

# VALRICO ELEMENTARY

MAY 2021



## HAWK'S NEST NEWS

### VALRICO PTA CELEBRATES FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 3RD - MAY 7TH

Students and Parents,  
We will be celebrating our annual teacher and staff appreciation week Monday, May 3rd - Friday, May 7th. This year's theme is:

### VALRICO HAWKS, ONE TEAM-ONE DREAM

Below is an itinerary of daily events with suggestions of how you can participate in the fun. Our teachers and staff are the MVP's at Valrico Elementary and this is a great way to show them how much we appreciate all they do in molding our little **CHAMPIONS!**

### MON TUES WED THURS FRI

<b>Time out:</b> Quench your teacher's thirst with something to drink!	<b>MVP Award:</b> Write a letter or poem to let your teacher know what makes them so special!	<b>Concession Stand:</b> It's half time, get your teacher a snack!	<b>Pretty the field:</b> Bring a plant, flowers, or art of flowers to share with your teacher!	<b>Season End:</b> What would you like to get for your teacher's summer survival kit?
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The ideas included are all optional suggestions to participate in the daily activities/themes. Any and all expressions of appreciation for our teachers and staff are welcome and encouraged.



### THANK YOU, PTA!

We would like to recognize all of our families that have supported the Valrico PTA! Thank you for all you do to provide our students with the best opportunities and curriculum resources possible! Special recognition to our outstanding PTA President, **Kimberly McDonough**, for the many hours she dedicates to making a difference! For the past seven years, you have had such a positive impact on our school! You are a true champion!!



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ONE MEMBER AT A TIME!



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School success starts with attendance

## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TESTING

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

**E-LEARNERS — Testing Dropoff (Back Car Loop): 7:30-7:45 ~ Pickup (Back Car Loop): 10:30**

**\*\*NOTE: Traffic will be heavier than usual on FSA testing days due to e-Learners coming on campus to test. All families who utilize the carline need to plan ahead to arrive early.\*\***



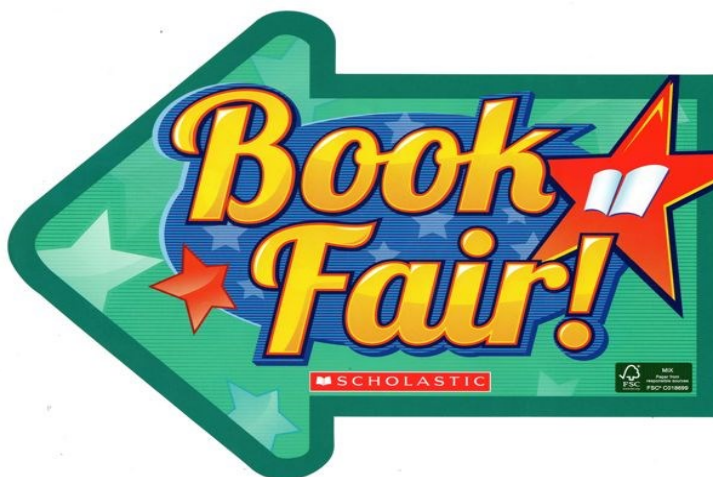
### Helpful Tips for Successful Testing Experience:

- 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.



**Valrico Elementary's  
Spring Book Fair  
is coming soon!**

**May 17—21**



**Students who are prepared to make a purchase will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during school hours. Flyers with prices and information on how to setup an eWallet will be sent home with students. If you send cash, please send enough money with your child to cover sales tax. Tax is not included in the flyer prices.**

**Online ordering available May 8 - 21:**

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/valricoelementaryschool1>

### Planning a Move?

**Not Returning for  
2021-22 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. As always, contact our office with any address changes to keep our records up-to-date.



**INCOMING KINDERGARTEN  
STUDENTS:**

**Do you have an incoming  
Kindergartner for the 2021-22  
school year? Please stop  
by the main office any time  
to register your child.**

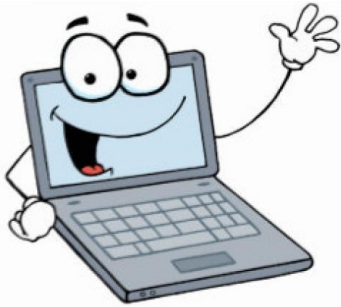


*Is your child  
missing an  
item?*

All items in our Lost & Found will be on display outside the cafeteria on *May 20*. Any items not claimed will be donated.



# Attention E-Learning Families!



## E-Learner Device Return & Media Center Book Return

**Tuesday, May 25**

**7:00-7:30 –OR– 2:30-3:00**

**Drive Thru Back Car Loop**



Devices need to be returned with the charging cord.  
Media Center books may also be returned during these times.  
Students DO NOT need to return workbooks.

## Did you pre-order a yearbook for your E-Learning student?



If you pre-ordered a yearbook, then it will also be ready for pickup on Tuesday, May 25. Stop by the main office any time from 7:00-3:00. If you did not pre-order a yearbook but would like to purchase one, please see the information below regarding the one-day “while supplies last” yearbook sale. Thank you!

## VALRICO PTA Extra Yearbooks For Sale



**Wednesday, May 26**

**7:10-7:40**

**Office Guidance Suite**

**\$25**

**CASH ONLY**



## Florida VPK



**FREE SUMMER VPK PROGRAM**



VPK (Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten) is a free program for Florida resident children entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2021. The Summer VPK program is free to all incoming Kindergarten students. The dates are 6/14-7/15, Monday-Thursday, from 7:00am-5:00pm. The times are flexible for your child to attend anytime during those hours. For program locations and more information, please call the VPK hotline at (813) 240-7870.

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**A few of our very own Hawks have been nominated for the 2020-2021 Hillsborough County PTA Awards:**

**PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR—MRS. SIMONSEN**

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR—MRS. SWARTZLANDER**

**SUPPORT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR—MS. HARTZOG**

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR—MRS. WETZEL**

**PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR—MRS. McDONOUGH**

**Best of luck to our nominees and thank you for everything you do to support Valrico Elementary PTA!!!**



2021-2022 School Advisory Council Ballot

Parent/Business Partner Representatives

Genise Crockett

Kimberly Walkover

Priyanka Supe

Jorge Rodriguez

Nina Scaglione

Maria Moore

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Yes, I approve the individuals above.

No, I do not approve the individuals above.

*\*Please return ballot to the Main Office by May 28, 2021.*

Note: If you are not able to print this form, please email your SAC Ballot response (*Approve* or *Not Approve*) to [Tina.Swartzlander@hcps.net](mailto:Tina.Swartzlander@hcps.net) .

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 <p>This School Celebrates <b>Teacher &amp; Staff Appreciation Week</b> MAY 3—7</p>						
2	3 7:40 FSA Testing Gr. 4 & 5 (Reading) 	4 7:40 FSA Testing Gr. 4 & 5 (Reading)	5 	6  GOOD FOOD, GOOD SPORTS All Day Spirit Day	7 Last day for Media Center book check out  Superhero Spirit Day	8
9 	10 7:40 FSA Testing Gr. 3, 4 & 5 (Math)  1:55 Dismissal - No Early Release	11 7:40 FSA Testing Gr. 3, 4 & 5 (Math)  PTA Spirit Night 5 -8 p.m.	12	13	14 All Media Center Books are Due for Brick & Mortar Students  Western Spirit Day	15
16 	17 SSA Testing Grade 5 (Science)  1:55 Dismissal - No Early Release	18 SSA Testing Grade 5 (Science)	19	20 Final Lost & Found Items on Display	21   Animal Print Spirit Day	22
23	24 1:55 Dismissal - No Early Release	25 E-Learner Device Return & Library Book Return— Back Car Loop 7:00-7:30 -OR- 2:30-3:00  E-Learners' Pre-Ordered Yearbooks— pickup in front office 7:00-3:00	26 *PTA Yearbook Sales While Supplies Last* 7:10-7:40 \$25 CASH ONLY  Final Newsletter posted online	27 End of Year Class Parties 12:45-1:45 or online for eLearners	28 Last Day of School Dismissal at 11:25am  Gr. 5 Drive- Thru Clap Out 2:00-2:40 VES Spirit Day	29
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