

Valrico Elementary

HAWK'S NEST NEWS

Veterans Day Program

Our students have been busy preparing for our annual **Veterans Day Program** to be held **Friday, Nov. 8th** at 8:15AM in the Valrico Courtyard. Mr. Villa and Mr. Woodfin have been working with our Valrico Hawks and teaching them patriotic songs. Please have your child wear Red, White and Blue for this special program. All of our families are invited, especially our Veterans! Please try to invite a veteran to our program!



VES Rescheduled Events

While it's not the "Adventure" that we had in mind for this school year, it certainly has been an adventurous few weeks! We hope all of our Valrico families and their loved ones continue to recover from any impacts left behind by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Please see below for highlights of upcoming changes or revisions. An updated District Calendar has been posted on our school website www.hillsboroughschools.org/valrico, under the "Revised 2024-2025 Calendar" icon, under School News.

- Report Cards will be available online for parents to view on November 13th.
- The only two early release days (12:55 dismissal) for this school year are Jan. 6 and Jan. 13, 2025. All other school days will have regular dismissal at 1:55PM.
- 2nd Grade FL Aquarium Field Trip has been rescheduled for November 22nd. All signed permission slips and fees will be applied to the new date.
- 3rd Grade AgVenture Field Trip is TBD. Information will come from your child's teacher as soon as it's available.
- Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2024, remains a non-student day.
- Fall Break, Nov. 25-29, 2024, remains non-student days & district offices are closed.
- Winter Break, Dec. 23, 2024 - Jan. 3, 2025, remains non-student days & district offices are closed.



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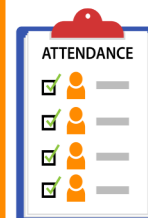
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Attendance
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Make every day count!
School success starts
with attendance!



Valrico Parents:

THE GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN IS ON NOVEMBER 21st!

We are looking for volunteers to share a hobby, explain an aspect about your career, or teach a lesson (virtually or in-person). Registration forms were sent home with students. If you would like to be part of this wonderful experience for our students, simply fill out the form and return it to school by November 8th. Thank you!

Important Note: If you would like to opt your student out of this event, please print and fill out the GATI Opt Out Form. You can find this form under "Letters, Awards, and More" on our website at www.hillsboroughschools.org/Valrico

EMPTY BOWLS PROJECT

Valrico art students graciously crafted pottery pinch bowls to donate to the Empty Bowls Project. The proceeds from the event will benefit the United Food Bank of Plant City. We hope Valrico Hawk families will take advantage of this fun community event on November 9th!



www.ufbpc.org/empty-bowls-project.org

PICTURE DAY! RETAKE DAY Friday November 1, 2024

- Students who were absent on Picture Day.
- New students enrolled after Picture Day on September 15th.
- Students who want to retake unsatisfactory photos. (Please send in original portrait package on Nov. 1.)



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCIENCE OLYMPICS

The following Valrico students who competed in our school Science Olympics and will go on to the Hillsborough County Area competition at MOSI on November 2nd!

- **Kindergarten:** *Penelope Hall & Aria Patram* (Mrs. Koch's Class)
- **1st Grade:** *Analynn Capitano* (Ms. Fluellen's Class)
- **2nd Grade:** *Jonathan Royall* (Mrs. Abraham's Class)
- **3rd Grade:** *Lyeric Gukeisen & Sophia Rosenau* (Mrs. Scaglione's Class)
- **4th Grade:** *Viviana Antunez Leon, & Jeffrey Perez* (Mrs. Brocato's Class)
- **5th Grade:** *Delaney McLafferty & Teyla Black* (Mr. McClellan's Class)



Hispanic Heritage

As part of Hispanic Heritage month, classes were invited to create artwork displaying Hispanic heritage or one that celebrates the contributions of a Hispanic individual. Thank you to all participants!

Congratulations to the following winners:



Ms. Barria's Kindergarten Class
Fingerprint Hispanic Flag Tree



Mrs. Gladbach's 2nd Grade Class
Hispanic Culture Collage



MATH BOWL

Some of our 4th and 5th graders will participate in The Math Bowl at The Trinkle Center this month!

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

Report Card Viewing

Report cards are accessed through the district website at <https://reportcards.sdhc.k12.fl.us> on 11/13/2024.

Families can access the report cards website two ways:

1. Students can access their own report cards by logging in with their user ID and password.
2. If a student cannot access the report card for a parent/guardian, a PIN can be requested by selecting "Request a PIN" on the report cards website. A PIN can be sent to the email address or mobile phone number of a parent/guardian in the Student Information System. Families can call the Report Card Support Line at (813) 840-7388 for technical

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 November 11, 2024 and closes on December 31, 2024.

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November 11th, 2024—December 31, 2024



Valrico PTA news!



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Volunteering!
Yearbooks!
Hoodies!

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



November 12
Chick-Fil-A
Spirit Night!

thank you
to all of our amazing
book fair volunteers!

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

Valrico Elementary will support the community with a canned food drive. Please send in canned food donation items with your child the week of **November 4th-15th. All items collected will be distributed to families in need within our community this holiday season. Remember Valrico Hawks, together we can make a difference!**



In recognition of demonstrating a
positive attitude, good character,
and responsible citizenship.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TERRIFIC KIDS!

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

The character trait is Compassion . "Caring enough to do something about someone else's needs"

Hannah Thomas	Layla Lockwood	Ariana Escobar	Mia Olivares
Antonio Mora	Madison Cross	Autumn Rice	Amiyah Bean
Empress'Dhalia Maitre	Emmanuel Rodriguez	Allie Hastings	Alaynna Matos
Samantha Milian	Amora Johnson	Hayden Purner	Jase Smith
Mila Ostrum	Max McArty	Nyla Padilla	Adrianna Arango
Ava Camacho	Anay Cruz Gonzalez	Lytic Gukeisen	Natalia Velazquez
Penelope Hall	Anna Ferrar	Lianna Rodriguez	Hally Senders Thelisdort
Gabriel Vasquez	Joshua Bolanos	Daniela Milian	Josue Lopez
Kade Johnson	Sophia Chang	Viviana Antunez-Leon	Jeremiah Paugh
Charlotte Parker	Rory Bockelman	Liam Matthews	Jerome Hodge



THANKFUL

CHOICE WINDOW OPENS NOVEMBER 11th—DECEMBER 31st