Biscuit</p> <p>Choose One: Rib-B-Que Sandwich</p> <p>**Featured Entrée** Vegetable Lasagna Roll up w/ Alfredo Sauce & Garlic Toast Farmer's Salad, Italian Sub</p> <p>Choose: Baked Beans, Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>12 Maple Pancake Minis</p> <p>Choose One: Chicken Nuggets w/ Dip Spaghetti & Meatballs Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Romaine Salad</p>	<p>13 Egg, Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose One: Breakfast for Lunch Mini Calzones w/Marinara Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Deli Roasted Potatoes Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>14 Rich's Cinnamon Roll</p> <p>Choose One: Pizza Cheeseburger Sliders Tuna Chef Salad School Favorite Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Spinach or Collard Greens Mixed or Romaine Salad</p>
<p>17 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast</p> <p>Choose One: Stuffed Shells w/ Garlic Toast Chicken Sandwich Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Sliced Carrots Tossed or Romaine Salad</p>	<p>18 Student Involvement Day</p>  <p>Menu to be chosen by a group of students at each individual school</p>	<p>19 Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit</p> <p>Choose One: Chicken Drumstick w/Hush Puppy Loaded Potato Skins w/Baked Pretzel Fruit N Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Baked Beans Romaine Salad</p>	<p>20 Banana Bread</p> <p>Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/Rice & Roll Chicken & Chili Crispyitos w/Salsa Farmer's Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Broccoli Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>21 Breakfast Burrito</p> <p>Choose One: Pizza Cheesy Fish Fillet Sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad School Favorite Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Green Beans Mixed or Romaine Salad</p>
24		26		28

November 24-28

Thanksgiving Break



Thanksgiving Menu

Roast Turkey with Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit or Juice, Roll & Milk

The Thanksgiving Menu will be served during the week prior to the holiday break. The day will be determined by the individual school schedule.

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Gulfport/Montessori in Pictures



TIDBITS AND TREASURES!!!!

A big BULL DOG BARK-OUT to parent Robin Potter. THANK YOU for buying 17 Gulfport t-shirts for Ms. Balce's kindergarten class! That is Dog Gone Great!!!!

Happy November Birthday to...
 Ms. Ginger Hannigan (Guid.) 11/08
 Ms. Carol Hoffman (Title 1) 11/11
 Ms. Montique Lee (Asst.) 11/14
 Ms. Kathi McLean (Art) 11/23
 Ms. Anna Dewindt (1st) 11/27

Belated wishes to our October birthdays...

Ms. Lentrenda Browns 10/01
 Ms. Amanda Clary 10/01
 Ms. Kim Adams 10/12
 Ms. Kimberly Koprinsky 10/20
 Ms. Kasey Neil 10/23
 Ms. Michelle Early 10/24
 Ms. Betsy Kinsley 10/24

THINGS TO DO IN DOWNTOWN ST. PETE

Saturday Morning Market: The largest outdoor market in the Southeast, with dozens of vendors offering produce, clothing, jewelry, local made products. There are food trucks and live music, as well. Just off the Pinellas Trail, if you feel like biking. Located next to Al Lang Stadium, Saturdays 9-2.

Morean Arts Center: On Saturdays there is a free art exploration program for families with children aged 5-10. Saturdays, 10-4.

Dali Museum: Every Thursday evening from 5-8 the museum offers discounted ticket prices.

The Florida Orchestra: The orchestra is now offering free tickets to any child under age 18, with a paying adult. \$10 student tickets are available also, regardless of age.

Times Festival of Reading: Local and nationally known authors talk about their books, sign autographs, etc. For all ages. Saturday, October 25, 10am-4pm, USF St. Pete campus.

Blue Ocean Film Festival and Conservation Summit: This is the inaugural year for this festival in St. Petersburg. Hollywood stars will be in attendance, there will be concerts, films, and lots more. November 2-9, various locations. Visit blueocean-filmfestival.org for more information.

Boyd Hill Nature Preserve: Located a few minutes south of downtown, this wonderful nature preserve offers many activities and educational programs for all ages, daytime and evening. 1101 Country Club Way South. Visit stpeteparksrec.org for more information.

The Pinellas Trail: This former railroad line runs from one end of Pinellas County to the other, beginning in downtown St. Pete and continuing up through Clearwater, Dunedin, and ending in Tarpon Springs. Many sections of the trail have amenities, including restrooms and restaurants. Visit pinellascounty.org for more information, or railstotrails.org for information on other trails in the area.



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