

SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



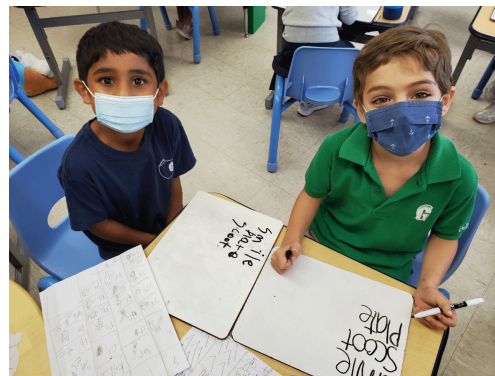
Celebrating Our Earth

Students and faculty schoolwide celebrated Earth Day last week, creating earth-inspired artwork, spending time outdoors, building planters out of recycled water bottles, and more. The Upper School's Environmental/Oceanography Club is taking the celebration into this week, as club members put together a week of activities starting with Earth Day on April 22, and running through this Wednesday, April 28. Activities included Don't Throw Away Thursday, Reducing Fossil Fuels Friday, Meatless Monday, Tote Bag Tuesday, and Waste-less Water Bottles Wednesday.



2020-21 Athletic Signees

Gulliver has continued its strong tradition of producing elite student-athletes this year, as 13 seniors have committed to continue their athletic and academic careers at the collegiate level. The extraordinary accomplishments of these student-athletes were recognized across several Signing Day events during the 2020-21 school year. Click on the button to learn where our Raiders are heading!



Working Together on Word Blends

SK students have been reviewing blends - the sounds two letters make when they blend together - to help identify words when reading, and to stretch out sounds in words when writing. As part of the curriculum's Phonics Workshop, the class created their own blends chart, writing each one and coming up with a picture that matched. Students then reviewed the blends and partnered up to write words using their chart. Now, each student can

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use their very own chart as a tool during Writing Workshop time!



Faculty Spotlight: Mrs. Vivian Pacheco

Each week through our Faculty/Staff Spotlight series, we invite our community members to get to know Gulliver Prep teachers and staff members across every division. This week, our Spotlight features Mrs. Vivian Pacheco, Middle School Dean of Students. Click on the button to learn about a day in the life of a Dean of Students, her favorite Gulliver memories, favorite book, and much more.

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Meet Small Business Owner, Sophia Varabyena '25

This past year, Sophia Varabyena '25 picked up a new hobby. That hobby then turned into a business venture, as she founded Sun Lovely Designs, an Etsy shop featuring earrings, bracelets, stickers, and more. Read on to learn more about her small business, how she balances all her interests and commitments while being a business owner, and more.

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Showcasing Student Art

From Primary to Upper School, our students are encouraged to explore their creativity, a practice that was evident last week as Gulliver hosted a pair of art shows. On Friday, PK and JK students showcased their creativity via a drive through art show at the Montgomery Campus. At the Upper School Campus, seniors in the visual arts program had the opportunity to exhibit their artistic abilities throughout the week with a new take on the department's annual art show: the 2021 Senior Art Exhibition. "In an ordinary year we would display over 2,000 works of art from over 300 Upper School students," said Stacy Goldman, Upper School Visual Arts Department Chair. "However, as we all know, this is no ordinary year. This year, we are thrilled to present the work of seniors who have taken art all four years and are at the highest level in their discipline." To learn more from student journalist Katie Lewis '22, click on the button.

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We Love Our Faculty & Staff!

In appreciation of everything our incredible faculty and staff have done for our students, the Parents' Association is dedicating our Spring Day of Giving to them! Show your appreciation tomorrow, Wednesday, April 28, by making a gift that will go directly to our faculty and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. Click on the button to make an early bird donation!

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Mindfulness Activities to Help Children Cope with Stress

Courtesy of Pearson English Blog

As humans, we are programmed to position ourselves according to the constants around us: people, structures and boundaries. When those constants shift, it can be unsettling for both adults and children alike. Click on the button to learn more.

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VIRTUAL Book Fair

OPEN TO ALL GULLIVER
STUDENTS, PK-12!

Free shipping to your home with
book purchases of \$25 or more.

gulliver.life/bookfair

APRIL 19 - MAY 2



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 27

Middle School JV/Varsity Volleyball vs. Miami Country Day, 4:00/5:00 p.m., Blue Dungeon, Upper School Campus

Varsity Baseball at FHSAA District Semifinals vs. SLAM, 4:00 p.m., Location TBD

Varsity Softball at FHSAA District Semifinals vs. Somerset Silver Palms, 5:30 p.m., Palmetto Bay Park

Grades 11-12 Academic Awards Ceremony, 6:30 p.m., Virtual

Tuesday, April 27-Thursday, April 29

Varsity Girls'/Boys' Tennis at FHSAA State Championships, Red Bug Park (Orlando)

Wednesday, April 28

The Gulliver Fund's Spring Day of Giving, gulliver.life/give

World Languages Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 6:30 p.m., Virtual

Thursday, April 29

Middle School Baseball vs. Ransom Everglades, 4:00 p.m., Baseball Field, PK-8 Campus

Middle School Softball vs. Westminster Christian, 4:00 p.m., Palmetto Bay Park

Middle School Track & Field Relays, 2:00 p.m., Palmer Trinity

Varsity Baseball at FHSAA District Championship, Tentative/TBD

Varsity Softball at FHSAA District Championship, Tentative/TBD, Palmetto Bay Park

Friday, April 30

Holiday - No Classes

Saturday, May 1

Varsity Track & Field at FHSAA Regional Championship, 1:00 p.m., Calvary Christian

Monday, May 3

Grades 9-10 Academic Awards Ceremony, 6:30 p.m., Virtual

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