

# Gator Gazette

**Working Together, Inspiring Success for ALL**

Judy Cosh, Principal

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*Our vision:*  
To create a community  
which works together so all  
Pasco County students will  
reach their highest potential.



## Arrival Time:

9:25 - Students may get breakfast in the Cafeteria.

9:35 – Students may go to class.

9:50 – Tardy bell rings

## Dismissal Time:

3:40 - Students are dismissed.

## Office Hours:

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

## Upcoming Events:

10/7 – PreK family Meeting

10/7 – 5:30 Step in the Swamp

10/8- Student Council Meeting

10/14- 5:30 Step in the Swamp

10/15 – 9:45 It Takes a Village

10/15 – 4-5:15p Fall Dance

10/15 – Gator Dance 4-5:15

10/20 – PTO 2:45

10/21 – 5:30 Step In the Swamp

10/22 – McGator Night

10/23- 8:45am Gator of the Month

10/26 – Planning Day no school

10/27 – 8:45am SAC

10/28 - 5:30 Step in the Swamp

10/29 – Picture Make up Day

10/30- Halloween Parade

Dear Gator Families,

Welcome to the 2015-16 school year! We have had an absolutely wonderful start to our year. Our Gators enter our campus each day with a smile on their faces and are ready to learn. We are building strong foundations of learning and collaborative environments for our students. Our school expectations are modeled in each classroom and are evident throughout our school. Our school spirit is at an all time high because we are **Going Above The Others Reaching Success**. We look forward to celebrating in many ways this year to honor our students' successes.

Please take the time to visit our web site and join our Facebook page. This will allow you to keep up with upcoming events. We also encourage you to complete the on-line volunteer registration. We welcome our approved volunteers to work with us on our campus. If you were unable to attend our Volunteer Orientation meeting, please contact Marie Soltz so you can get started. We encourage our dads to attend and sign up for our W.A.T.C.H DOGS (**Dads Of Great Students**) program. We also welcome every parent to join and become an active member of our PTO. Our parents play a vital role in the success of our school.

It's going to be a tremendous year of growth and opportunity for our Gulf Highland Gator students! Everyday is a 'GATOR'ific day that creates learning that lasts!

Sincerely,

Judith A. Cosh, Principal  
Kelli Boyers, Ass't Principal



# NEWS FROM OUR STUDENT SUCCESS TEAM

## Gulf Highlands Recycling Program

Last year, Gulf Highlands began its first marker recycling program and will be continuing it this year. All around the school, students and teachers are collecting used markers to send back to Crayola where they are converted into clean fuel. This fuel can be used for vehicles, heating homes, cooking food, etc. Please help support our efforts by sending used markers to school with your children. Any markers can be converted, not just Crayola brand.

## Student Council

We are very proud of our School Council. All grades 3-5 classrooms have an elected representative and alternate. So far, these students are responsible for collecting used markers for our recycling program and turning in Spirit Day counts each Friday. Our Student Council Officer elections just took place and we are pleased to announce the winners:

**President: Marisa D'Auria**  
**Vice President: Jacob Banner**

Be on the look out for their community project soon!

## Silver Gator Store

We are pleased to have our Silver Gator Store open and running. Grade levels are assigned days to visit to spend their tickets they've earned on prizes and coupons. Responsible fourth and fifth grade students help assist during this time. Please remind your child to bring their tickets home the night before their trade-in day.

Monday: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Tuesday: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
Wednesday: 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
Thursday: Kindergarten  
Friday: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade



## NEWS

What an exciting first quarter we've had at PE! The students finished up their first unit of the year - Chase, Flee, & Dodge. We are currently immersed in Locomotor skills, which are: walk, run, jump, hop, leap, slide, gallop, and skip. The students will take their first Skills Test of the year in this unit. We will also be holding our first competition of the year with 4th and 5th Grades. These students will compete in a 50 yd. dash in order to find out who is the fastest Girl & Boy in 4th & 5th grade.

Lastly, thank you once again for dressing your child properly for PE (ie. Sneakers, shorts under dresses, loose clothing, and jackets if needed) in order for them to participate safely in all of our activities. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the PE department at (727) 774-7700.

Thank You,  
Coach Bellomy  
Coach Fulmer  
Coach Reiners

# MUSIC MATTERS

There are so many new and exciting things happening in our music department! First, we have a new club called the Production Crew, which is designing and planning our Winter Concert. Students in the Production Crew divided themselves into four committees: stage decoration, program/script, choreography, and stage crew. Our Production Crew has around 40 members!

Our concerts will be planned differently this school year. In addition to our chorus, all students in grades 3-5 will have the opportunity to perform on a musical instrument during the winter or spring concert. For a semester, students in third grade will be learning how to play different forms of percussion, fourth graders will learn the recorder, while fifth graders will learn how to participate in an ORFF ensemble. Stay tuned for information about upcoming performances.

Our fourth and fifth graders are participating in a program in music called Students Taking Charge, where they are participating in a “LATI” classroom that focuses on problem-based learning. Their last unit focused on being a good citizen at our school, where they composed and recorded raps to teach our new Kindergartners the Gulf Highlands Elementary school-wide expectations.

**Did you know:** Three benefits of playing a musical instrument include improvement of memory, organizational skills, and mathematical abilities?



## NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION FOR ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule, 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos Containing Material in schools, commonly referred to as AHERA. This rule requires all Local Education Agencies (LEA's) to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and to take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers.

All inspections for *Gulf Highlands Elementary* have been completed and a Management Plan describing the results of the inspection and the action plan to control any asbestos found during the inspection, where applicable, has been submitted to the governor for approval. A copy of this plan is located in the administrative office of this school and at the Pasco County Schools Maintenance & Facility Services Department and is available for review upon request.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS:

APPLY ONLINE AT:

[WWW.PASCO.K12.FL.US/NUTRITION](http://WWW.PASCO.K12.FL.US/NUTRITION)



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[WWW.GHES.PASCO.K12.FL.US](http://WWW.GHES.PASCO.K12.FL.US)