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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

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

Mascot: Bulldogs



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**From the Desk of Mr. Pribble**

October is when the air starts to get a little crisper and the sunsets become even more colorful. Take this opportunity as a family to go out and experience these things while riding bikes or taking a picnic to the beach. Then I encourage you to visit our local Gulfport Library or the Title 1 Center Library and find a book about similar experiences. Read with your child or have them read with you, but either way, have them make connections. Making these types of connections is the key to comprehending at a deep level. It will open up literature for your child.

So enjoy activities as a family this October, but seize the opportunity to turn them into learning experiences :) Thank you once again for all of your support with your child's learning.

Principal Pribble

**Calendar of Events**

October 13th Square One Burgers Spirit Night

October 18th End of 1st Quarter

October 19th No School for Students

October 29th PTA Trunk or Treat Event

November 2-6 Book Fair

**Tea Room**

- Open for Lunch & Afternoon Tea
- Special Events by Reservation
- Tea Trimmings Gift Shop



**Birthday Parties**

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

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## Montessori News

Do you know who Maria Montessori was? She was a woman ahead of her time. She was the first woman in Italy to graduate from medical school. From observing how young children interact with their world, she developed her philosophy and materials. The materials we use in our classrooms were designed to lead the child to an understanding of complex ideas by going from concrete material use to paper and pencil work. Her writings continue to be a resource the Gulfport staff can revisit to keep us on track with the Montessori Method. Since we are a public school, we also follow the Pinellas county pacing and the Florida core standards. You can view those standards at [www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org).

The District Application Program agreement has not arrived. They'll be sent home for your signature as soon as we get them. Remember to keep one copy for your records.

District Application Program dates for 2016-17 are below, remember you don't need to reapply for the Montessori magnet. Your child will remain in the program until 5th grade.

November 12 Information fair- Gibbs HS 5-8  
November 14 information fair- Pinellas Park HS 9-12  
January 5-15 DAP application period

Happy Fall!  
Kathy Ludlum  
Montessori Coordinator

## Volunteer News and Notes

Welcome back to our returning volunteers from last year and welcome to our new volunteers. What a wonderful start to the 2015-2016 school year. Thanks to all of you who helped make it such a successful beginning. Special thanks to Ms. Williams, Ms. Esposito and Ms. McCaslin for helping with school pictures.

Volunteers: please remember to activate your volunteer account. I will be happy to help with this, just give me a call or drop by the office. If you are interested in becoming part of our team of volunteers, please call the school office Mrs. Bumgarner, 727-893-2643 x2004.

The Great American Teach-In is Wednesday, November 18. If you have a profession, hobby or would like to share your life-experiences with our students, please contact the school office.

Gulfport Elementary School is indeed grateful for the support of the entire community. Special thanks to:

- \* Administration, faculty, staff and PTA of Gulfport Elementary School,
- \* American Legion Post 125 and American Legion Post 125 Ladies Auxiliary
- \* Cell Phone Solutions
- \* Double M Band
- \* Ms. Linda Dougherty
- \* Ms. Fannie Ellison
- \* Ms. Marilyn Field
- \* Goodwill Industries, Ms. Virginia Warfield and Mr. John Keyser and the Books Work Project
- \* Gulfport Police Department
- \* Gulfport Presbyterian Church
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# School Counselor News

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Gulfport Elementary—School Counseling



## RED RIBBON WEEK!

Character Word of the Month:

### Cooperation

Getting along with others and working together to accomplish a goal.

### Read a Great Book!

Bully Beans By: Julia Cook

Charlotte's Web By: E.B. White

Number the Starts By: Lois Lowry

Caps for Sale By: Esphyr Slobodkina

The Meanest Thing to Say By: Bill Cosby

The RED RIBBON Campaign began with the murder of Federal Drug Enforcement Agent, Enrique Camarena in 1985. The Red Ribbon has become a symbol for all those committed to reducing the demand for drugs. The battle against drug abuse demands that we ALL become involved in the fight.

The teachers and staff at Gulfport Elementary invite each of you to stand with us as we share this year's message – A HEALTHY ME IS DRUG FREE! As parents and educators, we are some of the most important role models in the lives of children. During this week, we have a great opportunity to take the time to talk with our children about the harmful effects of alcohol and drugs and to show our commitment to a drug free lifestyle.

#### SPECIAL DAYS DURING RED RIBBON WEEK:

**Monday Oct 26: "Stick it to Drugs" Day-** Each student will receive a sticker to wear for that day pledging that they are Drug Free! Students, Teachers, and Staff will all be dressed in Red to show their support!

**Tuesday Oct. 27: "Put a Cap on Drugs" Day-** Students and teachers can wear their favorite hat as a way to show that we are Drug Free! Everyone will receive a red ribbon to wear for the day as well.

**Wednesday Oct. 28: "Team up Against Drugs" Day-** Students and teachers will team up for the fight against drugs by wearing their favorite sports jersey or shirt to school.

**Thursday October 29: "Use Your Head, Don't do Drugs" Day-** Students and teachers wear their hair in the most crazy and silly ways to demonstrate their participation in being Drug Free!

**Friday October 30: "Sock It To Drugs" Day-** Students and teachers wear crazy or mismatched socks to show their commitment to being Drug Free!



## Going Trick-Or-Treating?

1. Plan a route in advance- Stick to paths that you and your child are familiar with to avoid getting lost.
2. Wear comfy shoes- Make sure you and your children are in comfortable, well-fitting shoes.
3. Stay well-lit.- Apply reflective tape to your child's costume to ensure they are seen by drivers on the road. Also, carry a flashlight with you to keep your child's path lit at all times.
4. Make sure all costumes are appropriate length and fit well- long costumes can be a tripping hazard especially at night
5. Avoid masks- Masks can make it difficult for your child to see or breathe. If possible, skip the mask altogether and use non-toxic make-up to complete the costume instead
6. Use flexible props- Try to avoid costumes that have weapons as accessories. But if your child's costume won't be complete without a weapon, make sure it is rubber or plastic. Choose a prop that won't cause injury to your child or their friends.



## PTA Corner

### PCCPTA 2015-2016 LITERACY CAMPAIGN

Are you a book lover?

Option # 1 : Donate a new or gently used book to Pinellas County Council of PTA.

Option # 2: Whether your child is reading a book at their leisure, for school, or at school the PCCPTA wants to know. Go to PCCPTA and complete the easiest online submission form book report ( 6 questions ) you'll ever complete.

The PCCPTA donates the gently used books to child advocate agencies, and your child's name will be on the name plate (first name only) as the donor! Some of the agencies that are benefiting are:

- \* All Children's Hospital
- \*CASA
- \*Boys and Girls Club
- \*Suncoast Center
- \* Citizens Alliance for Progress Inc.
- \* InterCultural Advocacy Instaitute
- \* The Homeless Education Assistance Team

\*\*\*\*Middle school and High School level books are in great need. Any donations can be brought to the school office, marked PTA and we will get them to the PCCPTA.

We help because we are PTA PROUD and GULFPORT CARES!!

### School Psychologist Says:

#### *Listen To Your Kid*

Children expect their parents to take them seriously and listen to what they are saying.

- \* Listen to your kid without being judgmental.
- \* Understand his point of view and reasoning.
- \* If you do not agree to something, discuss with him what your concerns are.
- \* Do not make it into a blame game.
- \* Support and encourage him. If required, tell him that what he did was not good, but you still love him.

#### *Instill Confidence in Your Kid:*

As a parent, you are the main source of instilling confidence in your child.

- \* If your child has faced a first day at school, ask him or her about the school.
- \* Ask them what was taught and if he liked the teacher.
- \* Ask about any new friend your child may have made.
- \* Though making friends immediately is not an easy task, you can improve his or her confidence and prepare to face the new school in a better way.



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## Greetings from the Art Room

Welcome back to the arts. Your kiddos have really hit the ground running. Here's a brief overview of what they have been up to.

- \* Kindergarteners- Are exploring primary colors, mixing colors, and cutting shapes out of paper to create a swamp filled with alligator eggs.
  - \* 1st graders- Are working on expressive and organic lines to create whimsical line drawings that mix primary colors to create secondary colors.
  - \* 2nd graders- Are using variety, color, and shape to imitate the work of artist Wassily Kandinsky.
  - \* 3rd graders- Are learning printmaking techniques combined with painting to bring awareness to the endangered Wood Stork.
  - \* 4th graders- Are working on blending colors with pastels to create brightly colored parrots.
  - \* 5th graders- Are applying 3-dimensional shading techniques and values to create a room full of pipes.
- \* Montessori 3rd 4th and 5th graders- Are participating in the Kids Tag Art program which allows them to make license plate art for the community to purchase. This is a fundraiser and wonderful opportunity for kids to demonstrate how creative they are.

I want to thank all of those that have brought in items for the art room. The donations really help our class expand on their projects. Here is a list of suggested items that can be brought to help aid the art classes:

- \* Toilet paper rolls
- \* Plastic bottles
- \* Small containers with lids
- \* Paper bags
- \* Bubble wrap
- \* Balloons

Finally, I would like to introduce Ms. Thacker to our arts program. Ms. Thacker is our art itinerant teacher. She teaches 6 classes every Friday. Please welcome her to our school.

Artfully yours,  
Mrs. McLean

## 5th Grade Patrol

Gulfport Elementary and Coach Boreland and Ms Bayonet are proud to announce this year's 5th Grade Patrols. You'll find these strong representatives of safety in the car and bus circles, bike storage, and around campus ensuring the safety of all students. Thank you for the AMAZING job you will do this year!

Al'zavon Harris- Grasher  
Taj'Unique Moses- Bieber  
Alicia Mitchell-Anthony  
April Dempsey Adams- Jones  
Selena Mcpherson- Bieber  
Ally McCarthy- Grasher  
Ember Walden- Bieber  
La'reisha Reddrick- Grasher  
Autumn Carroll- Anthony  
Logan Timbo- Campbell  
Sam Turner- Campbell  
Sydney Wilson- Campbell  
Josie Pitzen- Anthony  
Abdul Wassid- Anthony  
Madeline Reyes-Grasher  
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# Pinellas County Schools Mentor Recruitment Fair



**October 15, 2015**

**Do you have 30 minutes once a week to encourage a student?**

- Become a mentor and help a student discover their endless potential.

● The fair will be a one-stop shop event for all attendees!

You can register to volunteer, obtain a background screening and a level 2 screening. Attend one of the three one-hour mentor workshops offered and be matched with to mentor a student at the school of your choice!

- Please R.S.V.P. to attend one of the three mentor workshops offered  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Location: SPC Downtown, 244 Second Ave., N, Second Floor, St. Pete  
Doors Open at 11:00 a.m. for background screenings

- Call 727-588-5050 or email: [robergem@pcsb.org](mailto:robergem@pcsb.org)

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Get Engaged In Education



### *Communicate with Your Child's Teacher.*

- ✓ Let the teacher know the best way to communicate with you – email, phone, agenda, etc.
- ✓ Let the teacher know the best time to contact you.
- ✓ Find out the best way and time to communicate with your child's teacher.
- ✓ Attend Parent/Teacher conference and Open Houses.
- ✓ Address issues early.

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

