



Gator Tales

B.D. Gullett Elementary Newslett February 2022

Happy February Gullett Families,

We are happy to share that this year we will be bringing back our Annual Walk-A-Thon. This will be held on Friday, February 18th, during your child's specials time. More information to follow in the coming days.

Continued Reminders:

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. Breakfast and lunch are free for the remainder of the school year.

Please note that we do not allow students to be signed out after 2:45PM. Be sure to schedule appointments that accommodate this procedure.

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). If you are in need of a new car tag to hang from your mirror, please let the office know. It is important that you keep your tag hanging until your child is safely in your car. Teachers who arrive on campus after the car line has begun will be clearly marked with a green tag hanging from their mirror. Please kindly help them navigate their way to a parking space.

Parents will be informed ahead of time if we will be having a rainy-day dismissal. This will give time for parents to contact their child's teacher if they will have a change in transportation.

Unfortunately, we are experiencing bus transportation issues for several reasons such as lack of drivers, sub buses, etc. Transportation is a separate entity from Gullett as we have no control over the buses. We will continue to do our best to notify parents if a bus is running late.

As you know we are seeing another increase in COVID cases. Please make sure you are keeping your student(s) home if they are exhibiting any of the symptoms. If a student comes to school and tests positive the same day, you will be notified of the case via ConnectEd. At this time the parent(s) can decide whether or not to keep their child home. We will continue to enforce procedures within the school to keep students as safe as possible. According to the Florida Department of Health, for students who were in close contact with a positive person at school, it is now up to the parent or legal guardian to decide whether their asymptomatic child will quarantine. They can send their child to school if asymptomatic or keep their child home for up to 5 days. Please review the Florida Department of Health decision tree at www.manateeschools.net/backtoschool for more details.

As always, thank you for your continued support and helping to ensure every day is a great day here at Gullett.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richardson

ID Reminder

It is imperative that students have their IDs on campus each and every day. IDs 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.

Let Us Know.....

If your child is having an issue with another student in the school, please reach out directly to the teacher to report the issue so together you can come up with a plan to resolve it. We also have our anonymous bullying reporting system found on our webpage where reports can be made, however, reaching out to the teacher first is always the best step. The definition of bullying is "the mistreatment of an individual or group characterized by a willful intent to cause harm and a perceived advantage in power." Here at Gullett we do not tolerate bullying and will take necessary action when it is reported. Keep in mind that it is not considered bullying if it has not been reported to the school and is not continuous.

IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER

February 2022						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Tomorrow, February 2nd, is a district-wide early release. Elementary will release at 1:50, however, we will begin our dismissal procedures between 1:30-1:45. Please be sure you arrive on time to pick your student(s) up.

Counselor Corner



Hello Gullett Families! We hope that you have all had a chance to look at our new School Counseling Schoology group. We have updated the information as we are now celebrating "perseverance" as our character trait for the month of February. Please continue the conversation at home as well.

We are glad to say that we will be joining grades 4 and 5 in media this month! We will be facilitating a lesson on perseverance. We hope that your student enjoys the lesson! We will also be sending a message to all of our students about perseverance through a video that the teachers will share in their classroom during the month of February.

How to access Schoology page for School Counseling:

1. Have your student sign into MCSD Schoology
2. Click on "Groups"
3. Click on SDMC Gullett School Counselor
4. Click on "Resources" on the left side

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Ms. Tina (x61008) or Ms. Zoe (61098) at 727-2067.

A Note From the Cafeteria



Please remind your child(ren) that they must have their ID when they go through the lunchline. We experience quite the delay when students forget them. Thank you for reinforcing this with them.

Also, students must put money in their lunch account if they wish to purchase an extra meal or an al la carte item such as chips, cookies, water bottles, etc.

Art and Stem

Would you like to see what your students are working on while in Art and STEM? Please follow our Instagram accounts @creatingartraynorshine and @gatorstemlife to see students at work on projects in these classes. You can also use the following QR codes to connect:



Help support our Art and STEM program! We will be having an Earth Day T-Shirt fundraiser with all proceeds going directly back to the Art and STEM programs. Please see the attached flyer for more information!

As always, thank you for your continued support!

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. Thank you for abiding by these procedures.

The following link will take you to the district website for the "Smart Snack" list.

<https://www.manateschools.net/Page/2638>

Coaches Corner



Just a reminder 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](https://www.instagram.com/gatorsfit4fun)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 2nd-Early Release 1:50

Wednesday, February 9th-Progress Reports Available

Friday, February 11th- Super Bowl Spirit Day

Friday, February 18th- Walk-A-Thon

Monday, February 21st-No School/President's Day

Wednesday, February 23rd-SAC-5:30PM/PTO-6:15PM
(Meetings held via TEAMS)

Thursday, February 24th-Spirit Day/Night @ Chick-Fil-A

Friday, February 25th-Spring Pictures

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Celebrate Earth Day and STEAM at Gullett Elementary
and support the STEM and Art programs

Order your own beautiful, full color 2022 Earth Day spirit T-shirt with
B.D. Gullett Elementary on the sleeve for **just \$10**

Orders are due by: **Wednesday, February 16th**

Shirts will be
worn school-wide
to celebrate
Earth Day on
April 22nd



Parents and teachers
are also welcome to
order... Look on the
school and PTO sites
to view a full color
version of the shirt!

Please complete the order form below and return with payment to your child's
teacher by Wednesday, February 16th

*** Checks should be made out to B.D. Gullett Elementary School

(all orders may be included on one order form and will go home with the oldest child)

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Please mark T-shirt Size below:

Youth _____ sm (6-8)	Adult _____ sm _____ XL
_____ md (10-12)	_____ md
_____ lg (14-16)	_____ lg