

Valrico Elementary

HAWK'S NEST NEWS

HOLIDAY CLASS CELEBRATIONS

Holiday Class Celebrations will be on Thursday, December 19.

If you plan to attend, please plan accordingly. Park in the side visitor lot or at the park next door.

We will begin signing visitors in **15 minutes prior to each scheduled celebration.**

ALL VISITORS MUST HAVE A VALID ID.

Please take note of the time for your child's grade level. **Times are firm.**

KG, 1ST, & ESE
11:30-12:00



2ND, 4TH
12:15-12:45



3RD, 5TH
1:00-1:30



LOST AND FOUND WILL BE ON DISPLAY OUTSIDE THE FRONT OFFICE GATE (SOUTH SIDE)
AFTER CLASS CELEBRATIONS



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!

Altitudes are at an all time high at Valrico! As we wrap up the first half of the school year, our students & teachers are celebrating their *tree-mendous* accomplishments this year!

We're ready to *spruce* up during a winter break filled with rest, relaxation & *s'more* adventures.

We will keep *hiking the tallest peaks* when our *happy campers* return to school on Monday, January 6th, 2025 with Early Release at 12:55PM.



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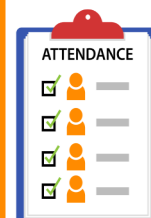


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*Attendance
Matters*

Make every day count!
School success starts
with attendance!

NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS Explore the Arts & Express Yourself

Valrico PTA would like to thank all of the students who submitted entries for the PTA Reflections contest this year. We have many talented students at VES with amazing artwork, dance choreography, and photography entered into the contest. We would like to congratulate the following students for being selected to represent our school at the district level of the competition: **Taylor Combs** for *Dance*, **Zoey Comer** for *Film Production*, **Riley Mobley** for *Photography*, **Hrujish Shah** for *Photography & Visual Arts*, **Rijash Shah** for *Dance & Visual Arts*, **Lailah Stokely** for *Visual Arts*, and **Amalia Velazquez** for *Visual Arts*.



We wish these students the best of luck in the next level of competition!!

PANORAMA EDUCATION Parent Survey Coming!

SHARE WHAT YOU LOVE ABOUT VALRICO!

Our district values feedback! This January, we will be asking families, staff, and students to take a brief survey to tell us about your wonderful experiences at VES. This is a great opportunity for you to share all of the things you love about Valrico! The survey link (<http://surveys.panoramaed.com/hcps/fam4581>) will open January 6th, 2025 and close on January 24th, 2025. Access to the survey will be sent via ParentLink text and email in early January 2025 as well. If you have any questions about the survey administration, please don't hesitate to contact us at 813-744-6777 or via email at Christy.Oliver@hcps.net. We thank you in advance for your thoughtful responses.

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

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

Chad Adams, Yolanda Allen, Alechia Bean, Robby Beauchamp, Nino Biondolillo, Bubba Branch, Kirstin Branch, Kevin Burns, Jordan Caldwell, Luis Candaes, Kevin Chambers, Kristina Davis, Denise Dennison, Meghan Dunigan, Isabel Fernandez, James Hicks, Molly Hicks, Barbara Johnson, Shannon Johnson, Katie Keen, Morgan Leasure, Rob Lovering, Wayman Matthews, Joshua McCaskell, Kevin McClafferty, Maryann McClafferty, Eleise Medina, Daniel Navarro, Eric Nething, Reggie Osenton, Brian Pete, Missy Pitcher, Crystal Rovers, Gabriel Rutledge, Shawn Swartz, Chelsea Vinson, Sarah Wayman, Andrea Williams, & Amy Winters - **THANK YOU!**



CONGRATULATIONS!

Our **4th & 5th Grade Math Bowl Teams** were contenders against many other HCPS Peers at the Trinkle Center for the district Math Bowl in November. Both of our VES Teams certainly went the **EXTRA MILE** by placing **SILVER** and **GOLD** respectively! Great job, Hawks!

4th Grade Team

Caden Barrow
Allison Rhine
Roderick Van Canon
Paige Yoder

5th Grade Team

Jay Kubler
Andrew Pareja
Luke Pulcifer
Jase Smith
Charlotte Witzler

BLACK HISTORY BRAIN BOWL

We are so excited for the 9th HABSE Black History Brain Bowl, held in partnership with the Hillsborough Alliance of Black School Educators (HABSE). Valrico Elementary's 5th Grade Team will attend the Elementary East Division Preliminaries on January 29, 2025, at Brandon High School. If the team qualifies, they will move on to the Finals on February 22, 2025 at Middleton High School.

Our 5th Grade Participants are:

Rose Annis, Lydia Crockett, Jackson Guillet, Michael Padilla, & Adrian Montesdeoca.

YOU CAN DO IT!!! GO HAWKS!!!

January 17th!!!



Class & Group Photo Day

Class & group photos will be taken **first thing in the morning** on **January 17th, 2025**. Please make sure that your child is dressed and ready for this memory making photo. There is no make up date for class/group photos. Information regarding order placement will be sent home the week of 1/6/25. Thank you!

Early Release Days

Reminder:

Early dismissal (12:55PM) will take place on:

Monday, January 6, 2025

Monday, January 12, 2025

with the exception of January 6th & 12th, and our last day of school, May 30, 2025 (11:45AM dismissal), we will have Regular Dismissal for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

Regular Dismissal time is 1:55PM.

READY FOR
KINDERGARTEN

WITH READY FREDDY™

EXACT DATE TBD



Our Ready for Kindergarten event is for families of students entering Kindergarten in the **2025-2026** school year. This informative meeting will go over what to expect as your child enters Kindergarten, and introduce families to School Administration, Kindergarten Teachers, and other school support staff. Be on the lookout for the date, as it will be announced once the district determines county scheduling. The following documents are required to be brought in to complete the registration *prior to the start* of the 2025-2026 school year:

- ◆ Parent/Guardian ID
- ◆ Your child's birth certificate
- ◆ Florida Physical Form
- ◆ Up-to-date Immunization Record
- ◆ Two (2) forms showing Proof of Residence (valid State ID with current address, mortgage statement, purchase agreement, homestead exemption, a current utility bill, or current lease/rental agreement).

Florida VPK

Valrico Elementary is pleased to announce that we will be offering Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year. We will be accepting 20 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 district mandated points system/waitlist. 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. **Waitlist forms will be available on Monday, February 3rd, 2025. Parents/Guardians must come in person to the office to complete and submit the waitlist form.**

Call VES at 744-6777 with any questions.

VPK children must be four by September 1, 2025 and be eligible (for the first time) to enter kindergarten in the Fall of 2026.

Valrico
PTA news!



Facebook!
Instagram!
Email Us!

Volunteering!
Yearbooks!
Hoodies!

HOODIES
In stock now!
Order online in
the PTA Store!

pre-order now!
yearbook prices
increase to \$25
on Jan 7th!

For volunteer opportunities,
scan the QR code or visit:
<https://linktr.ee/ValricoHawksPTA>



January 14
Chick-Fil-A
Spirit Night!

Join us for a
virtual PTA meeting!
Jan 27 @ 6:30pm





Vote for new
board members!

• spring •
jubilee!

save the date! Feb 28!
presale tickets will be
available Jan 24 - Feb 13



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <h2>Happy New Year 2025</h2> <p>NO SCHOOL THROUGH JANUARY 5th</p> 						
5  <p>Panorama Family Survey OPENS Tomorrow, 1/6/25!</p> 	6 Welcome Back! Students Return  <p>EARLY RELEASE DISMISSAL @12:55PM</p>	7	8	9	10 PTA Executive Board Meeting @ 9:45  <p>RETRO SPIRIT SHIRT DAY</p>	11
12	13  <p>EARLY RELEASE DISMISSAL @12:55PM</p> <p>SAC Meeting Virtual @ 1:20</p>	14  <p>Spirit Night 5:00—8:00</p>	15	16 END OF 2nd GRADING PERIOD	17  <p>Class & Group Picture Day</p>  <p>DRESS YOUR BEST SPIRIT DAY</p>	18
19	20  <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	21	22	23	24  <p>PTA Jubilee Ticket Pre-Sales Begin</p> <p>ESE Field Trip</p>  <p>FAVORITE SPORT SPIRIT DAY</p>	25  <p>Panorama Family Survey CLOSES Friday, 1/24/25</p>
26	27 NO EARLY RELEASE DISMISSAL @1:55PM Grades 4 & 5 Art Club 1:55—3:00 p.m. Grades 4 & 5 Chorus Practice 1:55—3:00 p.m. PTA General Meeting Virtual @ 6PM https://meet.google.com/sxv-hhrh-qrn	28  <p>Grades 4 & 5 Drumming Hawk Practice Resumes 1:55 - 3:00</p>	29  <p>February Newsletter posted on website</p>	30	31  <p>Terrific Kids Ceremony for Applicable Students</p>  <p>SUPERHERO SPIRIT DAY</p>	