



Gulf Shores Elementary

Coastal Connection

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Important Dates

8/8- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!

8/16- Spirit Night @ Tacky Jacks

8/24- Money due for Pizza Day (\$2)

8/25- Pizza Day



Back to School Information



- Please help your student(s) practice getting out of the car, as well as recognizing his/her car number. This helps ensure a smooth and safe arrival and dismissal!
- Make sure car rider tags are displayed for afternoon carline. If it is not, you will need to verify your identity with the front office for safety purposes.
- Please do not drop your child off at the school until 7:20.
- The tardy bell will ring at 7:50 and students will be considered late. After the first two weeks of school, car duty will stop and doors will be locked when the tardy bell rings at 7:50. If you arrive after that time, you will have to walk your child in and check them in through the front as they will be considered late.
- PreK and Kinder parents may walk their child in on the first day beginning at 8:30.
- To help students learn new routines, please refrain from making transportation changes the first 2 weeks.
- In order to make sure we are helping students learn the routines, we ask that visitors please wait on joining us for lunch until after Labor Day. In addition, we may have to limit lunch visitors to outside only.
- Buses will be later than normal the first week as we work to ensure students are on the correct buses before leaving campus.

Dr. Alicia Early
Principal

Courtney Creel
Assistant Principal

Rebecca Grogan
Assistant Principal

Online School Purchases

Please scan the QR code below to purchase birthday ice cream, t-shirts, pizza days, yearbook, field day package, and school donations. Some purchases do have cut off dates for purchase.



Renovations

Our renovations are almost complete. We are excited for our new learning spaces and the opportunities our students will have! We appreciate your patience throughout this process! We look forward to being able to welcome everyone into all of our new spaces soon.

Morning Walkers

Don't forget that all morning walkers from the state park area need to follow the sidewalk beside the carline and enter the school grounds at the gate. See the map below for guidance.



Family Engagement

Please scan the QR code below for the Guidance Needs Assessment. This will help our counselors better serve your student(s)!



Parenting is hard, especially when it comes to communication! Scan the QR code to register for Parenting Conference 2023 with Kathleen Edelman, author of *A Grown Up's Guide to Kid's Wiring!*



School Attendance

Attendance is an essential component in students' achievement. Students who miss just 2 days a month are considered chronically absent by the end of the school year. Research shows that frequent absences affect not only academic success but also social and emotional development. Please keep in mind that students are allowed 9 excused absences for the year. More information on attendance can be found in the Student Handbook on our school website at <https://gses.gsboe.org/>.

See some helpful tips below to help your child be successful:

- Talk to them about the importance of going to school
- Help them to lay out clothes the night before
- Establish a regular bedtime
- Turn off electronics **1** hour before bedtime
- Be on time for school