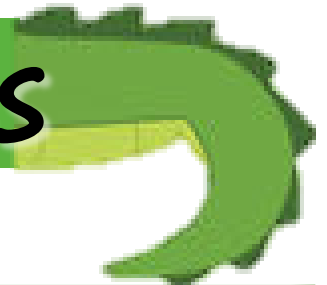


GATOR Tales



B.D. Gullett Elementary

September 2019



Principal's Message

School is up and running and things are going great! Even with an all-time number of students enrolled, the teachers and staff are going about their work like every other school year. Our admin team has been in and out of classrooms and we are always amazed at how quickly the class looks like we have been here for months instead of weeks. The procedures are smooth, kids are engaged, and the rooms are alive with learning!

In our last newsletter, I mentioned the possibility of new teachers coming to Gullett to help with over-crowding. Well, we were correct and the district has added a total of 6 new units to our school. This includes new teachers to grades Kindergarten through 4th grade. The transfer process is under way and we will soon learn if any current teachers in the district being displaced will transfer to Gullett. If not, we will go through the hiring process and hope to find a qualified teacher to bring on board. We know this process can be a bit strenuous of many, but please understand that we will do our best to create fair and balanced classes of kids. Unfortunately, with the number of kids we have and the amount of new classes we have to form, we can not promise that any one student will not be selected. Yes, it is difficult to possibly leave a class already established. But it is a necessary part of this year to ensure we have lower class sizes. Again, nothing will happen until we receive or hire qualified people to fill these roles.

Thank you for your understanding,

Mr. Richardson

MORNING MEETINGS....

Building classroom communities

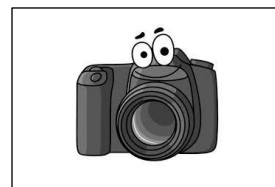
Gullett is very excited to infuse the "Morning Meeting" program into each one of our classrooms. Each day, our teachers and their classes engage in a special time set aside for greeting, sharing, performing a group activity, and completing a morning message from the teacher.

Our team felt strongly about using this model in each of classes to ensure that each student knows "It mattered that I came to school". This social/emotional learning is critical for our students. It provides a foundation to help with working in teams, using clear communication to express feelings, or settling conflicts. It also gives students the opportunity for his/her voice to be heard each day and learn from each other.



PICTURE DAY!!

School picture day will take place on Monday, September 16th. Teachers will sign up for their time and will take the class to the media center for their picture to be taken. All students will have their picture taken as we use these photos for or our annual yearbook. If you wish to purchase picture packages, please complete the order form that was sent home and return with money to your child's teacher.



Fundraiser News...

Cookies....Cakes....Pies....and More!

All fundraiser orders and money were due September 5th. Online orders will remain open through September 11th.

Items will be available for pickup on Thursday, October 17th from 4-7pm.

Smart Snack Nutrition & Wellness Policy 8510 Idea List

The following are snacks that comply with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Smart Snack requirements and the Manatee County Schools Wellness Policy 8510

Please note:



- ✓ This is not an inclusive list - other items and brands may meet guidelines
- ✓ Food must be from a licensed food service establishment and have an ingredient label
- ✓ Be sure to check nutritional labels to verify that the product meets guidelines
- ✓ All products must include an ingredient label so that allergens can be verified before consumption

- Cheese Sticks
- Chex Mix Cheddar, Chocolate
- Chips, Baked or Reduced Fat (0.8 oz. or 1 oz.):
- Baked BBQ Lays, Baked Cheddar Lays, Baked Sour Cream Lays, Baked Nacho Doritos, Baked Tostitos Scoops, RF Sweet Chili Doritos, RF Cool Ranch Doritos, RF Nacho Doritos, Baked SW Ranch Lays, Baked Flamin Hot Cheetos, Baked Cheetos, Fantastix Flamin Hot, Baked Lays Original, Sunchips
- Whole Grain Goldfish
- Whole Grain Graham Crackers
- NutriGrain Bars
- Whole Grain Pretzel
- Whole Grain Cupcakes or Brownies
- Whole Grain Rice Krispie Treats
- Smartfood Popcorn
- Fresh Fruit or Vegetable Trays
- Raisins or Craisins
- 100% Fruit Chews or Fruit Strips
- 8oz of Low Fat white or Fat Free Flavored Milk
- 8oz 100% Fruit Juice
- Low Fat Ice Cream Bars or Ice Cream Cups
- 100% Juice Frozen Bars or Frozen Cups
- Water



1. All foods must meet at least one of the following:

- Must be "whole grain-rich"
 - A. Include 50% or more whole grains by weight or
 - B. Have a whole grain listed as the first ingredient
- OR Have as the first ingredient a fruit, a vegetable, a dairy product, or a protein food
- OR Be a combination food that contains at least ¼ cup of fruit and/or vegetable
- OR Contain 10% of the Daily Value (DV) of one of the nutrients of public health concern in the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans (calcium, potassium, vitamin D, or dietary fiber)



2. All foods plus any accompaniments (dressing, jelly, etc.) must also meet the following:

Nutrient	Snack Item	Entree Items*
Calories	≤ 200 calories	≤ 350 calories
Sodium	≤ 200 mg	≤ 480 mg
Fat **	≤ 35% of calories	≤ 35% of calories
Saturated Fat	<10% of calories	<10% of calories
Trans Fat	0 grams	0 grams
Sugar	≤ 35% of weight	≤ 35% of weight

*Entree items include a meat/meat alternate alone or in combination with a grain or fruit/vegetable.
 **Foods exempt from the above requirements include: reduced fat cheese, nuts, seeds, dried fruit, and seafood with no added fat. Fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables are exempt from the above requirements. Canned fruits in 100% juice or light syrup, and canned vegetables in water or a small amount of sugar, are also exempt.

The full Nutrition & Wellness Policy 8510 can be found on:

ManateeSchoolFood.net



Does your child have a birthday coming up soon???

Is there a holiday celebration taking place in the classroom???

Here are suggested items for any snacks or food brought to the school....



Here are guidelines for any snacks or food brought to the school....



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 2nd Labor Day – No School
- Sept. 5th Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Orders Due
- Sept. 5th Jackie’s Art Club Begins
- Sept. 12 Qtr 1 Progress Reports Post to Focus
- Sept. 16 Fall Pictures
- Sept. 23-27 PTO Online Silent Auction
- Sept. 25 SAC Meeting – 5:15; PTO Meeting 6:15

- 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

All editions of Gator Tales newsletter will be sent via Facebook, Gullett webpage, emails, or through teacher’s communication apps. Paper copies will be available in the office per request.