



The Gulfview Times

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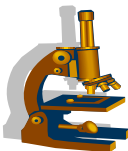
Many congratulations to all the participants and winners of all our academic competitions!!!

Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to the Science Fair Winners! These students will be going on to the Regional Science fair and will be representing Gulfview. Way to go!

Nicole Vorobyeva
Jackson Barton
BJ Minarcin
Kelly Kramer
Matthew Regala
Claire Havig
Laurel Major

Christopher Davis
Daniel Quintero
Tiffany Le
Emily Black
Macy Cartwright
Noah Biggs



Geography Winners

The social studies department selects a representative from each of their classes to compete at the school wide event. The event is sponsored by National Geographic and is a Geography Bee that is held annually between 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. The winning student has an opportunity to move on to the state level to compete.



1st Place: Morgan May -6th grader
2nd Place: Bryce Watkins - 8th grader
3rd Place: Emily Black -8th grader

Spelling Bee Winners

1st place Trey Stamm -7th grader
2nd place Andrew Tuttle -6th grader
3rd place Alexandru Manguires -8th grader

All three students will represent Gulfview at the Collier County Spelling Bee in March!!



CONGRATULATIONS!!



Students of the Month for January

6th Grade Team: Emily Grant
7th Grade Team: Susan Palma
8th Grade Team: Sherry Lubin

PBS Positive Referral Student of the Month:
Preston Kent

Upcoming Events in January

- 1/4/12 - Teacher's return to school
- 1/5/12 Students Return
- 1/11/12 Early Dismissal for mid-terms 12:50
- 1/11/12 Scholar Bowl Team 7-105 12:50 p.m.
- 1/12/12 Early Dismissal for mid-terms 12:50
- 1/12/12 Rita's Italian Ice 12:50 p.m. \$2.00
- 1/13/12 Early Dismissal for mid-terms 12:50
- 1/16/12 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
- 1/17/12 No School —Teacher Work Day
- 1/18/12 SAC Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 1/19/12 Yearbook Club Meeting 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- 1/20/12 FCA 5-211 8:30 a.m.
- 1/21/12 Middle School Band Concert 3:00 p.m.
- 1/23/12 Celebrate Literacy Week
- 1/24/12 Yearbook Club Meeting 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- 1/25/12 Report Card Distribution
- 1/28/12 Super Science Saturday
- 1/31/12 Yearbook Club Meeting 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Collier County Poster Contest Winners

Congratulations! **Hugh Wilkinson**, a student here at GVM, was the first place Poster Contest winner for Collier County! **Ashley Tureskis** was the second place winner for Collier County! These posters are featured in the 2012 Picture This As A Career Calendar, put together by Southwest Florida's Workforce Development Board.

In addition, **Haley Dee, Andre Eaton and Rachael Jackson**, were acknowledged in the 2012 Picture This As A Career Calendar!

Did you know that GVMS has earned a PBS GOLD STATUS???

What is PBS?

Positive Behavior Support is a collaborative, assessment-based approach to developing effective interventions for problem behavior.

PBS emphasizes the use of proactive, educative, and reinforcement-based strategies to achieve meaningful and durable behavior and lifestyle changes for all students.

The aim is to build effective environments in which positive behavior is more effective than problem behavior so that academic success can be achieved.

Our **GVMS Expectations** are:

GET READY TO LEARN
VALUE YOURSELF AND OTHERS
MAKE POSITIVE CHOICES
STRIVE FOR SELF RELIANCE

What does having a “Gold Status Mean”?

This means we have obtained the highest recognition possible from the state for having effective PBS systems in place. The following are some examples:

- * Positive Referrals
- * Student of the Week
- * School Store
- * Spin to Win
- * Reward parties
- * Student made GVMS Expectation’s T-Shirt
- * tokens
- * Student of the Month
- * Popcorn Day
- * Student made PBS song

How can you be involved?

If you are on the campus and you see student’s doing a nice job, compliment them.

- * Ask your child how many tokens they have?
- * If your child is the student earns a positive referral, is the student of the week, or is the student of the month, congratulate them and talk to them about what they did to earn that.
- * If you have the time and interest, volunteer to help with any of our PBS support activity.
- * Please share any idea or comment with our staff. We always welcome new and fresh ideas!

Friday the 13th

Written by Lashawn Martin

Beware of Friday the thirteenth!!

Did you know that Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden of Eden on a Friday, Noah's flood started on a Friday, Christ was crucified on a Friday, and the stock market crash was on a Friday?



Written by Fefe Jamhour

I know many of you consider that Friday the 13th is the unluckiest and scariest day of the year for a number of reasons. This Friday the 13th is the first one of the year. I'm sorry to say it isn't the last of it. This year is going to have two more Friday the 13th's. One in April and another in July. This only happens on leap years, and this has only happened seven times since 1860, and not since 1984. Wow, I think that is a sea of amazing information. I can't wait to write more information about Friday the 13th in my next article!

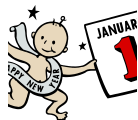
JANUARY WORD SEARCH #1

by: Samuel Gardner

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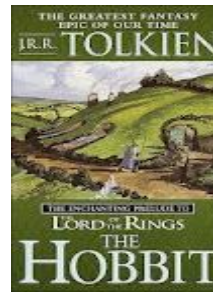
Tabs for Ronald McDonald House
 Can tabs can be placed in Mrs. Evans' mailbox
 or brought to the band room.



BOOK REVIEWS

The Hobbit is a truly magical story of a little person who isn't very fond of adventure, loves company, and lives in a hole in a hill. This person is Bilbo Baggins and he is a hobbit. This novel is a fantasy about Bilbo's adventures throughout the land in which he lives. It all begins when Gandalf the wizard sends thirteen dwarves into Bilbo's home. The hobbit, dwarves, and wizard then set out to get their gold back from an evil dragon in the mountains named Smaug. The book is full of magic rings, evil trolls, goblins, dragons, giant spiders, and savage orcs. Bilbo, who has never had an adventure in his life, must face all of these obstacles with a brave face. The book is the prelude to The Fellowship of the Rings; the first of the Lord of the Rings series. It is a fantasy novel by **J. R. R. Tolkien**, and I would recommend it to anybody who wants to lose themselves in a world of charm.

Book review written by: **Emily Muran**



Gone begins in a small town in Perdido Beach that has its people isolated from the world by an egg-shaped force-field. Our hero, Sam Templeton, and his friends Astrid, Quinn, and Edilio assume responsibility for holding anarchy at bay. A sweet girl called "Mother Mary" takes charge of the pre-school nursery. In a lovely touch, a boy named Albert, reopens McDonald's, aware that the availability of number-one combos is what keeps insanity from closing in. Then a band of cars from Coates Academy creeps into town. Coates is a residential school for "difficult" children. The leader of the school is Caine, a charismatic boy who instantly assumes power. He is, of course, bad, and soon enough a battle between Sam and Caine, Good and Evil, develops. Michael Grant, the author, keeps the reader turning the page to see what will occur next.

Book review written by: **Noah Dancu**

Need Extra Help???

Mrs. Wilson 3-101 H.W. Club

Mon. & Wed. 3:55 -5:00p.m.

Ms. Bellezzo 5-110 H.W. Club

Tuesday 3:55-5:00 p.m.

Mr. Hill 5-204 H.W. Club

Thursday 3:55-5:00 p.m.

Math Tutoring Mrs. Lee 5-208

Tues, Wed., Thurs., Friday 8:15 – 9:00 a.m.

Monday, - Friday A,B,C Lunch

Reading -Mrs. Maguire 4-207 Tues., Wed.,

Thurs., & Fri. 8:00 – 8:25 a.m.

Mon. & Wed. 3:55 – 5:00 p.m.

Math Tutoring Ms. Donohue 7-

106 Wednesday 3:55 -4:30 p.m.

Tutoring—Mrs. Hinojosa 5-111

Wednesday 3:55 – 4:55 p.m.

Tutoring—Mrs. Condon 7-102B

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 4-4:30 p.m.

Forms for Academic Help Programs are available in the Front Reception area. **They need to be filled out** by a parent /guardian & returned to Ms. Dorna's room 4-120 **before being able to start.**



Have your parents call the school EACH day your are out (even if they called the day before), to avoid unexcused absences.



Collier County Public Schools

Everglades City, Immokalee, Marco Island & Naples, FL

Collier County's & Gulfview's Websites are full of info!

Students AND parents, please make it a habit to utilize the many online school tools.

For school information, visit collierschools.com click on Schools, select Gulfview under Middle Schools, then click on *Visit the School's Website* for Gulfview's site.

To check grades: at the district website, click on *Students*, then **Grades Online**. Enter the student ID # (student lunch number), and their password as their 4 digit birthday (day and month, i.e., Jan 1st = 0101).

To see if assignments are listed by individual teachers, or if the class textbook is online, go to *Students* again, and click on **ANGEL**. Use the same log in as for Grades Online!

FCAT EXPLORER

Would you like for your child to do well in his/her class and on state exams. Have them practice their skills on a free program, FCAT Explorer. It's simple! Have your child follow the following steps.



1. Log-in to collierschools.com

2. Select Angel

Username: student i.d. #

Password: first two of b-day month & day ex. April 19 = 0419

3. Select Middle School Resources

4. Select FCAT Explorer

Here your child can review reading, math, and science skills from a 3rd grade level all the way to a high-school level.



Winter Dance

by Valentina Zuluaga



The winter dance was definitely a success at Gulfview because not only was it fun and exciting for the students, but a hit for the PTO to raise money. While the kids were dancing and talking to friends in the gym, PTO was selling all sorts of neat stuff in the Panther den. They sold glow bracelets, tattoos and shutter-shades, and of course, snacks.

The dance also had something new to GVMS. The Snow Princess, Prince, Queen and King tradition began. The Snow Princess and Prince were for 6th and 7th graders while the Snow Queen and King were for the 8th graders. Snow Princess was won by Brooke Rosenbluth, a 6th grader, and the Prince was Blaine Major, another 6th grader. Better luck next time 7th graders. In the big category (8th grade), Snow King was won by Will Collins, and Snow Queen was won by Amanda Kantorzik. They were congratulated with free pictures from Ms. Malone who happened to be selling pictures from this dance as well as the other dances.

If you missed this dance, don't start to freak out. The next dance will be a Valentine's Day Dance around the middle of February.

This issue of the *Gulfview Times* was brought to you by: Valentina Zuluaga, Lashawn Martin, Samuel Gardner, Noah Dancu, Emily Muran, Fefe Jamhour, and Mrs. Moreno (advisor).

Newspaper Club has open membership—please join us any Wed., Thurs. or Friday before school from 8:25– 9:00 in Rm. 3-105.

Guest writers and poets are also always welcome! Mrs. Moreno can be reached at: morenovi@collierschools.com

Gulfview Middle School YEARBOOKS On Sale NOW!

Name: _____
 Grade: _____
 Homeroom Teacher: _____

___ Yearbook \$35.00
 ___ Name Stamping on Cover + \$5.00

Yes, I would like to donate the following amount toward additional yearbooks for our school...\$35, \$70, \$105.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Checks payable to: GVM, Please include student name in MEMO.

*Return this form with your yearbook payment to:
 Laura Foht (ART DEPT.)*

The price of the yearbook will be going up after February 13th!



***“Seems like only yesterday they were headed off to Kindergarten”
 Straight from the heart and into the yearbook!***

The **Gulfview Middle School** yearbook staff is now offering you a way to personalize the 2011- 2012 yearbook with a recognition ad.

Space is available to tell your student how proud you are!

To reserve your space follow these guidelines:

Submit payment, photos and information sheet to:

Laura Foht: Yearbook Staff (Art Dept.)
 Gulfview Middle School

Payment and Materials due by:

February 13, 2012

Student Name: _____
 Parent Name: _____
 Parent Phone #: _____
 Parent Email: _____

Full Page: \$215.00
 Half Page: \$150.00
 Quarter Page: \$90.00

STEP by **STEP** instructions:

Select Ad Size

Provide payment, this form and ad materials to yearbook staff by

3. Make checks payable to GVMS

Material Submission Guidelines:

Label all material clearly with student's name

Type all text

Submit all photos electronically via CD or memory stick. **Please ensure they are high resolution - at least 500kb**

Submit all materials in envelope marked for yearbook staff with students name

Internet photos or those taken with a camera phone are not high enough quality

January 6, 2012

[En español]

A = Attendance

A = Attitude

A = Achievement

Help Your Child Learn Three A's for Success

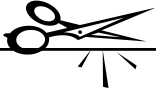
Whether or not your child earns straight A's, he can be successful if he masters these three A's:

1. **Attendance.** Businesses know how important attendance is. When they call schools before hiring a graduate, they ask first about attendance and then about grades. Teach your child that attendance is important. You go to work if it's cold or if you have a headache. Pass on those same values to your child.
2. **Attitude.** Jesse Jackson often says, "It's your attitude and not your aptitude that determines your altitude." In other words, the brightest student may be a failure if he doesn't work hard. Help your child learn the importance of work. Let him know you expect him to try his best.
3. **Achievement.** We all need goals. Help your child learn to set goals—in school and at home. Then support him as he works to achieve his goals. Encourage your child to keep raising his sights. Make a time for homework. Supervise your child's studying. Let your child see the relationship between hard work and achievement.

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GVMS PTO NEWS



BOX TOPS



*Congratulations to Ms. Bowles class for winning the first ice-cream party for the most box tops collected. Please keep them coming!!! The next PTO Box Tops for Education Challenge will be February 17, 2012. **The homeroom with the most box-tops will be the next lucky winner.** All the money raised will be used at GVM for reward parties and extra-curricular activities! Remember to turn them into your homeroom.*

If you have any questions, please contact: Colleen Cleveland at ccleveland11@comcast.net

The GVMS Staff would kindly like to
thank you !!!!
for the teacher gift cards and *scrump-*
tious cookie exchange day.



PTO NEEDS YOU!

There are several volunteer opportunities available
on the PTO this year!

No matter what your availability, we have a spot for you! There are leadership positions available or you may wish to serve on one or more committees that could use your help!

Please contact **Volunteer Coordinator, Diana Bird** at dbird5221@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration!

Committee Chairs:

- * Vice President
- * 8th Grade Events Coordinator
- * Book Fair Coordinator
- * FCAT Classroom Nourishment
- * PTO Bulletin Board
- * PTO Website
- * Spring Fundraiser
- * Teacher Appreciation Week/"Souper" Staff Day
- * Talent Show Coordinator
- * Ways and Means Committee Chair: Help to organize teams of volunteers for the Spring Fund raiser,

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult English and GED classes are now being offered at Gulf Coast High School. Adult English classes are continuing at Barron Collier, Lely and Golden Gate High Schools. Classes are held Monday-Thursday evenings from 6-8:30. Call Veronica 377-1319 for more information.

Scott Schnappauf
Workforce Education Advisor
Collier County Public Schools
239 377-2873

“Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.” Theodore Roosevelt

Brick Sales

Don't forget about our
Panther Crossings, Engraved Brick Program.
\$75 gets you or your family an engraved brick paver installed in our courtyard. Call the office or check out the Gulfview website for more information!

2011-2012 PTO Board & Chairpersons

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Are you interested in helping GVMS?

Please look into becoming a Panther Partner.

Details on back of the page.





GVMS “Panther Partners”

Families and Businesses Can Help Support Our School!

- What is it?** A program that allows *families* and local *businesses* to demonstrate a shared commitment to our school through cash sponsorships and/or in-kind donations (non-monetary).
- Where does the money go?** All *monies* are collected by the PTO which pays for things such as reward parties, off-site field trips, school planners, after school clubs, raffles, our school store, and updated technology in the classroom. All donated *items* are used to benefit students and staff in various ways throughout the year.
- Who can do it?** Anyone! *Families* who couldn’t participate in the standard fundraisers but still want to contribute, families who want to contribute in addition to their fundraiser participation, neighbors, friends, relatives and local *businesses* who share a commitment to education.
- How much do I give?** Cash sponsorship is divided into several levels of giving so *families* can find the range that works for them (see Panther Partners brochure in front office or on the GVMS website for levels of giving). Our PTO budget is calculated based on the need to collect about \$40, per child, per year, whether through fundraisers or through Panther Partners contributions. *Businesses* may be interested in the various ways they can be recognized at our school based on their level of giving. Highlighting their business through Panther Partners is a way to help support our local community as they support our school.
- How do I participate?** *Families:* Go to the Panther Partners area in the front office and fill out a Donations Receipt form (or print the form from the GVMS website). For cash sponsorships please make your check out to ‘GVMS PTO’ and write your child’s name on the memo line. Our federal tax ID # is printed on the receipt so keep a copy of this form for your personal tax purposes. When completed turn in your form and check at the front office.
Businesses: If you know of a business that might be interested in becoming a Panther Partner feel free to take extra copies of the Donations Receipt forms and brochures to distribute or direct them to the GVMS website. Businesses can mail in their completed form and check directly to the school (attn to: Panther Partners Program).

Contacts:

Principal: Kevin Huelsman: **HuelsmKe@collierschools.com**
Ass. Principal: Nelson Stephenson: **StepheFr@collierschools.com**

GVMS PANTHER PROGRAM INFORMATION:

FACT: The Panther Partners Program is a partnership program between the Gulfview Middle School community, our families, and the neighborhood business community to demonstrate a shared commitment to educational achievement and the preparation of tomorrow's leaders.

FACT: The Panther Partner Program directly benefits all of the students at Gulfview Middle School .

FACT: Our schools are facing budget cuts from the State and the difficult economic times are our current reality.

FACT: Gulfview has high expectations for its students and staff, and we are not willing to compromise on the quality of our instruction or educational experience.

FACT: Gulfview has received an "A" school ranking for the past ten consecutive years. Gulfview's continued success is due to the experienced and devoted teachers, supportive and dedicated parents, and our caring local community.

FACT: Your business will benefit from the exposure to over 660 students and their families as well as the 72 staff members at Gulfview Middle.

FACT: Gulfview Middle School and the Parent Teacher Organization want you to be a Panther Partner!

Panther Sponsors:

Platinum Panthers

\$1,500 or more

* Full page "Panther Partner Spotlight" article in GVMS News-letter on website, ENews, and front office.

- * **Banner** on school grounds **
- * Recognition in front office bulletin
- * Certificate of appreciation
- * Thank you letter for tax purposes.
- * Listing in the school yearbook. **

Gold Panthers

\$1,000—\$1,499

* 1/2 page ad in quarterly Family Newsletter on website, ENews, and front office.

- * **Banner** on school grounds
- * Recognition in front office bulletin.
- * Certificate of appreciation.
- * Thank you letter for tax purposes.
- * Listing in the school yearbook. **

Silver Panthers

\$500 - \$999

* 1/4 page ad in GVMS Newsletter on website, ENews, and front office.

- * Recognition in front office bulletin.
- * Certificate of appreciation.
- * Thank you letter for tax purposes.
- * Listing in the school yearbook. **

Bronze Panthers

\$250—\$499

- * Ad in GVMS Newsletter on website, ENews, and front office
- * Certificate of appreciation.
- * Listing in the school yearbook. **
- * Thank you letter for tax purposes.

Panther Pals

\$100-249

- * Ad in GVMS Newsletter on website, ENews, and front office.
- * Thank you letter for tax purposes.

Panther Providers

Up to \$99

- * Recognition in GVMS Newsletter on website, ENews, & front office.

Panther Patrons

In Kind-Donations (non-monetary)

- * Recognition in the GVMS Newsletter on website, ENews, and front office.

GVMS PTO is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. Monetary contributions to GVMS PTO may be tax-deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. We function under the laws of the State of Florida tax ID # 17053110013026.

***Due to printing deadlines, receipt of benefits dependent upon date received.. Yearbook & banner deadline is Feb. 13, 2012.*



From your NCH School Nurse

What is meningococcal meningitis?

It is a serious bacterial infection that strikes between 1000 to 2600 Americans each year. Although rare, this disease can cause meningitis (swelling of the brain or spinal cord) or meningococemia (blood infection).

Who is at risk for getting meningococcal meningitis?

Preteens and teens are at greater risk of getting this disease and are more likely to die compared with other age groups. Death rates from this disease are up to 5 times higher in teenagers and young adults (ages 15-24 years) compared with other age groups.

How do you get meningococcal meningitis?

This disease is spread from person to person through close contact. Everyday activities like sharing a drinking glass, eating utensils, kissing, or living in close quarters can put even healthy preteens and teens at greater risk for the disease.

What are the symptoms of meningococcal meningitis?

Meningococcal meningitis can be hard to recognize, especially in its early stages, because symptoms are similar to those of more common viral illnesses. Unlike more common illnesses, the disease can progress quickly and may cause death within 24 hrs. Symptoms may include high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, confusion, vomiting, exhaustion, and/or a rash.

How can you help prevent your child from developing meningococcal meningitis?

Vaccination is safe and effective and the best way to help protect preteens and teens from the disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend meningococcal vaccine for:

- **Preteens and teens 11 through 18 years of age**
- **College freshmen living in dormitories**

Children 2 through 10 years of age who are at increased risk or if elected by their health-care providers and parents

The vaccine can be obtained through your health care provider or at the Collier County Health Department.



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How to apply

- ▣ Call **1-855-8-INTERNET** (1-855-846-8376) to request an application
- ▣ We will mail you an application. Complete and return it, along with lunch program documents from your child's school
- ▣ We will notify you by mail about the status of your application. Allow 7-10 days for a response

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Learn more

How to get connected

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Health Screening

By Manuella Pierre-Charles B.S.N., RN
School Health Screening Coordinator
Collier County Health Department

Florida requires students in grades kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 6th to be screened for vision, hearing, growth and development, and scoliosis. These health screenings which take place in your child's school are done by staff from the Collier County Health Department. This year an estimated 35,000 students were evaluated and by far, vision impairments were the most common finding. According to the American Optometric Association, 80% percent of all learning during a child's first 12 years is obtained through vision. Of the school age children who struggle to read and comprehend, 70% percent of them have some form of visual impairment which interferes with their reading skills. This shows us that uncorrected vision hinders learning.

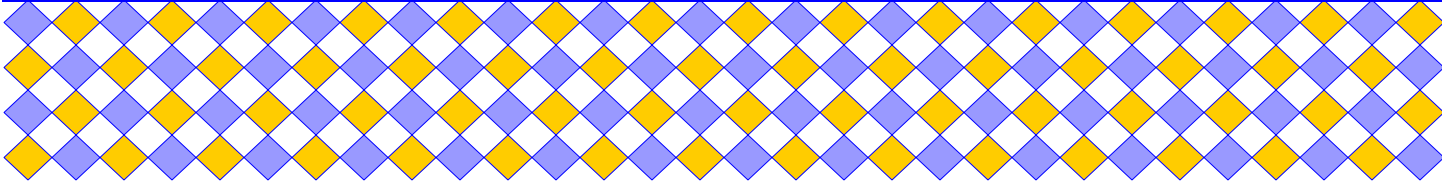
State of the art vision equipment is used to screen the children and identify those who may benefit from a complete eye examination. A referral letter is sent home to inform parents of the screening results and if further evaluation is recommended. The Collier County Health Department strongly recommends children be seen by an eye doctor. Only an eye doctor can perform a comprehensive eye exam and prescribe glasses if needed. In these difficult economic times, we offer resources to those who are uninsured and underinsured. The following services are available:

- Vision Service Plan (VSP vouchers) – provides free eye care services through gift certificates
- Florida Heiken Children Vision Program and Florida Vision Questmobile units that travel to schools, and provide free comprehensive vision services including glasses
- Medicaid or Healthy Kids- a list of local providers that accept these insurance plans are provided for parents to call and make an appointment.

The school system and the health department strive to assist our students to overcome barriers that hinder learning. If you received a referral letter, please follow-up with the school health contact listed on the letter regarding any information about your child's visit, as we would like to ensure that this year's health screening was effective. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call your school health contact, whose information is located on your child's referral form.

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HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

GVMS School website: <http://collierschools.com/gvm/>

Parent website: <http://www.byparents-forparents.com/>

Other Programs Offered by the Sheriff's Office

Juveniles At Risk (JAR) Mentoring - JAR Deputies visit with juveniles between the ages of 8 and 15-years-old once a week at home or school. The program promotes positive decision making and behavior consequences jarprevention@colliersheriff.net

Female Truancy Reduction and Compliance (F-TRAC) - This program assists at risk juvenile females between the ages of 11 and 17-years-old in reducing truancy by addressing problem behaviors through education and counseling specific to the needs of the female gender. A Delinquency Prevention Specialist is assigned to each case and is responsible for formulating a case plan and follow up for 30-90 days.

Truancy Reduction and Compliance (TRAC) - This program helps to reduce truancy in at-risk youth between the ages of 8 and 15-years-old by addressing targeted problem behaviors.

L.E.A.D. "Law Enforcement Against Drugs" - This National drug prevention program offers drug tests for parents to test their children anonymously. CCSO provides information and makes referrals to the family about available resources.

Junior Deputy League: With assistance of the Junior Deputy League, our area youth learn drug and alcohol resistance, crime prevention, first aid, firearms safety, land stewardship, self esteem, and respect for parents, teachers and law enforcement. These principles are taught through a variety of programs in a safe and fun environment.

Internet Safety: www.netismartz.org

Internet safety site for teens, www.xblock.isafe.org/