

Greetings Families of Gilmore Elementary School,

It is my privilege and honor to serve as team leader of our innovative and vibrant learning community. I am looking forward to an exciting year of working together to provide your children, our students, with a rewarding school year.

As many of you know, I possess a steadfast commitment to the families, students, faculty and community of the Gilmore School. I have been a proud member of the faculty for 15 years, first as a teacher and then as assistant principal. Our main goal is to ensure that every student is provided the highest quality education possible, in a safe and supportive learning environment, and that every student reach his/her individual goals. At the Gilmore School, every student is valued and worthy of our best effort. Working together as a team, we are committed to helping students achieve their very best: "Every Child, Every Day, Soaring to Success"

As an Expanded Learning Time School, we are dedicated to ensuring that every minute counts in order to provide vigorous learning opportunities for our students. Our school offers a 1:1 technology initiative in grades K-5, partnerships with Bridgewater State University, the YMCA, Brockton Public Library, Science from Scientists, and so much more. As students sport their Gilmore Spirit wear, we instill the core values of strong moral character and high expectations. Through our enrichment hours, we provide quality programming under the themes of character education, community service learning, STEAM, health and fitness, and the arts. With each new year brings new programs and activities.

As you join the Gilmore Learning Community, know that one of our most valued partnerships is that of our families. We offer a variety of opportunities to bring our parents into the school as partners and hope you join us. We look forward to the achievements and strides each student, your child, will make these elementary years the most memorable. We welcome you to the Gilmore Learning Community.

Sincerely,

Marybeth O'Brien

ABOUT US

The Gilmore Elementary School was built in 1965 and has been in operation since. We have rich history and innovative programs. Despite the age of our building, we have the most up-to-date technology, unique programs, and strong community partnerships. We are the Brockton Public School first Expanded Learning Time School which allows us to provide a unique learning experience for our students.

We at the Gilmore believe that each child can learn. All of our educational practices are based on that belief. We are committed to creating a child-centered environment that promotes positive self-esteem and self-confidence. Our school values and acknowledges good citizenship and a sense of community.

We provide each child with an opportunity to develop cognitively and socially within an emotionally and physically safe environment. Our successful academic program, which is based upon a careful analysis of individual student needs, focuses on instilling a growth mindset where children are equipped with the strategies and skills to persevere and problem solve, think critically, and creatively express their ideas. Each child at the Gilmore School flourishes in an environment that celebrates the diversity of our students providing them with a differentiated learning experience to ensure that "every child, every day, soars to success."

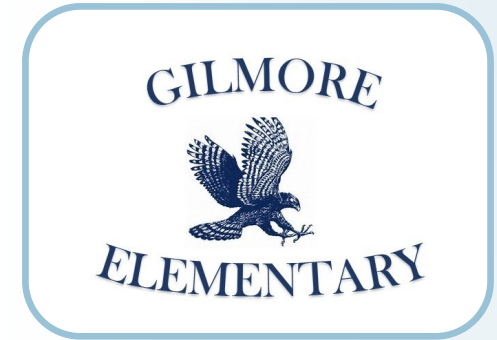
School Hours:

Monday—Friday 7:25 am— 3:25 pm
Early Release 7:25 am—12:25 pm

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Every Child, Every Day, Soaring to Success



An Expanded Learning Time School

A Bridgewater State University
Professional Development School
Formally the Huntington Elementary School

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Principal

Gilmore At-a-Glance

Demographics

- * Grades K – 5
- * Neighborhood School
- * Approximately 500 students
- * 44% English Learner
- * 97% Attendance Rate

Highlights

- * Redesigned ELT School est. 2009
- * 37.5-hour school week, 80 minutes per day
- * Longer day = 1.7 years of school from K-5
- * School Uniforms
- * Integration Pilot
- * 1:1 Technology Pilot K-5
- * Enhanced STEAM Education
- * PlayWorks: District Model
- * Imagine Arts
- * Dental Health Services
- * CEP—which allows the district to offer FREE breakfast & lunch to all students at no charge.
- * YMCA Partnership
- * Bridgewater State Partnership
- * Footbridge Summer Program grades 4-5
- * One Book, One School
- * Footprints Jumpstart to Kindergarten



FAMILIES & OUR COMMUNITY

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Join the Parent Café and Engagement Group! We meet monthly to plan events, fundraisers, and experiences that bring families and our community together. We all work together to enhance the opportunities for students so they feel school is a fun place to be, where we learn and grow together.

Full STEAM Ahead

The Gilmore's vision is to be leaders in STEAM education, preparing and inspiring generations of learners to meet the challenges of the global society through the 3 R's, the 4 C's and the 5 E's (reading, writing, arithmetic, Communication, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity & innovation, problem solving, engage, explore, explain, elaborate, evaluate). As a component of our Expanded Learning Time Grant we were awarded an expansion grant in 2015 to achieve our goals of:

- * Increase student interest in STEAM areas
- * Increase STEM achievement among all of Pre-K-12 students in order to prepare graduates to be civically and college and career ready

Through our partnerships, enrichment and technology and blended learning initiatives, we are working towards meeting these goals.



SPIRIT WEAR: UNIFORMS FOSTER SCHOOL PRIDE!

The Gilmore School embraces school uniforms or "spirit wear." Research shows that school uniforms help students to focus on learning, increase school pride, reduce peer pressure, provide fewer distractions and lessen expenses for parents.

The Gilmore School colors are khaki and navy blue. Our uniform is collared navy blue shirts with khaki pants, shorts or skirts. If wearing a skirt, girls may wear white or navy tights. You may purchase uniforms at any local retail store. If you prefer a shirt with our unique logo visit:

L & M BARGAIN OUTLET:
21 TORREY STREET, 508-580-5437
PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS UNIFORMS: (781)
493-6796
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GILMOREELEMENTARY.ITEMORDER.COM



Enrichment

Our Expanded Learning Time is designed to provide students with opportunities that enhance the educational experiences of our students through a differentiated, project based enrichment program in order to achieve maximum growth for each learner. Our programming fits within the themes of character education, community service learning, STEAM, health and fitness, and the arts. Some of our offers are Financial Literacy, Tower Gardening, Chorus, Band, Sports & Fitness, Strength & Mindfulness, Community Service Learning, Coding, Art Club, Run Club, Theatre Arts & More.

Partnerships

We pride ourselves in the long standing Gilmore tradition of forming strong partnerships with local businesses and organizations. Our most promising partner is **Bridgewater State University's College of Education and Allied Studies**. This includes mutually beneficial opportunities for all students such as: College courses taught on-site at the Gilmore for teachers in training to bridge theory with practice and our students benefit with activities like *Book Buddies*, *Math Workshop*, *Hands-on Science*

The Footbridge Project: a 2-week summer program focused on STEAM education, enrichment and more right on the college campus *Cradle-to-College* experiences so elementary students get a sense of college life and aspirations to attend college

YMCA: two days a week, the YMCA comes to the us for one-hour of enrichment in the areas of fitness, health, civic engagement and more!

Science from Scientists: two times a month all 4th and 5th graders have science lab with real scientists.

Campello Business Association: local business owners in the Campello Area sponsor and support our school and we engage in the responsibilities and duties to keep our neighborhood great!

Imagine Arts! The South Shore Conservatory visits our Kindergarten classes for an additional music class with real musicians and instruments!

Grow Hope! Coding Program: Third Graders are offered an after school experience to learn coding using Code.Org and Robots