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### ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Dolphin Dance
- Garden Club
- Multicultural Club
- Safety Patrols
- Art Club
- STEPS Club

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- School Advisory Council (SAC)
- Business partnerships
- Title I Family Nights
- Annual Fishbroil Carnival and Auction
- PTA cookouts
- Annual Winter Concert
- Parent workshops
- Volunteer tutors and mentors

### SCHOOL MISSION

To provide a rich environment that supports learning.



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# Gulf Beaches

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2008-2009



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# QUICK facts

**Principal:** Tony Pleshe

**Grade Levels:** K-5

**Enrollment:** 378

**School Hours:** 8:40 a.m.-2:40 p.m.

**Attractor/focus:** Reading and mathematics

**Uniforms:** No

**Before/after-school care:** YMCA, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Phone: 895-9622

**Average Class Size:** The class-size reduction amendment requires that each elementary school have a primary grades (K-3) average of 18:1 and an intermediate grades (4-5) average of 22:1. These averages include all programs providing services to students in each school.

**Teaching Staff:** Approximately 36 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

**Exceptional Student Education:**

**Fulltime:** Emotional Behavior Disorder, grades 2-5 (EBD)

**Part time:** Varying Exceptionalities (VE), Speech Impaired (SI), Language Impaired (LI), Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH), Visually Impaired (VI), Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT) and Gifted

**English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program:** No

**Academic Information:** Visit [www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools](http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools)

**Computers and Technology:** The school has portable computer labs for schoolwide use, and every classroom has an Internet connection.

## SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Gulf Beaches Elementary, nestled on a barrier island, opened in 1950. This little school has a big reputation for its community support. Parents take comfort in the feeling that “everyone knows your name.” The parents and staff believe that children with strong ties to the community thrive, and the community in turn benefits by its connection to the school. Gulf Beaches is a Title I school, which gives students additional support, particularly in reading and mathematics.

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Small community atmosphere
- Involved and supportive PTA/SAC
- Annual Fishbroil Carnival and Auction
- Highly successful volunteer program
- Student of the Month awards
- Character Award Assemblies
- Honor assemblies for academic excellence
- Butterfly Garden and Native Habitat
- Reading First Grant recipient
- Full-time instructional coach

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- Golden School Award for community involvement
- Recognized for outstanding volunteers and mentors



## CURRICULUM

- Subjects include math, reading, language arts, science, health and social studies, art and music
- Physical education daily
- Self-contained classroom format in grades K-5
- Gifted education for eligible students
- Library/media center
- Portable computer labs
- Character education

## SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Title I – provides additional resources for help with reading and mathematics
- Extended Learning – additional math resources in grades 3-5
- Students Targeted for Achievement, Recognition and Success (STARS) – enhanced academic support for struggling 3rd-graders
- Reading First program in grades K-3
- Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) in grades K-5
- Peer mediation training in grade 4