



Welcome Back to School Marlins!

August 15, 2018

Welcome to school year 2018-19. This year's theme is "***Dive Deep into Learning***". Gloria Marshall Elementary continues to be a good school, but with your help, we will become a great school. Using our school's comprehensive data, our Campus Improvement Team identified three key components that will move our school from "*Good to Great*". Therefore, we are taking a deep dive into learning searching for three key instructional components: ***Relationships***, ***Relevant Activities***, and ***Rigorous Instruction***. These components will drive our focus and actions, accelerating our school to A-Rated Greatness. We have tagged these components as:

Relationships: We will build upon our existing culture of positive relationships with students, families, and community partners. It is through strong relationships that our M.A.R.L.I.N core values are upheld and learning environments are highly engaging, motivating scholars to take risks.

Rigor: A focus on planning lessons with multiple strategies and activities for every learning style will anchor our work. Enrichment and unit projects will accelerate achievement for our high achievers and parent academic participation will be facilitated through multiple streams of communication.

Relevance: Great schools prepare learners for college and real world experiences. Therefore, our lessons will focus on real world connections. Expect to share in the learning with your scholar when he/she brings home their homework, projects and password to online learning.

Now that we have gotten to know each other, we are ready to accelerate academic achievement and school pride. This year we are re-introducing and/or adding some academic enrichment and student activities. First, a banner of school leaders called the Marlin Ambassadors will lead the way. The Ambassadors are exceptional scholars selected by school staff, to include student council, safety patrols, and campus greeters. Academic enrichment opportunities will also include new clubs. To ensure we fulfill our commitment to parent and community engagement a fresh new line up of PTO officers will serve our community. The newly elected officers look forward to you joining PTO and signing up for volunteer opportunities on our campus. Anyone wishing to volunteer should sign up online at <https://www.springisd.org/volunteer>.

Finally, improved attendance and communication is key to the success of our work. Therefore, attendance awards will be given to scholars who are on time and present all day every day. Please help us to achieve our goals by making sure your child completes homework, gets a good nights' sleep, and is prepared for class each day. Staff will assist with improvements by increasing parent communications with Class Dojo, school websites, campus lobby monitors, school newsletters, and **Friday** Folders.

GMES has always been a *good school*, and we want **you** to help make Gloria Marshall Elementary a **great** school. ***So, come on, "Let's Take a Deep Dive into Learning"!***

Sincerely,

Mrs. Broughton, Principal