

# GATOR Tales

B.D. Gullett Elementary

October 2019



## Principal's Message

October is here! Can you believe that we are almost to the end of the first quarter of the 19-20 school year? These first few weeks have now turned into months as the calendar is saying fall is near.... hopefully! With the end of the quarter comes parent conferences and report cards. During the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>, teachers will be meeting with every parent to share first quarter progress. Please be looking for an appointment time from your child's teacher. It is important that every parent meet with their teacher.

I also want to update you all regarding the recent rezoning committee meetings that have concluded. Gullett has grown to a point where we are now looking at rezoning our attendance boundaries to allow for future growth. We continue to gain more students as the year progresses, which brings some space challenges for the staff. Because of this recent growth, the Superintendent has included Gullett to be part of the rezoning process, along with 15 other elementary schools in Manatee County. To help with bussing and overcrowding, committees have worked to put together proposals for shifts in where some neighborhoods will be sending their students to school. The committees will present their plans to the School Board later this month. Residents and families will have from October 8<sup>th</sup> until November 12<sup>th</sup> to share their opinions or concerns. At the November 12<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting, they will hold a public hearing and vote on the new boundaries. These new zones would take effect for the 2020-21 school year.

Go Gators!

Mr. Richardson

## Fundraiser News...

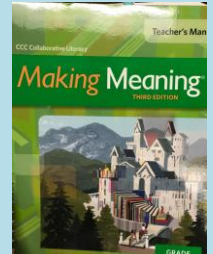
All fundraiser items must be picked up from the cafeteria on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

4pm until 7pm

Many of the items are frozen and we do not have freezer room to store them. We need everyone to please pick up that day. Thanks!

## MAKING MEANING....

New resources for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA



This year, teachers are using the *Making Meaning* curriculum in all of our 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. The *Making Meaning* program is a comprehension curriculum for Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It is the first program of its kind to combine research-based best practices in reading with support for fostering your students' growth as caring, collaborative, and principled people.

The *Making Meaning* program is very unique in that its focus is on the whole child. It lends teachers the opportunity to build strong classroom communities in which students feel a sense of belonging, autonomy, and responsibility to themselves and to the group. Students will grow in their reading comprehension as they work together and bring in the values of respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and helpfulness.

## HALF DAYS!!

To make up the time elementary teachers use for hosting parent conferences, all elementary schools will have early release on Friday, Oct 11 and Friday, Oct 18.

All elementary schools will release their students beginning at 12:55pm. Please make arrangements for early pick up. All buses, daycares, walkers, bikers, and car riders will dismiss at this time.





If you can help by parking your car in the parking lot for our students, please contact PTO! We want to fill the parking lot with decorated car trunks!

Also, notification/tickets will be sent to those that got their RSVP to the office in time for the movie portion of the event. We are **SOLD OUT** of space in the cafeteria for the movie, but we welcome everyone to participate in the Trunk or Treat!

### After School Clubs.....

For those of you that haven't heard, the after-school club program will end as of Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will not be offering any clubs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. We will let everyone know if we are able to host any clubs in the future.

(This does not impact Jackie's Art Club nor Good News Club)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 11 EARLY RELEASE for Elementary 12:55pm  
Oct. 14 Record Day – No School  
Oct. 17 Fundraiser Pickup  
Oct. 17 Parent/Teacher Report Card Conference Night  
Oct. 18 EARLY RELEASE for Elementary 12:55pm  
Oct. 23 SAC Meeting – 5:15; PTO Meeting 6:15  
Oct. 18-25 Grade Level Awards

Nov. 1 Limo Lunch for Fundraiser Winners  
Nov. 6 EARLY RELEASE – 1:40PM  
Nov. 11 Veteran's Day – No School  
Nov. 13 School Choice Showcase @ MTC 6-8PM  
Nov. 14 Progress Reports Posted to FOCUS  
Nov. 25-29 Thanksgiving Break – No School