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The Gulf High School Newsletter
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Homecoming Activities Scheduled!

The 90th birthday of Gulf High School is a special reason to celebrate. Combine that with Homecoming festivities and the week of October 23, 2012 will be a special one!

"We have a lot to be proud of as members of the Gulf community," Principal Kim Davis stated. "Our students and staff are making the 90th year of Gulf High School a special one in the history of the school."

The week of activities begins Tuesday with dress up days and Red Ribbon Week events. (See the school website and page four of this newsletter for more details.)

Friday, October 26, and Saturday, October 27 is the culmination of the Homecoming week at GHS with the Alumni Invasion, the Homecoming football game and the Homecoming dance. (See the school website and page four of this newsletter for more details.)

We encourage all students to participate in these very exciting activities and to enjoy the 90th Birthday of Gulf High School! But we would also like to stress that next week classes will be held as usual and all school policies apply. (See Pg. 4)

Cause for Kellie 5K: A GHS Graduate Needs Your Help!

Kellie Hicks graduated from Gulf High School in 1984. She is a 46 year-old mother of two who loves to read, work in the yard and go to the beach. But now she needs help from her Gulf family.

Kellie was recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer, for the second time. She survived head and neck cancer in 2009 but the disease has returned to her liver and bones.

Her daughter Ashley, a graduate of Mitchell High School, is organizing a 5K Run that will take place at Gulf High Saturday, November 3rd.

The Gulf High School Health Academy has joined the cause with a drive to educate the community and the participants about Human Papillomavirus, the form of cancer that invaded Hicks' body.

The Human Papillomavirus is not curable but it is preventable with the HPV vaccine.

Please help Kellie and the rest of the Gulf community raise awareness about this terrible disease and its preventative vaccine.

November 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Gulf High School Stadium. A Cause worth running for!



Kellie Hicks, Class of '84

For registration information go to www.cureforkellie.com Lace up your sneakers for a good cause!

For more information about HPV, visit <http://www.insidemoffit.com>

Gulf High School's mission is to link local, state, national, and international resources to create active, lifelong learners who will promote worldwide intercultural understanding and respect.

News and Special Events:



Principal Kim Davis

We are excited to announce the following events that are scheduled for the coming weeks:

The Career Academy will be participating in the Cycle for Life Bike Ride on October 27th at Longleaf. The proceeds will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation.

The Gulf HS and Anclote HS Navy/Army Military Ball is scheduled for Friday March 22.

Spanish and French honor society students will begin their annual Spanish/French is fun program at local elementary schools and day care centers. Juniors and Seniors volunteer to go to selected schools where they will introduce and teach language communication skills in a fun way as well as promote Spanish and French culture. Students are responsible for contacting teachers and preparing weekly lesson plans that comply with core curriculum standards. Approximately ten sessions are scheduled which last thirty minutes each.

World F.A.I.R. preparations are on the way with Seniors Thuy and Philip, president and vice president of the Spanish Honor Society. The World Languages department is sponsoring the event this year and we want to involve more students from all nationalities to display more countries with lots of food, arts and crafts, games and performances. The event will take place on Friday, November 16th at the activity center. More details to follow.

Important Contact Information

Guidance Counselors (Assigned by the beginning letter of the students' last names):

A - G Mrs. Jennings, H – O Mrs. Cotney, P – Z Ms. Pontikos, PIB and IB – Mrs. Kelley

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Teachers Out of Field Notification

The Pasco County School District requires that we notify parents of any teachers on campus who are teaching a class for which they have not completed the certification. All of these teachers are presently working toward that certification as a condition of their employment. We are very confident in their abilities as classroom teachers and they are held to the same professional standards that the State of Florida and Pasco County require. The following teachers are working toward becoming certified in their content areas:

Travis Priddy Amihai Uriel Bret Wiest George Brazier

HCA Students Team Up to Fight Cystic Fibrosis

Led by Co-Captains Sarah Langley, Amanda Robbins, Julian Rayburn, Ellie Magnuson, and Hanna McCarthy, over 30 Health Career Academy students are volunteering to support fundraising to fight this terrible disease. Our student volunteers will be manning the rest stops to provide snacks, drinks, and enthusiasm for the cyclists as they ride between 20-75 miles from Longleaf Town Center through Starkey Park. For more information you may contact Dawn Keglör at (813) 374-9041, 1-800-FIGHT CF, or tampa-fl@cff.org

Athletic Passes Available for Purchase

Athletic passes are available for \$35 per person or \$100 for a family of three or more.

If you would like to purchase athletic passes please see Patty Joens in the GHS main office.

Anyone who would like to volunteer at GHS sporting events please complete an application that is available through the Pasco County School District Website

www.pasco.k12.fl.us

or contact Patty Joens at (727) 774-3302

Thespians to Perform at RRHS Performing Arts Center

The Gulf High School Thespians have released the dates of their next performances. The talented student actors will be performing "The Ladies Man" at the River Ridge High School Center for the Performing Arts. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 1-3 the students will entertain the audience with 7 p.m. shows. In addition, they have added a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, November 2. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from Mr. Brazier or any of the thespians. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. The box office opens one hour before show time. Come and enjoy an evening of entertainment!

Teen Auto Safety Booklet Created by and For Teens

"I Care" is a teen auto safety booklet created by teens and funded with a State Farm grant in South Florida.

The booklet can be downloaded for free at the humanityproject.com

The booklet is designed to help teens become better, safer drivers.

Download your free copy today!



Penny for Pasco: The last item on the ballot

Penny for Pasco is the one cent sales tax that the voters of Pasco approved in 2004, 45% of which goes directly to support the capital needs of our school system. The remaining portion is split between the county and local cities. The school system has received over \$139 million in Penny for Pasco proceeds that have been used on the construction of new schools and the renovation of older schools. These funds were vital in helping the District ease massive overcrowding in our schools.

The current penny sales tax will expire in 2014 unless renewed by the voters of Pasco County this November. The Penny issue will be the last item on the November ballot. This is not a new tax, but rather an extension of the current sales tax.

If approved, the Penny for Pasco sales tax will generate \$226 million that will be used to provide much needed repair and renovations to aging schools. It will also be used to improve energy efficiency in schools and to retrofit and equip older schools built before 1975 with the technology students need to succeed in the 21st century. By law, none of these funds can be used for administration or operating costs. To learn more about Penny for Pasco projects and how it will be used to help our community, please visit www.pasco.k12.fl.us

Penny for Pasco. Remember to vote November 6th. Last item on the ballot.

Attendance Reminder!

If a student has unexcused absences in 3 or more periods a day in 5 or more days, or 5 unexcused absences in any one course within a quarter or 10 unexcused absences in any one course within a semester, the student shall:

1. lose the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities. These include but are not limited to dances, special events, club activities and participation in athletics, until the end of the following grading quarter. In addition,
2. lose the privilege to drive to campus until the end of the following grading quarter. If this occurs during the fourth quarter of the school year, the privileges would be lost for the first quarter of the following school year. The principal or designee may review extenuating circumstances resulting in a loss of privilege(s). **The principal's decision is final.** In addition,
3. have their name submitted to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV). The student will then be in danger of having the current privilege to drive suspended, or for students who are under age 16, having their application for licensure denied.

Dress Up Days Behavior Expectations!

During Homecoming week students are encouraged to participate in several theme days. However it is important to remember the following requirements:

All clothing **MUST** be school appropriate. No face paint is allowed. Students may not wear masks or hats of any kind. Students may not bring props, i.e. fake swords etc.

Please remember that these days are traditional, but also conventional school days.

Alumni Invasion Schedule Released!

Friday, October 26, 2012:

Street Parade, Pre-game Tailgate, Dedication and Downtown Invasion

3:00 p.m. Homecoming street parade to campus

4:30 – 7:00 p.m. GHS pre-game tailgate for alumni, family and friends.

\$15.00 per ticket. Pit Boss BBQ – hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks.

A portion of this fee goes to a scholarship donation.

7:00 – 7:15 p.m. James Edward Campbell Alumni Plaza Dedication

8:00 – 11:00 p.m. GHS alumni invade downtown New Port Richey

Saturday, October 27, 2012:

8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Alumni breakfast at Peace Hall

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Memorial Service for James Edward Campbell, former principal and educator.

See the GHS website for more details!

Red Ribbon Week Activities Scheduled!

Tuesday, October 23:

Sign the pledge banner in the commons and receive a red ribbon to wear for the week.

Wednesday, October 24:

Bring in a canned good and receive a ticket for a prize drawing. Ten cans will get you two tickets in the drawing.

Thursday, October 25:

The teachers and staff will wear red to take a stand against drugs.

Friday, October 26:

Essay Contest! The best essay on the topic of drug awareness and prevention will win a prize.