

# Adams TOPICS

Gerald Adams Elementary

## August 2021 Welcome Back!

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Teachers and Staff  
welcome all of our  
students and families  
back for a wonderful  
2021-2022 school  
year!

# Healthy & Our Community

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF VACCINE CLINICS COMING UP IN THE FLORIDA KEYS, SPONSORED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. JUST A REMINDER FOR STUDENTS - MISSING SCHOOL TO GET A COVID VACCINATION IS AN EXCUSED ABSENCE. JUST BRING A NOTE TO ATTENDANCE FROM A PARENT OR GUARDIAN SPECIFYING THE REASON FOR YOUR ABSENCE.



PLACE	DATE/TIME	STREET ADDRESS
SOS Food Pantry (Pfizer)	August 25 4pm to 6pm	5640 Maloney Ave, Key West
Wesley House (Pfizer, Moderna, J&J)	August 25 10am to 5pm	1304 Truman Ave. Key West
Key West City Hall (Pfizer & J&J)	August 27 9am to 4pm	1300 White St. Key West
Key Largo Chamber of Commerce (Pfizer)	September 3 10am to 4pm	106000 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo
Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce (Pfizer & J&J)	September 4 9am to 2pm	31020 Overseas Hwy, Big Pine Key

Just a reminder to parents, students and staff: if you are feeling sick stay home until you are feeling better. If symptoms persist, please see a medical professional. We must all work together to stop the spread of Covid in our schools and staying home ensures you do not infect others.

Thank you!

# Attention Parents:



All bus students are required to wear a mask in order to ride the school bus. Even if a parent has signed an opt out form for mask wearing, it is a requirement to wear a mask on all school buses.

**Monday Sept 6th:  
No School: Labor Day**

**Tuesday Sept 21st:  
VIRTUAL**

**Open House due to  
COVID Concerns**

**Thursday Sept 30th:  
Early Release @  
12pm**





# Our Principal Dr. Herrin

Dear Parents & Students,  
WELCOME BACK to the 2022 school year! The staff of Gerald Adams School and I are anticipating a fun-filled year of growth for all students. This year, we will continue to work with you, our parents, to provide what each child needs to be successful.

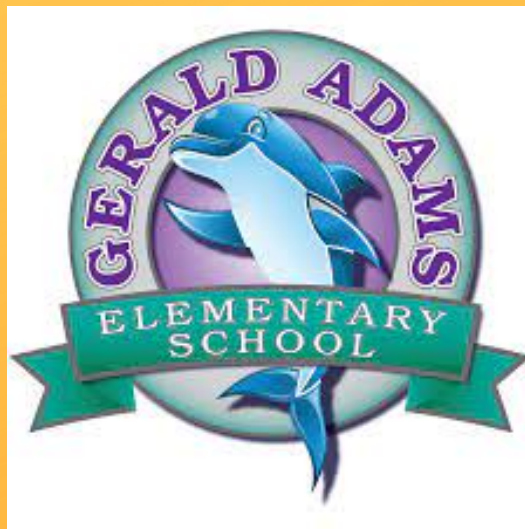
This school year we are implementing the new BEST Standards in K-2 and adopting new Textbooks in ELA and mathematics.. We encourage parents to attend orientation and information sessions that will assist you in helping your child at home.

Please take some time to review the IMPORTANT materials provided to you at Meet The Teacher Day. As a reminder, we need ALL students to return the health history form, the information sheet with current phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contacts as well lunch forms (if applicable). If you need assistance with any of this information, please do not hesitate to call.

**On a SAFETY Note**—I want to remind you that your child's safety is our number one concern. We ask that parents set a good example and model appropriate safety procedures for students. This includes: Parking in assigned places only—NEVER park in the drop off circle. The circle is also a single lane. Please be patient—we will keep the line moving safely. Talk to your children about appropriate bus zone safety—THANK YOU!

We thank you for the opportunity to serve your family and to provide a quality educational program to your child. Do not hesitate to call if I can be of assistance.

With DOLPHIN PRIDE,  
Dr. Fran Herrin, Principal



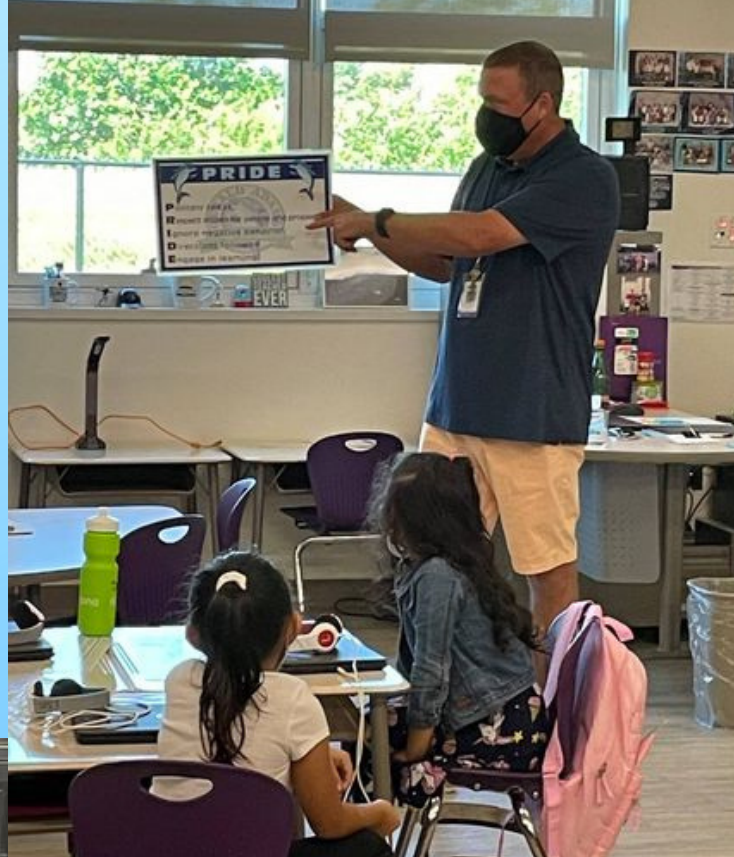


# Meet Our New Assistant Principal Mrs. Palomino



**Hi Dolphins, I am Rebecca Palomino, and I am so excited to be joining the Dolphin Community as your Assistant Principal for the 2021-22 school year! I have been with the Monroe County School District since 2004 when I started teaching at my alma mater KWHS. Since then, I have served our communities as a school counselor at both KWHS and Sugarloaf School, the Truancy Intervention Coordinator for the District, and have been an Assistant Principal at KWHS and now Gerald Adams. My husband Miguel and I have three children; our oldest is in her junior year at USF and our younger two are in the 5th and 1st grades. Family is so important and I look forward to getting to know your children and families. We are going to have a fantastic year of learning at Gerald Adams Elementary!**

**Our amazing teachers are implementing the PRIDE rules for a successful PBIS school year. Mr. Dudley explains what PRIDE means to his 2nd graders. Ms. LeBlanc models GREAT cafeteria expectations to her 1st graders.**

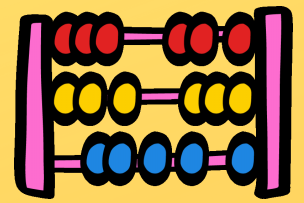


**Our first full week of school is off to a great start. Here are some of our "Terrific Teachers" doing their thing.**





# MATH



**Miss Lackey and Mrs. Mellies 'Building Number Sense' with students. Students were actively engaging in mathematical thinking and reasoning.**

# ART



**Mr. G (Art Teacher) introducing the 'Funny Face Challenge'. Terrific things are happening in our school and we are grateful for all of our wonderful teachers.**





**Welcome from**  
**Ms. Orcutt**  
(Our School Guidance  
Counselor)

**Welcome Back GAE students and families! I am looking forward to a positive and exciting school year with all of you.**

**If you are ever wondering what I do as a school counselor here are a few things I do to support children and families.**

- **Work with ALL students to encourage a safe school climate of trust and respect.**
- **Deliver classroom lessons. For example; Safer Smarter Kids curriculum and SEL, Friendship, Social Skills, Character Education and Team Building lessons.**
- **Facilitate small groups.**
- **Meet individually with students to do brief solution – focused counseling.**
- **Collaborate with parents/guardians, teachers, support staff, and administration.**
- **Maintain confidentiality of student and their families unless there is a need to know or safety concern.**
- **Implement PBIS program (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports).**
- **Provide information on community resources.**



**GAE is a PBIS School  
(Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports).**

**What is PBIS?**

**Creates and maintains a safe and effective learning environment.**

**Ensures all students have social skills needed for success at school and beyond.**

**Provides a proactive system-wide framework for implementation.**

**Improves academic performance.**

**Reduces bullying behaviors.**

**Improves social-emotional competence.**

**Reduces off ice discipline referrals and suspensions.**

**Improves teacher outcomes, including perception of teacher efficacy; school organizational health and school climate, and school safety.**

**If you are in need of anything, schedule a meeting or have questions, please reach me at:**

**[Tammy.orcutt@keysschools.com](mailto:Tammy.orcutt@keysschools.com) or 305-293-1609 ext. 51336**

**Thank you to everyone who supported our  
Welcome Back PBIS Picture Fundraiser!**

# Medical Care for Our Students



## **AHEC Clinic Information:**

**Free Medical Care to Students at HOB,  
KWHS and Sugarloaf.**

**CALL: 305-743-7111 ext. 210**

**The schedule of locations and times:**

Gerald Adams

Tuesday & Thursday 7:30am-3:30pm

HOB School

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

Sugarloaf School

Wednesday & Fridays 7:30-3:30pm

Key West High School

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:00-3:30pm

# More Opportunities for the COVID Vaccine in the LOWER KEYS:

The State of Florida in partnership with multiple organizations in Monroe County are hosting community COVID-19 vaccination events. All these events are offering the Pfizer vaccine, which those age 12 and older are eligible. In addition to Pfizer, some events are also offering the Moderna and/or Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccines.

Events are open to the public. No appointments, walk-up only. Those age 12-17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The events, including type of vaccine offered follow.

## **Lower Keys:**

- **August 27 from 9am-4pm: Key West City Hall (Pfizer and J&J) at 1300 White St, Key West**





## More Opportunities

**Every Tuesday starting August 31 until October 19 from 6pm-8pm: Aqua Plex (Pfizer and Moderna) at 711 Duval St., Key West.**

- **September 4 from 9am to 2pm: Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce (Pfizer and J&J) at 31020 Overseas Hwy, Big Pine Key**
- **September 4 from 12pm to 4pm: Coral City Elks Lodge (Pfizer and J&J) at 1107 White St., Key West.**

