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## MESSAGE FROM MR. MORELAND

*Gulf Middle*

### Welcome Back!!

We are back and in full swing for the 22-23 school year and we are all so happy to be back. While everyone loves a great summer vacation, we love getting students back on campus just as much.

The beginning of the year is a great time to start implementing routines such as, regular times for homework, getting to sleep on time, shutting off electronics near bedtime, identifying a regular spot for charging chromebooks, and building time into the your evenings to just touch base with your student. These types of routines help students and parents get back into the swing of things.

## Welcome TO GMS.

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## FOCUS and the Parent Portal

Parents, this year it is imperative that you create a Parent Portal account in FOCUS. This will be your lifeline to grades, reports, updating any new contact information, and signing important forms. If you have not done so already, please use this link, [https://www.leeschools.net/our\\_schools/focus](https://www.leeschools.net/our_schools/focus) to create an account. Reports cards are all electronic this year, so you will need an account to access your students interims and report cards\*. If you need help creating an account please contact Mr. Morse, our technology specialist, and he can help you.

\*If parents do not want to access report cards electronically, you have the option of picking up a copy in the office, or providing a stamped, self-addressed envelope to have a copy mailed home.

# IMPORTANT DATES

**Aug. 30- PTO/SAC Meeting 6:00 pm- GMS Media Center**

**Aug. 31- PBIS Teacher/Student Ping Pong Tournament**

**Aug. 31- PD Early Dismissal for students 2:00 pm**

**Sept. 5- LABOR DAY- NO SCHOOL**

**September 12- Q1 Interims**

## PBIS and Ping Pong

Our first PBIS event of the year is a student/teacher ping pong tournament.

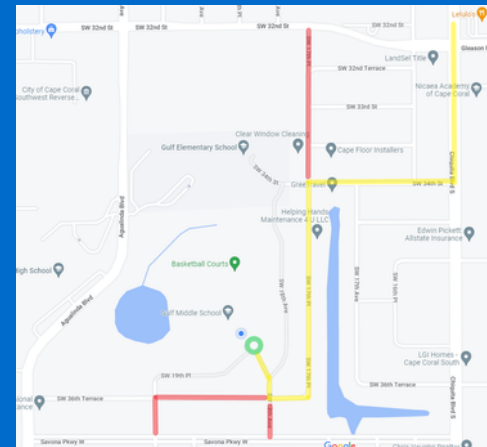
Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is so much more than just a fun event at school. The purpose of PBIS is to reward students for coming to school each day and being ready to learn by exhibiting positive behaviors. Students that have no referrals and/or dolphin signatures will be invited to watch or participate in the tournament. This is just one way to reward our students for being awesome!! If you ever want to help support PBIS just contact either Mrs. Winfield or Mrs. Edwards.



## Dismissal Reminders

### Parent Pick-up:

1. Please make sure you are using this year's tag #.
2. Do not block driveways or intersections .
3. Please use the route highlighted below.



### Busses:

1. Download the Where's the Bus app, so you can track your student's bus.

### Walkers/Bikers:

1. ONLY bikers and walkers should be using this as a means to leave campus. There should not be ANY cars parked in this area, this poses a safety concern.