

VALRICO ELEMENTARY



HAWK'S NEST NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR STATE TESTING

****All testing begins promptly at 7:40****



- 4/2: FAST Writing Test—Grades 4 & 5
- 4/15-4/19: STAR Testing (Reading)—K-Grade 2
- 4/22-4/26: STAR Testing (Math)—K-Grade 2
- 4/24 & 4/25: VPK STAR Testing
- 5/1: FAST ELA Testing—Grade 3
- 5/2: FAST ELA Testing—Grades 4 & 5
- 5/3: FAST ELA Make-Up Testing—Grades 3, 4, & 5
- 5/7: FAST Math Testing—Grades 4 & 5
- 5/8: FAST Math Testing—Grade 3
- 5/10: FAST Math Make-Up Testing—Grades 3, 4, & 5
- 5/14: SSA (Statewide Science Assessment)—Grade 5
- 5/15: SSA Make-Up Testing—Grade 5



Helpful Tips for Successful Testing Experience:

- Please ensure your child arrives to school on time.
- Safeguard sleep: Make sure your child gets enough sleep the night before the assessment.
- Plan for a well-balanced and healthy breakfast.
- Visualize a positive outcome: Attitude affects test scores. Think positively and don't embrace failure.
- Stay positive: Your child can be influenced by your attitude toward testing time.
- Give him or her positive send-off in the morning.
- Don't Stress: Our stress can spill over to our children.



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Preparing Students for Life

RELAY FOR LIFE

CELEBRATE. REMEMBER. FIGHT BACK.



Our annual Relay for Life Coin Drive was huge success! We far exceeded our goal and raised over \$1400 during the week of the coin drive. WOW—way to go Valrico Hawks! Our area's annual Relay for Life event begins at 6 p.m. on **Friday, May 3rd** at the Florida Strawberry Festival Grounds. Many of our own staff and families will be at this event to walk as cancer survivors or family members of survivors. Please come join our team on this evening for such a worthy cause. *Thank you for your support!*

We are incredibly proud of our two Valrico Hawks that competed in the Florida 4-H Public Speaking Regional Competition. Fifth grader **JARRIANA THOMAS** came in 2nd PLACE with her speech titled "Fear" and Fourth Grader **COOPER FERNANDES** came in 1st PLACE with his speech titled "How to Spice Up Your Cooking". They will both go on to compete at the district level competition on April 4th.



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Every day
COUNTS!
School success starts
with attendance

YES VOLUNTEERS are THE BEST!

It's your time to



Our volunteers
are cordially invited to the
Volunteer & Business Partner
Recognition Breakfast!

WHEN: THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 @ 8:00 AM

WHERE: VALRICO ELEMENTARY MEDIA CENTER

WHY: TO say "THANK YOU" TO OUR VALUABLE
VOLUNTEERS/ BUSINESS PARTNERS

RSVP: BY APRIL 12TH TO ALISA.ASHLEY@HCPS.NET



SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

Coming Soon!

April 22 - 26

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.

Online ordering available April 19-May 7:

www.scholastic.com/bf/valricoelementaryschool1



Thank You, Business Partners

Our business partners play an integral part in the success of our school. Valrico Elementary wants to give thanks and appreciation to the following business partners for your donations and support during the 2023-2024 school year:

Beef 'O'Brady's - Valrico , Beaver's Contracting Services, Brandon Rotary, BubbaQue's, Chick-fil-A-Valrico, Chili's, Floor & Décor, JTB Stoneworks LLC., Kiwanis Club of Greater Brandon, Rita's Italian Ice Valrico, Seeds of Hope, The Stuffed Cookie, & Undershepherds Undershepherds



TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE SAFETY INFORMATION

A Total Solar Eclipse will occur on April 8th. It will appear partially to the Tampa area beginning at 1:43pm and ending at 4:15pm with maximum view at 3:00pm. Please visit "Announcements" section on the Valrico Elementary School website www.hillsboroughschools.org/Valrico to view safety information about this awesome event. Thank you!



2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING SCHEDULE

Children Birth - 5 Years Old

Screenings are by appointment only
Call: 813-837-7723 (English) or 813-837-7714 (Spanish)
Start Online: www.eccampabay.org

Screenings are held from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Appointments will be scheduled as calls are received.

Thursday, February 29th, 2024

New Beginnings Christian Church: 4100 South Manhattan Ave., Tampa, FL 33611

Wednesday, March 27th, 2024

City Life Church (Dale Mabry): 8411 North Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, FL 33614

Friday, April 26th, 2024

South Tampa Fellowship Church: 5101 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa, FL 33611

Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024

City Life Church (East Lake): 6616 East Chelsoe St., Tampa, FL 33610

Friday, June 28th, 2024

Plant City Family Resource Center: 301 North Palmer St., Plant City FL 33563

Thursday July 25th, 2024

Children's Board of Hillsborough County: 1002 E. Palm Ave., Tampa, FL 33605

2024 Prueba Diagnóstica del Desarrollo Recién Nacidos Hasta 5 Años de Edad

Las pruebas se harán por cita solamente
Llame al: 813-837-7723 (Inglés) o 813-837-7714 (Español)
Comience en línea aquí: www.eccampabay.org

Las pruebas se llevarán a cabo desde las 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Las citas se darán en el orden que se reciban las llamadas

Jueves, 29 de febrero de 2024

New Beginnings Christian Church: 4100 South Manhattan Ave., Tampa, FL 33611

Miércoles, 27 de marzo de 2024

City Life Church (Dale Mabry): 8411 North Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, FL 33614

Viernes, 26 de abril de 2024

South Tampa Fellowship Church: 5101 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa, FL 33611

Miércoles, 22 de mayo de 2024

City Life Church (East Lake): 6616 East Chelsoe St., Tampa, FL 33610

Viernes, 28 de junio de 2024

Plant City Family Resource Center: 301 North Palmer St., Plant City FL 33563

Jueves, 25 de julio de 2024

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AREAS SCREENED:

VISION - HEARING - SPEECH - LANGUAGE - BEHAVIOR - OVERALL DEVELOPMENT



Planning a Move? Not Returning for the 2024-2025 School Year?



We need to know! If your family is planning a move before the end of the school year or you know that your child will not be attending Valrico Elementary School next year, please contact our office as soon as possible. Thank you!

Kiwanis Terrific Kids

In recognition of demonstrating
a positive attitude,
good character,
and responsible citizenship.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH TERRIFIC KIDS!

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

March's character trait is Peace. ("Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument.")

Quinn Black	Bryson Jackson	Deikan Morgan	Karter Wyatt
Karolina Iturbide	Annabelle Fernandes	Nathan Joseph	Fabian Escobar
Kirby Grayson	Johan Otting	Amiyah Bean	Marco Ortega
Owen Farber	Hayden Purner	Jay Kubler	Alexis Galicia-Hernandez
Hailey Giarusso	Liam Alexander	Fabian Gomez Gomez	
Yarelys Ontiveros	Aruuke Baktybekova	Cooper Fernandes	
Amalia Velazquez	Oliver Stroble	Ilima Masri	
Paige Russ	Khiara Garcia-Rivera	Finnley Rice	
Mila Metziere	Gianna Ocasio	Claire Georgi	
Maxey Joseph	Carter Sweat	Amauris Manjarres	
Leon Estevez	Jase Eads	Sofia Machado	

April's Character Trait



Valrico PTA Corner



\$20

5th Grade
Yard Signs

\$25 with Name



Online payments only for 5th grade signs. Please do not send cash.

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



BOOK FAIR

April 22-26

Volunteers
Needed

Yearbook

LAST CHANCE TO
PRE-ORDER YOUR
YEARBOOK FOR

\$25 EACH

VISIT OUR ONLINE STORE!



Attendance Recognition

The following classes (by grade level)
had the highest attendance percent-
age for the month of February:

E Hawks: Mrs. Wiebler	91.9%
Kindergarten: Mrs. Queen	94.4%
First Grade: Mrs. Hannaford	93.4%
Second Grade: Mrs. Gladbach	*96.1%
Third Grade: Mrs. Kubler	95.5%
Fourth Grade: Mrs. Rudd	96.0%
Fifth Grade: Mrs. Hinson	94.6%

* This class had the highest monthly attendance.

Friendship consists of loyalty, honesty, and forgiveness. These are qualities that all children have, including those with autism. April 2nd is World Autism Awareness day. Please support our autism community here at Valrico Elementary by wearing **BLUE** on Friday, April 5th for Autism Awareness Spirit Day. This is the perfect opportunity to reach out and connect with a new friend. Your friendship and compassion may be the piece of the puzzle they are searching for.



SAC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The School Advisory Council (SAC) has released the 2024-2025 school year ballot for Parent/Business Partner Representatives.

The purpose of SAC is to assist the principal in the development, implementation, and monitoring of the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Please see the last page of our Newsletter to print and cast your vote. Return your vote to the front office by May 6th 2024. If you are having trouble printing, please ask the front office for a copy. Thank You!

April



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>March's highest participant count for Chick-fil-A Spirit Night was Mrs. Hannaford's class! They won an ice cream party courtesy of Chick-fil-A!</p> 	<p>1 Early Release Day!</p> <p>Chorus Practice 12:55—2:00</p>	<p>2</p> <p>FAST Writing Test Gr. 4 & 5</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Lost & Found Items on display during lunch periods. Please encourage your child to check.</p>  <p>SPIRIT NIGHT 3:00—9:00</p>	<p>5 PTA Executive Board Meeting 9:00</p> <p>PTA Yearbook Final Sale Ends</p> <p>Wear BLUE for Autism Awareness Spirit Day</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8 Early Release Day!</p> <p>Report Cards Available Online</p> <p>Rising 5th graders job applications OPEN for next year Chorus Practice 12:55—2:00</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>PTA Spirit Night 5:00—8:00</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Inspirational Day Wear An Inspirational Shirt</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>PM3 STAR Reading Testing this week (K-Gr. 2)</p>	<p>15 Early Release Day!</p> <p>Chorus Practice 12:55—2:00</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Volunteer & Business Partner Appreciation Breakfast in the Media Center 8:00AM</p>	<p>19 Deadline for rising 5th graders to submit their job applications for next year</p> <p>Purple Up! Spirit Day Wear Purple in honor of Military Children's Month</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>PM3 STAR Reading Testing this week (K-Gr. 2)</p> <p>BOOK FAIR This Week!</p>	<p>22 Early Release Day!</p> <p>Progress Alerts Go Home This Week</p> <p>Chorus Practice 12:55—2:00</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <i>Secretaries Appreciation Day</i></p> <p>VPK STAR Testing</p> <p>May Parent Newsletter posted online</p>	<p>25</p> <p>VPK STAR Testing</p>	<p>26 Terrific Kids Student Recognition</p> <p>MLB Spirit Day</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29 Early Release Day!</p> <p>Last Chorus Practice of this School Year 12:55—2:00</p>	<p>30</p>				



2024-2025 School Advisory Council Ballot

Parent/Business Partner Representatives

Genise Crockett

Jorge Rodriguez

Kelly Rice

Jennifer Cao-Navarro

Katherine Branin

Kelly Rice

_____ Yes, I approve the individuals above.

_____ No, I do not approve the individuals above.

**Please return ballot to the Main Office by May 6, 2024.*

Note: If you are not able to print this form, please email your SAC Ballot response (Approve or Not Approve) to Bernice.Miranda@hcps.net.
