



# 2015-2016 GCA & GCMS Newsletter

# #37

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The Gulf Coast Charter Schools' eighth grade teams will all learn how to sail a four person HOBIE catamaran sailboat in beautiful Clearwater Bay. This intense learning unit teaches knots, sailing techniques, equipment, nautical terms and of course, the experience of learning how to pilot a sailboat!

## GOOD MORNING HOMEROOM!

Pledge to the Flag, Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection, Planner, Announcements, Attendance, Dress Code Review, **Check for Late Lunch Orders!**

## FISHING:

Tuesday **May 24th** is the last day to sign up for the GCA/GCMS Fishing Saturday Adventure! Please join us as we head out to our secret fishing spot to angel some of our friendly Osteichthyes or maybe a Chondrichthyes or two. The best fishing trip ever takes place on Saturday May 28th departing GCA at 8 AM and returning approximately 5PM.

## iREAD CAMPFIRE REMINDER:

Due to the inclement weather the iREAD campfire was moved to THIS Wednesday May 25th. Please make arrangements to be picked up at approximately 9PM from GCA. Parents are welcome!

## STAR WARS MOVIE:

Thanks to all our padawans for attending the movie! "A great time we had, hope Friday night enjoyed you did!"



**Field Activity Program Schedule this Week [PAGE 2]**  
**ALWAYS VISIT THE FAP MOODLE ON SUNDAY EVENING**

<b>Monday</b> 	<b>SILVERBACKS</b> 	<b>SPRINGS COAST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER</b> —You will be learning about the springs on the springs coast, the riparian zone of the Weeki Wachee River and river ecology. You will also be KAYAKING. <b>TEVAS REQUIRED</b>
	<b>MANTA RAYS</b> <b>ESD</b>	<b>CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM</b> —You will be visiting the “Clearwater Aquarium” today, home of “Winter” the dolphin that swims with a prosthetic tail. Please dress appropriately to be touring the aquarium. Team Shirts Required, GCCS hoodies may be worn if desired. Bring ALL Required FAP gear. <b>NO TEVAS PLEASE. ARRIVE NLT 7:30AM!!!</b>
	<b>ORCAS AB</b> <b>ORCAS CD</b>	<b>HEALTH CLASS: NO FAP THIS WEEK:</b> Instead all ORCAS are joining us at GCA for a group health class. Please bring all regular school gear.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>JAGUARS</b>	<b>LASER TAG</b> – Participate in this high energy competitive game of Laser Tag! Please bring all required FAP gear and no TEVAS.
	<b>GUPPIES</b> <b>ESD</b>	<b>CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM</b> —You will be visiting the “Clearwater Aquarium” today, home of “Winter” the dolphin that swims with a prosthetic tail. Please dress appropriately to be touring the aquarium. Team Shirts Required, GCCS hoodies may be worn if desired. Bring ALL Required FAP gear. <b>NO TEVAS PLEASE. ARRIVE NLT 7:30AM!!!</b>
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<b>Wednesday</b> 	<b>CHEETAHS</b>	<b>GOLF @ the Tampa Bay Golf and Country Club</b> Be sure to wear your TEAM SHIRT or a POLO SHIRT with a collar. <b>NO TEVAS (Visit the FAP MOODLE for more INFO)</b>
	<b>SWORDFISH</b> <b>ESD</b>	<b>BOATING SAFETY</b> —#4/4 - Boating Reward Day! Put your newly earned boating license to use piloting a craft through Crystal River. Please bring required FAP gear & dress appropriately for the weather. <b>Arrive NLT 8:00AM. We will return at normal dismissal time. TEVAS REQUIRED</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 	<b>PEREGRINE FALCONS</b> <b>ESD</b>	<b>SAILING/CAREERS</b> – Learn how to pilot a small sailboat. Bring a swimsuit, towel, water, change of clothes, FAP gear, sunscreen, sunglasses with a tether, & <b>TEVAS are required! **Group B Only!! This is an extended school day! YOU HAVE TO BE AT SCHOOL BY 7:00 AM. WE WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL AT 5:45 PM(APPROXIMATELY). **GROUP A ONLY!! You will have a regular school day, 9:15 am to 3:40 pm. See MOODLE.</b>
	<b>GOBLIN SHARKS</b>	<b>FAP FRENZY CONTINUES</b> —Get ready for the Gulf Coast version of the Amazing Race competition. All the best FAP activities revealed through a series of puzzles and challenges with points are awarded for conquering. The last team standing will win the ultimate prize. You should be prepared for anything so bring all FAP gear. <b>BRING TEVAS, BUT WEAR YOUR SNEAKERS</b>
<b>Friday</b> 	<b>TASMANIAN DEVILS</b> <b>ESD</b>	<b>SAILING/CAREERS</b> – Learn how to pilot a small sailboat. Bring a swimsuit, towel, water, change of clothes, FAP gear, sunscreen, sunglasses with a tether, & <b>TEVAS are required! **Group A Only!! This is an extended school day! YOU HAVE TO BE AT SCHOOL BY 7:00 AM. WE WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL AT 5:45 PM(APPROXIMATELY). **GROUP B ONLY!! You will have a regular school day, 9:15 am to 3:40 pm. See MOODLE.</b>
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### LET'S MAKE A DEAL!

We are ready to make a deal for credits! Please consider the following items for sale:

- Annual dance pass for ONLY 80 Credits
- Annual pizza pass for ONLY 80 Credits
- Saturday Adventure Pass = 100 Credits (can be used for the Hockey Game, Scalloping, Reptile Expo, Crystal Mines, Sailing, Fishing, Tree Climbing, Advanced Caving, Camping, and most other "Saturday Adventures")
- You can purchase a \$20.00 discount on this or next year's yearbook for 100 credits.
- You can purchase a discount on any Summer Adventure at the following special rate:  
\$5.00 Discount = 20 Credits  
\$10.00 Discount = 40 Credits
- 30GB USED Toshiba "Gigashot" Camera—**SOLD**
- Telesat Telescope with tripod stand = 70 Credits

### FAP UNIFORM REMINDER

Please remember that the Field Activity Program has a uniform requirement, when you arrive to school on your Field Activity Program day, you must be in uniform. The TEAM SHIRT must be worn on ALL field activity program days. If you wish to wear a jacket or hoodie on your field activity program day, it must be the official Field Activity Program hoodie. The team shirt may NOT be worn over any jacket, sweatshirt or hoodie; it MAY, however be worn over a tight fitting rash guard to provide additional sun protection. If the outside temperature is below 65 degrees, the authorized Field Activity Program hoodie is a requirement. On warmer days where additional warmth is not required, you are not required to bring the official Field Activity Program hoodie. The field activity program also requires that you wear closed toe/heel sneakers with a thread. The flat soled canvas shoes such as "Converse" are specifically prohibited for the field activity program day. Many of our water trips require a very specific get-wet sandal called a Teva Omnium as part of the uniform requirement. If you are in the 6th or 7th grade and still do not have a hoodie please place an order now for next year. If you have any questions regarding this uniform requirement please email [info@gulfcoastacademy.org](mailto:info@gulfcoastacademy.org)



### YEARBOOK ETIQUETTE:

Etiquette is defined as "rules of socially acceptable behavior;" yearbook signing has some "common sense" rules of etiquette. But if your common sense isn't working as well as it should, we've given you five tips below:

1. Use a thin sharpie marker for autographs rather than a pencil or pen, it writes better on the slick pages.
2. Do not mark on anyone's face or make any notes next to anyone's picture, autograph only within the several pages of white space in the back of the book.
3. Write in a normal sized lettering, don't take up the entire page with your comment.
4. Be nice! Use school appropriate language at ALL times.
5. Report issues right away before they become viral.

### FINAL EXAM INFORMATION:

Just a reminder that final exams will be given on the three half days (June 6,7,8). A comprehensive study guide will be issued for each exam with a minimum of two days in class to cover the concepts! This grade will appear on your report card and count as 10% of your semester grade so please STUDY!

### ATTENTION GCA SOCIAL STUDIES STUDENTS

**Narwhals, Goblinsharks, and Swordfish**—Just a reminder you that your 2nd semester final will be Monday May 23rd. Please use the study guide that we have reviewed in class last week to study for your test tomorrow!

**Guppies, Manta Rays**—Just a reminder you that your 2nd semester final will be Friday May 27th. Please use the study guide that we have reviewed in class last week to study for your test on Friday!

**ALL GCA TEAMS**—The absolute last day to turn in missing/completed work will be Friday May 27th.

### GRADUATION REMINDERS:

Graduation for GCA is Friday, June 3 and for GCMS on Monday, June 6 from 5:30pm until 9:30pm at Silverthorn Country Club. There is a dress code for this event: **All:** Dress nicely for photos! No colored hair or inappropriate styles. No jeans, no shorts, no logos/writing, patches, tears, frays PLEASE. **Boys:** Button down shirt with a collar, long dress pants, tuck in shirts, black/brown belt. Appropriate footwear/socks. Ties/suit coats optional. **Girls:** Nice blouse/long pants or reasonable length dress with appropriate footwear.