

# VALRICO ELEMENTARY



## HAWK'S NEST NEWS



The Yearbook Committee received so many creative Yearbook Cover Contest entries in line with this year's schoolwide theme "Peace, Love, Hawks: Good Vibes at Valrico!"

Congratulations to the Overall Winner –

**Maddox Ferenczy in Ms. Hall's Class!**

Maddox's artwork will be featured on the Yearbook Cover!

Congratulations to the following winners. Their artwork will be featured on the appropriate grade-level pages in the Yearbook:



**6th Grade - Noel Almanzar in Ms. Nether's Class**

**Kindergarten - Joshua Bolanos in Mrs. Pringle's Class**

**1st Grade - Mia Perez in Ms. Fluellen's Class**

**2nd Grade - Kaysen Tucker in Mrs. Wynn's Class**

**3rd Grade - Jordyn Purner in Mrs. Lorentzen's Class**

**4th Grade - Arianna Fickey in Mrs. Velazquez's Class**

**5th Grade - Helen de la Osa Lopez in Mrs. Devine-Martin's Class**



This Holiday Season please join us in giving back to our Valrico community by donating a new, **unwrapped** gift. Students may bring gift donations

**Monday, Nov. 28th – Thursday, Dec. 1st**

A school wide collection will take place on

**Thursday, December 1st**

as students will walk through our Winter Wonderland in the courtyard.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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School success starts with attendance

Singing Stars report to the Media Center at 4:45.



# Valrico PTA Corner

IT'S BACK!

Thursday, December 8th

4:45-6pm on the covered court

4:45-5:15 Complimentary Hot Chocolate & Popcorn

5:20-6pm Valrico Singing Stars Performance

Bring your own chair or blanket to sit on!

GUESSING GAME FOR STUDENTS! CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE!



Tie-Dye Spirit Shirts back in stock!



FOLLOW PTA ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM FOR UPDATES ON SCHOOL EVENTS, SPIRIT NIGHTS, YEARBOOKS, VOLUNTEERING, SPRING JUBILEE, ETC.  
<https://tinyurl.com/2p8kmdxj>

PTA store: valricoelementary.memberhub.com Email: ValricoPTABoard@gmail.com



## ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION

The following classes (by grade level) had the highest attendance percentage for the month of *October*:

E Hawks: Mrs. Wiebler	91%
Kindergarten: Mrs. Douglas	95%
First Grade: Mrs. Swartzlander	96%
Second Grade: Mrs. Wynn	96%
Third Grade: Mrs. Kubler	96%
Fourth Grade: Mrs. Abraham	95%
Fifth Grade: Mrs. Dabney*	98%

\*This class had the highest monthly attendance.



## VETERANS DAY PROGRAM



Valrico Elementary hosted our annual salute to local veterans in commemoration of the Veterans Day holiday. The memorial tribute included guest speakers sharing some of their experiences and the sacrifices made by military families, along with songs and readings by the students here at Valrico. The Veterans Day program allowed our students and staff to demonstrate how proud we are to be Americans. It was also an opportunity to pay tribute to those who have served or are currently serving.



## BOOK-O-WEEN: CANDY, COSTUMES & BOOKS, OH MY!

On October 27th, everyone from pre-kindergartners to fifth graders to Mrs. Simonsen dressed up as their favorite book character for the school's annual Book-O-Ween! Thank you to our Valrico PTA Teacher Chair, Mrs. Lorentzen, for coordinating this event!

The book character costume winners selected during Book-O-Ween

### Primary Winner

**Anna F.**

from Mrs. Koch's Class dressed as Pigeon



### Intermediate Winner

**Skylar V.**

from Mrs. Coffey's Class dressed as Smile



### Family Winner

**Maddox F.**

from Ms. Hall's Class

**Lorelai F.**

from Mrs. Osenton's Class dressed as Mary Poppins & Bert



### KINDERGARTEN



### 1ST GRADE



### 2ND GRADE



### 3RD GRADE



### 4TH GRADE



### 5TH GRADE



### MEDIA CENTER



### E-HAWKS



# GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN WAS A SUCCESS!!!

To our Valrico community and family members who generously gave of their time and knowledge...

**THANK YOU!!!**

Lt. Col. Penn, Major de Jesus, Mr. Beauchamp, Ms. Beauchamp, Ms. Milks, Deputy Wetherington, Mr. McLafferty, Deputy Cribbs, Mr. Nething, Ms. Davis, Mr. Hill, Mr. & Mrs. Pinkney, Ms. Hicks, Ms. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Medina, Mr. James, Mrs. Escobar, Mr. Bone, Ms. Wilson, Mrs. Fecho, Mr. Renfroe, Transformation Tae Kwon Do, HCSO Marine Unit, HCSO SWAT, HCSO Aviation Unit, & Hillsborough Co Fire Rescue Engine 36



# THANK YOU VALRICO HAWKS!



We would like to thank all of our Valrico Community for your generous donations to our annual canned food drive. Our students and staff collected over **600** canned food items to donate to families in need within our community. Many families will have a less stressful December because of your generosity. The students were very excited to vote with each donation for either the **VES front Office Team** or **Student Services Team** to wear their *grooviest threads* for a day. With all the cans tallied up, the winners were our super awesome Student Services Team!!!

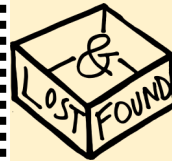
**HOLIDAY  
FOOD DRIVE**

*Ms. Gatewood,  
Ms. Arzola, &  
Ms. Oliver*

**Groovy!**



## Is your child missing an item?



All items in our Lost & Found bins will be on display outside the cafeteria on **Dec. 16**. Any items not claimed will be donated. If your child is missing an item, please remind them to check these tables when they exit lunch.

**Kiwanis  
Terrific  
Kids**

In recognition of demonstrating

a positive attitude,  
good character,

and responsible citizenship.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NOVEMBER TERRIFIC KIDS!

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

November's character trait is **Courage**. ("Being brave enough to do what you should, even when you're afraid.")

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|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Samuel Perez Morales | Annabelle Fernandes    | Ilima Masri      | Sophia Hendley       |
| Sean Clark           | Amelia Polk            | Cyprus Palmer    | Zoe Cranker          |
| Kaci-Ann Sheldon     | Lorelai Ferenczy       | Isabelle Fecho   | Isabelle Rothmann    |
| Kinslee Traynham     | Dereck Cruzate Herrada | Minnah Mahmoud   | Liam Harrison        |
| Sophia Padilla       | Taylor Combs           | Jacob Ortiz      | Daniel Perez-Morales |
| Mila Metzere         | Jaxson Thomas          | Jaziah Acevedo   | Ivan Cansin-Rosales  |
| Ahlanii Collazo      | Liam Watson            | Vivienne Lobello |                      |
| Shelby Hancock       | Angel Reyes            | Myla Barringer   |                      |
| Easton Nething       | Alice Londono          | Ethan Corlett    |                      |
| Mason Childress      | Zac Rivera             | Addison Lambert  |                      |
| Ryleigh Kirland      | Adrianna Arango        | Del Masker       |                      |

# December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE</b> Bring Gifts Nov. 28th - Dec. 1st</p> 				<p>1 <b>Holiday Toy Drive Ends</b> Classes Drop Off gifts on the way to lunch.</p>  <p><b>SPIRIT NIGHT</b> 3:00—9:00</p>	<p>2 PTA Executive Board Meeting 9:00</p> <p><b>Raise the Flag (BUCS)</b> <b>NHL Spirit Day</b></p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 <b>PM 2 (STAR &amp; FAST)</b> <b>**Testing for ALL classes this week.**</b></p>	<p>5 <b>ATTENTION PLEASE</b> Regular Dismissal - Not an Early Release Day  Final Chorus Practice 2:00—3:00 <b>SAC 2:20</b></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 <b>PTA Holiday Cheer Event</b> 4:45 See details in newsletter</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12 <b>ATTENTION PLEASE</b> Regular Dismissal - Not an Early Release Day</p>	<p>13  <b>Spirit Night</b> 5:00—8:00</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 <b>1st Choice Application Period Closes for 22-23</b></p> <p> <b>Lost &amp; Found Items on Display</b> (Unclaimed items will be donated.)</p> <p><b>Raise the Flag (BUCS)</b> <b>Groovy Spirit Day</b></p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 <b>ATTENTION PLEASE</b> Regular Dismissal - Not an Early Release Day</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 January Parent Newsletter posted online</p>	<p>22  <b>Class Holiday Celebrations</b> Times as follows: 11:30-12:00 KG &amp; ESE 12:15-12:45 1st, 4th 1:00-1:30 2nd, 3rd, 5th</p>	<p>23 <b>End of 2nd Grading Period</b></p> <p><b>Wear Your Holiday Attire</b></p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 <b>Winter Break</b> Dec. 26—Jan. 6</p> 	<p>26 <b>December's Character Trait:</b> DECEMBER 2022   LADYBUG <b>JOY</b> Finding a way to be happy, even when things don't go your way</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30  <b>Bring on the NEW YEAR!</b></p> <p><b>Students Return to school on Monday, Jan. 9</b></p>	