

# VALRICO ELEMENTARY



# HAWK'S NEST NEWS

## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TESTING

**\*\*Testing begins promptly at 7:45 daily.\*\***

**\*\*E-Learners will test on campus. Details will be provided by e-Learning teachers.\*\***

**4/6:** FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) Grades 4 & 5 Writing

**4/6-4/7:** FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) Grade 3 Reading

**5/3-5/4:** FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) Grades 4 & 5 Reading

**5/10-5/11\*:** FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) Grades 3, 4 & 5 Math

**5/17-5/18\*:** SSA (Statewide Science Assessment) Grade 5 Science

*\*Note: These dates have changed since the March newsletter.*



## Helpful Tips for Successful Testing Experience:

- Please ensure your child arrives to school on time.
- Safeguard sleep: Make sure your child gets enough sleep the night before the assessment.
- Plan for a well-balanced and healthy breakfast.
- Visualize a positive outcome: Attitude affects test scores. Think positively and don't embrace failure.
- Stay positive: Your child can be influenced by your reaction to testing time.
- Give him or her positive send-off in the morning.
- Don't Stress: Our stress can spill over to our children.

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## GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN



## DO YOU HAVE A RISING KINDERGARTNER?

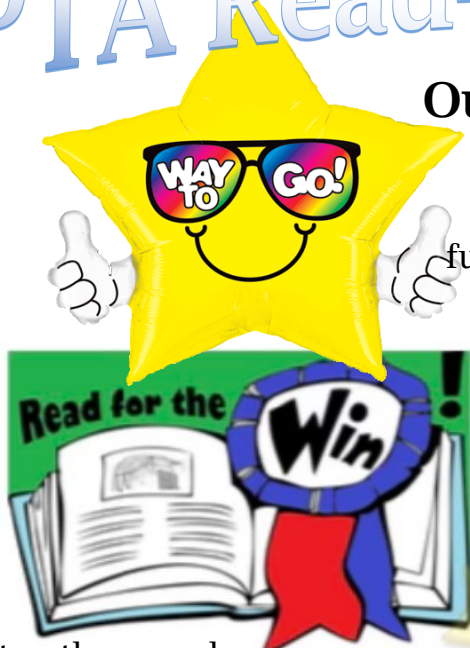
Registrations are taking place now! Register for our Virtual Ready for Kindergarten event on our Valrico website. All forms and important information will be sent to you via email. If you have any questions, please contact the office.



School success starts with attendance

# PTA Read-a-Thon Fundraiser

**Our PTA Read-a-Thon was a huge success!  
Together we raised over \$11,000!**



Thank you to all our families for supporting this wonderful fundraiser! The money raised will help pay for the many needs in our school classrooms as well as technology needs. We would like to give a special shout out to our top classes, top readers, and top earners!

Our top three readers are:

- 1st Place- Rick Zarzoza-** Mrs. Ashley's Class
- 2nd Place- Marissa McDonough-** Mrs. Consolver's Class
- 3rd Place- Jayden Figueroa-** Mrs. Dabney's Class

The top classes with reading minutes are:

- 1st Place - Mrs. Lorentzen's 3rd Graders**
- 2nd Place - Mrs. Ashley's 5th Graders**
- 3rd Place - Mrs. Consolver's 5th Graders**

The top grade level with donations: **Kindergarten!**

The top three student donation earners:

- 1st- Kari Thomas-** Mrs. Lorentzen's Class
- 2nd- Olivia Navarro-** Mrs. Miranda Class
- 3rd- Bree Barkley-** Mrs. Koch's Class

The top three classes with donations:

- 1st Place - Mrs. Koch's Class**
- 2nd Place - Mrs. Lorentzen's Class**
- 3rd Place - Mrs. Miranda's Class**

## THANK YOU, BUSINESS PARTNERS!

Our business partners play an integral part in the success of our school. Thank you to the following business partners for your donations and support during this 2020-2021 school year:

Abdoney Orthodontics, Beef 'O'Brady's - Valrico, BubbaQue's - Valrico, Chick-fil-A - Valrico, Seeds of Hope - Valrico, Centerpoint Church - Valrico, Chili's - Valrico, Winn-Dixie - Valrico

Valrico Elementary  
wants to express our  
appreciation to our  
continued partnerships.





## ATTENTION PARENTS OF ESE STUDENTS

Your input is valued!

Please give us your feedback on how well the school is meeting the needs of students with disabilities. Recently, your child should have brought home a postage-paid, paper survey. There is also the option to complete the survey online at [www.esesurvey.com](http://www.esesurvey.com), and a computer is available at our school for those without internet access. To make arrangements to use a computer, or ask any questions regarding completing the survey, please contact Denise Baginski at (813) 744-6777 ext 232. The survey window will be open until May 31. Thank you in advance for completing the survey which will allow us to best meet the needs of children receiving special education services.

**Parents:** During the month of April, students in grades 3-5 will participate in a District survey at school. The survey is focused on social, emotional, and motivational skills and how the school environment influences development and success. The Results will be used to support school climate and students' growth mindset. Thank you!

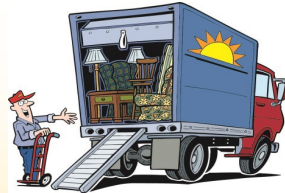
STUDENT SURVEY



Get Involved

**Our PTA Executive Board is seeking future Executive Board Members! No experience needed. For more information, please contact our PTA President, Mrs. McDonough: [jkam2007@aol.com](mailto:jkam2007@aol.com)**

**Planning a Move?  
Not Returning for the  
2020-2021 School Year?**



We need to know! If your family is planning a move before the end of the school year, please contact our office as soon as possible. If you know that your child will not be attending Valrico Elementary next year, please let us know.

**Parking Lot Construction:**  
Thank you for your ongoing support! Construction will continue through early May.



**PTA YEARBOOK SALE**  
**APRIL 5-APRIL 16**  
**\$20 EACH**

ORDER FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH BRICK & MORTAR STUDENTS ON APRIL 5. ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE FOR BRICK & MORTAR AND E-LEARNING FAMILIES ON OUR VALRICO WEBSITE. LOOK FOR THE VALRICO PTA STORE LINK.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **April 2**  
Non-Student Day—No School
- **April 5-16**  
PTA Yearbook Sale—\$20 each
- **May 3-7**  
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- **May 17-21**  
Book Fair in the Media Center (and Online)
- **May 10, 17, 24 Full Day Mondays**  
No Early Release—Dismissal at 1:55
- **May 28**  
Last Day of School—Dismissal at 11:25 a.m.  
5th Grade Drive Thru Clap Out at 2:00

Friendship consists of loyalty, honesty, and forgiveness.

These are qualities that all children have, including those with autism. April 2nd is International Autism Awareness day. Please support our autism community here at Valrico Elementary by wearing **BLUE** on Friday, April 23rd for Autism

Awareness Spirit Day. This is the perfect opportunity to reach out and connect with a new friend. Your friendship and compassion may be the piece of the puzzle they are searching for.







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				1 5th Gr. -Last Day for Coupon Card Fundraiser  SPIRIT NIGHT 3:00—9:00	2 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Non-Student Day	3
4 	5 Final E-Learning Book Checkout 1:30-2:30 in Back of School <b>PTA Yearbook Sale Begins</b> Early Release Day!	6 7:40 FSA Testing Grades 4 & 5 (Writing) FSA Testing Grade 3 (Reading)	7 7:40 FSA Testing Grade 3 (Reading)	8	9 College Spirit Day	10
11	12 All Week: PE Specialists to discuss rising 5th grade jobs Early Release Day!	13  PTA Spirit Night	14	15	16 <b>PTA Yearbook Sale Ends</b> MLB Spirit Day	17
18	19 Report Cards Available Online Early Release Day!	20	21 Secretaries Appreciation Day	22  Chili's Spirit Day—All Day	23 Wear <b>BLUE</b> for Autism Spirit Day or VES School Colors (Navy & Silver)	24
25 Progress Alerts Go Home This Week →	26 Early Release Day!	27	28 May Parent Newsletter Deadline for rising 5th graders to submit job applications for next school year	29	30 Neon Spirit Day	