



Dolphin News



May 2025



LAST DAY SCHEDULE

The 2024-2025 school year is coming to an end!

The last day is Friday, May 30th.

Students will be released at 1 PM.

Wear uniform & leave all bookbags @ home.

HR/1 st	8:25 – 8:55	
2 nd	8:58-9:28	
3 rd	9:31-10:01	
4 th	10:04-10:34	6 th grade lunch
5 th	10:37 – 11:07	7 th grade lunch
6 th	11:10 – 11:40	8 th grade lunch
7 th	11:43 – 12:13	
8 th	12:16 – 1:00	8 th Grade Clap out 12:40-12:50
Dismissal	1:00	Return to 8 th period for dismissal

LITERACY

GOAL: 15 min/day

Summer Reading

Opportunities:

See pgs. 2 & 3



UNIFORM DRIVE

WHO?

8th graders



WHAT?

Turn in **gently used** uniform items

See pg. 3

I am part of the

TRUST **EQUITY** **ACCOUNTABILITY** **MAXIMIZE**

REPORT CARDS

4TH QUARTER REPORT CARDS ONLINE:

JUNE 11TH



HAPPY SUMMER

As the school year wraps up, I just wanted to say how proud I am of all the hard work you've done! You've made great progress! Now it's time to relax, recharge, & enjoy a well-deserved break.

This summer, take time to do the things you love—read a good book, explore nature, spend time with family and friends, and maybe try something new. Keep your curiosity alive and remember that learning happens everywhere, not just in the classroom.

Have a safe, fun, and restful summer.

I can't wait to hear about all your adventures when we see each other again!

Warmest wishes,



Mrs. Schlarbaum



MEDIA CENTER

Mrs. Elizabeth (Liz) Hawley, Media Specialist

READING STAMINA



LITERACY:

Students should be reading at least **15 minutes** every day over summer to avoid losing their skills & abilities.

RESOURCES:

Students can access the **Dowdell Virtual Library** all summer by going to the district website hillsboroughschools.org then clicking on "Students" and then "Library Media Services". Once students click on the large icon "Library Media Catalog" they can then click on "Find all the Virtual Library Resources". Inside the "Virtual Library Folder" students can read and listen to books on **MYON**, check out **ebooks** and download audiobooks in **Boundless**, read graphic novels and comics in **ComicsPlus**, or even read encyclopedia articles in **Worldbook**.

THE ART OF READING

PRIZES

EARN PRIZES:

This summer, Hillsborough County Public Libraries (HCPLC), are sponsoring summer reading from **June 1- July 31**. The theme is "The Art of Reading" and students can earn prizes for reading books. Every Hillsborough County Student can access virtual and physical public library materials with their **student number and the PIN 4321 through the HAAL Pass program**. Check out their website at HCPLC.org for more details and information.



THE STUDENTS AT DOWDELL MIDDLE MAGNET SCHOOL HAVE BEEN "**DELVING INTO DOLPHINS**" ALL YEAR VIA THEIR LIBRARY LESSONS.

- THE FIRST NINE WEEKS, THE SCIENCE CLASSES LEARNED ABOUT DOLPHIN ANATOMY, HABITAT, DIET, APPEARANCE, AND VARIOUS SPECIES AROUND THE WORLD.
- THE SECOND NINE WEEKS, THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CLASSES SOLVED A **DOLPHIN MYSTERY**.
- THE THIRD NINE WEEKS, THE MATH CLASSES COMPLETE **VETERINARY MATH PROBLEMS** RELATED TO DOLPHIN CARE.
- THE FOURTH NINE WEEKS, THE SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSES LEARNED ABOUT THE **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES** FACING THE DOLPHINS AROUND THE WORLD.
- STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED ALL FOUR LESSONS RECEIVED A CULMINATION SURVEY AND AN INVITATION TO ATTEND A VIRTUAL VISIT WITH THE **DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER IN MARATHON, FLORIDA**. STUDENTS GOT TO MEET THE DOLPHINS FLAGER AND TANNER ALONG WITH THEIR TRAINER. THE STUDENTS GOT TO WATCH THE DOLPHINS PERFORM TARGET BEHAVIORS AND ASKED LOTS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT DOLPHINS.



REMINDERS

Any library books laying around...*under your bed, in your closet, in your bookbag, on your bookshelf?* Return them please!

**Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books
2025 - 2026 List for Grades 6-8**



Brick Dust and Bones by M.R Fournet

Marius Grey hunts Monsters. He's not supposed to. He's twelve and his job as a Cemetery Boy is to look after the ghosts in his family's graveyard. He should be tending these ghosts and-of-course-going to school to learn how to live between worlds without getting into trouble. But, Marius has an expensive goal. He wants to bring his mother back from the dead, and that takes a LOT of mystic coins, which means a LOT of Monster Hunting, and his mother's window to return is closing. If he waits her back, Marius is going to have to go after bigger and meaner monsters. Can Marius navigate New Orleans's gritty monster bounty-hunting market, or will he have to say goodbye to his mother forever?



Confessions of a Class Clown by Arienne Costner

Meet Jack Reynolds. Making people laugh is his life's work. Jack's wacky MyTube channel is really starting to take off. The only problem is, for the truly epic posts, he needs a collaborator. And, well, he doesn't exactly have any friends. So Jack has to swallow his pride and join the new after-school Speed Friendship club. But who would make the best partner in comedy? Brielle, Miss Perfect candidate for student body president? Mario, whose mom won't even let him have a smart phone? Or Tasha, the quiet, mysterious girl with a shaved head and a crocheted hat for every day of the week? One of these kids could help catapult Jack to internet fame... or even become a true friend. But what will it cost him to go viral?



Control Freaks by J.E Thomas

The kids at Benjamin Benneker College Prep are a little... competitive. The minute Principal Yee announces an epic competition, seventh-grader Frederick Douglass Zezzmer knows he has to win. But it won't be easy. The competition doesn't just include STEM. It also has arts and sports. Not Doug's best subjects. Even worse, it's a TEAM competition. Doug gets paired with four middle school misfits no one else wants. Worst of all, if Doug doesn't win, he has to forget about becoming The World's Greatest Inventor and spend the summer in sports camp, with his scary stepbrother. With only a week to go, Doug launches a quest to turn his team of outcasts into winners... and maybe even friends.



Curli-friends: New in Town by Sharee Miller

Charlie has a foolproof plan for the first day at her new middle school. Even though she's used to starting over as the new kid—thanks to her military family's constant moving—making friends has never been easy for her. But this time, her first impression needs to last, since this is where her family plans to settle for good. When not everything goes exactly to plan, like, AT ALL, Charlie is ready to give up on making new friendships. Then she meets the Curli-friends, a group of Black girls who couldn't be more different from each other, and learns that maybe there is a place for Charlie to be her true self after all.



The Fire, The Water, and Maudie McGinn by Sally J. Pia

Maudie always looks forward to the summers she spends in California with her dad. But this year, she must keep a troubling secret about her home life—one that her mom warned her never to tell. Maudie wants to confide in her dad about her stepdad's anger, but she's scared. When a wildfire strikes, Maudie and her dad are forced to evacuate to the beach town where he grew up. She desperately wants to learn to surf, but could she ever be brave enough? As Maudie navigates unfamiliar waters, she makes friends—and her autism no longer feels like the big deal her mom makes it out to be. But her secret is still threatening to sink her. Will Maudie find the strength to reveal the awful truth—and maybe even find some way to stay with Dad—before summer is over?



The Firefly Summer by Morgan Matson

For as long as Ryanna Stuart can remember, her summers have been spent with her father and his new wife. But this summer is different—she's received a letter from her estranged grandparents inviting her to stay with them at an old summer camp in the Poconos. Ryanna accepts. She wants to learn about her mom. She wants to uncover the mystery of why her father hasn't spoken to her grandparents all these years. She's even looking forward to a quiet summer by the lake. But what she finds are so many relatives who have memories of her mom from when she was Ryanna's age, clues to her past like a treasure map. Ryanna even finds an actual, real-life treasure map! Over the course of one unforgettable summer—Ryanna discovers a whole new side of herself and that, sometimes, the last place you expected to be is the place where you really belong.



The First State of Being by Erin Entrada Kelly

It's August 1999. For twelve-year-old Michael Rosano, life is as ordinary as ever—except for the looming Y2K crisis and his overwhelming crush on his sixteen-year-old babysitter, Gibby. But when a disoriented teenage boy named Ridge appears out of nowhere, Michael discovers there is more to life than stockpiling supplies and pinning over Gibby. It turns out that Ridge isn't where he belongs. When Ridge reveals that he's the world's first time traveler, Michael and Gibby are stunned but curious. As Ridge immerses himself in 1999—fascinated by microwaves, basketballs, and malls—Michael discovers that his new friend has a book that outlines the events of the next twenty years, and his curiosity morphs into something else: focused determination. Michael wants—no, needs—to get his hands on that book. How else can he prepare for the future? But how far is he willing to go to get it?



BEGIN READING THE SSYRA/SLAM BOOKS FOR NEXT YEAR, SEE THE LIST TO BEGIN READING THESE AMAZING TITLES OVER THE SUMMER.



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Fowl Play by Kristin O'Donnell Tubbs

When Chloe Alvarez's best friend Uncle Will dies, he leaves one last gift for Chloe: his African grey parrot, Charlie. The parrot has a vast vocabulary, and soon Chloe hears her say something odd: *It was murder, followed by homicide and cyanide*. Chloe becomes convinced her uncle Will's death was foul play. Why else wouldn't he have told anyone in the family—especially Chloe—that he was sick? With the help of her family, Chloe begins the investigation to uncover Uncle Will's murderer. The suspects: His nosy neighbor. An ex-girlfriend. A rude landlord. A loan shark. But it all leads to more questions than answers. Did someone really kill Uncle Will? Or could this journey help reunite Chloe's grieving family?



Heroes by Alan Gratz

December 6, 1941: Best friends Frank and Stanley have it good. With their dads stationed at the Pearl Harbor naval base in Hawaii, the boys get to soak up the sunshine while writing and drawing their own comic books. World War II might be raging overseas, but so far America has stayed out of the fight. There's nothing to fear, right? December 7th, 1941: Everything implodes. Frank and Stanley are touring a battleship when Japanese planes zoom overhead, dropping bomb after bomb. As explosions roar and sailors scream, the war has come to them. If the boys make it through this infamous day, can their friendship—and their dreams—survive? Or has everything they know been destroyed?



The Hoop Con (Play the Game) by Amar Shah

Raam Patel is eager to prove himself ever since he didn't make the middle school's basketball team. So, when Hoop Con comes to town he is determined to be there and take his shot. His big moment proves to be unforgettable... but not in the way he'd hoped. Raam gets schooled by the camp's golden boy right in front of his NBA idol. To make matters even worse, this fall goes viral. Raam is used to being the underdog, but becoming the newest meme might be something even he can't overcome alone. He skips town in an effort to lay low and take a break from basketball. However, he's met with new courts, fresh kicks, and tough new competition, changing his whole outlook on the game. Raam has the skills, but now it's time to unlock the mental game.



The Lost Year by Katherine Marsh

Thirteen-year-old Matthew is miserable. His journalist dad is stuck overseas indefinitely, and his mom has moved in his hundred-year-old great-grandmother to ride out the pandemic, adding to his stress and isolation. Matthew is stuck at home during the early days of the pandemic, and he would rather play video games than hang out with his 100-year-old great-grandmother, GG. But Matthew's mom has other plans. Forced to unpack GG's storage boxes, Matthew finds a tattered black-and-white photo in his great-grandmother's belongings that serves as a clue to a hidden chapter of her past, one that will lead to a life-shattering family secret.



Mid-Air by Alicia D. Williams

It's the last few months of eighth grade, and Isaiah feels lost. He thought his summer was going to be him and his boys Drew and Darius, hanging out, doing wheelies, watching martial arts movies, and breaking tons of Guinness World Records before high school. But now, more and more, Drew seems to be fading from their friendship, and though he won't admit it, Isaiah knows exactly why. Because Darius is...gone. Now, Drew can barely look at Isaiah. But Isaiah, already quaking with ache and guilt, can't lose two friends. So, he comes up with a plan to break Drew and him together—they can spend the summer breaking records—for Darius.



Shinji Takahashi and the Mark of the Coat by Julie Kagawa

Shinji Takahashi is just an ordinary kid. An ordinary homeschooled smart-alecky kid being raised by his globe-trotting aunt Yui. But when a magical guardian decides to use him as a conduit to awaken its power, Shinji's life takes a turn for the anything-but-ordinary. On the run from Hightower Corporation who wants the guardian's power, Shinji must team up with a brilliant young tech whiz named Lucy, and the ragtag cast of characters from the Society of Explorers and Adventurers to return the guardian to its rightful home and release Shinji from its magic—which seems to be draining his life force. Time is ticking, the Hightower Corporation is in hot pursuit, and success or failure means life or death for Shinji.



Simon Sort of Says by Erin Bow

Simon O'Keefe's biggest claim to fame should be the time his dad accidentally gave a squirrel a holy sacrament. Or maybe the alpaca disaster that went viral on YouTube. But the story the whole world wants to tell about Simon is the one he'd do anything to forget: the one starring Simon as a famous survivor of gun violence at school. Two years after the infamous event, Simon and his family move to the National Quiet Zone—the only place in America where the internet is banned. Instead of talking about Simon, the astronomers there are busy listening for signs of life in space. And when Simon makes a friend who's determined to give the scientists what they're looking for, he'll finally have the chance to spin a new story for the world to tell.



Skyriders by Polly Holyoake

Twelve-year-old Kiesandra's best friend is her winged horse, N'Rah. She, like every other person with a skysteed, can communicate with N'Rah through her mind. Their bond is critical when one day, monsters from long ago reemerge to ravage a nearby village. No one knows how to fight the fearsome chimerae except Kie's uncle... and now Kie. Injured in the battle, Uncle Dug makes her promise to bring his attack plan and weapons to the capital. Kie reluctantly agrees. At the palace, she and N'Rah attempt to gain the trust of the royals and train the army in Dug's lessons. But how can a young girl and her skysteed convince anyone that only they know how to defeat the deadly monsters?



DOWDELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

8TH GRADE UNIFORM TURN-IN DRIVE

Graduating Soon? Don't Let Your Old Uniforms Go to Waste!

We're collecting gently used school uniforms from 8th grade students who no longer need them. Help support younger students and make room in your closet!



Drop-Off Dates:
MAY 29 & MAY 30
HOMEROOM AND 1ST PERIOD
ROOM 602

Please make sure all items are clean and in good condition.

All donations go to students in need at our school. Thank you for helping keep our community strong and sustainable!

Questions? Contact Ms. M

****If you turn in your uniforms, you can wear Hillsborough County School District-approved attire on May 29 & May 30 w/displayed ROCK STAR wristband!**

Wishing all of our 8th graders a fantastic transition into High School!

attire on May 29 & May 30 w/displayed ROCK STAR wristband!

HONOR ROLL

ALL YEAR LONG!

Mrs. Stephanie Tamargo, Magnet Lead

These students were celebrated for earning an academic honor roll all year long! Honor Rolls include Principal's Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, & Honor Roll.



ACHIEVE GOALS



WAY to GO
HONOR Roll Students



KEEP WORKING HARD





Congratulations!
Mr. Quadaryl Woods, 7th grade team leader



MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Ms. Jennifer Berger, School Psychologist

AWARENESS



CARE



AFFIRMATIONS



SUPPORT



WEARING GREEN



TAKING CARE OF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS PHYSICAL HEALTH. IT AFFECTS HOW WE THINK, FEEL, AND ACT. TAKING CARE OF OUR MENTAL HEALTH IS ESSENTIAL FOR OVERALL WELL-BEING. HERE ARE SOME PRACTICAL TIPS TO HELP YOU MAINTAIN GOOD MENTAL HEALTH.



CONNECT WITH OTHERS. HAVING A SUPPORT SYSTEM IS CRUCIAL FOR GOOD MENTAL HEALTH. REACH OUT TO FRIENDS, FAMILY, OR A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL IF YOU NEED TO TALK OR RECEIVE GUIDANCE.



PRACTICE SELF-CARE. TAKE TIME TO DO THINGS THAT YOU ENJOY, SUCH AS LISTENING TO MUSIC, TAKING A WALK, OR SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS. PRIORITIZING SELF-CARE CAN HELP REDUCE STRESS AND IMPROVE MOOD.

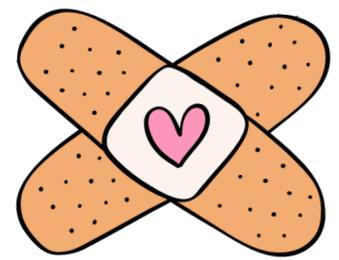


CHORUS CONCERT

Dr. Mirna Cabrera, Chorus teacher



From the Nurse



PLEASE TAKE TIME TO HAVE YOUR STUDENT'S VACCINATION UP TO DATE, ESPECIALLY IF YOU RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL CLINIC. DMMS WILL BE DOING FIRST DAY EXCLUSION THIS COMING SCHOOL YEAR, 2025-2026. MEANING YOUR STUDENT WILL BE SENT HOME THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IF YOUR STUDENT IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR SCHOOL ENTRY. PLEASE USE THE PROVIDED FREE RESOURCES DURING THE SUMMER TO GET ALL THE NEEDED IMMUNIZATION/S AND PHYSICAL. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND COOPERATION. HAVE AN AMAZING SUMMER BREAK!

Nurse Mylene Mangosing, RN BSN

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Immunization Requirements for Entry Into Florida state schools
7th – 12th grades

The Florida Law is requiring that students entering seventh through twelfth-grades receive a very specific form of the "Tetanus" vaccine. This vaccine is referred to as the **Tdap** (Combined Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis Vaccines). This requirement is in addition to the previous immunization requirements that are age-appropriate. Recommendations for provision of the Tdap vaccine are in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Documentation from the student's health care provider should specify that the student has received the Tdap vaccine on the Florida Certificate of Immunization (680 form). Students who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical contraindications must present a permanent medical exemption from the medical provider on the Florida Certificate of Immunization (680 form). Students that have a religious exemption must provide the DH 681 that can be obtained at the Health Department.

Three additional vaccines are not mandated, but parents are encouraged to discuss them with their child's physician. These are: the meningococcal meningitis vaccine, Hepatitis A series, and the HPV vaccine series (now approved for both males and females).

Additional Immunization Recommendations:

Four vaccines which are not mandated for your child's grade level, but are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) should be discussed with your health care provider are: meningococcal meningitis, hepatitis A series, Influenza and Human Papilloma (HPV) Vaccine series.

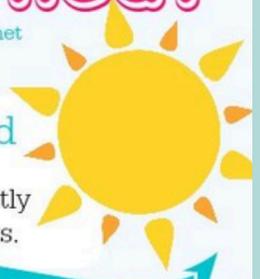
Tips to Beat the Summer Heat

www.gigglesgalore.net



Stay Hydrated

Drink water frequently on hot summer days.



BE COOL

Stay indoors & use a programmable thermostat to help keep you and your home cool.

Eat Fresh

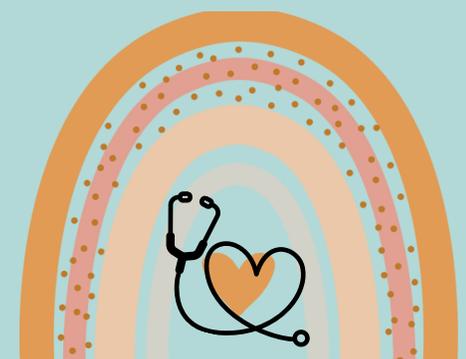
Try eating cold foods, grilling outdoors & avoid using the oven.



Enjoy a
Dip in the
POOL

Treat Yourself to a Cool Treat

Stock your freezer with Popsicles, ice cream and frozen fruit to enjoy when you are feeling a little too hot.





SUMMER

magnet connection

Eco-friendly activities that promote sustainability & environmental awareness:

- Plant a garden – learn about vegetables, flowers, soil & water.
- Make Natural Crafts – craft with natural materials like leaves, twigs, & flowers
- Sign Up for an Online Nature Camp – virtual nature camps can introduce kids to wonders of the natural world from the comfort of their own homes.
- Go for a Bike Ride – Encourage your kid to ride bikes around the neighborhood to get exercise & soak up some Vitamin C.

GLOW PARTY

THE GLOW PARTY WAS A SUCCESS! WE CONCLUDED OUR FINAL CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR BY HOSTING A SCHOOL-WIDE PARTY FOR ALL THE STUDENTS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THEIR PM3 TESTING. STUDENTS HAD A ROOT BEER FLOAT, FIELD DAY, AND A GLOW PARTY IN OUR MPR WITH PING-PONG, DANCING, AND 4-SQUARE. THANK YOU TO STUDENTS WHO TRIED THEIR BEST ON OUR TESTING, TO THE TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS THAT HELPED MAKE IT A SUCCESS, AND TO OUR CUSTODIAL STAFF WHO HELPED US CLEAN UP THE SCHOOL AFTERWARDS. IT TOOK THE WHOLE DOLPHIN TEAM TO PULL THIS EVENT OFF!

*Nikole Johnson
Literacy Coach*

FORGET TO ORDER A YEARBOOK?

WELL, YOU'RE IN LUCK!

To place your 2024–2025 school yearbook order, follow these steps.

1. Go to www.strawbridge.net
2. Click on "Order Pictures and Yearbooks" in the top right corner.
3. Enter the code below:
YB31776
4. Click Find!
5. Fill out the necessary information and complete the checkout process.

Your yearbook sale is being re-opened but only for a **limited time!** Don't miss out on these special memories!

Once your order is complete, your yearbook will be printed and shipped directly to your home.

Need Help?

If you have any questions, contact our Customer Service department via the Live Chat on our website.



HELLO SUMMER

See you NEXT YEAR