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A Hillsborough County Public School  
"Refuse to sink"  
We are a Title 1 School

Preparing

Students For Life

- S** Safety First
- A** Always Responsible
- I** I Care Attitude
- L** Listen Well
- O** On Task
- R** Respect Others



### CAPTAIN'S LOG



Dear Schmidt Families,

April is here! We are in the final grading period of the school year. It always amazes me how fast a school year flies by. With only 9 weeks until summer, there is still so much for us to accomplish at school.

You will see in my Weekly ParentLink messages updates on school attendance and important school dates. Please take some time each week, to look for those email messages. Receiving school information is just one way parents can increase engagement with the school staff.

If you do not receive school emails and text messages, it most likely is due to 3 reasons. All require you to come to school to make updates.

- You opted out of a message. Once you select the opt out button, you no longer receive any of the school messages.
- You may have changed your phone number or email. Please make sure the office staff have your current contact information. If your most current contact information is not in the main computer system, you will not receive messages from school.
- The school does not have your phone number or email address on file. Come to school and the office staff can help you to update your records.

Important information, flyers, and reminders are sent home each week.

Another way to increase home to school engagement is to make sure you have your MyPaymentsPlus account set up. All fees related to school activities and field trips go through this platform. Be sure to "add" your students to your account. If you do not have an account, go to [MyPaymentsPlus.org](http://MyPaymentsPlus.org) to set up your account.

A great way to stay engaged with your child's education is to make sure you are in regular communication with your child's teacher. Many teachers use apps like Class DoJo or Remind. Teachers also use email and phone calls. The teacher workday is highly scheduled. Teacher contract hours are from 7am to 3pm. Teachers do their best to communicate with families during these work hours. Please keep in mind that teachers are not permitted to take phone calls when teaching. All students also have an Agenda/Planner. This tool is meant to share simple reminders and updates between home and school. During this last grading period, teachers will be communicating student progress home if a child is not performing on-grade level. Grade 3 students are held to Florida Department of Education requirements for promotion. Grade 3 promotion status will not be determined until later in May.

I also ask that families try to attend some of Parent & Family Night Events. I know that the dates and times may not be best for all families, but I ask that you try to attend a few each year. The events are designed to share grade level content and strategies used at school. These events are a great way to interact with school staff and to have fun! **Our next event is Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can join us for our Book Fair and Science Night.** The event will take place from 5-7pm in the courtyard and media center. Families will have an opportunity to shop at the Book Fair and engage in fun hands-on earth and life science activities. Kona Ice will also be on the bus ramp. Come at any time during this time frame. Please park in the back parking lot. We hope to see you there!

Finally, April is Schmidt Student Attendance Month. Please make attendance a priority. This month is our last opportunity to help your child to make significant learning gains. Please see me ParentLink message that was sent via email on Sunday, March 20, 2025.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lippek

**Strive to arrive by 7:35**



Hello Schmidt Sailors,

April is School Library Month! We will be celebrating all month long. We will have library-related activities for students to do while checking out books. April is our last full month for students to check out library books, so [let's](#) make the most of it!

Book Fair is coming! Book Fair week will be April 7-11, 2025. Flyers with more information will go home the week prior. Please visit Schmidt's book fair website to learn how to add money to your child's eWallet account.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/hugoschmidtelementaryschool>

April is also National Poetry Month. Poetry books will be on display for students to check out.

Has your student tried out Beanstack? Beanstack is a website to track reading and earn rewards for reading. All your student must do is log the title and number of minutes read. Prizes will be awarded to students for logging their minutes throughout the challenge.

Our Beanstack challenge for April is "Schmidt April Library Love 2025", and this challenge is a bingo challenge. There will be a prize for getting a bingo (3 in a row, column, or diagonal). Students who read 180 minutes or more will be invited to choose a book from the Beanstack book machine. And anyone who completes the whole bingo board will receive a prize of Minecraft and Computer games in the library. Go to [hub.hcps.net](http://hub.hcps.net) to access Beanstack and log minutes in the Schmidt April Library Love 2025 Challenge.



Happy Reading, Sailors!

*Mrs. Lugo*  
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### IMPORTANT INFO

Have you recently moved, changed your phone number/email? If so, please contact the office so we can update information on your student's emergency card. You may email us at:

[Kathiejo.gavin@hcps.net](mailto:Kathiejo.gavin@hcps.net) or  
[kayla.dupuis-kerrick@hcps.net](mailto:kayla.dupuis-kerrick@hcps.net)



### VISITOR PROCEDURES

Please note at this time there will be no visitor's allowed on campus due to COVID. This is for the safety of all students and staff. We appreciate your help with this, and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



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