



GATOR Tales

B.D. Gullett Elementary Newsletter

October 2020

Hello parents and Happy FALL!!!!

As the calendar turns to October, we get to look forward to cooler weather, lots of football, and of course.... Pumpkin Spice Lattes! October also brings the end of the first quarter of school. It is hard to believe the first nine weeks of school will be closing on October 9th. Record Day will be Monday, October 12th, so enjoy your three-day weekend. Unlike in years past, we WILL NOT be having required parent/teacher conferences. All report cards will be posted to the Parent Portal in FOCUS once all grades are finalized. If for any reason you would like to discuss your child's progress, please reach out to your teacher and set up a phone conference or TEAMS meeting.

I want to give a HUGE THANK YOU to the staff, parents, and students for making the opening of school so amazing. We had so many things to consider as we maneuver through a pandemic and try to make our campus as safe and engaging as possible. From masks to seat dividers, we have put so many new things in place and it could have disrupted the learning of our students. However, everyone has been on board with all of our new requirements and the kids and faculty have been keeping the learning momentum going! Way to go GATORS!

Sincerely,

Mr. Richardson

PTO Online Auction a BIG SUCCESS!!!

This year's PTO Online Auction was awesome! We auctioned 4 parking spaces, Principal for the Day, PE Coach for the Day, Art Teacher for the day, and many other fun opportunities for the students. The week-long online auction ran from Monday, September 21st through Friday, September 25th. Many families placed bids and helped drive the final total to \$6, 610!!! What a great response for the first fundraiser of the year! Thanks to everyone for your help and we look forward to more opportunities to help our school later this year!!

GULLETT SPIRIT DAY at WOLVES HEAD

One of our local businesses, Wolves Head Pizza and 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. The first one will be Monday, October 12th. Wolves Head will donate a percentage of the sales back to our school from anyone's purchase from Gullett. And...since it is Record Day, they will count any sales from lunch or dinner.... Dine in/carry out anything! All you have to do is tell them you are from Gullett Elementary! And tell your friends and family!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Every October, people around the world work to bring more awareness to breast cancer. Most people have at least one person they know that has had to fight breast cancer, or is in the process of fighting. Just last year, the Gullett family had one of our own staff members battle this terrible disease, all while teaching her 4th grade class, as well as many of our Gullett moms, staff members' families, and so many others. Gullett will once again have PINK days every Tuesday in the month of October. We will be sending home a flyer to post at home as a reminder for these days.

GULLETT SPIRIT DAYS

Gullett has always been an amazing school full of great staff, awesome parent volunteers, and hard-working students. Each day brings an energy like nothing else and it motivates our Gullett Gators to continue to achieve. To keep this spirit of hard work, we are designating each Friday as Gullett Spirit Days! These days will be set aside for all staff and students to wear their gator swag and show their pride for their school. Gullett shirts, hair bows, socks, hats, and many other items are available for sale through the PTO website. Or, simply wear Blue and Green – our school colors – to join in the spirit! Let's flood our school with Gator Pride!! Check the PTO website for more info on how to order.



ONLINE PTO SPIRIT SHOP

Spirit Items!!

SPIRIT BOWS!!
SPIRIT SOCKS!!
CAR MAGNET!!
GATOR T-SHIRTS

VISIT: www.gullettppto.com - Spirit Store



ONLINE SPIRIT SHOP
(AVAILABLE THROUGH MANATEE APPAREL)

Spirit Wear!!

To View All Designs/Items & Place Your Order

VISIT: www.gullettppto.com - Spirit Store

2 Ways to Receive Your Order:

- Ship directly to your home
- Pick up at the store located in Bradenton (Manatee Apparel)

BIKE HELMETS FOR SAFE TRAVELS

We have a very large number of students that either walk, use their scooter, or ride their bikes to school. We know that our students are mindful of their safety, but we are asking that students please wear their helmet when riding their bikes to and from school. Florida law mandates that all children under 16 must wear a bike helmet while riding. If you need assistance in obtaining one, please let us know. Thank you!

VIRTUAL GULLETT BOOK FAIR!

One of the many activities that students and families look forward to each year is the book fair! However, under current COVID restrictions, we can not bring in the actual book fair, nor the volunteers to make it happen. So, Mrs. Lemke will be setting up a Virtual Book Fair through FOLLETT, our book fair company. The online shopping will begin on October 15th and run through October 31st. The profit from the book fair will help purchase new materials and technology for the media center! Be on the look out for info that will be coming home with your children in their backpacks and sent through email.

By State Statute, we are required to report teachers that are teaching out of field. The following teachers are certified in their subject area, but do not have their ESOL endorsement:

Stacy Autrey (Kinder), Michelle Bransfield (4th grade), Sara Brondyke (2nd grade), Emily Campbell (2nd grade),
Kimberly Kopp (5th grade), David Kudelko (2nd grade), Megan Rumbaugh (1st grade), Julie Shea (ESE).