



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

REACH FOR THE GOAL!

ECHO Food Pantry

Emergency Care Help Organization E.C.H.O. is a local organization that serves over 16,000 area residents, half of whom are children. ECHO is there for you if you are in need of help. Contact our Social Worker, Mrs. Givan, or contact ECHO directly at 813-685-0935.

This organization relies upon donations of food items to fulfill their mission. If you are able to help with donations, it would be greatly appreciated. **The following is a list of items that are always needed: peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, dry potatoes, mac & cheese, cereal, grits and oatmeal** (No items in glass containers please.)

Collections will run Monday, October 28 thru Friday, November 8.

ECHO of Brandon, 507 North Parsons Ave.

813-685-0935

School Calendar Changes

Due to schools being closed for Hurricane Helena and Milton there have been revisions to the school calendar. The updated calendar is included with this newsletter.

Conference Night— October 30

We know the positive impact on student achievement when parents, children and teachers have the opportunity to engage in discussion around student learning. Mark your calendar now. Conference Night begins at 3:00 and runs until 6:30. p.m. If you would like a conference with your child's teacher, contact them to schedule an appointment. All of us are looking forward to seeing you and your family here on Wednesday, October 30.

Attendance Tips

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up

Congratulations!

Our staff had an opportunity to nominate their peers for one of the following honors: Teacher of the Year, Ida S. Baker Distinguished Teacher of the Year and Instructional Support Employee of the Year. Please join the staff in congratulating the 2024-2025 honored employees.

Teacher of the Year
Katie Thomas



Isa S. Baker Award
Angela Oser



Instructional Support Employee
Of the Year
Dasimer Ruiz



Raise the Flag!



The Tampa Bay Buccaneers would like to “Raise the Flags” together with students across Tampa Bay by encouraging everyone to wear Bucs shirt or Bucs colors (red and pewter) the Friday before home games. Look for the Bucs Flag flying in front of the school on these Fridays!

November 8

December 6

Terrific Kids



We are proud to partner with the Kiwanis Club of Brandon as we honor students of outstanding character. Our focus for August/September was Responsibility. Congratulations to the following students!

Jade Wodall	Mikeishly Suarez	Coralina McGinnis
Jesse Brown	Brielle Britt	Noeliz Rivera
Rolando Loza	Caiden Selleck	Kimberly Storm
Alyahnis Almodovar	Leira Tamayo Garcia	Paxtin Pinner
Leelu McIntosh	Derelyz Almadovar Rivera	Julian Cook
Allyson Gonzalez Torres	Maximus Ellison	Richard Grauman
Leonnel Ponce	Noah Creel	Emanuel Pizarro Quinones
Luke Santana	Arelys Castanos	Daniela Tamayo
Amen Tewodros	Salvador Bustamante	Yuna Ziegler
Kasey Armstrong		Tian Thomas

Great American Teach-In November 22, 2024

If you are interested in participating, we would love to hear about your job, career or hobby!

Please see the form on the next page for more information.

Cell Phone Policy

Over the summer the school board adopted a cell phone policy prohibiting elementary school students from having their phone visible during the school day. If you allow your child to bring a phone to school, please note that it must be out of site at all times. If this policy is not followed, the phone will be taken and turned into the office for parent pickup.

Oct./Nov. 2024

27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Red Ribbon Week						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ECHO Food Drive					BUCS Raise the Flag	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Non-Student Day					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	SAC Meeting				Great American Teach-In	

Each Monday is a regular dismissal @ 1:55



2024-2025 Student Academic Calendar
School Board Approved 9/19/23
Revised 10/2/24 and 10/23/24

Students' First Day of School	Monday, August 12, 2024
Labor Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, September 2, 2024
Non-Student Day Hurricane Make-Up Day (Full School Day)	Monday, October 14, 2024 Changed due to Hurricane Helene Schools Closed - Hurricane Milton
End of 1 st Grading Period	Friday, October 11, 2024 Friday, October 25, 2024 Extended due to Hurricane Milton
Veterans Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, November 11, 2024
Fall Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, November 25 - Friday, November 29, 2024
Students Return to School	Monday, December 2, 2024
Winter Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, December 23, 2024 - Friday, January 3, 2025
Non-Student Day Students Return to School/Early Release Day	Monday, January 6, 2025 Changed due to Hurricane Helene
Early Release Day	Monday, January 13, 2025
End of 2 nd Grading Period/1 st Semester	Friday, December 20, 2024 Thursday, January 16, 2025 Extended due to Hurricane Milton
Martin Luther King, Jr./Non-Student Day	Monday, January 20, 2025
Florida State Fair /Non-Student Day for West County Schools only Yates will have this day off	Friday, February 14, 2025 Revised due to Hurricane Milton
Presidents' Day/ Non-Student Day Student Day	Monday, February 17, 2025 Changed due to Hurricane Milton
Strawberry Festival /Non-Student Day for East County Schools only NOT YATES	Monday, March 3, 2025 Revised due to Hurricane Milton
Spring Break/Non-Student Days	Monday, March 17 - Friday, March 21, 2025
Students Return to School	Monday, March 24, 2025
End of 3 rd Grading Period	Friday, March 14, 2025 Friday, March 28, 2025 Extended due to Hurricane Milton
Non-Student Day	Friday, April 18, 2025
Memorial Day/Non-Student Day	Monday, May 26, 2025
Last Day of School/2.5 Hour Early Dismissal End of 4 th Grading Period/2nd Semester	Friday, May 30, 2025

- Changes/revisions due to Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton school closures are noted.
- Early Release Mondays scheduled October 21, 2024 - December 16, 2024, and January 27, 2025 - May 19, 2025 were converted to full school days after Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton school closures.
- East County Schools are listed in the chart below. Only students attending these schools are scheduled for a non-student day on March 3, 2025. All schools not listed below are considered West County Schools.

Elementary			Middle	High	Non-Traditional
Bailey	Jackson	Springhead	Marshall	Durant	Simmons Career Acceleration Academy
Bryan PC	Knights	Trapnell	Mulrennan	Plant City	Simmons ESC
Buckhorn	Lincoln Magnet	Valrico	Tomlin	Strawberry Crest	Willis Peters ESC
Burney	Nelson	Walden Lake	Turkey Creek		
Cork	Pincrest	Wilson PC			
Dover	Robinson				

Great American Teach In

Friday, November 22nd from 7:40am to 1:30pm.

Parents, community members, and friends of Yates Elementary School, we will be having our annual Great American Teach-In, on Friday, November 22, 2024. We are looking for volunteers to present in the classroom, either for a few hours or all day, in our community-wide effort to increase our students' knowledge about careers for their future.

Teaching experience is not needed, just enthusiasm and a desire to share your career and experiences with our students. Throughout this experience, we hope you carry some key messages into our classrooms, including the importance of staying in school and the value of each individual student.

The Great American Teach-In is a perfect opportunity for parents, business leaders, and community members to help our students explore the wide variety of career choices they can choose for their future. With all being said, we would love to have you speak to our students on November 22, 2024, about your experiences in your career field!

If you are interested in speaking, please sign this form and have your child return to Ms. Thomas or email the information to katie.thomas@hcps.net by November 12th!

_____ Yes, I would like to be a speaker at the Great American Teach In.

Name of speaker: _____

Child from Yates Elementary: _____

Relation to child: _____

Childs Homeroom Teacher: _____

Job/Career/Hobby that you will share: _____

Preferred time to come: _____

Phone Number: _____

If you have any questions, please e-mail our Parent Engagement chair Mrs. Thomas at

katie.thomas@hcps.net