



# FALCON FORUM

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*Our Falcons Soar!*

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## From the Desk of APD Mrs. Coloma

Hello Falcons,

There is a serious issue happening amongst many teenagers that is dangerous to their health- E-cigarettes also known as vapes. Not all e-cigarettes look alike, and vaping is easy to hide. Electronic nicotine devices can look like a pen, a computer memory stick, a car key fob, or even an asthma inhaler. Instead of inhaling tobacco smoke from a cigarette, e-cigarette users inhale vapor from liquid "e-juice" that has been heated with a battery-powered coil. The juice is flavored and usually contains nicotine and other chemicals. E-cigarettes are unhealthy and addictive.

Vapes are not allowed on any Collier County Public School campus. Should a student be caught with a vape, caught smoking a vape, and/or selling vapes the following consequences will be issued.

- 1st offense- 5 Days OSS + Behavior Agreement
- 2nd offense- 10 Days OSS + Administrative Hearing

Golden Gate Middle School is trying to keep your children safe. We appreciate your help with this serious matter.

Be Kind to One Another,  
Mrs. Coloma

## Upcoming Dates To Remember!

Check out our website for more updates and the GGM sports schedules - <http://www.collierschools.com/ggm>.

Multi-Cultural festival will be held on February 27th from 5:30 to 7:30. Parents and students can sample foods from around the world and be entertained with a show. Admission is \$2.00.



## Volunteers Needed

To volunteer at our school, please contact our parent involvement coordinator, Ingrid Rodriguez. We have several exciting events throughout the year and would appreciate the help!

**239-377-6197**

**Rodriglr@collierschools.com**

**www.collierschools.com/volunteer**

## Congratulations to our November Students of the Month

- Kenlee Olivia Schwenneker
- Harris Jared Gonzalez-Tista
- Jeremiah Rodriguez
- Marsha Mika Berteau
- Osbaldo Sanchez
- Ashley Ortega
- Christopher Monroy
- America Pineda
- Enihyah Rolle
- Marsha Joseph
- Juan Gamez
- Marlah Joseph

## Staff of the Month

- Congratulations to our November winners, **Laurie Hibson** and **Arthur Pierre!**
- Congratulations to our December winners, **Lisa Hanba** and **Brigette Aranda!**

## Lost ID and/or Lanyard

If you lost your school ID and/or lanyard you need to BUY a new one - \$5 in the media center!

## Counseling Corner

Our counseling department specializes in many different areas, making us a great team to assist with our student needs and growth. We are excited to be here at GGM for our 3rd year together. We welcome our new Falcons and wish everyone a happy and successful school year.

### We Dine Together

We Dine Together has been renamed to WDT Leadership Club. The students' purpose is to help all students feel a sense of belonging while members are also learning leadership skills

The Club Leaders this year are:

**8th** - Marsha Joseph  
Enihyah Rolle  
Gary Davis

**7th** - Jocelyn Contreras  
Bereline Jean

**6th** - Sarai Roman



### Counseling Assignments by Student Last Name:

|               |                      |                                   |          |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Ms. Irigoyen: | A-Garb .....         | irigoe@collierschools.com .....   | 377-3818 |
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## Art Contest Winner

Cynthia Hidalgo, an 8th grader at Golden Gate Middle School, won 2nd place in state for the Lions' International Peace Poster Contest. The contest is an annual art contest in which young artists must illustrate their interpretation of a theme. This year's theme was "A Journey to Peace." Cynthia's poster represented many different cultures escaping a world where diversity is not an acceptable practice and they "journey" to a land where differences are celebrated. We are so proud of Cynthia and what she has accomplished.

## Holocaust Remembrance Day



## GGM Science Fair

The following students had scores high enough to qualify for the Collier Regional Science and Engineering Fair:

Mia Gomez 8th grade, Angie Hernandez 8th grade, Dorenda Destine 8th grade, Jayden Janeiro 6th grade, and Emily Zerquera 6th grade. Congratulations!



## Spelling Bee Winners

- Manuel Cruz
- Sergio Solis
- Owen Beecher

They will compete in the District Spelling Bee on March 24th at 6PM

## YEARBOOK Pre-sale

Get one before  
they sell out!



**\$25**

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**PRICE GOES UP  
MARCH 1!**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
HOMEROOM: \_\_\_\_\_  
GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to Mrs. Boyd in the Media Center or the front office, with cash or check made out to Golden Gate Middle School.

Price after the presale will be \$25—\$30, determined by the number of books sold.

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## Cafeteria News

**Hello we are GGM cafeteria.**

We offer healthy and diverse food to those students and adults that come to our cafeteria.

Did you know your child's school lunch includes a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and whole grain-rich foods; fat free or low-fat milk; appropriate meal portions designed for a child's age; and less saturated fat and sodium?

We take great pride in being able to offer your children and adults healthier food choices so that they can fuel their bodies to get them through the school day and beyond!

Here are some highlights about the school meals:

### Breakfast

- Each day we offer a hot breakfast, cereal, juice, milk, and a variety of cereal bars as well.
- We have a grab-n-go cart with cereal, juice milk and cereal bars in the general holding area for students to stop by on their way to class.

### Lunch

- Each day we offer 2 different lunch selections & a variety of Gourmet salads, wraps, cold and hot sandwiches as well pizza.
- Fresh fruit and vegetables.
- Milk selection.

### Contact Information

If you have any questions please contact the Cafeteria Manager Miriam Mena at 239-377-3812.

## Golden Gate Middle School Friends

Here at Golden Gate Middle School we will always have friends. Friends who know us, friends whom we know, and friends who know each other. My best friends are Andrea, Jhonthen, Amanda, Jean, Janely, Jazlyn, Collinens, Yolo, and Maria. We are fond of each other and genuinely like each other. Just like all my other friends, your friends, and our friend's friends here a Golden Gate Middle School!

Friends are able to act like themselves and be themselves. Friends don't have to pretend they are better, smarter, richer, whatever around each other. We can just be our true selves! This is what makes Golden Gate Middle School so great. Not only in school, but we are friendly and respectful to one another before school and after school!

At Golden Gate Middle School you will ALWAYS have someone to talk to...and you will always have friends!

Sincerely,  
Pedro Perez

## Girls On The Run



## Student Council

Advisor: Mrs. Hanba

The Student Council will once again be conducting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Pennies for Pasta Fundraiser. Homerooms will be competing to see who can bring in the most donations, starting January 14-February 14th. The winning Homeroom will receive a free Pasta lunch, donated by the Olive Garden. Donations go to towards children in the SWFL area who have the Blood Cancer. Please save your change for a wonderful endeavor.

It is that time of the year when the Student Council will start selling Valentine's Day cookies. They will be on sale from January 27th- February 7th. The cost will be \$1.00 per cookie. Students and staff may buy them for themselves, their family members, or for their friends. Each cookie will be delivered, during the last period of the day and will come in a nice cellophane bag, along with a bow and note.

## Sports Scene

### Boys Soccer - Coach Parks:

The boys' soccer team's season is in progress. The team is looking to improve each week in order to be at their best for the playoffs. After an opening-week loss to East Naples, the boys bounced back to win a Wednesday night battle against Manatee. There are four more regular season contests to go before the playoffs begin in February. Come out to see them compete over the next month.

### Boys Basketball - Coach McKinney:

Basketball season is in full swing. Our boys have been doing a great job representing our Falcons! The team is currently undefeated and the girls keep improving. The boys have been doing a great job coming together and working as a team. In their most recent game against Pine Ridge Middle, they trailed the entire game...almost! The Falcons kept fighting and, with the guidance of Coach Phillips, were able to make it a 5 point game with 30 seconds left. Thank you Girls Team for your support and enthusiasm!

## 7th Grade Cambridge Field Trip to Rookery Bay



## Grace Place for Children Families

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### Activities

1. **Academic Enrichment** - homework; grades and missing assignments are being checked weekly on Mondays for all students and appropriate support administered. Staff, within the school, are providing referral slips for GP students who need additional homework help and for those who are not enrolled, in order that phone calls are made to invite enrollment.
2. **Journey of Hope (Social Emotional Health)** - program with 6th grades, was completed on Sept. 30.
3. **Jr. Achievement** - Unit on Finance with 8th grade. Through the teaching of financial knowledge and preparing for the future, students now have a better understanding of setting goals, planning wisely, and becoming better money managers. This unit is being followed with a guest speaker from Wells Fargo Bank, speaking on credit/ credit cards, etc.
4. **Fitness/Wellness** - SPARK. Students have been engaged in kickball, capture the flag, dodgeball, basketball, frisbee relays, all of which have included plenty of team building, running hard, sweating and all out FUN!
5. **T.O.P. (Teen Outreach Program of SWFL)** - Discussions based around what students feel their community service-learning project should entail and how best to go about creating a plan. Program meets once a week for both 6th grade groups. They are currently looking for any service-learning opportunities that they could do for Golden Gate middle school.
6. **7 Habits** - Daily. 7 Habits in 7 Minutes occurs during Academic Enrichment, with activities that are setting the framework, in order to understand how the Habits can help in solving problems/making the right choices. They are beginning their Leadership Notebooks this quarter and will continue with those through the end of the school year, with student-led conferences occurring at least twice.



For Children & Families

## Instructional Materials Notification for Parents

Parents may review their children's instructional materials at the school site. Parents may also schedule an appointment to review currently adopted instructional materials at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Administrative Center. Please contact Julia Lorenzo, Instructional Materials Manager at [LorenzJu@collierschools.com](mailto:LorenzJu@collierschools.com) or 377-0103.

## 7th Grade Field Trip to FGCU



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