

# Fall Newsletter

**Gulf Trace Elementary**  
**Where our Students SHINE**  
**with Excellence!!**



## So Far This Year:

Throughout the last couple of months we have offered our families opportunities to purchase Tampa Bay Bucs tickets, tubs of cookie dough, and now student artwork. We also enjoyed putting on our annual Fall event. This year it was renamed "Autumn Auction". The PTO has also offered several events including a couple of Movie & Dinner nights. Thanks to all of our families that joined us for the events and to those who were involved with the purchases of our different fundraisers.

Our students have also been learning how to be successful students which starts with following our rules and procedures. They are also learning the foundational skills needed to be successful in Reading, Writing, Math, and Science.

## In the Near Future:

We will be learning about a variety of careers during the GATI, Great American Teach-In, and enjoying hearing our chorus and recorder club during our annual Winter Wonderland. Our intermediate students and families will have a workshop on how to complete a S.T.E.M. project showing their scientific/mathematical abilities. The PTO will continue with some Movies & Dinner and of course their Holiday House. Be watching for information on all of these events.

## Home Coaching

Homework is an important part of each student's success.

This year our students are working on improving their reading skills by working at school and home. They are asked to read 30 minutes at school and 30 minutes at home each day. Information has been shared with all families about being coaches at home encouraging our students to read, read, read! Students can bring home books or can utilize books on our website. "Bookshelf" is an app that works on a computer or mobile device. It offers a variety of books at the different IRLA reading levels. If you are unsure how to access it, please contact your child's teacher for assistance.

Students can also work on Math skills through our website by utilizing "MobyMax" a program that is set up for each individual based on their math knowledge.

Ask questions each night about what your child learned today and what they need to work on tonight!!

## 2014 GTES Walk & Roll



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### **School Attendance**

It is important for each of our students to attend school each day. When students arrive late or leave early they miss valuable instruction time. In fact research has shown that attendance may be the biggest factor influencing academic success for students. Please help your student to be at school on time @ 9:30 a.m., remain until dismissal time @ 3:50 p.m.

Also, if a last minute change in how your child is going home needs to be communicated with the school please do so before 3:15. If there is an emergency or your child has an appointment, they need to be picked up before 3:15. Students and teachers spend the last few minutes each day receiving instruction on homework, writing in their agenda books, and making moves within the pod to assigned dismissal rooms.

### **School Dress**

Please help your child follow the district's dress code so that we can maintain an orderly learning environment as well as helping them prepare for future success. Students should wear modest clothing that is appropriate for school. Shorts and dresses of modest length, shirts with shoulders at least 2" in width, shirts without inappropriate designs/imprints, shoes with back straps or tennis shoes (no flipflops), and no hats except for special occasions designated by the school.

### **Labels for Education**

Don't forget to send in all of those box tops!!! By saving your General Mills box tops, you help our school. The money we receive from collecting these box tops helps our students with recess equipment, technology, classroom supplies, etc.

### **Students "Teach Flu a Lesson" – November 14th**

Flu vaccinations will be given between 1:20 and 3:20 p.m. on 11/14. If you would like your child to receive the vaccine please fill out the form that was sent home and return it to school by November 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, contact the school.

### **Great American Teach In - November 19th**

Sponsored by Duke Energy, this is a special opportunity to visit and share a special talent, talk about your work, or read a book to your child's class. You may choose to share with only one class or with three or four. Please contact the school or your child's teacher if you would like to participate.

### **Dates to Remember:**

Nov 9 – Bucs Family Game  
Nov 12 – Picture Retakes  
Nov 14 – Flu Vaccine  
PTO Movie&Dinner

Nov 19 – GATI  
Nov 20 – SAC Meeting  
Nov 24/28 – Thanksgiving  
Break

Dec 4 – STEM Family Workshop  
Dec 5 – PTO Parent Night  
Dec 8/11 – Holiday House  
Dec 11 – Winter Wonderland  
Dec 18 – SAC Meeting  
Dec 22/31 – Winter Break

Jan 1/5 – Winter Break  
Jan 9 – PTO Movie&Dinner

### **PTO**

Each month our PTO has a "Donation Day". On that day some of the members collect specific items for community members in need. The items are taken to Metropolitan Ministries who distributes the items to those in need.

The PTO also offers a number of events throughout the year.

Please support them with their efforts to help our students and our community.

