

Valrico Elementary

HAWK'S NEST NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Mindy Graser
Kindergarten/1st Grade Teacher

IDA S. BAKER AWARD

Ms. Christy Oliver
School Counselor

SUPPORT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Diane Kelley
Student Nutrition Services Manager

Parent Teacher Conferences

Our fall 2024-2025 school year conference night has been cancelled due to weather. Parent-Teacher Conferences are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress in school. Please contact your students' individual teacher to reschedule a new date/time. We encourage parent involvement!

Note: The 5th Grade Patrol Celebration will now take place on Conference Night on February 20th from 6:00-6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.



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*Attendance
Matters*

Make every day count!
School success starts
with attendance!

2024 -2025 Yearbook Cover Contest

CONTEST DATES: OCTOBER 4TH - OCTOBER 24TH

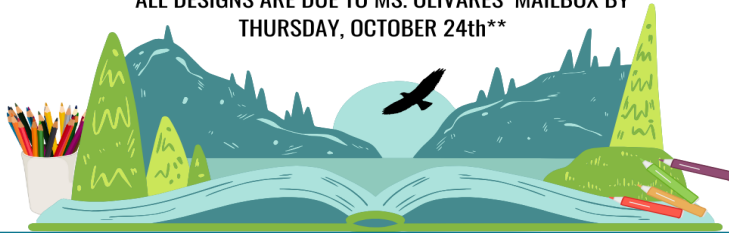
Winner: Top voted picture will be on the COVER of the yearbook and one picture for each grade level collage page.



Rules:

- Artwork should be consistent with this year's school theme- Adventure Awaits! Go the Extra Mile!
- Teacher will provide a white sheet of copy paper (8½ x 11).
- Must be created and drawn by students.
- Entire paper must be colored with marker, crayons, or colored pencils. (If colored pencils are used, please make sure images are dark and outlined).
- Design must be drawn in the **PORTRAIT** setting.
- Absolutely **NO WORDS** written on the picture.
- No computer generated drawings accepted.
- Written in **PENCIL** on the back: student's first and last name, teacher name and grade level.

****ALL DESIGNS ARE DUE TO MS. OLIVARES' MAILBOX BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24th****



BOOK-O-WEEN IS COMING!

**Thursday, October 24th
5:00-6:30 p.m.**

Wear a costume based on a character from one of your favorite books. There will be awards given on Friday's Morning Show for the most creative book character costumes.

*We would greatly appreciate your donations of individually wrapped store bought bags of candy to hand out at Book-O-Ween.

We can not accept chocolate.

Please send candy in to your child's teacher prior to October 23rd.



The Scholastic Book Fair will be open during **Book-O-Ween** on October 24th from 5:00-6:15.

NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS® Explore the Arts and Express Yourself

The time is here for students to consider entering the PTA Reflections Program. The theme for 2024-2025 is *Accepting Imperfection*. The deadline for student submission is October 16, 2024. Below are the categories (students may enter more than one) and a brief explanation of submission requirements. If students are interested in a particular category, please contact our art teacher Mrs. Jackson (Kimberly.Jackson@hcps.net) or the Valrico PTA (valricoptaboard@gmail.com) for detailed submission requirements and appropriate forms that are required for submission. Thank you for supporting this awesome program by encouraging students to participate.

- ♦ Dance Choreography - requires recording a video file and submitted on a USB device.
- ♦ Film Production - requires recording a video file and submitted on a USB device.
- ♦ Literature - format requires a PDF file on a USB device.
- ♦ Music Composition - audio file submitted on a USB device.
- ♦ Photography - format includes JPEG, JPG, GIF or PNG submitted on a USB device.
- ♦ Visual Arts - 2D artworks submitted on substantially mounted substrate (no larger than 24x30 including matting).



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR October 21-25, 2024

Students who are prepared to make a purchase will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during school hours. If you send cash, please send enough money with your child to cover sales tax. *Tax is not included in the flyer prices.* Flyers with prices and information on how to setup an eWallet will be sent home with students.



No cash, no fuss. It's the easiest way for kids to shop.

You may also shop online at:
www.scholastic.com/fair



Valrico Parents:
We hope you will
participate in this year's
**GREAT AMERICAN
TEACH-IN!**
Thursday, November 21

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 will be sent home with students soon. 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!

**Our Students
Our Future**
#InvestingInStudents

Join us for a Town Hall Meeting to learn about the impact of the proposed Millage for Hillsborough County Public School students on the November 5th ballot. Investing in public education is crucial for our children and community.

All Town hall Meetings are held from 5:30PM-6:30PM

Monday, September 30 **Riverview High School**
11311 Boyette Road., Riverview

Monday, October 21 **Middleton High School**
4801 N 22nd St., Tampa

Learn about our commitment to Preparing Students for Life: hillsboroughschools.org/millage

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Thank you also to our local business partners who contributed:
Chick-fil-a, Rita's Italian Ice, Urban Air, Home Depot, Pottery Patch, Winn Dixie, Classic Events DJ & Paradi-ICE!

Thank you to all our families for supporting the only PTA major fundraiser! Students had an amazing time at the Color Fun Run! A portion of the money raised will go right back to teacher's classrooms! Additionally, funds will support PTA activities & programs as well as school technology. We would like to give a special shout out to our top class and top student earners! Way to go, Hawks!

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

JAYCE BODIE
KINDERGARTEN - HRS. DOUGLAS' CLASS \$1,850!

EASTON BAERWALDE
2ND GRADE - HRS. ANNE'S CLASS \$1,495!

ARYIA MCCASKELL
4TH GRADE - HRS. VELAZQUEZ'S CLASS \$1,380!

CHARLOTTE FIGUEROA
3RD GRADE - HRS. COFFEY'S CLASS \$1,035!

CLASS ICE CREAM PARTY WINNERS

TEAM DOUGLAS \$2,982.50
KINDERGARTEN

TEAM COFFEY \$2,494.85
3RD GRADE

PIZZA PARTY WINNER

TEAM VELAZQUEZ
4TH GRADE



VALRICO CELEBRATES RED RIBBON WEEK
OCTOBER 21-25



During Red Ribbon Week, our Hawks will be going an EXTRA extra mile! We will learn about making good choices for a happy & healthy life and being kind to others. Please join us by participating in our Red Ribbon Spirit Days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wear RED from Head to Toe	Wear your favorite pair of Jeans	Wear your favorite Team attire	Wear your favorite Sunglasses	Wear your crazy Socks

Kiwanis TERRIFIC KIDS

In recognition of demonstrating a positive attitude, good character, and responsible citizenship.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCTOBER 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	Lyerik 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

*Ceremony has been rescheduled to October 25th



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>September's highest participant count for Chick-fil-A Spirit Night was Mrs. Brocato's class! They won an ice cream party courtesy of Chick-fil-A!</p>		1	2	3	<p>STRIPES SPIRIT DAY</p>	5
6	<p>7 Early Release Day!</p> <p>Grades 4 & 5 Chorus Practice 12:55—2:00</p> <p>Grades 4 & 5 Art Club</p> <p>SAC Virtual 1:20</p>	<p>8 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night 5:00—8:00</p> <p>Grades 4 & 5 Drumming Hawks Practice 1:55 - 3:00</p>	9	10	<p>11 END OF 1st GRADING PERIOD</p> <p>WESTERN SPIRIT DAY</p>	12
13	<p>14 NON-STUDENT DAY NO SCHOOL</p> <p>ENJOY Life</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Grades 4 & 5 Drumming Hawks Practice 1:55 - 3:00</p>	<p>16 PTA Reflections Submissions Due</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>BUCS OR NFL SPIRIT DAY</p>	19
<p>20 RED RIBBON WEEK</p> <p>& BOOK FAIR October 21-25</p>	<p>21 Early Release Day!</p> <p>WEAR RED</p> <p>Grades 4 & 5 Chorus Practice 12:55—2:00</p> <p>Grades 4 & 5 Art Club 12:55—2:00</p>	<p>22</p> <p>WEAR JEANS</p> <p>Jeremiah's Italian Ice & Gasparilla Pizza Spirit Night</p> <p>Grades 4 & 5 Drumming Hawks Practice 1:55 - 3:00</p>	<p>23</p> <p>WEAR FAVORITE TEAM ATTIRE</p>	<p>24 YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST DEADLINE</p> <p>WEAR FAVORITE SUNGLASSES</p> <p>BOOK-O-WEEN 5:00-6:30</p>	<p>25</p> <p>WEAR CRAZY SOCKS</p> <p>Terrific Kids Ceremony for Applicable Students</p>	26
27	<p>28 Early Release Day!</p> <p>Grades 4 & 5 Chorus Practice 12:55—2:00</p> <p>Grades 4 & 5 Last Art Club 12:55—2:00</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Grades 4 & 5 Drumming Hawks Practice 1:55 - 3:00</p>	<p>30 REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE ONLINE</p> <p>November Newsletter posted to website</p>	<p>31</p> <p>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</p>		