

VALRICO ELEMENTARY



HAWK'S NEST NEWS



September 2, 2021

***Virtual* Meeting via Microsoft Teams**



Please be watching your email for more information and an invitation to join your virtual session.

Grades K-2 & ESE: 5:00-6:00 p.m. Grades 3, 4, 5: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

We are excited to once again host our annual Parent Information Night via Microsoft Teams. Parents will have the opportunity to attend a virtual session presented by your child's grade level teachers. This information night is designed for teachers to share information regarding topics such as:

- *grade level standards*
- *expectations for academic performance*
- *grading procedures*
- *strategies for parents to utilize at home*
- *assessments/rubrics*
- *parent/teacher communication*



VALRICO ELEMENTARY PTA

Read for the WIN Read-a-thon!



Virtual Kick-off for students will be held on Friday, August 27th. Details and registration info will come home with your student.



Our PTA is hosting a **Read-a-Thon** fundraiser from Friday, August 27th to Sunday, September 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 go directly to your child's classroom and to support PTA programs and activities. 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 September 12th** in order to receive prizes. **Thank you for your support!!!**

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School success starts with attendance

STUDENT DISMISSAL CHANGES



We encourage regular dismissal procedures to better support our families. It is mandatory that any change in transportation of your child be sent to the main office in writing and signed by the parent or legal guardian. We understand that emergencies do happen, **so please contact the Main Office by 12:30pm (11:30 on Mondays)** so that we can make sure the teachers receive the message. Please avoid last minute changes. We appreciate your cooperation as we strive to maintain the safety of our students and the accuracy of our dismissal procedures.

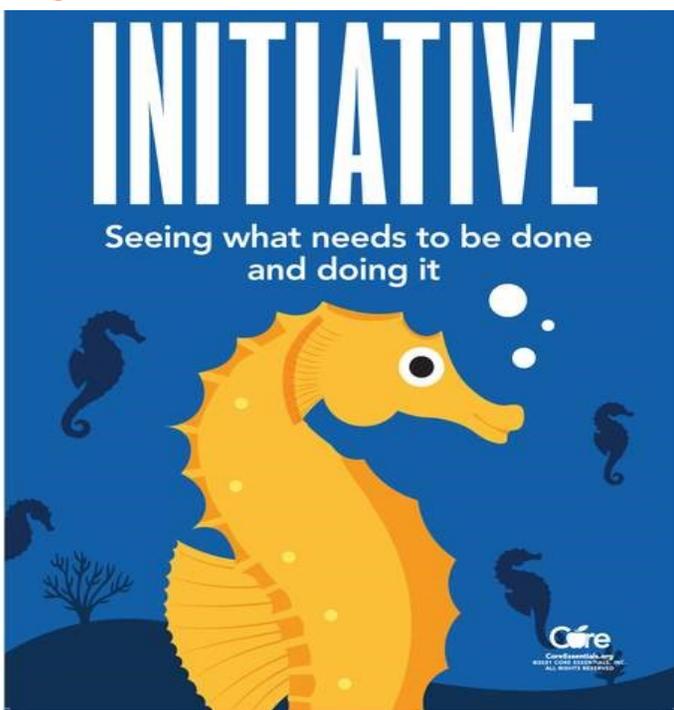
EARLY SIGN OUTS

In order to ensure a safe dismissal for all students, Early Sign Outs are permitted ***prior to 1:10 p.m. only (12:10 p.m. on Mondays)***. Remember that ID is required *every time* you sign out your child. When you come to the office to sign out your child, please also sign yourself in as a visitor using your driver's license. The sign out process can take several minutes, so please plan ahead based on your needs.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION GUIDELINES

Treats may be sent in to celebrate your child's birthday if you have made prior arrangements with the teacher. ***Any food items must be pre-packaged and store bought. Please send in items that can be easily distributed to each student (i.e. individually packaged items)***. Due to allergy concerns, birthday items will not be distributed in the cafeteria during lunch. Rather, these treats will be distributed only by the classroom teacher at outside recess (typically immediately following lunch) or at a time period deemed most appropriate. Please remember due to latex allergies, balloons of any kind are not permitted in school.

September's Character Trait:



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. If your child asks to stay home "just because," remind him/her of what will be missed, such as reading group or PE class. Explain to your child that he/she can be absent only for sickness or a family emergency.

Let's stay healthy, Hawks!!

District protocol for a "Symptomatic Student" states if a student shows any symptoms or conditions of COVID-19, they may not come to school and you should contact your healthcare provider for guidance. Symptoms may include:



- Fever or chills
- Fatigue
- Cough
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Congestion or runny nose
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- New loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Student **must** meet the following criteria prior to returning to school per the Florida Department of Health:

- Student must receive a negative COVID-19 test and is asymptomatic; OR
- 10 days has passed since the onset of symptoms, the student has had no fever for 24 hours and other symptoms are improving; OR
- The student receives written permission to return to school from a medical doctor and documentation is shared with the school site.



Picture Day

Friday, September 17th

*Order Forms will go home the week of Sept. 7.

STAY CONNECTED

We will communicate our most up-to-date information and reminders through text and email messages using the District's **Parentlink** communication system. It is very important that you make sure your cell phone number and email address is current in order to receive these messages. Thank you!

BREAKFAST

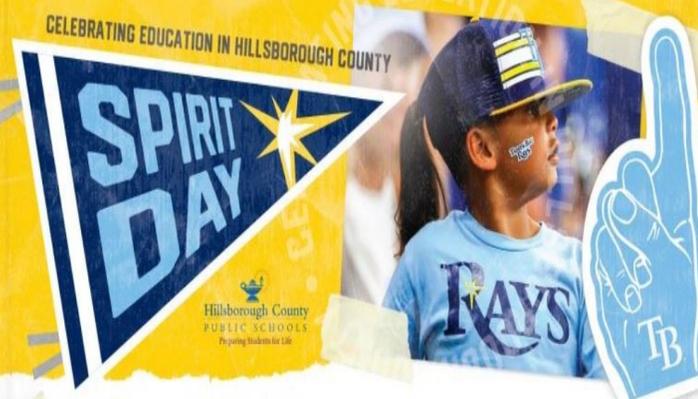


Breakfast is free of charge to all HCPS students. Free breakfast begins at 7:10 a.m. Students eating breakfast should arrive no later than 7:25 a.m. to ensure time to eat and get to class by the 7:40 a.m. tardy bell.

NEW WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND TEACHERS!

CELEBRATING EDUCATION IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

SPIRIT DAY



Hillsborough County PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Pursuing Students for Life





Saturday, September 18 // 4:10 p.m.
Tropicana Field // St. Petersburg

\$18 Lower Level Seating (up to \$55 value)

**Orders due Sept. 1 through
www.MyPaymentsPlus.com**



You shop. Amazon gives.

Earn money for Valrico Elementary on every Amazon purchase with AmazonSmile!

- 1 Open the Amazon Shopping App on your device
- 2 Menu > Settings > AmazonSmile > search "Valrico Elementary PTA" > follow steps to complete and start shopping!

If shopping on a web browser:
go to smile.amazon.com to generate donations.
TIP: Bookmark for future use!

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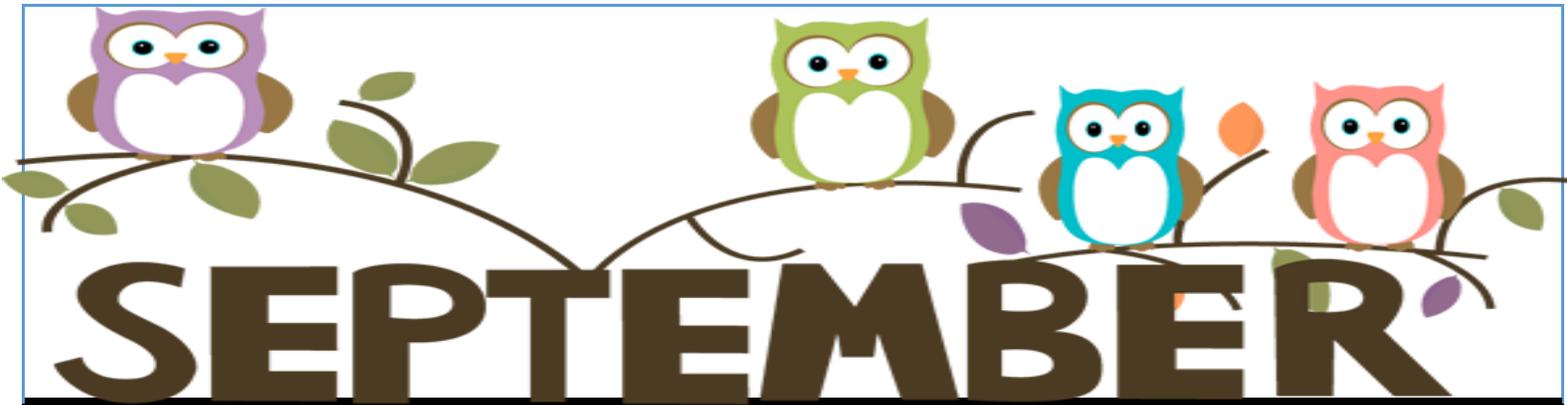


- 1 Go to www.BTFE.com or download the Box Tops for Education App
- 2 Create a login & Choose Valrico Elementary School
- 3 Scan your grocery receipts within 14 days of purchase

Check their "Bonus Offers" to earn more rewards. Each scan is a contest entry to win \$20,000 for our school! (Contest ends 9/5/21. New contests all the time.)

Thank You
for your support!





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	<p>PTA Read-a-Thon Fundraiser Begins August 27</p> 		1	<p>2*Virtual* Valrico Parent Information Night</p> <p>ESE, K-2 5:00-6:00 Gr. 3-5 6:00-7:00</p>  <p>REAL PIT GRILL</p> <p>3:00—9:00</p>	3	4	<p>Red, White & Blue Spirit Day</p>					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	<p>HAPPY LABOR DAY</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>Progress Alerts sent home with all students this week</p>	<p>chili's</p> <p>Chili's Spirit Day—All Day</p>	<p>YES Spirit Day</p>	<p>Patriot Day</p>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	<p>PTA Read-a-Thon Fundraiser Ends</p> <p>Grandparents Day</p>	<p>Chorus Practice begins (Gr 4 & 5) 1:00-2:00</p> <p>SAC Meeting 1:20 (Virtual)</p> 	 <p>Chick-fil-A PTA Spirit Night 5:00—8:00</p>	 <p>Fall Picture Day</p> <p>Dress Your Best Spirit Day</p>	 <p>Spirit Night Tropicana Field 4:10 p.m. (Preorder Tickets by Sept. 1)</p>	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25				 <p>GOOD FOOD, GOOD SPORTS</p> <p>All Day Spirit Day</p>	<p>Terrific Kids Student Recognition</p> <p>5TH GRADE FUNDRAISER KICKOFF</p> <p>Neon Spirit Day</p>	
26	27	28	29	30				<p>5TH GRADE FUNDRAISING BEGINS</p> 	<p>Hearing Screening—K, 1, 3</p> <p>October Parent Newsletter posted online</p>	<p>Conference Night 3:00-8:00p.m.</p>		