



Gator Tales

B.D. Gullett Elementary Newsletter November 2021

Hey there Gator families!

As we are settling comfortably into the school year, there are a few areas I would like to address. As you all know, the growth in our community is astronomical which means the growth here at Gullett looks the same. At almost 1300 students (and growing daily) we are seeing no signs of slowing anytime soon. Please make sure that you are following all drop off and pick up procedures. It is imperative that we are doing so for the safety of our students. If your child gets in a car to go home, you must wait in the car line to get them. Parents should not be parking and along the road and walking up to retrieve their child(ren). We have installed a new bike rack by the flagpole to help with the flow of bikers coming and going in both directions. Teachers who arrive on campus after the car line has began will be clearly marked with a green tag hanging from their mirror. Please kindly help them navigate their way to a parking space.

If your child is a car rider in the morning they must get here before 8:20 if they plan to eat breakfast in the cafeteria. Students who arrive after this time will be sent straight to class, unless they are a bus rider who arrived late.

Please be sure that you are supporting your child's teacher throughout the year. They are diligently working day and night (weekends included) to give your child the best educational experience possible. They are the heart of the school and we truly appreciate all that they do each and every day!

We hope everyone has a relaxing Fall Break spending quality time with their families.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richardson

ID Reminder

It is imperative that students have their ID's on campus each and every day. ID's are used to scan on and off the bus, check out library books, and receive their meals through the lunch line. Students who come to school without their ID makes these processes and procedures run less smoothly and can be time consuming. If your student has lost or broken their ID, they can purchase one for \$5 at any time in the front office.



GULLETT SPIRIT DAY at WOLVES HEAD

One of our local businesses, Wolves Head Pizza & Wings, has always been very generous to our school. This year is no different. They will once again be partnering with our PTO to host Gullett Spirit Days. Our next one will be held on Wolves Head will donate a percentage of the sales back to our school from anyone's purchase from Gullett for lunch or dinner.....even carry out! All you have to do is tell them that you are from Gullett Elementary! Be sure to tell your friends and family!

Referendum Renewal

Voting is November 2nd

Voters in Manatee County are being asked to approve the renewal of the 1 mill tax on property to support public schools. The proposal was originally approved by voters in 2018 and a positive vote will continue the improvements seen over the last three years. **This referendum is for renewal, not a tax increase.** This referendum increases student achievement through more instructional time and support; (30 extra minutes a day=an extra 180 day school year for students who attend K-12) recruit and retain teachers and staff with competitive salaries; expand Career and Technical Education, STEM and Visual/Performing Arts programs; and to distribute proportional funds to Charter Schools pursuant to Florida Statute 1011.71. Even after fighting a pandemic school year, Manatee County's ranking jumped from 28th to 23rd out of 67 Florida school districts. Please click on the following link for more information. www.manateeschools.net/referendum.

Coaches Corner



PE is off to a great start this school year! We are posting exciting pictures from our activities each day, so follow us on Instagram!

We have a few reminders to keep in mind on the days your child has PE:

- Wear appropriate footwear
- Bring a water bottle with your child's name on it (they can refill at the fountain)
- Follow us on Instagram- gatorsfit4fun

Thank you from the coaches!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, November 1st-Family Night @ Lightning Game

Wednesday, November 3rd-Memorial Bench Dedication for Dr. Shirin Gibson

Friday, November 5th-Picture Retake Day

Thursday, November 11th-Veterans Day/No School

Monday, November 15th-Spirit Night @Wolves Head

Wednesday, November 17th-ESOL Parent Night/4:30PM-SAC-5:15/PTO-6:00PM

Friday, November 19th-Progress Reports Available in FOCUS

Monday, November 22nd-Friday, November 26th-Fall Break/No School

Saturday, December 11th-Holiday Spectacular Event

***See flyer below**



Birthdays

This is an exciting time for our students to celebrate at school with their classmates. Please remember that you may **ONLY** bring treats found on our smart snack list. Cupcakes, cookies, etc. will not be permitted. Please check with your child's teacher for any food allergies. It is recommended that you go through the cafeteria to have a "Birthday Basket" prepared so we can check for all food allergies. You must contact the cafeteria two weeks prior to the date. Attached you will find the Smart Snack list and the Birthday Basket information. Thank you for abiding by these procedures.



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COME ONE, COME ALL!

2nd Annual
Holiday Spectacular

• FEATURING OUR "SNOWBALL DROP"

DECEMBER 11TH
10 AM-2 PM
B.D. GULLETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Enjoy a fun-filled time with "Chompy" & Mrs. Claus! There will be festive music & entertainment, arts & crafts, food trucks, face painting, games and more!!

More Information will be posted on our Website & Facebook Page

www.GullettPTO.com



Gullett Elementary PTO