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Valrico Elementary Hawk's Nest News

Parent Information Night Thursday, August 29, 2024

We are excited to once again host our annual Parent Information Night. Parents will have the opportunity to attend a session presented by your child's grade level teachers. Look for details from the teacher regarding your child's grade level session. This information night is designed for teachers to share information regarding topics such as:

*grade level standards *grading procedures *assessments/rubrics	*expectations for academic performance *strategies for parents to utilize at home *parent/teacher communication
@ 4—4:45	 Kindergarten in 302, 303, 308 4th Grade in Classrooms
@ 5—5:45 ·	 1st Grade in Cafeteria/Multipurpose 3rd Grade in the Media Center
@ 6—6:45	2nd Grade in Cafeteria/Multipurpose5th Grade in the Media Center
Control Language 2 ESOL in	nformation sessions beginning at 4:00 and 5:00 in room 201
	We will communicate up-to-date information and reminders through text and email using the District's Parentlink communication system. It is very important that you make sure your cell phone number and email order to receive these messages. If you ssages, please contact the office for



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STUDENT DISMISSAL CHANGES



We encourage regular dismissal procedures to better support our families. It is mandatory that any change in the transportation of your child be sent to the main office in writing and signed by the parent or legal guardian. We understand that emergencies do happen, <u>so please contact the Main Office by 12:30pm (11:30 on</u> **Mondays)** so that we can make sure the teachers receive the message. *Please avoid last minute changes.* We appreciate your cooperation as we strive to maintain the safety of our students and the accuracy of our dismissal procedures.

EARLY SIGN OUTS



In order to ensure a safe dismissal for all students, Early Sign Outs are permitted **prior** to 1:15 p.m. only (12:15 p.m. on Mondays). Remember that a picture ID is required *every time* you sign out your child. Please do not call ahead to have your child ready in the office when you arrive. You must be present in the office with your ID before a child will be called for early sign out. The sign out process can take several minutes, so please plan ahead based on your needs.

SAFETY REMINDER



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Visitor parking is available in the side parking lot of the school. <u>The back lot is restricted to</u> <u>faculty/staff parking only</u>. The parking lot is <u>ONE WAY</u> traffic only. Vehicles should enter through the East gate and exit through the West gate. If you choose to park during morning arrivals, then you must walk your child to the gate at the front of the school. Students cannot be dropped off and walk through the parking lot alone. Do not use the parking spaces outside the fence during arrival and dismissal times. This will impede the flow of carline traffic. **Keep in**

mind that the back gate is closed and locked at 7:35 a.m. until the end of the school day.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION GUIDELINES

Treats may be sent in to celebrate your child's birthday if you have made prior arrangements with the teacher. *Any food items must be pre-packaged and store bought with ingredients listed for food allergy purposes. Please send in items that can be easily distributed to each student (i.e. individually packaged items)*. Due to allergy concerns, birthday items will not be distributed in the cafeteria during lunch. Rather, these treats will be distributed only by the classroom teacher at outside recess (typically following lunch) or at a time period deemed most appropriate. Please remember due to latex allergies, balloons of any kind are not permitted in school.



- This is a closed campus event.
- All volunteers <u>must</u> be approved by the district & confirmed by the PTA to assist.
- Volunteers should wear comfy, yet school appropriate, athletic clothing. Keep in mind **you will get messy!** You can also purchase a Fun Run t-shirt to wear that day through our PTA store on VES's website: www.hillsboroughschools.org/valrico.
- Any parent *not* wanting their child to participate in the Fun Run must contact the office by Thursday, September 5th, at 9:00am to opt out.
- Volunteers must arrive to school at 9:00am to receive placement assignments and to set up for the event.
- We also ask that you remain at your station until 2:30pm or until everything is cleaned up. Your student will be dismissed to a specific volunteer dismissal area & you may pick them up there when finished.

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