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Mary Giella Elementary



We are pleased to welcome these new staff members to our Mary Giella Family!

Michelle Jacobsen-----	Fourth Grade
Andrea Orndorff-----	Third Grade
Jennifer Peters-----	Second Grade
Heather Thom-----	First Grade
Patti King-----	Fourth Grade
Debra Wolfe -----	Kindergarten
Spencer Hilland-----	Physical Education
Scott Reniger -----	Custodial
Gladys Arrington -----	4 th /5 th Interventionist

Save the Date!

November 4 th -----	Health Screening
November 5 th -----	4 th Grade Field Trip to RRMHS
November 7 th -----	3 rd Grade Field Trip to MOSI
November 11 th -----	Veteran's Day Production
November 14 th -----	School Dance for Intermediate Students
November 17 th -----	Progress Reports
November 19 th -----	Great American Teach In
November 21 st -----	Fall Make-Up Pictures
November 21 st -----	Student Celebration
November 24 th thru 28 th -----	Thanksgiving Break



Clinic News

Flu Mist

There will be a Flu Clinic on November 11, 2014 at the school. Please return the consent form to your child's teacher to be able to participate.

To reduce the chance of getting the flu do the following:

- * Get the [flu vaccine](#).
- * Wash your hands often, especially before eating and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
- * Keep your sneezes and coughs to yourself (use a tissue or your elbow instead of your hand).
- * Keep your hands out of your eyes, mouth, and nose (Kids Health, 2015).

Even Nice People Get Lice!

This is the time of year that schools see more cases of lice. To help prevent lice:

- Avoid putting heads together or sharing hats or hoodies.
- Put hair up.
- **Never** share a comb, brush, barrettes or other hair accessories.

Although lice can live for only 1 to 2 days off a person's head, it's a good idea for an adult to wash all your bedding, hats, clothing, and stuffed animals in hot water. Or he or she can seal these things in airtight bags for 10 days. That also will kill the lice and their eggs. Vacuuming the carpets, upholstery, and car seats will take care of any lice that fell off before treatment. Combs, brushes, and hair accessories need to be soaked in hot water, washed with medicated shampoo, or thrown away (Kids Health, 2015).



This is a reminder that some students/staff members are highly allergic to fragrances. These fragrances can cause people to have headaches, migraines and even asthmatic attacks. Please help us accommodate those who are chemically sensitive to fragrances by not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products and/or scented products.

Thanks for your help.

What is Title I

You have heard of "Title I" but what is it? Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools. The goal of Title I is a high-quality education for every child. The program provides extra help to schools who need it the most. Schools must qualify to receive Title I funding. The program serves millions of children in elementary and secondary schools each year. A Title I brochure is available upon request.



Parent Right to Know

You have the right to know the professional qualifications of the educators who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to obtain certain information in a timely manner about your child's classroom teachers and instructional assistants/paraprofessionals. You have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's teachers and instructional assistants/paraprofessionals:

1. The teacher's Florida certification area(s) and,
 - * If the teacher is teaching infield, or
 - * if the teacher is qualified infield according to the District School Board of Pasco County.

2. The teacher's college degree(s) and area of study.

3. The teacher's advanced college degree(s) and area of study.

4. The qualifications of any instructional assistant/paraprofessionals who provide services to your child.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please send a written request to George Papaemanuel (Mr. Papa), Principal.

Ways to Get Involved

Studies have shown that students do better when their parents are involved at their school. Here are some ways to be involved:

Make a Difference, Be a Volunteer! We need your help! We encourage you to become a volunteer. There are many ways you can make a difference in a student's life. You can work in the classroom, make copies, or do projects at home. Complete the Volunteer application located on the parent link at www.pasco.k12.fl.us or contact Patti Ream at 727-774-5809.

Join the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). See the PTO Flyer for more information.

Become a Substitute Teacher! Pasco County Public Schools are always looking for great substitute teachers. Contact our Bookkeeper, Gail Kogelman, if you are interested in becoming a Substitute teacher!

Physical Education

Exciting things are happening in Physical Education at Mary Giella Elementary School this year. Our students have been working on units to build team-building skills, working on a hula-hoop unit, and have been currently working on a volleyball unit. Our MGES Run Club started last month and students are working on their own personal fitness level. Students will have the opportunity two times a week, once a month, to run, jog, or walk to earn mileage marks on their run club card. Students will to earn a bead for every three miles they run. The school is working on running to different locations in the United States, last month our school ran enough miles to travel from Mary Giella Elementary School to Central Park in New York City. We will continue to track our progress to different locations in the United States. We would also like to introduce our new PE Coach, Coach Hilland who will be with us on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. Coach Hilland comes to us from Sage College in NY, and has his bachelors in Teaching Physical Education; Coach Hilland also enjoys playing volleyball in his spare time. As the weather is turning colder please remind your child to wear the appropriate clothing and shoes to PE class.

Coach Troyer, Coach Pandolfo, Coach Hilland, Coach Anderson

Citizens of the Month



Isabella Allen, Massimo Arrigoni, Anthony Balaskas, Natalie Binasco, Caitlyn Campbell, Issac Cardinal, Summer Cline, Arora Cole, Peyton D'Iorio, Megan Duffany, Taylor Duncan, Alexea Foust, Isabella Freeburg, Rolando Garza, Taryn Hanton, Stepheni Hasberry, Victoria Henrey, Kylie Hood, Braden Hurst, Ethan Johns, Ryan Johns, Kayden Kirchoff, Leah Mackenzie, Christopher Marchese, Jordan Nichols, Alex Reniger, Lilyana Reyes, Abbygail Richeal, Hollee Roberts, Ashley Sorrentino, Ashley Spence, Leia Steele, Jiselle Sulinski, Jaythan Torres, Faith Walsh,



Spotlight of the Month

"We cannot express how thankful we are in the media center to have Mrs. Rodriguez as a volunteer. She is always willing to give a helping hand! Her regular support has enabled the media technology team to be able to service the teachers and students more efficiently with technology. She is always taking an active role in contributing to school media/technology improvements.

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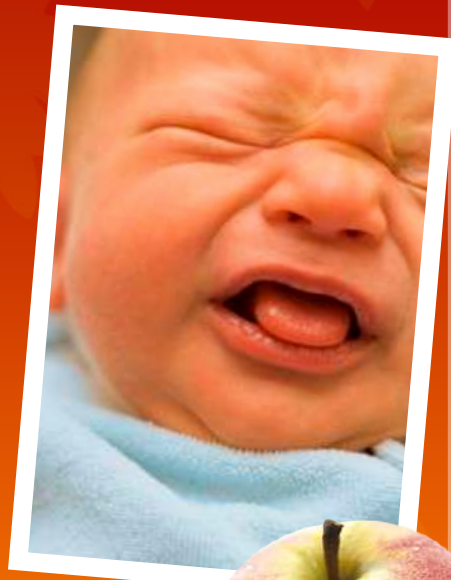
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