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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

Magnet or Academy Program:
Montessori Academy

Mascot: Bulldogs

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GIRLS ON THE RUN

Girls On the Run spring 2016 season has officially begun! GOTR is a program that inspires girls in grades 3 - 5 to be joyful, healthy, positive, & confident, using a curriculum that creatively integrates running. This season, for their community project, the girls are doing a supply-drive for Pet Pal, a nearby no-kill animal shelter, but they need your help! In order to help make this project run smoothly, they are kindly asking the school to get involved! The girls will be collecting donations through April 29th. Please bring all supplies to Miss Mita’s classroom, building 5 room 6, during school hours.

Pet Pal Wish List:

- Science Diet dog/cat food (canned/dry)
- Dog toys (sturdy/large)
- Nylabones (medium/large)
- Kong toys (medium/large)
- Fleece blankets
- Dog crates (new/used)
- Cat Carriers (new/used)
- Dog treats
- Peanut butter
- Poop bags
- KMR dog/cat powder formula
- Cat litter
- Disposable scratching posts
- Cat toys
- Cat beds
- Gift cards (Home Depot, Lowe’s, Walmart, Target, Office Depot)



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Birthday Parties

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- Games & Prizes
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BULLDOG BARKOUTS...WOOF! WOOF!

The first grade students listed below were honored with **Dessert with Max** on February 16. The event will **Mr. Bill (Silva) and PAWS Reading dog, Max**, celebrated with the students by having cake and lemonade. The top readers were presented a certificate.

Kaleb H., Clifford S.
 Veronica H., Bobby P.
 NaZaria B., Noah G.
 Marlie K., MacKenzie P.
 Xander S., Gabrielle L.
 Abrianna P. , Keon M.
 Iyana R., Jania B.
 Fatima B., Demeya K.
 Kaydance N., Alaiyah J

Ms. Dawson's Montessori 1st and 2nd grade class would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Marsh (Vanessa's grandparents) for helping us with the garden this year. They helped us cultivate and prepare the soil for fall planting, brought in seeds and seedlings for the actual planting, and came regularly to help us weed and water throughout the year. At the beginning of February, Mrs. Marsh helped us harvest the turnips and cook them. We enjoyed our seasoned, roasted turnips and greens. At the end of the month she returned to help us turn the kale and lettuce into a delicious salad. What a delightful, "hands-on" way to learn how our food is grown, harvested, and cooked!





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Volunteer News

Thank you to all of our Gulfport Elementary School volunteers for conscientiously recording volunteer hours. We are 278 hours ahead of the total number of hours we had mid-year of 2015.

Special thanks to all the categories of volunteers we have here at GPES:

The Parent Teacher Association supports the school with fun and educational family activities throughout the school year. All funds made from PTA fundraising efforts are donated to the school. This year our PTA was named as a National PTA School of Excellence.

We have many mentors from **Pasadena Community Church and Stetson College** who teach young people how to relate well to all kinds of people and help them strengthen communication skills. Our mentors serve as role models and give our students individual attention.

Our **reading dogs** provide stress-free opportunities for our students to improve their reading skills. Many lessons, in addition to reading skills, are learned from our four-legged tutors. Our K-9 reading book buddies are from the **READING Paws Program and Therapy Dogs International**.

Lawyers for Literacy provides a tutoring opportunity for our third graders to improve reading skills in time for the spring standardized testing. Tutors from this group are associated with local law firms and several are students at **Stetson College**.

We are fortunate to have many retired educators and community members who support our school by tutoring and speaking at special events. Pasadena Community Church sponsors the **Pack-a-Sack Program** and a holiday party for students and families. The community of Gulfport comes together to have a School Supply Drive at the beginning of the school year. We have several tutors from the Seniors-in-Service program. Parents, grandparents and other family members come in and help on a regular basis.

If you or a friend are interested in becoming part of our Gulfport Elementary School volunteer team, please contact Ms. Bumgarner at 727-893-2643 x 2005.

Calendar of Events

April 1–29: Girls On The Run Pet Pal Supplies Drive (see article)

April 21: Pinellas County PTA Meeting 6:30 PCSB Admin Bldg – all welcome

April 21: Pinellas County PTA Beach Clean Up Day – locations to come

April 29: Last Day for GOTR Pet Pal Supplies Drive to Ms Mita

May 10: Science Night

May 10: Montessori – New Montessori Families Welcome Event

May 13: Astroskate Party

May 19: Spring Concert for Grades 3/4/5 – 6:30 pm

May 30: NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

June 7: Last Day of School



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STEM Teaching

In **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Club, we used a lot of materials and technology to solve each challenge, including a robotics kit, PASCO materials, and computers. However, STEM is not just about robots or descriptive writing; STEM is mostly about getting along, taking a chance on an idea, and learning that everyone makes mistakes. Throughout your life, you can't always work with the same person every time, so it is important everyone gets along to solve the problem.

With our team, we learned how to listen, share ideas, and compromise. During the Egg Drop Challenge, everybody was assigned to bring in materials to help solve the problem. We learned that by dividing the work, all jobs were done. Sometimes it was hard to be part of the team, but it was fun to be part of the group. In STEM I have learned how important it is to be part of a team, and how I can help.

..... written by a STEM Club student

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