

VALRICO ELEMENTARY



HAWK'S NEST NEWS



TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Erin Consolver, 5th Grade Teacher

IDA S. BAKER AWARD

Mrs. Yesenia Montefusco, ESOL Resource Teacher

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Stacey Kolpin, Principal's Secretary

The Valrico faculty and staff have selected these recipients to represent all of the super individuals at our school.

Thank you to our winners for allowing us to acknowledge your hard work and dedication to our students, faculty, and staff!

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Hillsborough County
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Preparing Students for Life

Thursday, November 18th, 2021



Valrico Parents:
We hope you will
participate in this year's

VIRTUAL GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN!

We are looking for volunteers to **virtually** share a hobby, explain an aspect about your career, or teach a lesson. If you would like to be part of this wonderful experience for our students, simply contact the front office by October 25. Registration info will be sent home with students soon.

Thank you!

Valrico Elementary School
609 S. Miller Road
Valrico, FL 33594
(813) 744-6777
<https://hillsboroughschools.org/valrico>



Save the Date for our Book Fair!
October 25th–October 29th

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.

Remember, all purchases benefit our school.



You may also shop online at:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairsdotcom/fair-finder.html>

VALRICO PTA SKATE NIGHT

COME SKATE WITH YOUR FRIENDS

TUESDAY OCT. 5TH 5-7PM

FREE FOR PTA MEMBERS \$8 FOR NON MEMBERS

ASTRO SKATE FAMILY FUN CENTER
 750 W Robertson St.
 Brandon, FL 33511
 (813) 681-3635

STORYBOOK PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

TIME TO PREPARE YOUR BEST DRESSED PUMPKIN BASED ON YOUR FAVORITE **STORYBOOK CHARACTER!**

Students will have the chance to bring in decorated pumpkins to display in their classrooms. The pumpkins will be judged and each grade level's winning pumpkin will be announced on the morning show! All winners will get to chose a book from the Book Fair! Look for a flyer to come home with your student soon.

CONTEST RULES:

- **NO Carving!**
- **Real or plastic pumpkins are allowed.**
- **Theme: Favorite Storybook Character**
- **Pumpkins can be brought in Oct. 25-28 (no earlier).**
- **NO jumbo pumpkins! Must be 12 inches or less.**
- **Name, Grade, Teacher, Book Title/Character's Name should be on an index card attached to the bottom.**

VALRICO FRONTIER...



Annual Yearbook Cover Contest

Theme:

Valrico Frontier... Where Legends Are Made!

Contest Dates: October 1-15

RULES:

- *Must be created and drawn by students.
- *Artwork should be consistent with this year's school theme.
- *Entire paper must be colored with marker, crayons or colored pencils. (If colored pencils are used, please make sure images are dark and outlined.)
- *Artwork must be on a white sheet of copy paper (8 ½ x 11).
- *Design must be drawn in the **PORTRAIT** setting.
- ***Absolutely NO WORDS** written on the picture.
- *Students must write their first and last name AND teacher name and grade **on the back** in **PENCIL**.

We will be choosing a cover AND a picture for EACH grade level collage page. So each grade will have a winner.

Red Ribbon Week **October 25-29**

Throughout the month of October, students will be learning how to be a good friend, how to physically take care of oneself so that he/she can make good choices, and ways to solve peer conflicts. We will kick-off Red Ribbon week with "Wear Red" day on Monday, **October 25**. On Friday, October 29, students will have the opportunity to sign a pledge to keep Valrico Elementary a bully-free school zone. We will celebrate Red Ribbon week with specially themed Spirit Days every day of the week. Our school is committed maximizing an educational setting that is safe, secure, and free from bullying of any kind for all students. **Please call Christy Oliver at 744-6777 with any questions.**

BE A BUDDY ...NOT A BULLY!

Two letters make a big difference!

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

- Monday, Oct. 25—Wear RED Day!**
- Tuesday, Oct. 26—Team Up to be Healthy-Sports Day!**
- Wednesday, Oct. 27—Stomp Out Bullying-Boots Day!**
- Thursday, Oct. 28—Fall Into Safe & Healthy Choices-Fall Colors Day!**
- Friday, Oct. 29—Sock it to Drugs-Crazy Socks Day!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEPTEMBER TERRIFIC KIDS!

Teachers recognize one student from each class every month in honor of positive character traits.

September's character trait was **INITIATIVE**. ("Seeing what needs to be done and doing it.")

Johan Otting	Elijah Lewis	Sofia Krubl	Braedon Tenney
Amelia Andres	Skylar VanVaerenbergh	Myla Barringer	Avery Albritton
Audreigh Guerrero	Liam Broughton	Dylan Nero	Christian Machado Salazar
Gregory Green	Aiden Pierre	Addison Lambert	Jeremiah Paugh
Easton Nething	Ava-Grace Guerrero	Claire Walkover	Lesli Roblero Perez
Lianna Rodriguez	Luke Pulcifer	Aria Henson	Makayla Miller
Taylor Combs	Antonio Rivera	Torie Irmiler	
Elizabeth Dodson	Lily Rhine	Daniel Cruz	
Sarah Chickadel	Mya Metzriere	Mark Anthony Chipman	
Liam Watson	Jaziah Acevedo	Sofia Mestre	
Natalia Velazquez	Henry Belotte	Allison Michael	

PTA Read-a-Thon Fundraiser

**Our PTA Read-a-Thon was a huge success!
Together we raised over \$15,000!**



Thank you to all our families for supporting this wonderful fundraiser! A portion of the money raised will go right back to teacher's classrooms! Additionally, funds will support PTA activities and programs. We would like to give a special shout out to our top classes, top readers, and top earners!



The top grade level with donations: 2nd Grade!

Our top three readers are:

- 1st Place- Deacon Owens - Mrs. Gilmore's Class
- 2nd Place- Kari Thomas - Mrs. Abraham's Class
- 3rd Place- Arriah Ferenczy- Mrs. Devine-Martin's Class

The top three student donation earners:

- 1st- Stella Bostick - Mrs. Miranda's Class
 - 2nd- Kari Thomas - Mrs. Abraham's Class
 - 3rd- Vy Nguyen - Mrs. Daugherty's Class
- **Pie in the Face Celebration:** The above three students along with Taylor Combs, Dylan Moore, Jaxon Scaglione, Sofia Mestre, Skylar VanVaerenbergh, Julia Olson, Lydia Crockett (all \$400+ donation earners) celebrated their success by throwing Whip Cream Pies in the coaches faces! That's a lot of pie in the face!

The top classes with reading minutes are:

- 1st Place - Mrs. Gilmore's 2nd Graders
- **Mrs. Gilmore and her students celebrated their success by silly stringing our Media Specialist, Mrs. Gauley!!**

2nd Place - Mrs. Consolver's 5th Graders

3rd Place - Mrs. Springer's 5th Graders

The top three classes with donations:

- 1st Place - Mrs. Miranda's Class
- 2nd Place - Mrs. Abraham's Class
- 3rd Place - Mrs. Wallace's Class



October's Character Trait:

What are Hillsborough Choice Options?

Hillsborough Choice options are parental choice options. Families can apply to a variety of magnet programs, School Choice options, virtual school, or a Career & Technical Education program. To learn about the options our district offers, visit the Hillsborough Choice Options website at www.hillsboroughschools.org/choice. For more information, contact the Choice Information Line at 813-272-4692.

The first application period opens on October 29, 2021 at 5 p.m. and closes on December 11, 2021.



APPLY EARLY

**CELEBRATE THE RICH
HISPANIC HISTORY
OF OUR COMMUNITY**

September 15 - October 15

Be it

INDIVIDUALITY

Discovering who you are meant to be



OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST BEGINS Baseball Spirit Day	2
3	4 Chorus Practice (Gr 4 & 5) 1:00-2:00 SAC - 1:20 (Virtual) Early Release Day!	5 PTA Skate Night 5:00-7:00	6 WASTE TREAT Spirit Night 6:00-8:00	7 Height, Weight, Vision Screening- K, 1, 3	8 End of 1st Grading Period 5TH GRADE FUNDRAISING ENDS Raise the Flags- Wear BUCS Gear OR Western Spirit Day	9
10	11 Chorus Practice (Gr 4 & 5) 1:00-2:00 Early Release Day!	12 Chick-fil-e PTA Spirit Night 5:00-8:00	13	14	15 YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST ENDS College Spirit Day	16
17	18 Chorus Practice (Gr 4 & 5) 1:00-2:00 Early Release Day!	19	20	21 chili's Chili's Spirit Day—All Day	22 Raise the Flags- Wear BUCS Gear OR VES Colors Spirit Day—Wear Navy & Silver	23
2 WILD WEST BOOK FAIR SADDLE UP AND READ! RED RIBBON SPIRIT WEEK	25 Chorus Practice (Gr 4 & 5) 1:00-2:00 BOOK FAIR BEGINS Early Release Day! Wear RED Day!	26 Team Up to be Healthy SPORTS DAY!	27 November Parent Newsletter posted online Stomp Out Bullying BOOT DAY!	28 PUMPKIN WALK Info to come home soon! Fall Into Healthy Choices FALL COLORS DAY!	29 BOOK FAIR ENDS Terrific Kids Student Recognition Choice Application Period Opens for 2022-23 School Year Sock it to Drugs CRAZY SOCKS DAY!	30 CRAZY SOCKS DAY!