

# Gator Tales

B.D. Gullett Elementary Newsletter

March 2022

Spring Has Almost Sprung Gullett Families!

It is hard to believe that we are almost finished with 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter! This year has really flown by. Please remember to reinforce GATOR Expectations as we move into our last quarter of the year.

We are happy to share that this year's Walk-A-Thon raised a whopping \$82,149! I knew it was a lot based on the amount of slime I got to wear! Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a successful event. The money raised will be spent covering the remainder of the basketball court with shade, improvements to the kindergarten playground and beautification projects inside and outside of campus.

The school will now be voting on which superhero they would like to see me dress up as while rollerblading around school all day....stay tuned!!!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mrs. Autrey's Kindergarten Class!!! They were the Top Overall Winning Class raising \$3,880. They will be given the opportunity to turn Mr. Richardson into a "Human Ice Cream Sundae!" 😊

**Gator Bash** (for adults only) will be held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-10 pm at the GROVE on LWR Main Street!! This year's theme is "Mardi Gras" and we will have food/dessert/drinks, music and dancing, silent auction and raffle items, casino games...and lots of fun!!!

Sponsorship Opportunities & Volunteer Opportunities – please email [gullettgala@gmail.com](mailto:gullettgala@gmail.com) for additional information.

\*\*\***SAVE THE DATE** for the much-anticipated daughter and son events so many of you have been asking about....

\*Our Sweetheart Ball will be held on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8 p.m. @ Lakewood Ranch High School. Gullett girls are encouraged to ask their dad or that special role model in their life to a fun night they will never forget!!

\*Mother/Son Glow Bowling Event will be held on Saturday, April 9th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. @ Bowlero.

Stay tuned for more information for both events!!!

- Yearbooks are still on sale for \$20 until March 9<sup>th</sup>. After that – the price increases to \$25 from March 10<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>

**Click Link to Order Yearbook:**

<https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/GullettYearbook2022?fbclid=IwAR0i13RpXmBx--TH3XBrd6WvWFLokkCAonyB0oqg55o5QDTIFNTweuU6xoo>

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. I hope everyone has a relaxing Spring Break making wonderful memories with their families!

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.

## 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.manateeschools.net/Page/2638>

## United Way Fundraiser

Manatee County Schools are taking part in fundraising for the United Way Suncoast. During the week of March 7<sup>th</sup> we will be selling "Gullett Goodies" before school. We will have lots of snack items, as well as Gullett Bracelets for sale. All items will be \$1 each while supplies last. Also, Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, students can pay \$1 to wear hats, sunglasses, and Hawaiian shirts as we prepare for Spring Break. Money can be turned into their classroom teacher. All money raised will go directly towards supporting the United Way and our community. Please click on the link for more details about United Way Suncoast!

<https://unitedwaysuncoast.org/>



## **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 "honesty" as our character trait for the month of March. Please continue the conversation at home as well.

We are so excited to report that at this point, we have joined every class to discuss at least one of the character traits for this school year. Manatee Children's Services will be joining our Media special in the beginning of March to facilitate the second lesson of Child Safety Matters curriculum and Miss. Zoe and Mrs. Tina will facilitate the third and final lesson for the 2021-2022 school year in the end of March. The School Counselors from Dr. Mona Jain Middle School will be coming to speak with Gullett 5<sup>th</sup> grade students about course selection for middle school during the month of March. If you are a parent of a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, please look for the middle school course selection forms for the 2022-2023 school year. These forms, as well as other middle school information, will be coming home with your student during the month of March. We also have helpful middle school information on our Schoology page under "resources".

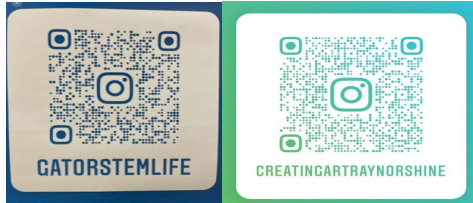
How to access Schoology page for School Counseling:

1. Have your student sign into MCS D 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 or Ms. Zoe at 727-2067.

## 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:



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Benchmark
- March 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>- Gullett Goody Sales in the AM
- March 10<sup>th</sup>-Students can pay \$1 to wear hats, sunglasses and Hawaiian shirts
- March 11<sup>th</sup>-No School/Record Day
- March 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>-Spring Break-All school sites closed



- March 23<sup>rd</sup>-SAC (5:15) PTO (6:15) via TEAMS
- March 28<sup>th</sup>-Spirit Night @ Wolveshead

## APRIL EVENT

April 2<sup>nd</sup>- Gator Bash (See attached flyer for details)

## 🎵 Music Notes 🎵

On Thursday, March 3rd, four fifth grade students will represent Gullett Elementary at the Manatee County Elementary Music Festival. Caley O., Pace F., Jocelyn G., and Lara Z. have been practicing with students from 19 other schools across Manatee County in preparation for this wonderful musical event.

On Wednesday, March 9th, the newly formed Gullett Gator Chorus will have its first performance in the Gullett cafetorium. Chorus is composed of fourth and fifth grade students that enjoy singing. These forty-five students have been practicing every Wednesday afternoon since the middle of October. Congratulations to all our chorus members!



## 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)



# GATOR BASH

*"Mardi Gras" Style*

04.02.22 | 6PM



## GROVE

ON LAKEWOOD RANCH MAIN STREET

FOOD & DRINKS | MUSIC | SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLES | CASINO GAMES