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Prevent Your Child from Becoming a Target of Cyber Bullying

Keeping your children safe online isn't about technology. It's about common sense and communication.

Don't talk to or accept anything from strangers. Online, everyone is a stranger. We need to teach our children how to talk to strangers safely, and keep them from talking to them outside of a monitored setting.

You also must teach them that anyone can masquerade as anyone else online. Don't tell people personal things about yourself.

Come straight home after school. Parents over the generations have always known that children can get into trouble when they wander around after school. Wandering aimlessly online isn't any different.

Allowing your children to spend unlimited time online, surfing aimlessly, is asking for trouble. If they are just surfing randomly, set a time limit. You want them to come home after they're done, to human interaction and family activities (and homework).

Don't provoke fights. Trying to provoke someone in cyberspace is called "flaming." It often violates the "terms of service" of your online service provider and will certainly get a reaction from other people online - a *bad one*, and you certainly don't want that. Flaming matches can be heated, long and extended battles, moving from a chat room or discussion group to e-mail quickly.

If your child feels that someone is flaming them, they should tell you and the moderator in charge right away and get offline or surf another area. They shouldn't try to defend themselves or get involved in retaliation. It's a battle they can never win.

Frequently discuss the concerns of public disclosure of intimate personal information and the value of modesty.

Visit and discuss the values demonstrated by others in your child's favorite online communities.

Work with the school to intervene effectively to address any in-school bullying.

Seek to "bully-proof" your child by reinforcing your child's unique individual strengths and fostering healthy friendships with teens you can trust to be kind.

Keep your home computer in a busy area of your house.

Set up email and chat accounts with your children. Make sure that you know their screen names and passwords and that they don't include any personal information in their online profiles.

Regularly go over their instant messenger "buddy list" with them. Ask who each person is and how your children know him or her.

Discuss cyber bullying with your children and ask if they have ever experienced it or seen it happen to someone.

Reassure your children that you won't blame them if they are cyber bullied. Emphasize that you won't take away their computer privileges - this is the main reason kids don't tell adults when they are cyber bullied.

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.

Accomplishments, News and Notifications!

School grades were released recently and Gulf High School was a B school for the 2011-2012 school year! We are very proud of that accomplishment and we are striving to be even better!

If you would like to view our School Improvement Plan please go to the following site:

http://www.flbsi.org/1213_SIP/

Kris Stolarczyk just won first place at the district Tropicana Public Speaking Contest in the entertainment division. Kris' speech was a satire about Mother Nature's malevolent nature.

Julide Iye won first place at the district Tropicana Public Speaking Contest in the persuasion division. Julide's speech was about the influence of Christianity in America. Julide also won first place in the Tolerance Week poster contest.

Alexis Beucler won the PRIDE Visual Arts award.

Calendar Events:

Post Secondary Education Readiness Test for selected juniors: March 11 - 14

Tolerance Week: March 11 – 15

Post Secondary Fair: For all juniors and undecided seniors, March 20

PHCC Senior Blitz: For any senior planning to attend PHCC, March 22

Winter Sports Wrap Up!

The winter sports season ended on an awesome note as two Gulf High School teams earned District Championships. Wrestling ended their season with a 27-7 record. The team won a District Championship and earned a Regional Runner Up trophy placing second out of 36 schools. The Bucs also medaled two wrestlers at the FHSAA State Wrestling Tournament. Jarred Kruse (junior 184 lbs.) placed 4th and Spencer Baxter (senior 160 lbs.) placed 2nd. The Girls' Basketball Program found success in the postseason as well. The Lady Bucs boasted another incredible season with a 24-7 record. The girls did an amazing job knocking off undefeated Pasco High School in one of the most exciting games of the season to earn their District Championship. The spring sports season has already begun. Please come out and support your Buccaneers!

Volunteer News!

We would like to say "Thanks" to our **WONDERFUL** volunteers for all of their dedication, time and service to the students and staff at Gulf High School. We appreciate all that you do. A **special recognition** to the following volunteers for their weekly dedication to our school.

Rudy Napoli

Sharon Pikramenos

Kathy Logue

Samer Azmy

Katie Miles

English Language News and Events

Gulf High School held its third *POETRY OUT LOUD* competition, in which participants performed poems from memory.

Contestants were judged on perfection of memorization, understanding of the poem, degree of difficulty, and effective use of voice. The competition was truly tough, and the scores were very close. And yet a clear winner emerged: Kris Stolarczyk! For the second consecutive year, Kris will travel to Tallahassee to compete at the state level. There, he will have to make it through two heats to qualify for the third round, which requires memorizing and performing 3 poems. Last year Kris made it to the top ten; this year he's going for the win. All the best to you, Kris, from all of us at Gulf High!

Katrina Enoch has been selected as GHS's winner of the PRIDE in Writing contest. Katrina has consistently written the most thorough, sophisticated, and accurate analyses and reports, and also has excellent creative writing skills. Katrina will be compiling a portfolio of five pieces of her original writing to submit to the district for its competition in March. We could have a winner there too.

At the National English Honor Society's Valentine's Day poetry contest, several students competed in the love poem category. The three judges rated the performances on originality, language, meaning, and performance. The talent was dazzling! The judges awarded the following places:

First Place -- Brittney Gervasi (\$20 gift card to Starbucks)

Second Place -- Amanda Beucler (Starbucks mug)

Third Place -- Madison Kistler (Valentine's Day candy)

International Baccalaureate juniors are diligently preparing for their Internal Oral Commentaries to be recorded the first week in April. These commentaries count as 15% of their total English score as part of their requirement for the IB diploma. IB seniors are analyzing the poetry of four major poets in preparation for their final IB requirement: Paper 2 is a two-hour written exam, and counts as 25% of their total English score.

TESTING NEWS!

It is that time of the year. During the last quarter of the 2012-13 school year, we have the following tests, which impact the majority of our students. Please see the website in regards to ePats, which are the practice tests, and the testing expectations. Here is the schedule of the state-mandated tests:

April 8-12	FCAT Retakes
April 15-19	10 th grade FCAT Reading 2.0
April 22-25	9 th grade FCAT Reading 2.0
April 29- May 3	US History EOC
May 6-10	Biology EOC
May 13-17	Algebra EOC
May 20-24	Geometry EOC

Other tests, such as Advanced Placement, PERT, IB, FAIR, and CORE K12, are coming in May!

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.
2. lose the privilege to drive to campus until the end of the following grading quarter.
3. have their name submitted to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV).

Prom Information

Gulf High School's Junior Senior Prom, "A Walk in the City," will take place Friday May 17th, from 7:30 -11:30 p.m. at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 N McMullen Booth Rd, Clearwater, FL 33759. Students and guests are to abide by the GHS school rules and the district expectations. Please see the link below on the school's website for more guidelines on tickets, rules and dress code. Hope to see you there!

http://ghs.pasco.k12.fl.us/wp-content/uploads/ghs/2013/03/prom_expectations_2pdf.pdf

Love/Breakup Letter Contest Winners!

A recent student contest asked students to write a love letter (or breakup letter) to their favorite part of speech, punctuation mark, math concept, rule, principle, science process, law, theory, hypothesis, historical event, figure, place, region, musical or artistic time period, genre, favorite sport, game, rule, or team. The winners were:

1st Place	Junior - Tim Flores – Breakup letter to Calculus - \$50 gift certificate (Starbucks)
2nd Place	Junior - Destiny Magoulis – Love Letter to Track - \$30 gift certificate (Starbucks)
3rd Place	Sophomore - Acadia Moore – Love Letter to Track - \$20 gift certificate (Starbucks)

Honorable Mentions

Sophomore - Jessica Anderson - Breakup letter to Time
 Sophomore – Ewa Bohramy –Love Letter to Nicholas Sparks
 Junior – Syann Julian – Breakup Letter to Math
 Junior – Brooke Maestas – Breakup Letter to AP Language/Comp

Honorable Mentions received a reusable (Green) cup from Starbucks filled with treats.

Guide to Online Databases for Students:

Read our MIND

Pasco Online Resources:

<http://mind.pasco.k12.fl.us>

Academic/Careers/Florida&more



Gale
 All Grade Levels
 User ID: pasco
 No password

Magazine Articles



EBSCOHost
 All Grade Levels
 User ID: pasco
 Password: flamingo

General Interest



World Book Web
 All Grade Levels
 User ID: pasco1
 Password: flamingo

Social Issues, Science and more



SIRS Knowledge Source
 High School
 User ID: pasco
 Password: flamingo

General Interest



Grolier Multimedia
 All Grade Levels
 User ID: pasco
 Password: flamingo

Citation Machine

<http://citationmachine.net/index2.php>

How to Use the Online Databases

