

VALRICO ELEMENTARY



HAWK'S NEST NEWS



TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Millie Coffey, 3rd Grade Teacher

IDA S. BAKER AWARD

Mrs. Kimberly Jackson, Art Teacher

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Beatriz Carithers, Student Nutrition Services

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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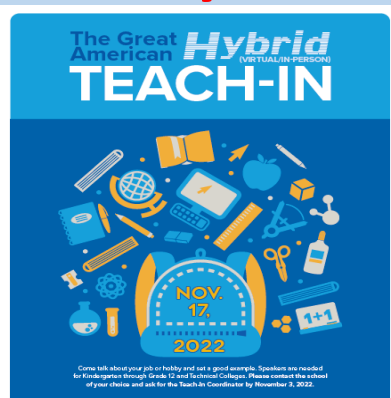


Hillsborough County

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Preparing Students for Life

Thursday, November 17th, 2022



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

GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN!

We are looking for volunteers to share a hobby, explain an aspect about your career, or teach a lesson (virtually or in-person). If you would like to be part of this wonderful experience for our students, simply contact the front office by October 28. Registration info will be sent home with students soon. Thank you!

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Conference Night will not be rescheduled, however, teachers will be reaching out for new individual conference dates.



Save the Date for our Book fair!

October 24th-October 28th

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.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open during **Book-O-Ween** on October 27th from 5:00-6:15.

Remember, all purchases benefit our school.



You may also shop online at:

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

Annual Yearbook Cover Contest



Theme:

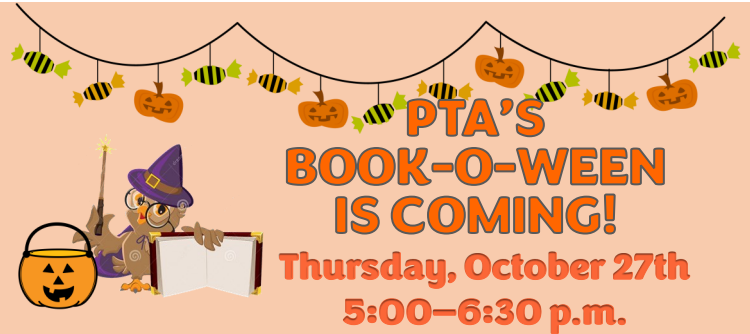
Peace, Love, Hawks... Good Vibes at Valrico!

Contest Dates: October 10-24

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 1/2 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.**



PTA'S BOOK-O-WEEN IS COMING!

Thursday, October 27th
5:00-6:30 p.m.

Wear a costume based on a character from one of your favorite books. There will be awards given on Friday's Morning Show for the best book character costumes.



*We would greatly appreciate your donations of store bought bags of individually wrapped, non-chocolate candy to hand out at Book-O-Ween. Please send candy in to your child's teacher prior to October 25th.

NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS® Explore the Arts and Express Yourself

The time is here for students to consider entering the PTA Reflections Program. Students may enter one or more of the following categories. Thank you for supporting this awesome program by encouraging students to participate. The theme for 2022-2023 is *Show Your Voice*. The deadline for student submission is **October 21, 2022**.

Below are the categories and a brief explanation of submission requirements. If students are interested in a particular category, contact Mrs. Jackson (art teacher) or the Valrico PTA (valricoptaboard@gmail.com) for detailed submission requirements and appropriate forms that are required for submission.

- ◆ Dance Choreography – requires recording a video file and submitted on a USB device.
- ◆ Film Production- requires recording a video file and submitted on a USB device.
- ◆ Literature-format requires a PDF file on a USB device.
- ◆ Music Composition- audio file submitted on a USB device.
- ◆ Photography- format includes JPEG, JPG, GIF or PNG submitted on a USB device.
- ◆ Visual Arts- 2D artworks submitted on substantially mounted substrate (no larger than 24X30 including matting).



PTA Read-a-Thon Fundraiser

Our PTA Read-a-Thon was a huge success! Together we raised over \$20,000!!!

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 and school technology. We would like to give a special shout out to our top classes, top readers, and top earners!



Class Ice Cream Party Winners!!!

The top class with donations:

Mrs. Hinson's Class

The top students with money raised are:

Kindergarten	Asher Wayman	(Mrs. Pringle's Class)
1st Grade	Chance Roney	(Mrs. Swartzlander's Class)
2nd Grade	Bradley Bennett	(Mrs. Wynn's Class)
3rd Grade	Jordyn Purner & Teyla Black	(Mrs. Lorentzen's Class)
4th Grade	Aaron Schuld	(Mrs. Scaglione's Class)
5th Grade	Kari Thomas	(Ms. Hall's Class)
		(Mrs. Hinson's Class)

The top class with reading minutes:

Mrs. Coffey's Class

The top students with reading minutes are:

Kindergarten	Skyler Dodson	(Mrs. Douglas' Class)
1st Grade	Amelia Polk	(Mrs. Reynolds' Class)
2nd Grade	Lorelai Ferenczy	(Ms. Osonen's Class)
3rd Grade	Deacon Owens	(Mrs. Coffey's Class)
4th Grade	Ashlyn Wallace	(Mrs. Velazquez's Class)
5th Grade	Kari Thomas	(Mrs. Hinson's Class)

Class Cotton Candy Party Winners!!!



These students celebrated their success by throwing pies in the faces of Coach Macko & Coach Palmer!!

These students celebrated their success by silly stringing our Media Specialist, Mrs. Gauley!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TERRIFIC KIDS!

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

The character trait was **TRUST**. ("Putting your confidence in someone you can depend on.")

Hurshell Bonner	Brekyn Golczynski	Luke Pulcifer	Owen Barkevich
Olivia Kyte	Scarlett Bell	Ava Guerrero	Hendrix Kochik
Lincoln Bockelman	Henry Tanner	Aubrey Clark	Helen de la Osa Lopez
Amelia Quinones	Mia Olivares	Dalton Nething	Alexis Galicia-Hernandez
Noemy Biondolillo	Elizabeth Dodson	Jarriana Thomas	Ahmiya Beal
Rory Bockelman	Aubrey Hugh	Matthew Prather	Madison Bottoms
Sophia Chang Diaz	Kennedy Cobb	Angel Serrano Borrego	
Sara Rose Branin	Tahlia Butler	Silvia Restrepo Ceron	
Makaila Wetherington	Isabella Borruso	Julio Estupinan Salto	
Audreigh Guerrero	Jordyn Purner	Claire Walkover	
Cozy Madaris	Natalia Velazquez	Abygail Kannamala	

Parents: Look for info to come home in the coming weeks. Terrific Kids Recognition will be on Friday, October 28.



ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION

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

E Hawks: Ms. Nethers	96%
Kindergarten: Mrs. Pringle	96%
First Grade: Mrs. Bone*	98%
Second Grade: Mrs. Gladbach	97%
Third Grade: Mrs. Young	98%
Fourth Grade: Ms. Rudd	97%
Fifth Grade: Mrs. Dabney	97%

* This class had the highest monthly attendance.

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 27, 2022 and closes on December 16, 2022.

APPLY EARLY

VALRICO CELEBRATES RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 24-28

During Red Ribbon Week, our Groovy Hawks will be focusing on Good Vibes Only! We will learn about making good choices for a happy and healthy life and being kind to others. Please join us by participating in our Peace, Love, Hawks Red Ribbon Spirit Days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wear your favorite pair of jeans	Wear your favorite Sunglasses	Wear Hawaiian or Tropical attire	Wear Bucs attire or wear RED	Wear your Grooviest Clothing

PTA Corner

THANK YOU!

WE REACHED OUR GOAL!

Enter PTA Reflections Art Contest

Calling all students to "Show Your Voice" using Art, Dance, Music, Video, Literature, or Visual Arts. Deadline for submissions is **October 21, 2022**. See Mrs. Jackson during your Art Class or visit: <https://floridapta.org/reflections-art-program>

Join our Team!

Fun opportunities to get involved in a major or minor way! To be added to our "Volunteer Opportunity" email list, send us an email! **BOOK FAIR October 24-28** Sign-Up for a shift to help! It's Easy & Fun! Volunteer Application: <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/volunteer>

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

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3 Chorus Practice (Gr 4 & 5) 12:55-2:00 SAC - 1:20 (Virtual) 	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Chorus Practice (Gr 4&5) 12:55-2:00 YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST BEGINS 	11 PTA Spirit Night 5:00—8:00	12 End of 1st Grading Period 2nd Grade Field Trip	13	14	15
16	17 NO EARLY RELEASE— Dismissal at 1:55 Chorus Practice (Gr 4&5) 1:55-3:00	18	19	20 Field Trip—KG SPIRIT NIGHT 3:00—9:00	21 PTA Reflections Submissions Due 5TH GRADE FUNDRAISING ENDS Western Spirit Day	22
23 BOOK FAIR ALL WEEK 24TH— 28TH 	24 Chorus Practice (Gr 4 & 5) 12:55-2:00 YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST ENDS Wear Your Favorite Jeans Day!	25 Wear your favorite SUNGLASSES!	26 November Parent Newsletter posted online Wear HAWAIIAN or TROPICAL attire!	27 BOOK-O-WEEN 5:00-6:30 p.m. Choice Application Period Opens for 2023- Wear BUCS attire or wear RED!	28 Terrific Kids Student Recognition 3rd Grade Field Trip Peace, Love, & Happiness Spirit Day—Wear your grooviest attire!	29
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