

Valrico Elementary

Hawk's Nest News

IMPORTANT TESTING DATES

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

4/1: FAST Writing Test—GRADE 5

4/2: FAST Writing Test—GRADE 4

4/15-4/17: STAR Testing (Reading & Math)—K-Grade 2

5/1: FAST ELA Testing—GRADE 3

5/2: FAST ELA Testing—GRADE 5

5/6: FAST ELA Testing—GRADE 4

5/7: FAST Math Testing—GRADE 3

5/8: FAST Math Testing—GRADE 5

5/13: FAST Math —GRADE 4

5/14: SSA (Statewide Science Assessment)—Grade 5

THINK
Positive

You
got
This!

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.

-Stay positive: Your child can be influenced by your attitude toward testing time.

-Give him or her a positive send-off in the morning.

-Don't Stress: Our stress can spill over to our children.

DON'T
LOSE
FOCUS

Breathe
and
Relax



The District S.T.E.M. Fair took place on February 12. The following students placed at district level:

Great Work, Hawks!

GRADE 3

Adalynn Swartz
Superior (Gold Medal)

**Audreigh Guerrero
& Jaxon Fowler**
Excellent (Silver Medal)
& Discovery Award

Rosalie Darnier
Excellent (Silver Medal)

Maryn Mitchum
Discovery Award

GRADE 4

Henry Tanner
Excellent (Silver Medal)
& Discovery Award

Zoey Comer
Hand 2 Mind
"Save Our Planet" Award

GRADE 5

Gabriel Hernandez-Perez
Superior (Gold Medal)

Andrew Pareja
Excellent (Silver Medal)



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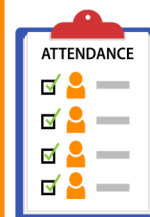
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Attendance
Matters

Make every day count!
School success starts
with attendance!

Congratulations!

The following students placed at the district level in the PTA Reflections Contest.

Rijash Shah

- Award of Excellence for Dance Choreography (K-2)
- Honorable Mention for Photography (K-2)

Taylor Combs

- Award of Merit for Dance Choreography (3-5)

Layla Stokely

- Award of Merit for Visual Arts (3-5)

Riley Mobley

- Award of Merit for Photography (3-5)

Zoey Comer

- Award of Merit for Film Production (3-5)

 **NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS®** Explore the Arts & Express Yourself

RELAY FOR LIFE
CELEBRATE. REMEMBER. FIGHT BACK.



Our annual Relay for Life Coin Drive was huge success! We exceeded our goal and raised just under \$1700 during the week of the coin drive.

WOW—way to go Valrico Hawks!

Thank you for your support!

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY April 23rd



Thank You, for your hard work, smiles, and professionalism,
Mrs. Gammill,
Mrs. Kolpin, &
Mrs. Mitchell



MATH BOWL

SPECIAL SHOUTOUT to our 2nd Grade Team that placed **SILVER** at the DISTRICT WIDE MATH BOWL COMPETITION!

WAY TO GO!!!



Rijash Shah in Mrs. Abraham's Class
Blair Barrow in Mrs. Gladbach's Class
Logan Chambers in Mrs. Gladbach's Class
Terran Rice in Mrs. Gladbach's Class
Amalia Velazquez in Ms. Olivares' Class

Team Sponsor: Mrs. Abraham



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 4th 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.

Thank You, Mrs. Vick!



Assistant Principal's Week is April 7 - 11

A is for ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Valrico **PTA** news!



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yearbook
order yours today!
\$25



LAST
PTA meeting of the year!
it's virtual!
April 28 @ 6:00pm

April 8 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night!



Attention Volunteers...

You're invited

to a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast!

April 17 @ 8:00am
see invitation on next page

Thank You for Helping Create
a Year Full of

Adventures

Our Volunteers
are Cordially Invited to the
**Volunteer & Business Partner
Recognition Breakfast!**

When: Thursday, April 17, 2025
@ 8:00 AM

Where: Valrico Elementary
Media Center

Why: To say "Thank you"
to our valuable
Volunteers/ Business Partners

RSVP: By April 11th to
alisa.ashley@hcps.net

THANK YOU

Our business partners play an integral part in the success of our school. Valrico Elementary wants to give thanks and appreciation to the following locally owned business partners for your donations and support during the 2025-2026 school year:

BubbaQue's, Chick-fil-A, Costco, Domino's Pizza, Gasparilla Pizza, Jeremiah's Italian Ice, Kiwanis Club of Greater Brandon, Rita's Italian Ice, Seeds of Hope, & The Stuffed Cookie



SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR

Coming Soon!

April 21 - 25

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.

Planning a Move? Not Returning for the 2025-2026 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 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.

The character trait is Cooperation. "Working together to get more done than you can do alone."

Elena Pecina

Amelia Quinones

Trey McLafferty

Myah Biondolillo

John Tanner

Brennan Tenney

Mason Olivares

Yamiel DeJesus

Eliana Wandell

Juliette Anglin

Lailah Stokely

Deacon Owens

Rafael Alvarez Silva

Beckett Hundley

Evelyn Brown

Jackson Owens

Luca Gray

Mason Paul

Kennedy Cobb

Zac Rivera

Oliver Waters

Sophia Padilla

Aubrie Couch

Sebastian Avila Marroquin

Sadie Chickadel

Dallas Wallace

Jase Eads

Alexis Galcia-Hernandez

Avery Allen

Gisela Solis Martinez

Derek Medley

Noel Avila Marroquin

Kaizen Sessions

Maryn Mitchum

Aiden Pierre

Amalia Sanchez

Lily Darner

Wyatt Kelly

Layla Baker





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 GRADE 5 FAST WRITING	2 GRADE 4 FAST WRITING	3	4  WEAR BLUE FOR AUTISM AWARENESS SPIRIT DAY	5
6  Thank You, Mrs. Vick!	7 National Assistant Principal's Week April 7-11th	8  PTA Chick-fil-A Spirit Night 5:00—8:00	9	10	11 PTA Executive Board Meeting @ 9:45 3rd Grade Field Trip  PURPLE UP! for military kids WEAR PURPLE FOR MILITARY KIDS SPIRIT DAY	12
13 PM3 STAR Reading and Math Testing this week (K-Gr. 2)	14 Grades 4 & 5 FINAL Chorus Practice 1:55—3:00 p.m. 	15 REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE ONLINE	16	17 Volunteer & Business Partner Appreciation Breakfast in the Media Center 8:00AM	18 NON- STUDENT DAY 	19
20 Quarter 4 Progress Alerts sent home with students this week  BOOK FAIR This Week!	21	22	23 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY  Thank You, Mrs. Gammill, Mrs. Kolpin, & Mrs. Mitchell	24  Spirit Night 4:00—8:00	25 Terrific Kids Ceremony for Applicable Students  NEON COLORS SPIRIT DAY	26 FRIDAY APRIL 25th Deadline for rising 5th graders to submit their job applications for next year
27	28 PTA General Meeting Virtual @ 6PM LINK TO BE SENT THROUGH PARENTLINK TEXT	29	30  May Newsletter posted on website			