

VALRICO ELEMENTARY



HAWK'S NEST NEWS

Celebrate Literacy Week Bookmark Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following students for their amazing 1st place bookmark creations. Way to go Hawks!

- ◆ E-Hawks—Leslie Roblero (Mrs. Wiebler’s Class)
- ◆ K—Lucas Walkover (Mrs. Douglas’ Class)
- ◆ 1st—Zoe Alias (Mrs. McLafferty’s Class)
- ◆ 2nd—Nicole Rosete (Mrs. Beene’s Class)
- ◆ 3rd—Claire Walkover (Ms. Osenton’s Class)
- ◆ 4th—Victoria Slavov (Mrs. Daugherty’s Class)
- ◆ 5th—Isabella Castellano (Mrs. Hinson’s Class)



Leslie Roblero
E-Hawks

Lucas Walkover
Kindergarten

Zoe Alias
First Grade

Nicole Rosete
Second Grade

Claire Walkover
Third Grade

Victoria Slavov
Fourth Grade

Isabella Castellano
Fifth Grade

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IMPORTANT ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL INFO:

Visitor Parking Lot Construction Starting Soon!

Construction on our side visitor parking lot will begin over Spring Break and continue for several weeks. The visitor parking area will be CLOSED until construction is complete. Accommodations will be made for our ESE, iPEEPs, and VPK families—details on alternative procedures will be shared with these families soon. All others will need to utilize the Carline Dropoff/Pickup in the back of the school until construction is complete. Thank you for your cooperation as we improve our visitor parking area!



School success starts with attendance



Thank you Hawks for your wonderful participation in the Florida 4-H Public Speaking Competition!

Congratulations to our top 4th and 5th grade winners!

4th Grade:

1st Place- Katie Mobley
on the topic of Horses

2nd Place- Tatiana Velazquez
on the topic of Volleyball

3rd Place—Jayden Figueroa
on the topic of Air Pollution

5th Grade:

1st Place- Marissa McDonough
“Outer Plant Adventure”

2nd Place- Aisha Hakeem
“Mental Health”

3rd Place—Malachi Simmons
“Don’t Get Tricked by the Cuteness”



VALRICO ELEMENTARY PTA Read for the WIN Read-a-thon

Our PTA is hosting a **Read-a-Thon** fundraiser from Friday, February 26th to Friday, March 12th. During this time, we encourage students to spend some time reading a good book! Students, Parents, and Teachers can log in the minutes read to their personal website to keep track of their progress. Prizes will be awarded for both minutes read and donations received. This is an exciting event for the students who participate!



Our school will be raising PTA money to fund the many needs of our students and staff this school year and we need your help. You can register online to receive credit card donations AND you can collect cash and check donations. Please make checks payable to **Valrico**



Elementary PTA. All Donations are due by no later than March 12th in order to receive prizes. (awarded after Spring Break)



VIRTUAL Ready for Kindergarten Event

***Please share this information with your friends and neighbors.**

Our Ready for Kindergarten Event for the 2021-22 School Year is now available to families in a *virtual video format*. This is an informative video of what to expect as your child enters Kindergarten.

To register to receive the Ready for Kindergarten video link along with registration information and documents, please visit our event registration page: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ca4aa28a3fbcf8-virtual> (Registration link also available on our school website under “School News”.)

The required documents needed to register your child for kindergarten:

- Certified copy of your child’s birth certificate
 - Social Security Card
 - Up-to-date Immunization Record
 - Florida Physical form
 - 2 forms of Proof of Residence
 - Parental/Guardian ID
- (utility bill, lease/purchase of home)

These documents are required to complete the registration process prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year. If you do not have all the above documents ready at this time, we still encourage you to fill out the Enrollment Form and return it to our office with the paperwork you do have now. The sooner you submit your enrollment form, the sooner we can begin planning our classes. We will add to your child’s file as you complete any outstanding items. Please call our office at (813) 744-6777 with any questions. Thank you!

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

5/5-5/6: FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) Grades 3, 4 & 5 Math

5/12-5/13: SSA (Statewide Science Assessment) Grade 5 Science



Helpful Tips for Successful Testing Experience:

- Please ensure your child arrives to school on time. Testing begins promptly at 7:45.
- 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.

UPCOMING NON-STUDENT DAYS

- MON., MAR. 8 – STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL DAY
- MARCH 15-19 – SPRING BREAK
- FRIDAY, APRIL 2 – NON-STUDENT DAY

Is your child missing an item?

All items in our Lost & Found will be on display outside the cafeteria on **March 11**. Any items not claimed will be donated before we leave for Spring Break.








If your child is missing an item, please remind & encourage them to check these tables when they go to lunch. Thank you!

Hillsborough Choice Information



The Second School Choice application period for the 2021-2022 school year for Hillsborough County Public Schools will open at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2021 and close on Thursday, March 25, 2021. Families that have questions can contact the Choice Information Line at (813) 272-4692. Families living in Hillsborough County may apply during this application window. Any families with children entering kindergarten through 5th grade who wish to apply for the 2021-2022 school year can apply at the Hillsborough Choice Options website: <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/choice>.

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>PTA Read-a-Thon Fundraiser Begins</p> 	<p>1 E-Learning Book Checkout 1:30-2:30 in Back of School</p> <p>PTA Executive Board Meeting via Zoom—12:00</p> <p>5th Gr. Yearbook Ad Sale Begins</p> <p>Early Release Day!</p>	<p>2 Chick-fil-z PTA Spirit Night 5:00-8:00</p>	<p>3</p> <p>ELP 1:55-3:15 Gr. K-5</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>SPIRIT NIGHT 3:00—9:00</p> <p>ELP 1:55-3:15 Gr. 1 Reading Gr. 3 & 5 Math</p>	<p>5 2nd Choice Application Period for 2021-22 Opens @ 5 PM</p> <p>Strawberry Spirit Day/ Wear Red</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8 NO SCHOOL Strawberry Festival Day</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>ELP 1:55-3:15 Gr. K-5</p>	<p>11 Lost & Found on Display</p> <p>Final ELP 1:55-3:15 Gr. 1 Reading Gr. 3 & 5 Math</p>	<p>12 PTA Read-a-Thon Fundraiser Ends</p> <p>Team Sports Spirit Day</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Daylight Savings Time Begins</p> 						<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22 Students Return- Welcome Back!</p> <p>Early Release Day!</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 2nd Choice Application Period Closes</p>  <p>All Day Spirit</p>	<p>26 End of 3rd Grading 5th Gr. Yearbook Ads Due</p> <p>Favorite Destination Spirit Day— Wear a shirt for your favorite vacation spot</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Early Release Day!</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>April Parent Newsletter posted online</p>			