



Yates Elementary School

"The Eaglet Eye"

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A Hillsborough County Public School

Vision

Students will demonstrate mastery in all Florida Standards

Mission

Encouraging, Empowering & Elevating Eaglets for Tomorrow

LEVEL UP!

Happy Valentines

We know how much fun Valentines Day can be. Please connect with your child's teacher before sending in food items. Save any balloon items or stuffed animals for home as they can be a distraction in the classroom.



"Share the Love" ECHO Food Drive

Restock the food pantry for the new year.



The Emergency Care Help Organization (ECHO) is in need of our assistance to help replenish their shelves after the holidays. Yates' students and staff has participated in the annual drive for many years. ECHO serves over 16,000 area residents, half of whom are children. This organization relies upon donations of food items to fulfill their mission. ECHO gives each person 7 days worth of food which includes non-perishable goods such as canned vegetables, pasta, soup, dried milk, cereal, peanut butter, canned meat and more.

The following is a list of items that are always needed:

Peanut Butter	Jelly (any flavor)
Spaghetti O's	Ravioli
Dry soup (ramen)	Manual can opener



No items in glass containers please. Your donation would be greatly appreciated. **Our annual drive will begin on Monday, February 12 and end on Friday, February 23.**



February is Black History Month

Black History Month, also known as African American History Month, takes place every February to honor the accomplishments of Black people in the United States and the important roles they have played in the past and the present. During the month of February, we will have a heightened emphasis on exploring historical as well as current figures in our society who have or are positively contributing to the advancement of equality and fairness for all.

Kamala Harris was born on October 20, 1964, in Oakland, California. She is the daughter of immigrants—her father was from Jamaica, and her mother was from India. Harris and her sister were raised in the San Francisco Bay area of California. She graduated from Howard University in Washington DC in 1986. She graduated from the University of California, Hastings College of Law in San Francisco in 1989.

In 2016 she was elected to the United States Senate. Harris was the first Indian American to serve as a U.S. senator. She was also the second Black woman to do so.

In August 2020 Joe Biden picked Harris as his vice presidential candidate for the 2020 presidential election. It was the fourth time a woman appeared on a Democratic or Republican presidential ticket. Biden and Harris won the election in November. Harris officially became the vice president of the United States on January 20, 2021.

Lisa Varum Principal

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Student Holiday

February 16

Hillsborough County schools will be closed on Friday, February 16 for Florida State Fair day.

TRASH OR TREASURE

Don't forget to bring your candy wrappers and deposit them in the Trash or Treasure recycling box!

You don't have to trash those candy wrappers and doom them to an eternity in a landfill—or even worse, our oceans.

By putting your wrappers in the custom candy wrapper recycling box you can keep our planet clean and contribute to the circular economy. Thank you for helping to make the holiday sweet and sustainable!



Feb./Mar. 2024

11	12 Early Release 12:55 "Share the Love" Food Drive	13	14	15	16 Non-Student Day	17
18	19 Early Release 12:55 "Share the Love" Food Drive	20	21	22 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night	23	24
25	26 Early Release 12:55	27	28	29 Terrific Kids	1	2
3	4 Non-Student Day	5	6	7	8	9



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Florida **VPK**

2024-2025 School Year

Instructional program for Pre-K children!

Eligible children must turn four years old between February 2, 2023 and September 1, 2024 and not previously participated in a Kindergarten or VPK program.

2024-2025 VPK "Prioritized" Wait List Request Form is available in the school office.



Note that NO transportation will be provided and HOST, our after school program, does not accept 4-year old students.

School Safety is our Priority!

The State of Florida developed the "FortifyFL" app where students can report suspicious activities instantly to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

If you do not have access through your phone or a computer, please let your child's teacher know and we will provide a printed copy for your family. Your information goes to:

- **Your School Officials:** The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.
- **Local Law Enforcement:** Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tips automatically.
- **Site-Level Officials:** Site-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.



Student Holiday March 4

Hillsborough County schools will be closed on Monday, March 4 for Strawberry Festival day.

We LOVE Reading

February Challenge

Read 10 Books or More
MyON or Print Books

Write the Titles on the Chart 

Turn into Mrs. Herdman by Feb 29th
for a Chance to Win a Stuffed Animal,
Poster, or More...

Your Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Titles of Books YOU Read!	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	