

VALRICO ELEMENTARY

HAWK'S NEST



Holiday Class Celebrations!

Holiday Class Celebrations will be on Thursday, December 21. Please take note of the time for your child's grade level. Times are firm. If you plan to attend, please plan accordingly. Park in the side visitor lot or at the park next door. Arrive early to sign in with your ID. We will begin signing visitors in 15 minutes prior to each scheduled celebration. Thank you!

Kindergarten & ESE: 11:30-12:00

Grades 1 & 4: 12:15-12:45

Grades 2, 3 & 5: 1:00-1:30



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

We would like to say thank you to our parents, students, faculty, and staff for your generous donations to our annual Toy Drive here at Valrico Elementary. Once again our Valrico families have demonstrated their generosity by supporting those less fortunate during this holiday season. Over 100 students have benefitted from your kindness! **Thank you for helping to make a difference in our school community!**



Enjoy Your Winter Break!



The Sunshine State of Mind is at an all time high at Valrico! As we wrap up the first half of the school year, our *shining* students & teachers are celebrating all the *sunsational* learning they've accomplished. We're ready to *surf* into a winter break filled with *ocean air* & *sunny skies*. We will keep *riding the waves* when students return to school on Monday, January 8th.

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COUNTS! 

School success starts
with attendance



I am Hopeful Because...
Explore the arts and express yourself!

We are excited to announce that Delilah Campanelli will advance to the state level of competition for the PTA Reflections contest.

Delilah was one of ten submissions that were selected to represent Valrico Elementary in the contest at the district level. We wish Delilah all the best and will post more Reflections updates as they become available. A special thank you to our art specialist, Mrs. Jackson, for partnering with PTA to organize the Reflections Program at Valrico.

We are so excited for the 8th HABSE Black History Brain Bowl which will be held in early 2024. The initial rounds will be January 30 - February 1 at various sites and the playoffs will be February 24, 2024 at Blake High School. Our VES Participants are: Jaziah Acevedo, Ada Annis, Avery Autrey, Brooklyn Boone, Nariah Cox-Bohn, Isaiah Cuadrado, Arianna Fickey, Matthew Garcia, Keely Hines, Domani Joseph, Minnah Mahmoud, Isabella Martinez, Emmy McDonough, Rohan McCaskell, Bella Medina, Mya Metziere, Olivia Navarro, Caleb Neely, Abigail Paz, Liliana Pelillo, Silvia Restrepo-Ceron, Nicole Rosete, & Ava Smith.

BLACK HISTORY BRAIN BOWL

Florida VPK

2024-2025 School Year

Meet READY FREDDY!

He wants every child to be ready for kindergarten!



VPK children must be four by September 1, 2024 and be eligible (for the first time) to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2025.

Valrico Elementary is pleased to announce that we will be offering Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. We will be accepting 10 VPK children to join our iPEEPS classroom for a wonderfully inclusive and adaptive educational experience. The class size will remain small and instruction will be provided by a certified teacher. Seats are limited and will be assigned based on a "prioritized" wait list. There is no fee for the 3 hour VPK time frame (time frame will be determined). Extended day options are available for an additional fee. **Applications will be available mid January. Call VES at 744-6777 to be put on our waiting list!**



Attendance Recognition

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

E Hawks: Mrs. Cowart	93%
Kindergarten: Mrs. Queen	96.3%
First Grade: Mrs. Bone	96.9%
Second Grade: Ms. Olivares	97.2%
Third Grade: Mrs. Scaglione	98.6%*
Fourth Grade: Mrs. Rudd	97.9%
Fifth Grade: Mrs. Ashley	97.2%

* This class had the highest monthly attendance.



Kindergarten Roundup is an event for incoming Kindergarten students for the 2024-2025 school year. This will be an informative meeting of what to expect as your child enters Kindergarten. The date will be announced as we wait on the district to determine roundup scheduling throughout the district. The following documents are required to be brought in to complete the registration prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school year:

- ◆ Parent/Guardian ID
- ◆ Certified copy of your child's birth certificate
- ◆ Florida Physical Form
- ◆ Up-to-date Immunization Record
- ◆ 2 forms of Proof of Residence (utility bill, lease/purchase of home)



DATE TBD

KEEP ON THE LOOKOUT FOR UPDATES!



Is Your Child Missing an Item?

All items in our Lost & Found will be on display outside the gates on **December 21**. If your child is missing something, be sure to check out these tables at dismissal. **Unclaimed items will be donated.** ***Please label all of your children's belongings in order to help us return lost items to them in the future.*** Thank you!



NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 15, 2024

Friday, February 16, 2024

Monday, March 4, 2024

CLASS/CLUB

Picture Day

Friday, January 19th

It's almost class, chorus, morning show crew, safety patrol, and other group picture time here at Valrico! Please make sure that your child is dressed and ready for this memory making opportunity. We will send order forms home about a week before picture day. If purchasing pictures, students **MUST** bring their order form with them to school on picture day. Thank you!


We look forward to seeing those smiling faces!!

Progress Monitoring 2 Scores

Students and parents can access PM2 scores through the district's report card website at <https://reportcards.sdhc.k12.fl.us>.

Families can call the Report Card Support Line at (813) 840-7388 for technical assistance. Scores available for all grade levels.


**Valrico PTA Corner**

**Yearbook PRE-ORDER**

**SCAN FOR STORE**

**Happy New Year!**

**CHECK OUT THE PTA STORE!**

**\$20 Price Increases to \$25 Jan 8!**

JUBILEE

Save the Date! Jubilee Feb. 23 4-7pm
Pre-sale tickets available Jan 22-Feb 4
cash/venmo/PTA Store

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

January 19 - Class Photos

January 22-Feb 4 - Jubilee Tickets Presale

January 29 - PTA General Virtual Meeting

HOODIES in stock now!

Order online in the PTA Store!



FOLLOW PTA ON FACEBOOK

FOR UPDATES ON JUBILEE, SPIRIT NIGHTS, YEARBOOKS, SCHOOL EVENTS, ETC.

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8kmdxj>

PTA store: valricoelementary.memberhub.com

Email: ValricoPTABoard@gmail.com

Friendly Reminder

- Instruction begins **promptly at 7:40AM**. Please ensure that your student has enough time to get to class and be ready and *in their homeroom seat* at 7:40.
- If your student is tardy, *a parent or guardian must escort them inside the building* to sign in at the front office.
- Sign outs **end at 12:15** on *early release days* (12:55 dismissal).
- Sign outs **end at 1:15** on *regular release days* (1:55 dismissal).
- If you need to *change your child's dismissal plan for the day*, please send a note or call to let us know **no later than 12:15 on early release days and 1:15 on regular release days**. This helps to ensure that we are able to get your child to the requested dismissal destination.

Thanks for your cooperation!

ATTENTION 4th GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Please view the following link for information regarding Valrico Elementary School's participation in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

<https://share.peachjar.com/flyers/2594078/>

Join the Transportation Team!



With over 90,000 students reliant on us to provide access to education, our transportation employees play a critical role in ensuring that our students start their school day on time and prepared. By bringing your "A" game every day, you will be an important part of the iconic symbol of public education - the yellow school bus. We are looking for reliable, passionate, and committed individuals who share our values and understand the important role they play in our students' lives. We are Hillsborough Strong and believe that our daily actions have the power to make a big difference in the lives of our students.



Full Benefits



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Guaranteed 7 hours or more

Questions? Call the Transportation Employment Line at: (813) 982-5521

January

Happy New Year!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Winter Break Dec. 23—Jan. 7 	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	 Welcome Back! Students Return	9	10	11 Hearing Screening—K, 1	12 Hearing Screening—K, 1	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		 Spirit Night 5:00—8:00	Extended Learning Program (ELP) invites sent out to eligible students		 Class & Group Picture Day Dress Your Best Spirit Day	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
PTA Jubilee Ticket Pre-Sales begin this week 	 Chorus Practice 12:55—2:00 SAC 1:20 Virtual		ELP Registration Deadline for eligible students Report Cards Available Online	 5PM-7PM  4PM-8PM Spirit Night	Terrific Kids Student Recognition Superhero Spirit Day	
28	29	30	31			
	 Chorus Practice 12:55—2:00 PTA 6:00 Virtual  meet.google.com/smf-edkp-hxi		ELP Begins for applicable students. February Parent Newsletter posted online		December's highest participant count for Chick-fil-A Spirit Night was Mrs. Lorentzen's class! They won an ice cream party courtesy of Chick-fil-A!	